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# BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS

- RBI issued Master Directions on Securitisation of standard Assets, Transfer of loan Exposures
- RBI has taken public sector lender UCO Bank out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework
- SBI Card & BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited) - launched co-branded RuPay contactless credit card
- BLS International - National Business Correspondent of SBI
- ICICI Bank & Amazon India to offer Overdraft (OD) facility upto Rs 25 lakh to individual sellers and small business.
- HPCL (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited) & ICICI Bank - joined to enable ICICI bank customers to use their ICICI Bank FastTag to pay for fuel.
- EXIM Bank of India & Fahi Dhiriulhun Corporation Limited of Maldives - signed agreement to provide Buyers credit of \$228 mn for construction of 4000 social Housing Units in Hulhumale' Phase II
- NBFC, Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), successfully issued its maiden Euro Green Bond.
- IPPB (Indian Post Payment Bank) & Tata AIG General Insurance, Bajaj Allianz - Partnered to distribute Non-Life Insurance Products
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Govt of India have signed a \$ 112 million loan to develop water supply infrastructure and strengthen capacities of urban local bodies (ULBs) - Jharkhand.
- The govt of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$ 300 million loan as additional financing to scale up the improvement of rural connectivity - Maharashtra
- DFC (Development Finance Corporation) and USAID - announces \$ 55 million credit Guarantee Programme to Address Economic Impact of COVID-19 in India
- Flipkart Wholesale & Davinta - partnership to Offer Credit Facility for Retailers.
- IndusInd Bank acquired 4.79% Stake in McLeod Russel India.
- PayPoint India & BOB - partnered to expand Banking services reach

# BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS

- Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) & Delhi Metro Rail Corporation – Partnership – launched India's 1st FASTag-based metro parking facility, at the Kashmere Gate Metro station
- BOB & Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) – launched International co-branded Rupay debit card
- Bank of Baroda has announced the launch of its digital banking platform named bob World
- Yes Bank partnered with Visa for Credit cards
- DBS Bank has launched real-time online tracking for cross-border payments for its corporate clients, in partnership with SWIFT Global Payments Innovation (GPI). The service available in the bank's banking platform DBS IDEAL.
- NPCI International Payments Ltd (NPCL) & Liquid Group – partnership to enable UPI QR based payments
- HDFC Bank & Paytm – partnership to launch Co-branded Credit Cards powered by Visa
- LIC launched PRAGATI mobile app for Development Officers
- The Karnataka Bank has launched an all-in-one Point of Sales (POS) swiping machine dubbed as WisePOSGo' National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) & Fiserv Inc – partnership to launch the plugandplay RuPay credit card stack nFiNi
- PhonePe has launched a platform named PhonePe Pulse. Bank of India has entered into a co-lending arrangement with MAS Financial Services for MSME loans

## NATIONAL NEWS (STATE)

**HIMACHAL PRADESH** – World's highest EV charging station

**ODISHA** – Tie-up with UNICEF, CPR to provide sanitation Facilities. Also the govt signed MoU with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for Agriculture Development

**TAMIL NADU** – setup India's 1st dugong conservation reserve at the northern part of the Palk Bay

**UTTARAKHAND** – India's largest open-air fernery – inaugurated in Ranikhet of Uttarakhand.

### HARYANA

- Launched Samarpan portal for people – to offer voluntary services
- Approved implementation of MBBY- a crop assurance scheme.
- Topped among all other states of the country in terms of installation of off-grid solar pumps under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM)

**JHARKHAND** – Tata Steel commissions India's 1st CO2 Capture and Utilisation plant in Jamshedpur

**CHATTISGARH** – 'Millet Mission', which aims to provide proper price rates to farmers for minor cereal crops

**SIKKIM** – Declares Katley as state fish

**GOA** – Launched Sarkar Tumachya Dari initiative – aim at addressing the grievances among citizens of Goa

**TELENGANA** – Declares Katley as state fish

## NATIONAL NEWS

- Amazon Internet Services Pvt Ltd (AISPL) & MeitY Startup Hub – MoU to promote technology innovation
- India has become the 1st country in Asia to launch a Plastics Pact, a new platform to promote a circular system for plastics.
- Ministry of Railways launched Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana (RKVY) under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)
- Ministry of Education formulated a 12-member National Steering Committee to develop National Curriculum Frameworks – headed by K Kasturirangan
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited & Alliance Air Aviation Limited – Linked Pact to deploy Do- 228 Plane in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Niti Aayog in collaboration with US-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and RMI India - launched a campaign named Shoonya, to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles
- BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd) launched India's 1st High Ash Coal to Methanol conversion plant in Hyderabad
- TRIFED & Big Basket & Purti Agrotech – MoU to promote Van Dhan Products
- PM Modi launched Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)
- MyGov India, under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian startups. 15th India-Nepal Joint Military Training Exercise 'Surya Kiran' – at Pithoragarh , UP
- IRCTC launched India's 1st Indigenous Luxury Cruise Liner operated by Waterways Leisure Tourism Private Limited
- Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari launched 'iRASTE', an Artificial Intelligencepowered project – to reduce road accidents.
- PM Modi has inaugurated the "Shikshak Parv-2021" Theme : Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India

- PM Modi inaugurated the Sardardham Bhavan in Ahmedabad
- PM Modi launched Sansad TV - by merging Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV
- Ministry of Defence partnered with Spain for acquisition of 56 C-295 MW aircraft
- Zoological survey of India and Natural History Museum, London - MoU to formulate strategies for long term scientific documents
- DAHD (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) & Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support livestock.
- CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) organized 3rd Life Sciences Conclave 2021. Theme : Taking Indian Life Science to the Global Stage
- Ministry of AYUSH has launched a campaign titled 'AYUSH AAPKE DWAR' - to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households
- India's 1st indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) Research and Development Centre Hyderabad
- Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change launched a portal named PRANA, for the regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across the country.
- India's tallest air purification tower - inaugurated in the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
- Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) & National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) - MoU - to develop Multi-Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) across the country under the Bharatmala Pariyojana programme.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- US department of energy and Indian Counterpart launched a new public private Hydrogen Task force and Biofuel Task Force - to expand use of clean energy technologies for decarbonisation of the energy sector.
- India & UAE - formally launched negotiations on India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)
- Iran became 9th full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.
- ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics) & WFP (World Food Programme) - MoU to improve food, nutrition security and livelihoods in India.
- South Africa hosts 10th Global MIL Week from October 24. Theme : Media and Information Literacy for all. India and USA - launched the Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)
- 3rd edition of India- Indonesia Bilateral maritime exercise ' Samudra Shakti 2021' - in Sunda strait
- 4th edition of AUSINDEX- a bilateral navy exercise between Indian Navy and Australian Navy
- The International Astronomical Union (IAU) named a crater at the Moon's south pole after Matthew Henson.
- India & Bhutan sign a pact for Joint Development of Small satellites

- El Salvador has become the 1st country in the world to accept Bitcoin as legal tender.
- Cuba became the 1st country in the world to vaccinate children from the age of two against COVID-19, using home-grown jabs not recognised by the WHO.
- DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) and EASA (European Union Aviation Safety Agency) – agreement for safety, environment protection standards
- Global Trade Outlook by UK Department of International Trade – India to become world's 3rd largest importer by 2050
- China – launched a new Earth observation satellite- Gaofen 5 02
- 28th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) – in southern fringes of the South China Sea.
- US , UK & Australia announced the partnership “AUKUS” a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific region.



# APPOINTMENTS

- Magnus Carlsen – Global Ambassador of Mastercard
- V R Chaudhari – next Chief of Air staff
- GC Murmu ( India’s CAG) – External Auditor for IAEA
- Justin Trudeau – PM of Canada
- G.S. Pannu- President of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal. S.L.Tripathy - Chairman-cum-MD of United India Insurance Company Limited.
- Alka Nangia Arora - Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.
- Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) Secretary-General, Cyrus Poncha - Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF)
- Nirlep Singh Rai – Chairman & MD of National Fertilizers Ltd
- Suresh Raina – Brand Ambassador of Howzat Fantasy Sports Platform
- Harsha Bhupendra Bangari -MD of EXIM Bank
- Gordon Brown (Former UK PM) – Health Financing Ambassador of WHO
- Manika Sheokand - Ambassador to save water by Haryana Government
- Charanjit Singh Channi - 16th CM of Punjab
- Prativa Mohapatra - vice president and MD for Adobe India
- V. Vaidyanathan – MD & CEO of IDFC First Bank.
- Rani Rampal and cricketer Smriti Mandhana – Brand Ambassadors of Equitas Small Finance Bank
- Pawan Kumar Goenka - chairperson of the Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre (In-SPACe).
- Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra - brand ambassador of Tata AIA Life Insurance
- Iqbal Singh Lalpura -chairman of the National Commission for Minorities. Aziz Akhannouch - PM of Morocco
- Jim Lanzone – CEO of Yahoo

# AWARDS AND HONORS

- Accra of Ghana named as the UNESCO’s World Book Capital for 2023.
- TIME magazine -Annual list of ‘The 100 Most Influential People of 2021’- PM Modi, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla - named among the world’s 100 most influential people

- Indian biologist Shailendra Singh - Behler Turtle Conservation Award
- Namita Gokhale (writer)- 7th Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award.
- Government e Marketplace (GeM) - CIPS Awards 2021.
- Author Susanna Clarke - Women's Prize for Fiction 2021 for her novel Piranesi
- Sheikh Hasina (Bangladesh PM) - SDG progress Award
- IHA Blue Planet Prize for excellence in sustainable hydropower development - 510 MV Teesta -V Power Station, Sikkim
- The Golden Rock Railway Workshop (GOC) Tiruchchirappalli - National Award for Excellence in Energy Management from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- Chandigarh Railway Station(CRS) was awarded 5 star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers
- Ayaan Shankta (A 12-year-old environmental activist from Maharashtra) - 2021 International Young Eco-Hero

## RANKS AND REPORTS

- Global Innovation Index 2021 - India -46th . Switzerland tops.
- NIRF India Rankings 2021 - IIT Madras retains top spot.
- Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2021. Bangalore- 23rd. Delhi-36th.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- The Battle of Rezang La - Kulpreet Yadav
- The Three Khans : And the Emergence of New India - Kaveree Bamzai
- Dancing with Dreams - Adityanath Das (Chief Secretary)
- Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster - Uday Bhatia.
- Human Rights and Terrorism in India -BJP MP Subramanian Swamy





# SPORTS

## Tokyo Paralympics - List of Indian medallists

### Gold

- Athletics: Sumit Antil (Men's Javelin Throw)
- Badminton: Pramod Bhagat (Men's Singles)
- Badminton: Krishna Nagar (Men's Singles)
- Shooting: Manish Narwal (Mixed 50m Pistol)
- Shooting: Avani Lekhara (Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing)

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) – formula one Dutch Grand Prix 2021
- Lewis Hamilton- 1st F1 driver to seal 100 wins after finishing 1st in Russian Grand Prix
- Odisha to Host U-21 FIH Men's Hockey Junior World Cup 2021.
- Lasith Malinga – announced his retirement from T20 cricket
- US Open 2021 – Daniil Medvedev – 1st Grand Slam Trophy
- Magnus Carlsen – Norwegian chess grandmaster won 9th edition of EY Norway Chess 2021.
- Joe Root (England Test skipper) and Ireland's Eimear Richardson – winners of the ICC Players of the Month for August 2021
- Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren, Australian-Italian) – Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2021
- Brendan Taylor (Former Zimbabwe skipper and wicket-keeper batsman) – announced his retirement from international cricket

### IMPORTANT DAYS

Sept 5- National Teacher's Day

Sept 5 – International Day of Charity

Sept 7 - International Day of Clean Air for blue skies. Theme : Healthy Air , Healthy Planet

Sept 8 – International Literacy Day. Theme : Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide.

Sept 9 – World EV Day

Sept 9 – International Day to Protect Education from Attack

Sept 10 – World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD). Theme : Creating hope through action

Sept 15 – World Lymphoma Awareness Day

Sept 15 – International Day of Democracy

Sept 16 – International Day for the preservation for the Ozone layer  
Sept 18– International Equal Pay Day  
Sept 18– International Coastal Cleanup Day  
Sept 18 – International Red Panda Day  
Sept 18 – World Bamboo day  
Sept 22 – World Car free Day  
Sept 22– World Rhino Day. Theme : Keep the Five Alive  
Sept 25 – World Pharmacists Day. Theme : Pharmacy : Always Trusted for Your Health  
Sept 20–26 – Vanijya Saptah (Commercial Ministry)  
Sept 26 – World Rivers Day  
Sept 26 – International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons  
Sept 26 – World Environmental Health Day. Theme : Prioritizing Environmental Health For healthier communities in Global recovery  
Sept 26 – World Contraception Day  
Sept 27 – World Tourism Day

## **OBITUARIES**

- Manorama Mohapatra – Odia Litterateur
- Keshav Desiraju – Former Union Health secretary
- Jimmy Greaves –(Former England Footballer )
- Jacques Rogge – Former President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- Jean-Pierre Adams – Former France footballer
- Rajni Kaul –1st
- News Broadcaster for BBC Hindi



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