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COP26 Climate Change Summit gets underway at Glasgow in Scotland
The COP26 climate summit opened its formal sessions on in the Scottish city of Glasgow, UK, which will launch landmark negotiations to keep the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C alive.

G-20 Summit adopts Rome Declaration; Member countries agree on reciprocal recognition of vaccines and faster approval by WHO
The G20 summit has adopted Rome Declaration. The member countries have agreed on mutual recognition of vaccines, strengthening of WHO to give faster approvals to vaccines and suspending debt servicing for developing countries till December 2021.

India will achieve net zero emissions by 2070, says PM
India will achieve net zero emissions latest by 2070, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the COP26 summit in Glasgow. By 2030, India will ensure 50% of its energy will be sourced from renewable energy sources. India will reduce its carbon emissions until 2030 by a billion tonnes.

Covaxin gets Australia nod
The Government of Australia has recognised Bharat Biotech’s Covaxin. This recognition from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) of the Department of Health will enable travellers fully vaccinated with Covaxin to travel to the country.

U.K. includes Covaxin to its list of vaccines
The UK government has said that India’s Covaxin will be added to its list of approved COVID-19 vaccines for international travellers from November 22, meaning that those inoculated with the Bharat Biotech-manufactured jab will not have to self-isolate after arrive in England.

Novavax, SII receive emergency use authorisation for COVID-19 vaccine in Indonesia
Biotec pharmaceutical company Novavax Inc and its partner Serum Institute of India (SII) have said they have received the first emergency use authorisation (EUA) for Novavax’s COVID-19 vaccine in Indonesia. The SII will manufacture the vaccine in India and market it in Indonesia under the brand name Covovax.

India launches ‘One Sun, One World, One Grid’ project at COP26
India launched “One Sun, One World, One Grid” (OSOWOG) at the global climate conference COP26 with an aim to harness solar energy wherever the Sun is shining. The International Solar Alliance (ISA), India Presidency of the ISA, and the UK COP Presidency unveiled the plans for the first international network of global interconnected solar power grids, known as the “Green Grids Initiative” at the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow.

India calls for hike in climate finance to $11tn
India said that climate finance cannot continue at the levels decided in 2009, and emphasised that it should be at least $1 trillion to meet the goals of addressing climate change.

World leaders promise to end, reverse deforestation by 2030, in COP26 climate summit's first major deal
More than 100 world leaders have promised to end and reverse deforestation by 2030, in the COP26 climate summit's first major deal. The pledge includes almost $19.2bn of public and private funds.

Covaxin gets WHO approval for emergency use listing
World Health Organisation (WHO) granted approval to India’s first indigenous Covid vaccine— Covaxin— for emergency use listing (EUL) for a vaccine to be supplied through COVAX, the global Covid vaccine equity scheme.

India hosted Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan on 10th November
Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan was hosted by India on 10th November. The NSA level meeting was chaired by NSA Ajit Doval.

Hundreds of migrants trapped in Belarus-Poland stand-off
Hundreds of desperate migrants were trapped in freezing weather on the border between Belarus and EU and NATO member Poland, with Warsaw accusing Russia and the government in Belarus of using them to threaten European security.

Impeachment trial of Chile President heads to Senate
Chile’s Lower House of Congress approved the impeachment trial of President Sebastian Pinera over corruption allegations that appeared in the Pandora Papers leaks.

China exports warship to Pak., to be deployed in Indian Ocean
China has delivered to Pakistan the largest and most advanced warship that Beijing has ever exported. The Type 054A/P frigate was named the PNS Tughril, which is the first hull of four Type 054 frigates being constructed for the Pakistan Navy.

Swedish PM tenders resignation
Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven tendered his resignation, a widely expected move paving the way for his designated successor Magdalena Andersson ahead of next year’s general election.

China, U.S. to increase climate cooperation
The world’s top carbon polluters, China and the United States, agreed to increase their cooperation and speed up action to rein in climate-damaging emissions, signalling a mutual effort on global warming at a time of tension over their other disputes.

US allows automatic job authorisation for spouses of H1-B visa holders
In a breather to thousands of Indian-Americans, the US administration has agreed to provide automatic work authorisation permits to the spouses of H1-B visa holders, a majority of them are from the Indian IT services.

UN climate talks in Scotland concludes with global agreement capping global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius
UN climate talks in Scotland has concluded with a global agreement aimed at keeping alive hopes of capping
global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius, and so maintain a realistic shot at saving the world from catastrophic climate change.

UK PM Boris Johnson hails ‘big step forward’ with COP26 deal
British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has hailed the deal struck on the finish of the COP26 local weather summit in Glasgow as a “big step forward” and the first-ever worldwide settlement to “phase down” the usage of coal.

US technology giant commits to invest 740 dollars in Australia
Google has announced that it will invest 740 million dollars in Australia over the next five years. It is the US technology giant’s largest investment in the country till date.

Taliban appeal to U.S. to release Afghan assets
The Taliban called on U.S. Congress members to release Afghan assets frozen after their takeover of the country, warning economic turmoil at home could lead to trouble abroad.

UN flags rising arrests in Ethiopia after emergency
The UN voiced alarm at surging arrests in Ethiopia since the country introduced a state of emergency on November 2.

India re-elected to Unesco executive board for 2021-25 term with 164 votes
India was re-elected to the executive board of the UN's cultural and education organisation for the 2021-25 term with 164 votes.

Japan unveils record stimulus to boost pandemic recovery
Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced a record $490 billion stimulus for the world’s third-largest economy as he looks to shore up the country’s patchy pandemic recovery.

Austria to make jabs mandatory
Austria became the first EU country to announce it would make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory and will next week impose a partial lockdown in the face of spiralling infections.

U.S. authorises COVID-19 booster shots for all adults
The U.S. has authorised Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine boosters to all people aged 18 and older, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said.

El Salvador plans to build world’s first Bitcoin City: Nayib Bukele
El Salvador intends to issue the world’s first sovereign Bitcoin bonds and build Bitcoin City, which will be free of income, property and capital gains taxes, President Nayib Bukele announced.

China downgrades diplomatic ties with Lithuania over Taiwan
China has officially downgraded diplomatic ties with Lithuania, the Foreign Ministry in Beijing said, after Taiwan established a de facto Embassy in Vilnius.

Maduro Govt. wins big in Venezuela regional vote
The government of Venezuela’s President Nicolas Maduro won a landslide victory in regional ballot. Candidates aligned with Maduro have won 20 of the 23 governor posts.

Australia signs sub deal with U.S., U.K.
With a newly formed defence alliance with Britain and the United States, Australia has formally embarked on a hotly contested programme to equip its naval forces with nuclear submarines. They signed an agreement that allows for the exchange of sensitive "naval nuclear propulsion information" between their nations.

Pak. to allow wheat transit to Afghanistan
Pakistan PM Imran Khan announced that Islamabad would allow the transit of 50,000 tonnes of wheat offered by India to Afghanistan.

UN raises $600 mn for Afghanistan aid
The United Nations said that its flash appeal for more than $600 million to support the humanitarian response in Afghanistan until the end of the year was now fully funded.

Romania’s president designates new PM
Romania’s president Klaus Iohannis has nominated a new prime minister Nicolae Ciucu, who was a former army general.

U.S. to release 50 mn barrels of oil to ease soaring prices
President Joe Biden announced that he has ordered the release of 50 million barrels of oil from the U.S. strategic reserves in a coordinated attempt with other countries to tamp down soaring fuel prices.

German parties reach deal for coalition Govt.
German Chancellor-designate and Social Democrat Olaf Scholz said he had reached a deal with the Free Democrats and Greens to form a new coalition government that will bring the curtain down on the Angela Merkel era.

Israel and Morocco ink defence pact
Israel and Morocco signed a landmark agreement that lays the foundation for security cooperation, intelligence sharing and future arms sales.

Sudan PM calls for halt to post-coup sackings
Sudan's Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok has ordered a halt to sackings and a review of all appointments made after his detention in last month’s military coup.

Sri Lanka partially lifts ban on chemical fertilisers
The Sri Lankan government has decided to partially lift the ban on chemical fertilisers and permit the private sector to import it to allow the country's farmers to purchase it from the open market.

Australia sends troops to Solomon Islands
Australia announced that it is sending police, troops and diplomats to the Solomon Islands to help after anti-government demonstrators defied lockdown orders and took to the streets for a second day in violent protests.

Channel deaths fuel U.K.-France tensions
The deaths of at least 27 people in the English Channel is fuelling tensions between the U.K. and France over how to stop migrants from crossing the world’s busiest waterway in small boats.

B.1.1.529 declared COVID-19 ‘variant of concern’, renamed Omicron
The World Health Organization declared the recently-discovered B.1.1.529 strain of COVID-19, first detected in southern Africa, to be a variant of concern and renamed it Omicron.

India Gets Elected To UNESCO World Heritage Committee For 4-Year Term
India has been elected as a member of the United Nations World Heritage Committee for the term of four years, starting from the current year (2021-25).

France scraps migrant talks with U.K.
France scrapped planned talks with the U.K. about migrant crossings after an “unacceptable” letter from
British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, pushing relations to new lows after 27 people died in the Channel.

Putin to visit India on Dec. 6 for summit
Russian President Vladimir Putin will arrive in India on December 6 for the 21st India-Russia annual summit.

European Union not to recognise Taliban regime in Afghanistan
European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen has said that the European Union will not recognise the Taliban regime which imposed through violence.

Iceland’s ruling coalition agrees on another term
Iceland’s outgoing left-right coalition government had reached a deal to continue together in power for four more years. Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir of the Left Green Movement will continue to head the government, the parties said.

Iran nuclear talks set to resume after five months
The international talks in Vienna to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, will take place on Monday afternoon after a five-month hiatus.

Omicron variant poses very high global risk, says WHO
The heavily mutated Omicron coronavirus variant is likely to spread internationally and poses a very high risk of infection surges that could have "severe consequences" in some places, the World Health Organization (WHO) said.

Baltic lawmakers meet Taiwanese President
Lawmakers from all three Baltic states met Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen in a sign of further cooperation between European Union nations and Taiwan. It is the first joint visit to Taiwan by Members of Parliament from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, Ms. Tsai said.

Leftist Holds Commanding Lead in Honduran Presidential Vote
Leftist opposition candidate Xiomara Castro held a commanding lead on Monday as Hondurans appeared poised to remove the conservative National Party from power after 12 years of continuous rule.

400 Years Later: Barbados Declares New Republic, Ditches British Queen
Dame Sandra Mason was sworn in as Barbados' first president, as it ditched Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as head of state, severing its last remaining colonial bonds nearly 400 years after the first English ships arrived at the Caribbean island.

India’s unique manned ocean mission “Samudrayan” launched
Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh has launched India’s first manned ocean mission Samudrayan at Chennai. With this launch, India joins the elite club of nations such as the USA, Russia, Japan, France and China to have such underwater vehicles for carrying out subsea activities.

Navy takes delivery of warship
The first ship of the four Project-15B state-of-the-art stealth guided missile destroyers, Visakhapatnam, being built at the Mazgaon Docks Limited (MDL), was delivered to the Indian Navy.

NE cultural festival begins
The National Museum began a seven-day cultural festival of the Northeast as part of the celebrations of 75 years of Independence under the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav programme. The festival, “Destination North East India”

Cannot impose blanket ban on all firecrackers, says SC
The Supreme Court of India has said a blanket ban on firecrackers may not be possible, but measures ought to be in place to prevent the use of toxic chemicals in firecrackers.

Niti Aayog, World Bank ready electric vehicles financing push
Niti Aayog and the World Bank are working together to facilitate a program for faster and easier financing of electric vehicles (EV). The two entities are setting up a $300-million ‘first loss risk sharing instrument’, with State Bank of India (SBI) as its program manager.

DAC clears proposals worth ₹7,965 cr.
The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) in its meeting accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals for modernisation and operational needs of the Armed Forces amounting to ₹7,965 crore.

Centre to scrap caste-based payments for MGNREGA
The Centre has decided to scrap the system of caste-based wage payments in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme after complaints from State Governments.

IOC to set up India’s first mega-scale Maleic Anhydride Plant at Panipat
State-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC) will invest ₹3,681 crore in setting up India’s first mega-scale Maleic Anhydride Plant to manufacture value-added chemical products at its Panipat refinery and petroleum complex (PRPC) in Haryana.

Weapon must for dacoity conviction: SC
The Supreme Court of India has held that possession and display of a deadly weapon to strike terror in the hearts of victims is essential to convict a person of dacoity with intention to murder.

India conducts successful flight tests of indigenously-developed smart anti-airfield weapon
The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force jointly conducted two flight tests of an indigenously developed smart anti-airfield weapon in Rajasthan’s Jaisalmer.

ISRO to provide world a solar power calculator application that can measure solar energy potential of any region
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Indian Space Research Organisation- ISRO will soon provide the world a solar power calculator application that can measure solar energy potential of any region across the globe.

TN sets up first ever SPV to professionally manage three critical natural conservation missions
The Tamil Nadu government has taken a big leap in climate action by setting up the first ever Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) – Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company – to professionally manage three critical natural conservation missions – Tamil Nadu Climate Change, Tamil Nadu Green and Tamil Nadu Wetlands.

Air Forces of India and Egypt Conduct Two-day Joint Exercise
The Air Forces of India and Egypt have conducted two day Joint Exercise, India joins the elite club of nations such as the USA, Russia, Japan, France and China to have such underwater vehicles for carrying out subsea activities.
The exercise, called ‘Desert Warrior’, was conducted on October 30 and October 31.

Sudha Murty’s new book is a Diwali gift for kids
Author Sudha Murty has a Diwali gift for children with her latest book “The Sage with Two Horns” in which she tells numerous lesser-known and fascinating stories that have been lost in the pages of Indian mythology.

Musk’s Starlink to explore telco tie-up for broadband
Elon Musk-led SpaceX’s satellite broadband arm Starlink is planning to explore collaboration with telecom companies in India to expand broadband services in the country with a focus on rural areas.

Can’t quash case for delay in inquiry: SC
The Supreme Court of India has held that delay in completion of the Preliminary Enquiry (PE) is not a ground for quashing a corruption case.

DoT fixes Dec. 2022 for new IP address shift
The Department of Telecom (DoT) has fixed December 2022 as the deadline for Internet service providers to customise their network as well as change modems and routers at customer premises for services as per the Internet Protocol address, IPv6.

Srinagar International Airport Declared as Major Airport by Indian Government
The Civil Aviation Ministry issued a notification declaring the airport of Srinagar as a major airport under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act, 2008.

UNESCO picks Srinagar as ‘creative city’
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has picked Srinagar among 49 cities as part of the creative city network under the Crafts and Folk Arts category.

90 Zika cases in U.P
With a rise in the number of Zika virus cases in Uttar Pradesh, doctors have advised that people should avoid all non-essential travel to areas reporting cases. Currently close to 90 persons, including 17 children, have tested positive for the virus from the State.

Zydus Cadila to supply one crore doses
Zydus Cadila has received an order to supply one crore doses of ZyCoV-D, the world’s first plasmid DNA vaccine, to the Government of India at ₹255 per dose.

Govt. officials to be trained in handling disability issues
Government functionaries, from ASHA and anganwadi workers at the grassroots level to senior officers and MPs at the national level, would soon be trained and sensitised regarding Central sector schemes and facilities for persons with disabilities, Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry officials said.

Gujarat ranks 1st for third consecutive year in logistics performance index
According to the Commerce Ministry’s LEADS 2021 report, Gujarat topped the logistics index chart, a marker of the efficiency of logistical services necessary for promoting exports and economic growth.

SC Collegium clears transfer of Madras HC CJ to Meghalaya
The Supreme Court collegium has recommended the transfer of Madras High Court Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee to the Meghalaya High Court. It also recommended the transfer of Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari from the Allahabad High Court to the Madras High Court.

DRDO signs Bilateral Innovation Agreement with Israel for development of dual-use technologies
Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Directorate of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D), Ministry of Defence, Israel have entered into a Bilateral Innovation Agreement (BIA) to promote innovation and accelerated research and development in start-ups and MSMEs for the development of dual-use technologies.

Hari Kumar to take over as Navvy chief
Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar, presently Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) Western Naval Command, has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS).

Oil companies to set up 22 thousand EV charging stations across country on mission mode
Oil companies of India will set up 22 thousand Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations on a mission mode in prominent cities and along national highways across the country.

India confers honorary rank of General on Nepal Army Chief
Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Union Cabinet brings back MPLAD Scheme
Union Cabinet restored the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) that was suspended in April 2020 subsuming the funds for the scheme in the consolidated fund of India. The scheme was suspended for two financial years (2020-21 and 2021-22) but the Centre announced a partial rollback. The MPs will get ₹2 crore instead of the annual approved ₹5 crore.

Centre approves incentives for sugar cane, cotton, jute farmers
The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a slew of measures that will support farmers growing sugar cane, cotton and jute.

Covaxin 77.8% Effective Against Covid-19, 65.2% Against Delta Variant: Lancet Study
Covaxin, a Covid-19 vaccine developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, was found to have a 77.8% efficacy rate against symptomatic Covid-19, as per an analysis published in The Lancet. The study also found it to be 65.2 per cent effective against the more dangerous Delta variant of the coronavirus in its preliminary analysis.

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates 32nd edition of “Hunar Haat” in Lucknow
Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemical and Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the 32nd edition of “Hunar Haat”, in Lucknow.

PC Mody appointed as new secretary general of Rajya Sabha
1982 batch retired IRS officer and former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Pramod Chandra Mody was appointed new Secretary General Rajya Sabha, replacing P.P.K Ramacharyulu.

Defence Minister inaugurates first operationalised Private Sector Defence Manufacturing
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first operationalised Private Sector Defence Manufacturing facility in Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor in Lucknow. The facility, run by Aerolloy Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of PTC industries.
Law Minister Kiren Rijiju launches Citizens’ Tele-Law Mobile App
As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju launched Citizens’ Tele Law Mobile App. This App would connect the beneficiaries directly with Panel Lawyers offering legal advice and consultation.

India and Thai navies begin three-day coordinated patrol in Andaman Sea
The Indian and Thai navies began a three-day coordinated patrol in the Andaman Sea amid growing concern over China’s increasing maritime forays into the Indian Ocean region. Aircraft from both navies are participating in the coordinated patrol (CORPAT).

Deliveries of S-400 systems have begun to India: Russian official
Russia has begun delivering the S-400 air defence system to India, a senior Russian official has said ahead of President Vladimir Putin’s visit to New Delhi for a planned annual summit.

Kaiser-i-Hind is Arunachal’s State butterfly
The State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu has approved the large, brightly coloured Kaiser-i-Hind as the State butterfly. Kaiser-i-Hind (Teinopalpus imperialis) literally means Emperor of India.

CBI, ED chiefs can now have five-year terms
President Ram Nath Kovind has promulgated two ordinances that would allow the Union Government to extend the tenures of the directors of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) from two years to up to five years.

India launches 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica
India has successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica with the arrival of the first batch of its contingent at the southern white continent. The first batch comprising of 23 scientists and support staff reached the Indian Antarctic Station Maitri last week.

Health Ministry notifies new protocol for post-mortem procedure
Union Health Ministry has notified new protocol for post-mortem procedure. As per the new protocol, post-mortem can now be performed after sunset in hospitals having adequate infrastructure. This move will promote organ donation and transplant.

Union Minister unveils plaque to rename Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses after late Manohar Parrikar
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled a plaque to rename Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses after late Manohar Parrikar.

Ministry of Power issues revised guidelines providing for thermal generation companies to set up renewable energy generation capacity
Ministry of Power has issued revised guidelines providing for thermal generation companies to set up renewable energy generation capacity. It can be developed either by these companies through developers by open bids and supplying it to the consumers under the existing Power Purchasing Agreements, PPAs.

Union Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurates ‘Bhumi Samvaad’ - National Workshop on DILRMP
Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh inaugurated ‘Bhumi Samvaad’ - National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP). He also launched National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) portal and Dashboard which is advanced software application for the registration system.

Union minister Piyush Goyal launches India’s first Food Museum in Tamil Nadu’s Thanjavur
Union Minister for Commerce, Industry, Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal virtually launched India’s first Food Museum in Thanjavur. The museum has been established by Food Corporation of India (FCI) in association with Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM), Bengaluru.

Cabinet nod for mobile services in 7,287 villages
The Union Cabinet approved provisioning of mobile services in over 7,000 uncovered villages across five States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Odisha at an estimated cost of ₹6,466 crore.

ED chief gets one-year extension of service
The Enforcement Directorate chief, Sanjay Kumar Mishra, was given one-year extension in service, days after the Centre issued an ordinance increasing the agency head’s tenure from two years to up to five years.

Technology Innovation Hubs Of IIT Delhi, IIIT Delhi To Jointly Set-up India’s First Medical Cobotics Centre
IIT Delhi in partnership with Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT Delhi) will set up the country’s first Medical Cobotics Centre. The centre which will come up at IIIT Delhi will facilitate the training of other healthcare professionals, paramedical staff, technicians, engineers, and researchers.

Kartarpur corridor reopens for pilgrims
Pilgrims from India went to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib across the International Border in Pakistan’s Narowal district across Ravi River through the Kartarpur corridor as it was reopened after 20 months.

Saurabh Kirpal Could Be India’s First Gay Judge As SC Recommends Him For Delhi HC
A Supreme Court panel in India has recommended the name of an openly gay lawyer Saurabh Kirpal to be a judge in what is being described as a milestone for LGBTQ rights.

M.P. Govt. to give rations only to those fully vaccinated
The Madhya Pradesh Government has decided that the subsidised or free foodgrains at all fair price shops will be given only to those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Pune Film Festival to be held in Dec.
The Pune International Film Festival (PIFF), Maharashtra’s official film festival, is finally set to be held in its physical form from December 2 to December 9, 2021.

Smriti Irani turns author with debut novel ‘Lal Salaam’
Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani has turned author with her debut novel “Lal Salaam”, announced publishing house Westland. The novel, inspired by the tragic killings of 76 CRPF personnel in Dantewada in April 201.

Govt. relents, decides to spike farm laws
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the repeal of the three contentious farm laws, assuring farmer groups protesting against them for the past year that the legislative process for the withdrawal would be completed in the coming winter session of Parliament.

Centre launches Know Your Vaccination Status feature on Cowin Portal
A new feature “Know Your Vaccination Status” has been enabled on the CoWIN digital platform. This will help to...
Andhra Pradesh, Telangana top Smart Policing Index 2021
The two Telugu states have topped in the Smart Policing Index 2021 survey conducted by the Indian Police Foundation (IPF). While Andhra Pradesh stood first, Telangana is placed at the second spot.

Meghalaya govt partners with UNWFP to strengthen public distribution system
The Meghalaya authorities has signed an MoU with the United Nations World Food Programme to streamline and strengthen the general public distribution system within the state.

Dr Jitendra Singh Inaugurates First Of Its Kind, World’s Most Sophisticated, Latest MRI Facility
Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the world’s most sophisticated MRI facility at the National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar Haryana.

DAC approves AK-203 deal with Russia
The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) which met under the Chairmanship of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the long-pending deal for the manufacture of 6.71 lakh AK-203 assault rifles in India.

New Crypto Bill seeks to ban private players
The Union government would introduce a bill to regulate and ban all private cryptocurrencies in India while providing certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency.

‘Bharat Gaurav’ scheme eyes Railway tourism
To tap the huge potential of tourism, the Railways announced the ‘Bharat Gaurav’ scheme, under which theme-based tourist circuit trains, on the lines of the Ramayana Express, can be run either by private or State-owned operators.

Bengaluru airport becomes 1st facility in South Asia to commission Rosenbauer firefighting equipment
Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, has commissioned a state-of-the-art firefighting system Rosenbauer Tactical Simulator, making it the first facility in South Asia to have this high-tech equipment.

Govt of India, ADB sign $300 million loan to improve primary health care in the country
The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a $300 million loan to strengthen and improve access to comprehensive primary health care in urban areas of 13 states that will benefit over 256 million urban dwellers including 51 million from slum areas.

NFHS says women outnumber men
The fifth edition of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) has confirmed signs of a demographic shift in India. For the first time since the NFHS began in 1992, the proportion of women exceeded men: there were 1,020 women for 1,000 men.

Scorpene class submarine INS Vela joins Navy
The fourth Scorpene class conventional submarine, INS Vela, was commissioned into the Navy in the presence of Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh at a ceremony in Mumbai.

Panel set up for community kitchens
With the Supreme Court’s three-week deadline looming, the Union Food Ministry formed a group of eight State Food Secretaries to create the framework for a community kitchens scheme.

CBI official elected to Interpol panel
The Interpol elected Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Special Director Praveen Sinha as a Delegate for Asia in its Executive Committee. Mr. Sinha was among the five contestants from five countries for the two posts of Delegates for Asia.

₹10,000 crore more allotted for MGNREGS
The Finance Ministry has allocated additional funds of ₹10,000 crore as an interim measure for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme after it ran out of funds allocated in the budget.

Noida International Airport to become India’s first pollution-free net zero emissions airport
Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Noida International Airport (also called Jewar Airport) at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh. The airport, dubbed to be the biggest in Asia and the first net zero-emission airport in the country.

Curtains on sixth edition of India-France Army exercise
The 6th edition of the biennial India-France Army exercise ‘Ex Shakti-2021’ culminated after 12 days of intense joint military training.

Over 50% of Bihar population multidimensionally poor: NITI
With more than 50% of the population in Bihar identified as “multidimensionally poor”, the State has the highest percentage of population living in poverty among all the States and the Union Territories, according to Government think tank NITI Aayog’s Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).

COVAX exports resume
The Serum Institute of India (SII) officially announced that it has resumed exports of its COVID-19 vaccine, Covishield, under COVAX, the international vaccine sharing programme.

Meghalaya: Cherry Blossom Festival starts
Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, along with Satoshi Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan to India, have inaugurated the Cherry Blossom Festival 2021 at Wards Lake, Shillong.

Centre accepts farmers demand to decriminalise stubble burning
Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has said that the Centre has accepted the farmers demand to decriminalise stubble burning.

In a first, drone delivers medicines in remote Meghalaya
In a first in the country, a drone was successfully deployed to deliver medicines to a remote primary health centre in Meghalaya’s West Khasi Hills district, 25 km away from the district headquarter.

Kerala Tourism launches STREET project to enhance visitor experience
In a pioneering initiative to take tourism deep into the state’s interiors and rural hinterland, Kerala Tourism will launch the STREET project in select spots in seven districts, which would help visitors experience the diversity of offerings in these locales.

Govt launches pilot projects to revive and catalyze traditional Namda Craft and upskill the Artisans and Weavers of Kashmir
Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched two pilot projects with a view to revive and
catalyze the traditional Namda Craft and upskill the Artisans and Weavers of Kashmir.

4 panels formed to look into EPFO functioning
The Union Government has formed four ad-hoc board-level committees to look into the functioning of different aspects of the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), including IT, communications and pension.

NBRC develops world's first multimodal brain imaging data and analytics
The National Brain Research Centre (NBRC) has recently developed project SWADESH, a unique brain initiative focusing on certified neuroimaging, neurochemical, neuropsychological data and analytics that are made accessible to researchers for managing brain disorders.

Parliament clears Farm Laws Repeal Bill without a debate
The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021 consisting of three farm laws was passed by both Houses of Parliament without debate amid protests by Opposition MPs on being denied a debate.

World’s tallest railway bridge pier coming up in Manipur
Indian Railways is constructing the tallest railway bridge of the world in Manipur at 141 metres surpassing the existing record of 139 metre Mala-Rijeka viaduct, at Montenegro in Europe.

Varanasi to become first Indian city to start ropeway service in public transportation
Varanasi will soon become the first Indian city to start ropeway service as a mode of public transport. The proposed ropeway will be constructed between Cantt Railway Station (Varanasi Junction) to Church Square (Godalviya) to ease the traffic congestion.

Microsoft stock becomes world’s most valuable; beating Apple
Microsoft passed Apple in market capitalization, making it the world’s most valuable publicly traded company, after Apple missed earnings expectations. Microsoft had a market cap of nearly $2.49 trillion at market close on October 29, while Apple’s stood at about $2.46 trillion.

Indian Bank reports ₹266.73 crore worth of fraud to RBI
Public sector lender Indian Bank has reported ₹266.73 crore worth of fraud to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Government selects 42 companies under PLI Scheme for White Goods
The Government has said that 42 companies have been selected under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for White Goods.

Govt. appoints Senior Bureaucrat, Vivek Johri as the Chairman of CBIC
The Union government has appointed senior bureaucrat Vivek Johri as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

Govt slashes basic duty on crude palm oil, crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil from 2.5% to nil
Government has slashed the basic duty on crude palm oil, crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil from 2.5 percent to nil in a bid to reign in continuous rise in the cooking oil prices since past one year.

Govt reduces excise duty on Diesel by INR 10, Petrol by INR 5
The Union Government has taken a significant decision of reducing Central Excise Duty on Petrol by five rupees and Diesel by ten rupees.

Ujjivan Financial Service okays amalgamation with Ujjivan SFB
The board of Ujjivan Financial Services has approved the amalgamation of the company with its subsidiary, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, to meet the minimum public shareholding norms of SEBI.

IBA welcomes proposed staff accountability norms
Nationalised banks will adopt common staff accountability policies for loan accounts of up to ₹50 crore, excluding fraud accounts, that turn bad on or after April 1, 2022.

Goods exports climb 42%, imports surge 63%
India’s merchandise exports stood at ₹35.47 billion in October, or 35.2% higher than the pre-pandemic level of 2019 and 42.3% above the number in October 2020. However, imports grew faster to ₹55.37 billion, or 62.5% higher than a year ago and 45.8% over the number in October 2019.

RBI issues revised PCA framework for banks
The RBI issued a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for banks to enable supervisory intervention at “appropriate time” and also act as a tool for effective market discipline. The revised PCA framework will be effective from January 1, 2022.

Taliban Bans Use Of Foreign Currency In Afghanistan
Afghanistan’s Taliban announced a ban on the use of foreign currencies, threatening further disruption to an already ailing economy.

RBI panel on ARCs proposes norms for valuers, reserve price
To streamline the functioning of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), a Reserve Bank panel has come out with a host of suggestions including the creation of an online platform for the sale of stressed assets and allowing ARCs to act as resolution applicants during the IBC process.

Nepal to sell surplus electricity in India's energy exchange market
Nepal will sell its surplus electricity to India at a competitive rate after New Delhi allowed the neighbouring country to trade its power in the Indian power exchange market.

RBI to launch web-based supervisory system to enable off-site and on-site supervision of modern functions
The Reserve Bank of India will soon launch a web-based supervisory system that will enable off-site and on-site supervision of modern functions such as digital banking and cyber security.

SBI net profit surges 67% to record ₹7,627 crore in Sept quarter
SBI reported a 67 per cent year-on-year (YoY) jump in net profit at ₹7,627 crore in the July-September quarter (Q2 of FY22), aided by lower loan loss provisions. This is the highest ever quarterly net profit for the bank.

Bank credit grows by 6.84%, deposits by 9.94%, shows RBI data
Bank credit grew by 6.84 per cent to ₹110.46 lakh crore and deposits by 9.94 per cent to ₹157.12 lakh crore in the fortnight ended October 22, RBI data showed.

US trade deficit hits record $80.9 billion in September
The US trade deficit hit an all-time high of $80.9 billion in September as American exports fell sharply while imports, even with supply chain problems at American ports, kept climbing.

Federal Reserve announces cut in bond-buying programme
The US Federal Reserve announced that it soon will begin reducing the pace of its monthly bond purchases, the first
step toward pulling back on the massive amount of help it had been providing markets and the economy.

BSE joins hand with HDFC Bank to promote startup, SME listing

BSE, India’s premier exchange has signed an MoU with one of India’s largest private sector bank, HDFC Bank to further encourage and promote listing of Start-ups and SMEs across India.

NITI Aayog for full-stack digital banks

Government think-tank NITI Aayog proposed setting up of full-stack ‘digital banks’, which would principally rely on the Internet and other proximate channels to offer their services and not physical branches, to mitigate the financial deepening challenges being faced in the country.

Infibeam’s CC Avenue brings TokenPay for RBI-compliant ‘saved card transactions’

Infibeam Avenues Ltd’s digital payments platform, CC Avenue has launched an interoperable solution ‘TokenPay’ for businesses/merchants to comply with Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) data security norms.

GAIL can buy IL&FS’s stake in OTPC: NCLT

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved State-owned gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd’s acquisition of bankrupt Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services’ 26% stake in OnGC Tripura Power Company (OTPC).

CBIC tightens norms to bar input tax credit

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, CBIC has come out with norms on blocking of tax credit by GST field officers, saying that such blocking should be on the basis of ‘material evidence’ and not just out of ‘suspicion.’

China posts record trade surplus in October on galloping exports

China posted a record monthly trade surplus in October as exports surged despite global supply-chain disruptions. Exports rose 27.1 per cent in dollar terms last month from a year earlier to $300.2 billion.

Googles parent company launches AI-driven drug discovery start-up

Google parent company Alphabet Inc. has launched a new company in London called Isomorphic Labs that will use AI for drug discovery and medicine to find cures for some of humanity’s most devastating diseases.

Ola Financial Services plans international expansion of its insurance business

Ola’s subsidiary, Ola Financial Services (OFS) will expand its insurance business internationally to support the operations of Ola’s mobility business through innovative insurance products designed for the UK, Australia and New Zealand market.

ESAF Bank join hands with Nabard for local economic development

Esaf Small Finance Bank has joined hands with NABARD for local economic development. K. Rajan, Kerala’s State Revenue Minister inaugurated the state-level Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Program organized by the bank in this regard.

Amazon infuses ₹1,000 cr into India payments unit

Amazon has infused ₹1,000 crore into its payments unit in India, Amazon Pay is expected to help the company to compete more aggressively against rivals like PhonePe, Google Pay and Paytm.

Reliance exits shale gas in N. America

Reliance Eagleford Upstream Holding LP, a wholly owned step-down arm of Reliance Industries Ltd., has signed agreements with Ensign Operating III LLC to divest its interest in certain upstream assets in the Eagleford shale play of Texas, USA.

Karur Vysya Bank Q2 results: Net profit jumps 44% to ₹165 crore

Private lender Karur Vysya Bank reported a 43.5 per cent jump in its net profit to ₹165 crore in the quarter ended in September 2021 on improved credit off-take in retail and business segments as well as a fall in bad loan provisions.

Contractors to get 75% funds under new rule

To address liquidity issues facing the construction sector, the Union government has framed rules that will allow for the release of 75% of the amount to contractors against a bank guarantee in cases where a department has challenged an arbitral award.

RBI lifts curbs on Diners Club card issuance

The RBI has lifted curbs imposed on Diners Club International, enabling the firm to onboard new card customers in India.

RBI to organise its first global hackathon with theme ‘smarter digital payments’

The Reserve Bank of India has announced its first global hackathon ‘HARBINGER 2021 - Innovation for Transformation’ with the theme ‘smarter digital payments’.

Bank of Baroda reports 24% year-on-year rise in Q2 standalone net

Bank of Baroda (BoB) reported a 24 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase in second quarter standalone net profit to ₹2,088 crore from ₹1,679 crore in the year-ago quarter on robust growth in non-interest income.

Meta launches ‘Grow Your Business Hub’ to support small businesses

Meta (formerly Facebook) has announced the launch of ‘Grow Your Business Hub’, a one-stop destination for the micro, small, and medium businesses to find relevant information, tools, and resources curated to cater to their business goals based on their growth journey.

India Post Payments Bank to manage Department of Posts ATMs

The Department of Posts (DoP) has decided to handover operations of its pan-India network of 1,000 onsite ATMs to its arm, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).

Nykaa CEO Falguni Nayar is India’s richest self-made woman promoter

Nykaa promoter and chief executive officer (CEO) Falguni Nayar is India’s richest self-made woman promoter with a net worth of nearly ₹56,600 crore or $7.7 billion, as on Nov 10, 2021.

India Post Payments Bank tie-up with Bajaj Allianz for distribution of non-life insurance

India Post Payments Bank has entered into a tie-up with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company to enable customers, particularly from weaker sections and living in unbanked and underserved areas, to become financially secure and empowered.

Sun Pharma to introduce anti-Covid drug Molxvir in India

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries said it was gearing up to introduce Merck Sharpe Dohme (MSD) and Ridgeback’s molnupiravir under the brand name Molxvir in India.
At ₹18,348 cr, ONGC’s Q2 profit highest in a quarter for any Indian firm
ONGC has reported the highest ever quarterly profit by any Indian company till date. At ₹18,348 crore, the standalone net profit for the second quarter of FY22 is 565.3 per cent higher than its ₹2,758-crore profit in the comparable period of the previous financial year.

PM Modi launches two innovative customer centric initiatives of RBI
Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched two innovative customer centric initiatives of RBI namely, the Retail Direct Scheme and the Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme.

Myntra announces appointment of Nandita Sinha as CEO effective Jan
Walmart-owned online fashion retailer Myntra, has announced the appointment of Nandita Sinha as Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2022.

Centre allows addl ₹16,691 cr borrowing for 7 states on meeting capex goal
The Union government has allowed seven states to additionally borrow ₹16,691 crore on meeting capital expenditure targets for the first half of this fiscal year, Finance Secretary TV Somanathan said.

Retail inflation rises marginally to 4.48% in October; IIP grows 3.1% in September
The retail inflation slightly rose to 4.48 per cent in October. The factory output, measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew by 3.1 per cent in September.

NTPC ties up with Indian Oil to collaborate in renewable energy
NTPC inked an initial pact with Indian Oil to collaborate in the field of renewable energy and mutually explore opportunities for supply of low carbon/RE RTC (round the clock) captive power.

HDFC Bank integrates with E-NAM to Facilitate Agri Commodity Trading
HDFC Bank has integrated with the Government of India’s National Agriculture Market (eNAM) to allow digital collection and distribution of funds to different e-NAM beneficiaries.

RBI asks lenders to clearly specify due date/repayment date for loans
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked lenders to clearly specify the exact due dates for repayment of a loan, frequency of repayment, breakup between principal and interest, among others, in the loan agreement.

Exports grow 11 months on trot, rise 43% to $35.65 billion in October
Merchandise exports grew for the eleventh consecutive month to $35.65 billion, up 43 per cent on-year in October, as external demand continued to remain robust.

Global wealth surges as China overtakes US to grab top spot
Global wealth tripled over the last two decades, with China leading the way and overtaking the US for the top spot worldwide. Net worth worldwide rose to $514 trillion in 2020, from $156 trillion in 2000, according to the study. China accounted for almost one-third of the increase.

RBI directs NBFCs to appoint Internal Ombudsman within 6 months
RBI has directed Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) to appoint an Internal Ombudsman within 6 months.

SIDBI launches second window of Swavalamban Challenge Fund
Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi) has launched the second window of Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF) with Green Bharat as prioritised theme. The focus of the fund is on innovative projects addressing the green, clean or efficient climate change.

Paytm Money launches AI powered ‘Voice Trading’
Paytm Money, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paytm, launched Voice Trading that lets users to set a trade or get information regarding stocks via single voice command.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, PVR Cinemas Launch Co-Branded Movie Debit Card
Private lender Kotak Mahindra Bank and PVR Cinemas on Tuesday launched the country’s first co-branded movie debit card.

SEBI unveils investor charter
SEBI came out with an investor charter aimed at protecting the interest of investors in the securities market.

Sabeer Bhatia launches new social video messaging firm
Hotmail co-founder Sabeer Bhatia has unveiled a social video messaging platform, ShowReel. The firm aims to empower people to achieve their true potential by democratising free access to mentors and would link job-seekers with companies struggling to find talent.

India, world’s largest recipient of remittances, received $87 billion in 2021: World Bank
India, the world’s largest recipient of remittances, received $87 billion in 2021 with the United States being the biggest source, accounting for over 20 per cent of these funds, according to the World Banks Migration and Development Brief. India is followed by China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt.

RBI panel moots law to regulate digital lending
A Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Working Group (WG) on digital lending, including lending through online platforms and mobile apps, has recommended a separate legislation to oversee such lending as well as a nodal agency to vet the Digital Lending Apps.

SC allows Centre to sell ₹40,000-crore HZL shares
The Supreme Court of India permitted the Centre to go ahead with the proposed sale of its 29.54% residual shareholding to Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) in the open market. The government estimates the value of its shareholding to be about ₹40,000 crore.

GMR wins airport project in Indonesia
GMR Airports has emerged as the winning bidder for the development and operation of Kualanamu International Airport in Medan, Indonesia.

India’s forex reserves decline $763 mn to $640.11 bn in November: RBI
The country’s foreign exchange reserves declined by USD 763 million to USD 640.112 billion in the week ended November 12, RBI data showed.

IDFC FIRST Bank, HPCL to enable fuel payments using FASTag
IDFC FIRST Bank and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) have signed an agreement to facilitate fuel payments by motorists at HPCL’s retail outlets using the bank’s FASTags.

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Reliance To Re-Evaluate Saudi Aramco’s Stake In Oil-To-Chemicals Arm
Reliance Industries has withdrawn its application with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for segregating its oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business, following a mutual decision with Saudi Aramco to re-evaluate the stake sale of the O2C arm.

SBI lifts GDP growth view to 9.3%-9.6%
Economists at the State Bank of India (SBI) have upgraded their GDP growth projection for this fiscal to a 9.3% to 9.6% range, from 8.8%-9% forecast earlier, citing an improved pace of vaccination and lower incidence of COVID-19 cases in the country.

RBI announces draft scheme for PMC-USFB amalgamation
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) placed in public domain a draft scheme for amalgamation of the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank with Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd.

Co-op societies are not banks, RBI cautions
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cautioned members of the public not to deal with co-operative societies undertaking banking business by adding 'bank' to their names.

NaBFID to start operations with loans to 190 projects
The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) is likely to begin lending operations with about 190-200 big infrastructure projects in the railways, roads and energy sector, newly-appointed Chairman K.V. Kamath said.

States get ₹95,082 cr. in tax devolution
The Centre has released two instalments of tax devolution to States, amounting to ₹95,082 crore in November, the Finance Ministry said. The increased amount is an advance release and final adjustments will be made in March 2022.

ICICI Bank unveils Trade Emerge portal for exim trade
ICICI Bank has unveiled Trade Emerge, an online platform to offer digital banking and value-added services to exporters and importers across India.

JP Morgan becomes world’s most systemic bank
JP Morgan Chase (JPM.N) has once again been named the world’s most important bank to the health of the wider financial system, according to the latest annual ranking of the world’s most important bank to the health of the wider financial system, according to the latest annual ranking of the world’s most important bank to the health of the wider financial system.

India, U.S. agree on transitional approach for digital tax on e-commerce supplies
India and the United States have agreed for a transitional approach on equalisation levy or digital tax on e-commerce supplies beginning April 1, the Finance Ministry said.

RBI raises private bank promoter stake cap
The Reserve Bank of India has raised the long-term cap on promoters’ stakes in private sector banks, allowing them to hold 26% instead of the 15% in force currently.

Exim Bank commits ₹100 million loan for Covid vaccines in FY 22
Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has committed loans worth ₹100 million for domestic manufacturers of Covid-19 vaccines or related products.

Ashok Leyland MD and CEO Vinip Sondhi resigns
Utility vehicles maker Ashok Leyland's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Vinip Sondhi tendered his resignation.

HSBC India launched India’s first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic.
HSBC India launched India’s first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic. This roll-out is part of a new programme launched by HSBC Group to introduce sustainable cards across all its global locations.

Former SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar joins Hero MotoCorp board
Former SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar has joined the board of Hero MotoCorp as an independent director.

Bank of Baroda raises ₹1,997 cr via Basel III-compliant bonds
State-owned Bank of Baroda has raised ₹1,997 crore by issuing Basel III-compliant bonds. The bank had come out with a ₹2,000 crore issue of additional tier-I bonds on November 24.

RBI accepts 21 of 33 recommendations of internal working group on private banks
After recommendations of the internal working group to review extant ownership guidelines and corporate structure for Indian private sector banks, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has accepted 21 of the 33 such recommendations.

WhatsApp wins approval to double payments offering to 40 million users in India
The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has permitted WhatsApp to roll out its payment services to 40 million Indian users, double of its current cap of 20 million users.

Bank of Maharashtra eyes a total business size of ₹5-lakh crore by the end of FY24
Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) is planning to have a presence in most of the 727 districts in the country as part of its strategy to achieve a total business size (deposits plus advances) of ₹5-lakh crore by March-end 2024 against about ₹2.97-lakh crore at September-end 2021.

Jio announces up to 21% hike in tariffs
After Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, Reliance Jio announced up to a 21% hike in prepaid tariffs from December.

Indian Oil, BPCL, HPCL launch Model Retail Outlet Scheme
Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited announced the launch of Model Retail Outlet Scheme and a Digital Customer Feedback Program called Darpan@petrolpump.

India’s Latest Unicorn, “Slice”, Based On Credit Cards For Young People
Indian fintech company Slice had raised $220 million in a Series B funding round led by investment giant Tiger Global and private equity firm Insight Partners that valued the company at more than $1 billion.

LIC to raise stake in Kotak bank to 9.99%
LIC will raise its stake in private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank to almost 10%, after receiving grant of approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). LIC held 4.96% stake in the private lender as on 30 September 202.

Ather commissions second plant in T.N.
Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy had commissioned its second manufacturing facility in India in Hosur, Tamil Nadu, to cater to the increased demand for its 450X and 450 Plus scooters.

Amazon infuses ₹650 cr in Amazon Wholesale (India)
US-based e-commerce giant Amazon has infused fresh capital to the tune of ₹650 crore into one of its India units, Amazon Wholesale (India).

Sale of Central Electronics gets govt. nod
The Union government has approved the strategic disinvestment of its 100% stake in Central Electronics Limited.
to Nandal Finance and Leasing Pvt. Ltd. which put in a winning bid of a little more than ₹210 crore for the company.

260 ITBP personnel awarded Special Operation Medal
As many as 260 Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel, who were part of various special operations in Ladakh last year, were awarded the Home Minister's Special Operation Medal on the occasion of National Unity Day on October 31.

2020 Government sports awards presented
Arjuna, Khel Ratna, Dhyan Chand, Dronacharya and other government sports awards were presented physically to the awardees of 2020 by the Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur. The Sports Ministry had handed over a total of 74 national sports awards, including five Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratnas and 27 Arjuna awards for 2020.

Damon Galgut wins Booker Prize 2021
South African author Damon Galgut has won the £50,000 (£58,750) Booker Prize for The Promise.

Mountaineer Priyanka Mohite to get Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award
Maharashtra-based mountaineer Priyanka Mohite will be bestowed with the prestigious 'Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020' for her outstanding contribution in the field of land adventure.

Sushma, Fernandes, Arun Jaitley honoured
Former Union Ministers George Fernandes, Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swaraj, and former President of Mauritius Anerood Jugnauth were given the 2020 Padma Vibhushan posthumously for exceptional and distinguished service.

National Sports Awards-2021
President Ram Nath Kovind gave away the National Sports Awards-2021 and Adventure Awards at Rashtrapati Bhavan. This year Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award has been given to 12 sportspersons. Those sportspersons awarded with Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna are Tokyo Olympic Gold Medalist athlete Neeraj Chopra. Tokyo Olympics Silver Medalist wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya, Boxer Lovlina Borgohain, Hockey player P. R. Sreejesh and Manpreet Singh, Para-Shooters Manish Narwal and Avani Lekhara, Para-Athlete Sumit Antil, Para-Shutters Pramod Bhagat and Krishna Nagar, Cricketer Mithali Raj and Footballer Sunil Chhetri.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for 2021 has been given to Punjab University, Chandigarh. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards-2020 include Priyanka Mohite and Lt. Col. Jay Prakash Kumar and Col. Amit Bisht for land adventure.

Author M Mukundan wins 2021JCB Prize for Literature 2021
Author M Mukundan won the 2021 JCB prize for Literature, for his book 'Delhi: A Soliloquy'. The book, which has originally been written in Malayalam has been translated into English by Fathima EV and Nandakumar K.

Martin Scorsese, Istvan Szabo Hema Malini, Prasoon Joshi awarded at IFFI, Goa
U.S. director Martin Scorsese, Hungarian film director Istvan Szabo, Bollywood actor-turned-politician Hema Malini and lyricist Prasoon Joshi were among the awardees at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Goa. Ms. Malini and lyricist Prasoon Joshi were honoured with the "Indian Film Personality of the Year Award". International film directors Martin Scorsese and Istvan Szabo were honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award.

BWF gives Padukone lifetime achievement award
Badminton legend Prakash Padukone will receive the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award this year from the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

BS columnist Tamal Bandopadhyay wins Tata Literature Live! Award
Senior journalist and Business Standard columnist Tamal Bandopadhyay won the Tata Literature Live! award for his book Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy.

President gives away Gallantry awards
Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman, was awarded Vir Chakra, the third highest wartime gallantry award, by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Soha Roy 1st Indian honoured with Knighthood of Parte Guelfa in Florence
Forbes listed Entrepreneur and a passionate movie maker, Dr Soha Roy has become the first Indian, selected for the honorary title of 'Knight of Parte Guelfa'.

Civil society organisation Pratham awarded Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace for 2021
Pratham, a civil society organisation dedicated to improving the quality of education among underprivileged children in India and across the world, has been conferred the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2021.

International Emmys 2021
Best Performance By An Actress - Hayley Squires for Adult Material (UK)
Best Performance By An Actor - David Tennant for Des (UK)
Comedy - Call My Agent Season 4 (France)
Documentary - Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice (Thailand)
Drama Series - Tehran (Israel)
Non-English Language U.S. Primetime Program - 21st Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards (USA)
Non-Scripted Entertainment - The Masked Singer (UK)
Short-Form Series - INSIDE (New Zealand)
Telenovela - The Song Of Glory (China)
TV Movie / Mini-Series - Atlantic Crossing (Norway)
Arts Programming - Kubrick By Kubrick (France)

Lionel Messi wins Men's Ballon d'Or For Seventh Time
Lionel Messi won the men's Ballon d'Or lifetime achievement award for a record-extending seventh time at a ceremony in Paris.

Kerala Based Startup India Meditech Wins Two Prestigious Awards at National Level
A Kerala-based medical technology start-up Sascan Meditech has been adjudged the winner of Startup India Grand Challenge 2021 in the medical device category of the Government of India.

Hunar Haat receives India International Trade Fair, 2021 Silver Medal for strengthening commitment to "Vocal for Local"

The HUNAR HAAT, organized by the Ministry of Minority Affairs at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, received the prestigious India International Trade Fair, 2021 Silver Medal.
Zhang Zhan
Chinese citizen journalist, Zhang Zhan, who exposed reality of coronavirus outbreak in China’s Wuhan is critically weak and close to death due to her ongoing hunger strike.

Tarak Sinha
Eminent Cricket Coach and Dronacharya Awardee Tarak Sinha passed away. He was a father figure in coaching and produced some of the country’s finest cricketers who ruled domestic and international cricket.

Mustafa al-Kadhimi
Iraq’s Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi has escaped unhurt as there was an assassination attempt on him with armed drones targeted his residence.

Daniel Ortega
Nicaragua’s President Daniel Ortega clinched a fourth consecutive term. Nicaragua’s Supreme Electoral Council said that Ortega’s Sandinista alliance winning with about 76% of votes.

Wang Yaping
Astronaut Wang Yaping became the first Chinese woman to walk in space, as her team completed a six-hour stint outside the Tiangong space station as part of its ongoing construction.

Surendra Kumar Sinha
Bangladesh’s former Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, was sentenced in absentia to 11 years in jail for corruption, in a case that opposition groups and supporters say is politically motivated.

Devashayam Pillai
Devashayam Pillai, a Hindu converted to Christianity in the 18th century, will become the first Indian layman to be conferred sainthood.

F.W. de Klerk
F.W. de Klerk, South Africa’s last white President, who freed anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela from jail, died. De Klerk and South Africa’s first black President Mandela shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for leading the “miracle” transition from white rule over the country.

Wilbur Smith
International best-selling author Wilbur Smith has died at his home in Cape Town at the age of 88. Smith’s 49 published books have sold more than 140 million copies worldwide.

Babasaheb Purandare
Noted historian and Padma Vibhushan awardee Balwant Moreshwar Purandare passed away. He was considered one of the pre-eminent authorities on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Professor Bimal Patel
Professor Bimal Patel, Vice-Chancellor of the Rashtriya Raksha University and Member of the National Security Advisory Board of India, has been elected to the International Law Commission for a five-year term

Hasan Azizul Haque
Acclaimed short-story writer and literary figure of Bangladesh Hasan Azizul Haque passed away.

Novy Kapadia
Considered an authority on Indian football, veteran commentator and former Delhi University Professor Novy Kapadia, passed away.

Peng Shuai
Chinese tennis star Peng Shuai, who made sexual assault allegations against a former Vice-Premier went missing after revealing its details.

Abdalla Hamdok
Sudan’s deposed Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok signed a deal with the military that will see him reinstated, almost a month after a military coup put him under house arrest.

Chun Doo-hwan
Former South Korean military strongman Chun Doo-hwan, who took power in a 1979 coup and brutally crushed pro-democracy protests before going to prison for misdeeds in office, died.

Ahmed Naser al Raisi
Ahmed Naser al Raisi, an inspector general at the UAE’s interior ministry, has been elected as the President of Interpol. He will serve a four-year term at the International Criminal Police Organisation

Petr Fiala
Czech President Milos Zeman appointed the leader of a centre-right alliance Petr Fiala as Prime Minister

Stephen Sondheim
Broadway composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim died. The legendary songwriter is recognized for helping American musical theatre evolve beyond pure entertainment and reach new artistic heights.

Magdalena Andersson
Sweden’s first female prime minister Magdalena Andersson has been reappointed as the head of the country’s government, less than a week after she resigned within hours of taking the job.

K Sivasankar
National Award-winning choreographer K Sivasankar dies due to COVID-19 related complications at the age of 72. He won the National Award for Best Choreography for his work in Rajamouli’s film Magadheera, co-starring Ram Charan and Kajal Aggarwal.

Parag Agrawal
Parag Agrawal, an IIT-Bombay graduate, has replaced Jack Dorsey as the new Twitter chief executive officer, becoming the youngest CEO in top 500 companies.

G Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai win men's double title at WTT Contender Tuns
The Indian table tennis duo of G Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai notched up their first international pro tour title with a dominating 3-1 win over Emmanuel Lebesson and Alexandre Cassin in the men's double summit clash at the WTT Contender Tuns.

Indian Boxer Akash Kumar settles for bronze
In AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships, Debutant Akash Kumar had to settle for bronze after going down in the 54 kg category semifinal against Makhmoud Sabrykh of Kazakhstan at Belgrade in Serbia.

Unmukt Chand becomes the first-ever male Indian player in the BBL
Unmukt Chand has become the first Indian male cricketer to sign up for the Big Bash League as he is set to feature in the Melbourne Renegades side in the upcoming edition.
Dravid appointed India head coach, will take charge for New Zealand home series
The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced that Rahul Dravid will take over from Ravi Shastri as the new team India head coach.

Dwayne Bravo announces retirement from international cricket
West Indies Allrounder Dwayne Bravo announced his retirement from internationals. Bravo was part of the West Indies teams that won the T20 World Cup in 2012 and 2016.

Xavi Hernández confirmed as new Barcelona coach
Barcelona legend Xavi Hernández has been officially confirmed as the club’s new first team coach. The former midfielder, who spent 17 years at the club as a player

President’s Cup shooting championship: Manu Bhaker and Javad Foroughi win air pistol mixed team gold
Manu Bhaker in partnership with Olympic champion Javad Foroughi of Iran won the mixed air pistol gold in the President’s Cup shooting championship in Wroclaw, Poland.

F1: Verstappen wins in Mexico City to stretch championship lead
Red Bull's Max Verstappen celebrated a dominant win in the Mexico City Grand Prix on Sunday to surge 19 points clear of Lewis Hamilton in the Formula One championship with four races remaining.

Djokovic downs Medvedev to claim record sixth Paris Masters title
Novak Djokovic beat Daniil Medvedev 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the Paris Masters final to move one clear of Rafael Nadal for most Masters title and nine ahead of Roger Federer

Watanabe re-elected as international gymnastics president
Morinari Watanabe was re-elected to a new three-year term as President of the International Gymnastics Federation.

Sankalp Guptia is India’s 71st GM
Sankalp Guptia has become India’s 71st Grandmaster by scoring 6.5 points and finishing second in the GM Ask 3 round-robin event in Arandjelovac, Serbia.

WTT Contender Lasko: Manika Batra, Archana Kamath Clinch Doubles Title
Indian pair of Manika Batra and Archana Girish Kamath clinched the women’s doubles title in the WTT Contender tournament in Lasko.

T20 World Cup 2021: India beats Namibia as Kohli ends captivity tenure with win
India comprehensively beat Namibia by nine wickets to give Virat Kohli a winning farewell in his last match as Twenty20 captain. India had bowed out of the tournament on Sunday after New Zealand’s win against Afghanistan.

Table Tennis: Manush, Reeth win titles
India’s Manush Shah and T. Reeth Rishya bagged the men’s and women’s singles titles in the ITTF Ecuador International Open table tennis tournament held in Cuenca recently.

Shooting: Sarnobat takes silver
Rahi Sarnobat shot the silver in women’s 25-metre sports pistol in the President’s Cup Shooting championship in Wroclaw, Poland.

Mitrabha Guha is India’s 72nd GM
Mitrabha Guha has scored his final norm to become the 72nd Grandmaster of the country.

Varun and Ganapathy clinch gold
The Indian pair of Varun Thakkar and K.C. Ganapathy won the gold medal in the Asian 49er sailing championships at Al Mussannah Sports City, Oman.

IOC, UNODC Extend Collaboration To Fight Corruption And Crime In Sport
With a particular focus on preventing youth crime, violence, and drug use through sport, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) extended their memorandum of understanding (MoU) to further strengthen the cooperation between the two organisations in fighting corruption and crime in sport.

Nethra clinches gold
India’s Nethra Kumanan won gold in the laser radial section of the Gran Canaria sailing championships, one of the European regional open events, held in Gran Canaria (Spain) recently.

Vivek Sagar Prasad to lead India
Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Vivek Sagar Prasad will lead an 18-member Indian hockey team in the men’s Junior World Cup, to be held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar from November 24 to December 5.

Australia wins maiden T20 World Cup
David Warner, Mitchel Marsh and Josh Hazlewood emerged as heroes in Dubai as Australia ended their 14-year-long wait for a maiden T20 World Cup trophy.

Lewis Hamilton produces stunning drive to claim F1 Brazilian GP victory
Lewis Hamilton reignited his bid for a record-breaking eighth world championship after taking a brilliant victory at the Brazilian Grand Prix.

V.S. Raulu is an International Master
V.S. Raulu of Chennai became an International Master by crossing the Elo rating-threshold of 2400 points in the 6th Memorijaln Tumir ‘Bozidar Kicovic-Kica’ Open chess tournament, which concluded in Suncana Reka, Serbia.

Laxman will be next NCA head, says BCCI official
Former India batter V.V.S. Laxman will be the next head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA), a senior BCCI official confirmed.

2024 T20 WC likely to be hosted by USA
The USA is likely to host the T20 World Cup in 2024, which could serve as a launch pad in the ICC’s bid for cricket’s inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

India gets compound men’s bronze
India beat Bangladesh 235-223 to take the compound men’s team bronze medal at the Asian archery championships.

Tennis: Muguruza emerges champion
Former World No. 1 Garbine Muguruza beat Anett Kontaveit 6-3, 7-5 to become the first Spaniard to win the elite season-ending WTA Finals.

Archery: Jyothi wins women’s individual title
Seasoned compound archer V. Jyothi Surekha toppled two Korean rivals on the trot to claim the compound women’s individual title at the Asian archery championship.

Mohd. Sporting is the champion
Mohammedan Sporting ended a 40-year title drought as it reclaimed the prestigious Calcutta Football League’s premier division-A crown, beating Railway FC by a solitary goal at the Salt Lake Stadium.

AB de Villiers retires from all cricket
South African legend and former captain AB de Villiers announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, bringing the curtains down on an illustrious career.
Arjun Erigaisi wins Tata Steel Chess India Rapid
GM Arjun Erigaisi is the winner of the Tata Steel Chess India rapid tournament.

Asian archery championships: India bags two silvers
Indian recurve archers picked up three more medals at the Asian archery championships. The Indian men and women’s teams lost to top-seeded Korea to take silver medals, while the mixed team got the better of Uzbekistan to gather a bronze on the final day of the championships.

Arif Khan qualifies for 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics
Kashmir Alpine skier, Arif Khan, has qualified for the upcoming Winter Olympics 2022 to be held in Beijing.

Hamilton wins comfortably, Verstappen second
Lewis Hamilton won Sunday’s inaugural Qatar Grand Prix with a commanding performance from pole to cut Max Verstappen’s lead to eight points.

India completes series sweep against NZ
Axar Patel’s triple strike derailed New Zealand and handed India a 73-run win in the third T20I at the Eden Gardens. The home team swept the series 3-0 and is on a six-match unbeaten run in T20Is.

Aronian pips Arjun to the blitz crown
Levon Aronian has won the blitz event of the Tata Steel Chess at the National Library. But only after quelling a strong challenge from Arjun Erigaisi in the Armageddon could Aronian lay his hands on the trophy.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2021 Final: Tamil Nadu beat Karnataka by four wickets
M Shahrukh Khan smashed a dramatic last ball six to help Tamil Nadu defend the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 title with a thrilling four-wicket win over Karnataka in the summit clash.

Harmanpreet Kaur becomes first Indian to be named WBBL ‘Player of tournament’
Indian women’s T20I captain Harmanpreet Kaur became the first Indian to be named Women’s Big Bash League, WBBL Player of the Tournament following a stunning season for Melbourne Renegades.

Saurabh bags 50m free pistol gold
Saurabh Chaudhary announced his entry in 50-metre free pistol in style by clinching the gold in the 64th National Shooting Championship.

Brazilian football legend takes final bow
Legendary women’s football star Miraildes Maciel Mota, commonly known as ‘Formiga’, donned Brazil’s famous yellow jersey for the final time in friendly against India in Manaus.

Cummins is Australia Test captain
Australia named paceman Pat Cummins its Test captain and Steve Smith his deputy. The last fast bowler to lead Australia at Test level was Ray Lindwall for a single match in 1956, and only as a stand-in. Cummins is Australia’s 47th test captain.

Debutant Rachin Ravindra Helps New Zealand Escape With A Draw In Kanpur Test
Debutant Rachin Ravindra played out 91 deliveries and remained unbeaten on 18 to guide New Zealand to a draw in the first Test at Kanpur.

Satwik-Chirag qualify for BWF Finals
The World No. 11 doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty has become the first Indian men’s doubles pair to qualify for the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals.

China launches earth science satellite
China sent an Earth science satellite into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the northern Shanxi Province. The satellite, called Guangmu, was launched by a Long March-6 carrier rocket and it entered the planned orbit.

UK unveils commemorative £5 coin marking Mahatma Gandhi’s legacy
UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak unveiled a new 5-pound commemorative coin celebrating the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi to mark the festival of Diwali.

India ranks 18 out of 30 countries in the inaugural Global Drug Policy Index
The inaugural Global Drug Policy Index, released by the Harm Reduction Consortium, ranks Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the UK and Australia as the five leading countries on humane and health-driven drug policies. The five lowest-ranking countries are Brazil, Uganda, Indonesia, Kenya, and Mexico. India’s rank is 18 out of 30 countries.

India in top 10 in climate performance ranking, says new report
India has retained its spot in the top 10 best performing countries for the third year in a row in the global Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) released by Climate Action Network (CAN) and Germanwatch on the side-lines of the COP26. India, however, maintained its 10th rank like last year. The top performers in the list of 60 countries were Denmark (rank 4), Sweden (rank 5) and Norway (rank 6).

Russia tests hypersonic cruise missile
Russia had carried out another successful test of its Zircon hypersonic cruise missile, one of the latest additions to the country’s arsenal of weapons called “invincible” by President Vladimir Putin.

India needs $10 tn. to meet net zero
To meet its goals of net zero, or being able to effectively eliminate carbon dioxide emissions by 2070, India will need close to $10 trillion (~700 lakh crore), according to an analysis by climate and energy research firm, CEEW Centre for Energy Finance (CEEW-CEF).

World Expo held in Dubai from Nov 18 to 23
The World Expo was held in Dubai from November 18 to 23. The cultural splendor of Maharashtra will be presented in various forms in this expo.

600 space travellers and counting in 60 years
A SpaceX rocket carried four astronauts into orbit on Wednesday night, including the 600th person to reach space in 60 years. Germany’s Matthias Maurer claimed the No. 600 position, according to NASA, based on his mission assignment.

US joins International Solar Alliance as a member country
The United States has joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a member country. It becomes the 101st country to sign the framework agreement of the ISA to catalyse global energy transition through a solar-led approach.

INS Karanak takes part in India, Singapore, Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise SITMEX – 21
Indian Naval Ship INS Karanak and an indigenously built Missile Corvette is participating in the 3rd edition of India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral two day Maritime Exercise SITMEX – 21 in Andaman Sea.

Sixth-edition of Indo-France joint military exercise ‘EX-SHAHTI 2021’ begins at French port town of Frejus
The sixth edition of Indo France joint military exercise ‘EX-SHAHTI 2021’ is being conducted at the French port town of Frejus. The 12-day long bilateral exercise, will conclude on the 26th of this month.
China launches new Gaofen-11 high resolution spy satellite to match U.S. capabilities
China launched its third Gaofen-11 reconnaissance satellite adding to a set of classified satellites with an optical resolution which may be comparable to top U.S. spy satellites.

Japan to boost spending on air and sea defences
Japan’s Cabinet approved a 770-billion-yen ($6.8 billion) request for an extra defense budget through March to expedite the purchase of missiles, anti-submarine rockets and other weapons.

China launches three new remote sensing satellites from Xichang Centre
China successfully launched three new remote sensing satellites from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the country’s southwestern Sichuan province.

Pakistan successfully test fires surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen 1-A
Pakistan conducted a successful flight test of the Shaheen-1A surface-to-surface ballistic missile. The test flight was aimed at re-validating certain design and technical parameters of the weapon system.

NFT or non-fungible token is Collins Dictionary’s word of the year
Collins Dictionary’s “Word of the Year” for 2021 is “NFT” — an abbreviation that stands for “non-fungible token”.

NASA launches asteroid-deflecting DART spacecraft
The world’s first planetary defense system called the DART spacecraft was successfully launched by NASA from the Vandenberg US Space Force Base. The target of the spacecraft is a small moonlet called Dimorphos which is about 160-metre in diameter.

Russia puts into orbit classified military satellite
Russia successfully placed into orbit a military satellite believed to be part of the Kremlin’s early warning anti-missile system.

Gulf states hold naval exercise with Israel
The United Arab Emirates and Bahrain are holding their first joint naval exercise with Israel, a year after normalising ties with the Jewish state.

A book titled “Unshackling India” by Ajay Chhibber and Salman Anees Soz

Annapurna idol stolen from UP back from Canada
An idol of Goddess Annapurna that was stolen from the Kası Vishwanath temple and smuggled to Canada over 100 years ago was handed over to the Uttar Pradesh Government.

Gopi Chand launches his autobiography
India’s chief national badminton coach P. Gopi Chand formally launched his autobiography Shuttler’s Flick: Making every match count, co-authored by Priya Kumar.

Ayurveda Day 2021 observed on November 2
The National Ayurveda Day is observed on the occasion of Dhanwanthi Jayanti, the birth anniversary of the Lord Dhanwantri which occurs on Dhanteras. This year, the National Ayurveda Day 2021 is being celebrated on November 2, 2021, to promote the Ayurvedic principles of wellness and health.

National Cancer Awareness Day: 7th November
The National Cancer Awareness Day is observed annually in India on November 7, to spread awareness on cancer, its symptoms and treatment.

World Kindness Day: 13th November
World Kindness Day is annually observed across the globe on November 13 to highlight the act of kindness in the community.

Children’s Day: 14th November
Children’s Day is celebrated every year on 14th November to mark the birth anniversary of India’s first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. Children’s Day is popularly known as ‘Baal Diwas’ in India.

World Diabetes Day: 14th November
World Diabetes Day is observed on 14th November every year. The campaign aims to raise awareness around the crucial role that nurses play in supporting people living with diabetes.

Janatahi Gaurav Divas on Nov. 15
As a part of the year-long commemoration of 75 years of Independence, the Union Cabinet approved declaration of November 15 as “Janjati Gaurav Divas” to remember the contributions of tribal freedom fighters. This date was chosen as it was the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, a tribal freedom fighter revered as “bhagwan” by tribal communities.

National Audit Diwas: 16 November
Audit Diwas is celebrated to mark the historic origin of the institution of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) and the contribution it has made to the governance, transparency and accountability over the past several years. The first ever Audit Diwas is observed on November 16.

National Press Day: 16th November
National Press Day is observed on 16th November every year to celebrate free and responsible press in India.

International Day for Tolerance: 16 November
The United Nations observes “International Day for Tolerance” on 16th November every year. The United Nations is committed to strengthening tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among cultures and peoples.

Africa Industrialization Day: 20 November
United Nations(UN)’s Africa Industrialization Day is annually observed across the globe on November 20th to highlight the importance of Industrial development for sustained and inclusive economic growth in African countries.

World Children’s Day 2021: November 20
Every year, World Children’s Day is celebrated on 20 November to promote a feeling of togetherness among children and to create awareness around children’s welfare.

World Television Day: 21st November
World Television Day is being observed on 21st November. In December 1996 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21st November World Television Day commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in 1996.

World Fisheries Day: 21st November
World Fisheries Day is celebrated on 21 November every year by fishing communities across the world.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2021: 21st November
World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is marked every year on Third Sunday in the month of November. In 2021, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims falls on 21 November 2021.

November 26 is observed as Constitution Day
November 26 is observed as Constitution Day or ‘Samviddhan Diwas’ every year, which commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India. On November 26, 1949, the Constitution was adopted, and it came into effect on January 26, 1950.

National Organ Donation Day: 27th November
National Organ Donation Day is being celebrated on 27th of November every year in our country since 2010.