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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UK Unveiled Commemorative Coin Featuring Mahatma Gandhi

- The **United Kingdom (UK)** has unveiled a new 5-pound commemorative coin to honour the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi during this Diwali.
- It was unveiled by **UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak**. The final design of the coin was selected by him.

'First Movers Coalition'

- The **Amazon and Apple along with India's Mahindra Group and Dalmia Cement (Bharat)** have joined as founding members of the 'First Movers Coalition'.
- The 'First Movers Coalition' will work **to fulfill the demand for zero-carbon technologies**.

India Launched 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica

- 23 scientists are there in the **first batch of its contingents**.
- **Both the scientist and the support staff** reached the Indian Antarctic station Maitri.

Google for India Event 2021

- The event focussed on **making the internet a safe medium for Indians in order to empower** them to perform well in the digital era.
- The event has bought **India-centric features to the product portfolio of Google**.

NATIONAL NEWS

'Sardar Patel Leadership Centre'

- It was dedicated at **Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)** in Mussoorie.
- The centre was inaugurated on the **occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas which is the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** on 31st Oct 2021.

PM Modi Visit to Kedarnath, Uttarakhand

- **Prime Minister Modi visited Kedarnath, Uttarakhand**. During his visit, he offered prayers at the Kedarnath Temple.
- The projects worth **Rs 130 crores for Kedarnath** were also launched by PM Modi.

PM Modi to Lay the Foundation Stone for 4 Laning of Two Highways

- The **event will observe the participation of Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari** and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Uddhav Thackeray.
- The Sant Dnyaneshwar **Maharaj Palkhi Marg will be 221 km and will be from Diveghat to Mohol**.

'Grow your Business Hub' and 'Grow your Business Playbook'

- Meta has also launched **'Grow Your Business Playbook'** which is a book to help SMBs to set up offline to online journeys and boost sales records.
- Both the initiatives were launched at **Meta's inaugural edition of the 'Grow Your Business Summit'**.

PM Modi launched 2 Customer Focused Initiatives of RBI

- **He has launched:** (a) RBI Retail Direct (RBI-RD) Scheme (b) Reserve Bank- Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RBI-IOS).
- Both the schemes will **grant easy access to capital markets, and secure investment**.

IIT Guwahati partnered with Oil India Limited

- The partnership will prove beneficial **to oil and gas companies as new technologies will have emerged for them**.

- Both entities will ensure the **transfer of existing technologies, knowledge, and innovation between them.**

'Tech NEEV@75'

- The STI will help **to promote the culture of Science, Technology, and Innovation** among the tribal community and will lead to their overall development.
- The 'Tech NEEV@75' is a **year-long celebration event and promotes the impact of STI on the economy.**

'Pakke Declaration' on Climate Change was Adopted by Arunachal Pradesh

- The **Arunachal Pradesh government has approved and adopted the 'Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh'.**
- This declaration aims **to have climate-resilient development in Arunachal Pradesh.**

AIM partnered with Vigyan Prasara

- They have partnered **to execute synergies between AIM's Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and Engage With Science (EWS),** which is Vigyan Prasara's unique interactivity platform.
- The EWS will onboard all **ATL-based schools and will grant perennial activities to the students, teachers, and Principals.**

Bajaj Allianz partnered with TropoGo

- They have partnered **to distribute one-of-its-kind drone insurance products.**
- The insurance product will **cover damage to the drone and payload it carries.**

Bharat Gaurav Policy Introduced by Railway Ministry

- The **Bharat Gaurav Trains are theme-based tourist circuit trains** that will be run by both the private sector and the IRCTC.
- The policy aims **to attract tourists and promote the tourism sector in India.**

BANKING

ADB approved Loan to Support NICDP

- This loan is the **first subprogram of the \$500 million loans** which will be used to develop 11 industrial corridors in 17 states.
- The NICDP aims to **develop world-class industrial nodes which will lead to having efficient urban agglomerations and will impart multimodal connectivity.**

SBI Easy Ride

- Under the scheme, the customers can opt **for two-wheeler loans in a digital manner via the YONO app.** They will not have to visit the bank branch to avail this loan.

- Under the 'SBI Easy Ride' scheme, **customers can opt for loans upto Rs 3 lakh at a competitive interest rate of 10.5% per annum** onwards for a maximum tenure of 4 years.

RBI named Bandhan Bank as an Agency Bank

- The Bandhan bank has joined the **list of several other private banks in the list of agency banks.**
- The bank will now **perform works related to GST, VAT, and the collection of state taxes.**

ICICI Lombard Partnered with Vega Helmets

- The **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co Ltd has partnered with Vega Helmets.** They have partnered to enhance road safety awareness and give public the habit of protecting themselves while driving.
- Under the partnership, the **ICICI Lombard will offer personal accident policy insurance on every online purchase of Vega Hemet.**

RBI Released Revised PCA Framework

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework.** It is released for banks to have supervisory intervention at correct and appropriate time.
- The revised PCA framework will **act as an effective tool for gaining market discipline.**

'SafeCard'--- Tokenisation Solution by PhonePe

- The **Credit/Debit card details are stored by merchants for ease of payment** because of Card-on-File (CoF).
- Due to 'SafeCard' the users of **PhonePe and merchant partners can experience the convenience of saved card transactions in a secured manner.**

India's GDP to be at 10-10.5% in FY22-- Brickwork Ratings

- The **Brickwork Ratings has estimated that India's GDP for FY 2021-22 i.e. FY22 will be at 10-10.5%.**
- It states that **GDP growth for Q2 FY22 to be at 8.3% (year-on-year).** There will be a 7.4% contraction in Q2FY21.

ESAF partnered with NABARD

- The **ESAF and NABARD have framed the Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Programme** which will be executed at the state level.
- The program will help **to develop financial literacy at basic levels.**

Liberty General Insurance Ltd partnered with PhonePe

- They have partnered **to offer motor insurance via a digital platform.**
- **Liberty General Insurance's motor insurance policy** will be provided through the PhonePe platform.

HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation

- The **Reserve Bank of India** launched 'HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation' which is the first global hackathon.
- It aims to **enhance ease of payments and user experience in digital payment methodology**.

Rules Imposed on Babaji Date Mahila Sahakri Bank by RBI

- The RBI has capped the **withdrawal limit for the bank customers at Rs 5000**.
- The reason behind this action is the **deterioration in the lender's financial situation**.

UCO Bank signed Co-Lending Agreement with Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

- The co-lending agreement was signed to **offer affordable home loans at competitive interest rates**.
- The partnership aims to **reach a large section of society with efficient home finance solutions**.

'Digital Payment Gateway'

- The 'Digital Payment Gateway' will enable **digital payment across NIXI's business units as it will integrate payment gateways** on all its websites.
- This will provide a **real-time payment facility, uninterrupted payment services** to the customers of NIXI.

NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd partnered with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

- The **NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd is the subsidiary** of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- In the ClickPay facility, a payment link is sent to customers. The link is used to **make easy bill payments like utility bills, EMIs, insurance premiums, and many more**.

BharatPe Launched World's 1st MSP

- The program is worth **\$100 million**.
- Under the program, **BharatPe will offer its merchant partners and customers** an opportunity to purchase BharatPe's equity shares.

IPPB, DoP and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Partnered

- The tripartite partnership was made to **launch two insurance products in rural parts of India**.
- Under the partnership, the **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company will offer term and annuity products** to the people using IPPB's network.

SBI signed Co-Lending Agreement with U GRO Capital

- Under this agreement, **finance solutions will be provided to MSMEs**.
- **Both SBI and U GRO Capital will disburse up to Rs 500 crore** by March 2022 in order to provide credit to MSMEs.

'Indus Merchant Solutions' App

- The IndusInd Bank launched '**Indus Merchant Solutions**' which is a mobile application.
- It is launched for **merchants, retailers, and professionals to perform banking transactions in a digital manner.**

SIDBI partnered with Google

- They have collaborated to **launch a \$15 million (about Rs 110 crore) financial assistance program.**
- This will allow the **MSME's to avail loans from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 1 crore at affordable, competitive interest rates.**

India's GDP to be at 9.5% in 2021-22-- UBS Securities

- As per the firm, **India's GDP is to be at 9.5% in 2021-22 (FY22).**
- Earlier it had an estimated **GDP of 8.9% for the same.**

SBI signed Strategic Agreement with Jamshedpur Football Club

- The Jamshedpur Football Club, **a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Steel.**
- They have signed **an agreement to support and promote football sport in India.**

Micro Credit Facility for Street Vendors

- The bank will facilitate **PM SVANidhi for its village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs)** on the digital sewa portal.
- On this portal, **vendors will complete the process in an online manner.**

BFSL partnered with NPCI

- The BoB Credit Cards in **two variants namely Easy and Premier will be launched on the RuPay platform.**
- **Both variants of credit cards were launched on the JCB International Network** to support global acceptance.

AIIB approves Loan for Implementing SUSP for the Chennai Metropolitan Area

- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a loan for India** to implement the Sustainable Urban Services Program (SUSP) for the Chennai metropolitan area (CMA).
- A loan of **USD 150 million was granted for the same.**

IDFC First Bank partnered with HPCL

- The partnership was made **for enabling FASTag customers of the bank to facilitate fuel payment of passenger vehicles** at retail outlets of HPCL, by using IDFC First bank's FASTags via the HP Pay app.
- Through this partnership, **the customers can also purchase, recharge or replace IDFC First bank's FASTags at the outlets of HPCL.**

World Bank's Remittance Prices Worldwide Database

- The World Bank has released the report titled 'World Bank's Remittance Prices Worldwide Database'.
- As per the report, **India became the world's largest recipient of remittances**, as the country has received USD 87 billion in 2021.

India's GDP to be in the Range of 9.3%-9.6% for FY22—SBI Ecowrap

- As per SBI Ecowrap, **India's GDP growth to be in the range of 9.3%-9.6%** for FY22 i.e. FY 2021-22.
- The reason behind increasing the range is a **reduction in COVID-19 cases and recovery rate as well.**

'Trade Emerge'--ICICI Bank

- The 'Trade Emerge' is launched **for Indian exporters and importers so that they can avail themselves of digital banking** and value-added services from ICICI.
- Due to this platform, **cross-border trade will become hassle-free, by offering convenient and expeditious solutions to the exporters and importers.**

World Bank Offered Loan of \$250 Million for Andhra Pradesh

- The loan agreement was signed among, **Government of India, Andhra Pradesh Government, and World Bank** to improve the education quality in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- In this regard, the **loan agreement worth \$250 million was signed amongst the entities.**

Equitas SFB partnered with HDFC Bank

- The new **co-branded credit cards will provide the company** with the facilities of banking.
- The card is available in **two variants namely 'Excite Credit Card' and 'Elegance Credit Card'.**

RBI Revealed a Draft Scheme for Amalgamating PMC Bank with USFB

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revealed a draft scheme that describes amalgamating the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank with the Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd (USFB)**, based in Delhi.
- Due to amalgamation, **a greater degree of protection to the depositors of PMC bank will be granted.**

India's GDP to be at 9.3% for FY22—Moody's Rating Agency

- The **rating agency named Moody's Investors Service has released its report** in which it projects India's GDP forecast for FY22 and FY23.
- It expects that **India's economic growth to rebound strongly with a GDP growth of 9.3% for the fiscal year 2022 (ending on 31 March 2022).**

ADB Approved \$1.5 billion Loan for GOI

- **Around 66.7 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses will be procured by the country** with this amount of funds.
- **Around 31.7 crore people will be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the vaccines purchased by using the loan amount granted by ADB.**

Internal Ombudsman Mechanism for Select NBFCs- Introduced by RBI

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has introduced an **internal Ombudsman mechanism** for select Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- As per this mechanism, the **deposit-taking NBFCs with 10 or more branches and non-deposit-taking NBFCs having an assets size of Rs5,000 crore** and above should have an Internal Ombudsman (IO).

EXIM Bank to Offer \$100 million Loan for COVID-19 Vaccines in FY22

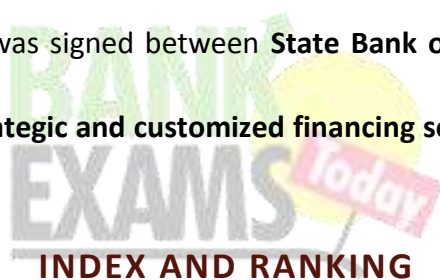
- The loan will be **extended to about half a dozen drug makers** in India during FY22.
- The bank has also assured to **extend a \$250 million credit line to Africa**.

Fedo HSA—Health Saving Account

- The **AI-driven health tech company** named 'Fedo' has launched India's **first-of-its-kind Health Saving Account (HSA)** with the name 'Fedo HSA'.
- The 'Fedo HSA' offers a **saving account with smart saving insurance, health credit, and debit card** which is associated with various health benefits and rewards.

Co-lending Agreement signed Between SBI and CGCL

- The co-lending arrangement was signed between **State Bank of India (SBI)** and **Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL)**.
- Both the entities will **offer strategic and customized financing solutions to the underserved MSMEs** in the country.



QS Asia University Ranking 2022

- The **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** has released **QS Asia University Rankings 2022**. The ranking is topped by National University of Singapore.
- The 2nd position is marked by **China's Peking University**.

LEADS 2021 Index

- This is the **3rd edition of the index report which defines methods to identify logistics infrastructure and services in India**. The survey to rank the states and UTs were made from May to August 2021.
- Around **21 indicators were considered to rank the states and UTs**.

Global Drug Policy Index

- The **Global Drug Policy Index** was released by Harm Reduction Consortium.
- The 1st position is marked by **Norway with a score of 74 out of 100**.

Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2022

- The **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2022** was released by German-watch along with Climate Action Network (CAN) and New Climate Institute.
- It was released on the sidelines of the **26th session of the Conference of the Parties (CoP26) to the UNFCCC**.

IQAir Air Quality Index

- The **IQAir Air Quality Index** was released, which gives the ranks for the cities in the world as per their pollution content in the air.
- Indian cities namely, **Delhi, Kolkata, and Mumbai** are the top ten most polluted cities of the world.

2021 TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix (TRACE Matrix)

- India is ranked at **82nd position with a risk score of 44** in the **2021 TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix**.
- India ranked at **77th position** in last year's ranking for the same, thus **India has slipped five places down in the ranking**.

IPF Smart Policing Index 2021

- The index was topped by **Andhra Pradesh Police** with an overall score of **8.11 out of 10**.
- The **2nd and 3rd positions** were marked by **Telangana Police** and **Assam Police** respectively.

1st SDG Urban Index and Dashboard 2021-22

- The index helps to **measure SDG progress at the Urban Local Body (ULB) level**.
- The index is framed by **NITI Aayog** in partnership with **GIZ** and **BMZ** under the umbrella of **Indo-German Development Cooperation**.

National Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021

- The report is based on **National Family Health Survey 4**, which was conducted in **2015-16** by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS).
- It is based on **3 dimensions** namely, **Health, Education, and Standard of Living**. These **3 dimensions** are represented by **12 indicators**.

REPORTS

Kantar's BrandZ India 2021 Report

- **Kantar's BrandZ India 2021** report was released.
- In the report, **Amazon, Tata Tea, and Asian Paints** are the most purposeful brands in India under their own categories.

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APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
Rahul Dravid	Head Coach of Indian men's cricket team by BCCI
Arun Chawla	New director-general of Industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
Partha Satpathy	India's ambassador to Hungary
Sanjay Bhattacharyya	India's ambassador to Switzerland
Ajaneesh Kumar	India's ambassador to Estonia
Zubeen Garg	Brand ambassador for the Bandhan Bank in Assam
CS Venkatakrishnan	New CEO of Barclays
Morinari Watanabe	President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG)
Justice Ashok Bhushan	Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal
Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan	Chief of Staff of Western Naval Command
Rajib Kumar Mishra	CMD of PTC India Ltd (Power Trading Corporation of India Limited)
Amitabh Bachchan	Brand Ambassador for Amway India
Mohammed Siraj	Brand Ambassador of My11Circle
Spaniard Daniel del Valle	High Representative for Youth by International Human Rights Foundation (IHRF)
Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar	Next Chief of the Naval Staff
Fumio Kishida	Prime Minister of Japan
Kapil Dev	Brand ambassador of Novo Nordisk India to create awareness on having better diabetes management and early insulin adoption
Satya Narayan Pradhan	DG of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
Jose Daniel Ortega Saavedra	President of Nicaragua
Daniel Brul	Goodwill Ambassador for the UN World Food Programme (UNWFP)
Rahul Dravid	Brand ambassador of Children's footwear brand Plaeto
Professor Bimal Patel	International Law Commission for a tenure of five-year commencing 1st Jan 2023
Pramod Chandra Mody	Secretary-General Rajya Sabha
Vidya Jayant Kulkarni, Ghanshyam Upadhyaya, and Nawal Bajaj	Joint Directors in the Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI)
Sourav Ganguly	Chairman of the ICC men's Cricket Committee
VVS Laxman	Head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA)
Shombi Sharp	UN Resident Coordinator in India
Geoff Allardice	Permanent CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC)
Rumen Radev	Presidential elections of Bulgaria for the second term

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MC Mary Kom	Brand ambassador of the TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav
Inspector General Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi (from UAE)	President of Interpol (International Criminal Police Organisation)
Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah	PM of Kuwait
Sourav Ganguly	Brand ambassador of the Magik range of LED from Century LED Limited
Rajnish Kumar	Independent non-executive director of Hero MotoCorp
Petr Fiala	Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
Vivek Johri	Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
Parag Agrawal	CEO of Twitter
Admiral R Hari Kumar	New Chief of the Indian Navy
Harshwanti Bisht	First woman President of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF)

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Awards	Awardee
Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Lieutenant Colonel Servesh Dhadwal and Colonel Amit Bisht
Ezhuthachan Award 2021	P Valsala
Basavashree award 2021 by the Bruhanmutt	Puneeth Rajkumar (Kannada actor)
'Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020'	Priyanka Mohite
2021 JCB prize for Literature, for his book titled 'Delhi: A Soliloquy	M Mukundan (Author)
17th annual Kids Rights International Children's Peace Prize for recycling household waste and tackling pollution	Vihaan and Nav Agarwal (Delhi-based teenage brothers)
'Regional Rural Banks' category award by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)	Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)
12th Manipur State Award for Literature 2020 for his book titled 'Ei Amadi Adungeigi lthat' (I and the then island)	Beryl Thanga (Novelist)
Indian Film Personality of the Year award at the International Film Festival of India 2021	Hema Malini (Actor and BJP leader) and Prasoon Joshi (Lyricist)
Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021 by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council	Prakash Padukone (Indian Badminton Player)
Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021	Anita Desai (Author)
Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2021 for its contribution to promoting the scope of education in India	Pratham NGO
1st Indian to be honoured with the Knighthood of	Dr. S K Sohan Roy

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Parte Guelfa	
Pharma and Medical Device Startup India Grand Challenge 2021	Sascan Meditech

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
1 st November 2021	World Vegan Day	--
2 nd November 2021	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	--
2 nd November 2021	National Ayurveda Day	--
5 th November 2021	World Tsunami Awareness Day	--
6 th November 2021	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	--
7 th November 2021	National Cancer Awareness Day	--
7 th November 2021	Infant Protection Day	--
8 th November 2021	World Urbanism Day or World Town Planning Day	--
8 th November 2021	International Day of Radiology	Theme: Interventional Radiology – Active care for the patient
9 th November 2021	National Legal Services Day	--
9 th November to 14 th November 2021	International Week of Science and Peace	--
10 th November 2021	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Theme: Building Climate-Ready Communities
11 th November 2021	National Education Day	--
12 th November 2021	Public Service Broadcasting Day	--
12 th November 2021	World Pneumonia Day	--
14 th November 2021	World Diabetes Day	Theme: Access to Diabetes Care
14 th November 2021	Children's Day	--
15 th November to 21 st November 2021	National Newborn Week	Theme: 'Safety, quality and nurturing care – the birthright of every newborn'
16 th November 2021	International Day for Tolerance	--
16 th November 2021	National Press Day	--
17 th November 2021	World COPD Day	Theme: Healthy Lungs – Never More Important
17 th November 2021	National Epilepsy Day	Theme: 'National Epilepsy Awareness Month'
18 th November 2021	National Naturopathy Day	--
18 th November 2021	World Philosophy Day	--
18 th November to 24 th November	World Antimicrobial Awareness	Theme: 'Spread Awareness, Stop

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2021	Week	Resistance'
19 th November 2021	World Toilet Day	Theme: 'valuing toilets'
19 th November 2021	552nd Guru Nanak Jayanti	--
20 th November 2021	World Children's Day	Theme: A Better Future for Every Child
21 st November 2021	World Fisheries Day	--
21 st November 2021	World Television Day	--
21 st November 2021	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	Theme: 'ACT for LOW SPEEDS /ACT for LOW-SPEED STREETS'
24 th November 2021	Lachit Divas	--
24 th November 2021	Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur	--
25 th November 2021	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	Theme: 'Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!'
26 th November 2021	Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas	--
26 th November 2021	National Milk Day	--
27 th November 2021	National Organ Donation Day	--
28 th November 2021	National Cadet Corps (NCC) 73rd Raising Day	--
29 th November 2021	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	--
30 th November 2021	Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare	--

MOUS SIGNED

Axis Bank signed MoU with Indian Navy

- The Axis Bank has signed MoU with the **Indian Navy to offer a defence service salary package.**
- The name of the **defence service salary package** is **Power Salute.**

India & World Bank signed Agreement for Health System of Meghalaya

- The agreement was signed for **Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project (MHSSP).**
- The MHSSP aims to enhance the **quality of health service and strengthen capacity to manage future health** emergencies like COVID-19 in the state.

MoRD signed MoU with Flipkart

- The MoU was signed **for the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM).**
- Under the MoU, both entities will work **to empower local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs).**

NDDDB signed Agreement with Uttar Pradesh

- The partnership will help **to support and promote the dairy sector in the state and will provide required** economic resilience to the dairy farmers.
- This will also double the **farmer's income and will motivate non-dairy farmers to include milk productions.**

Two Agreements Signed Between India and Gambia

- **India and the Gambia have signed two agreements** to enhance their bilateral relations.
- Also, the request by the **Gambia for procuring the dialysis machine was also approved by a repurposing grant of USD 5,00,000.**

Assam signed MoU with World Bank

- In this regard, the **MoU was signed between the state's Inland Water Transport (IWT) and World Bank.**
- A loan of **Rs 770 crore was sanctioned for the same.**

Indian Army signed MoU with University of Kashmir

- The **Indian Army's Chinar Corps which is based in Srinagar** has signed an MoU with the University of Kashmir.
- The MoU was signed **to open a system or provision for the soldiers to take educational courses through distance learning mode.**

India and Israel signed Bilateral Innovation Agreement

- **India and Israel signed bilateral innovation agreements** to perform innovation and enhance R&D activities by startups and MSMEs of both countries.
- Under the agreement, **both countries will develop dual-use technologies.**

Tourism Ministry signed MoU with IRCTC

- The MoU was signed **to enhance ongoing efforts by the ministry to strengthen the Hospitality & Tourism Industry in India.**
- The MoU aims **to grant visibility to accommodation units, which have self-certified themselves on SAATHI** i.e. System for Assessment, Awareness & Training for the Hospitality Industry. The visibility will be granted on the OTA platform.

GOI signed Loan Pact with ADB

- The **Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have entered into a loan agreement for development projects in Agartala, Tripura.
- The loan agreement worth **\$61 million (around Rs 454 crore) was signed for the same.**

SBI signed MoU with PONLAIT

- The MoU was signed to offer loan support to individual dairy farmers.
- The loan will be disbursed under the SAFAL (simple and fast agriculture loan) scheme of SBI.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

'Dairy Sahakar' Scheme

- The funds of Rs 5000 crore are sanctioned for the scheme.
- It will be implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under the Ministry of Cooperation.

'Samudrayan Project'

- The 'Samudrayan project' is India's First Manned Ocean Mission.
- It was launched at the National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai.

Empowerment of Women Through Legal Awareness

- The program titled 'Empowerment of Women through Legal Awareness' was launched by National Commission for Women (NCW) and National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- Under the program, practical knowledge about legal rights and remedies will be delivered under women-related laws.

'Whistle-blower Portal'

- It was launched as part of the celebration of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2021'.
- The launching of the portal was made by the CMD of IREDA, Pradip Kumar Das.

Bhasha Sangam Initiative, Bhasha Sangam App

- The Ministry of Education has developed the Bhasha Sangam initiative under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.
- This initiative aims to teach basic sentences of daily usage in 22 Indian languages to the students.

Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana

- The scheme is framed for school going children who wish to become doctors, engineers, civil servants or serve any other government jobs in future.
- The students whose parents annual income is upto Rs 8 lakhs can avail the benefit of the scheme.

'Janasevaka' Scheme-- Karnataka

- The scheme offers 58 government services at the doorstep of citizens of the state.
- During the first phase, the scheme will be rolled out in 198 municipal wards in Bengaluru.

Mukhyamantri Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana

- **Union Home Minister, Amit Shah** launched **Mukhyamantri Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana** and computerization of cooperative societies in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- Under the scheme, nutritious fodder which **also known as cattle feed will be provided in vacuum packed bags of 25-30 kg to the cattle owners.**

Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project

- The **Union Power Minister R K Singh** inaugurated the diversion of the Marusudar River of Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project in Kishtwar, J&K in a virtual manner.
- The project will help **to attain the target of 450 GW Renewable energy by 2030.**

DBT Star College Mentorship Programme

- The **'DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme'** is the first-ever mentorship program launched for young innovators in India.
- The program was also launched **to celebrate the 75th year of India's Independence.**

Shramik Mitra Scheme-- Delhi

- The **government of Delhi** launched the Shramik Mitra scheme.
- The scheme aims **to make aware the construction workers about the government schemes launched for them and their families.**

Rakshak Initiative – Odisha

- The Rakshak is a road safety initiative that aims **to train first responders in road accidents.**
- Under the initiative, **30,000 first responders will be trained by 300 master trainers.** It will be executed in 30 districts of the state.

'Citizen's Tele-Law Mobile App'

- During the launch, **he also felicitated the Tele-Law Frontline Functionaries.** The event was organized by the Department of Justice.
- The **124 Frontline functionaries were felicitated which included Para legal volunteers, village level entrepreneurs, panel lawyers, and state coordinators.**

'Ration Aapke Gram' Scheme and 'Sickle Cell Mission' Launched

- The 'Ration Aapke Gram' aims **to provide monthly PDS ration to the beneficiaries belonging to janjatiya community.**
- The 'Sickle Cell Mission' aims **to perform health checkups of people suffering from sickle cell anemia, Thalassemia, and other Hemoglobinopathies.**

Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign

- The campaign aims **to enhance the reach of benefits of Kisan Credit Card to eligible farmers in India.**

- The campaign will be **executed for 3 months commencing** from 15th Nov 2021.

Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana--- Madhya Pradesh

- The scheme aims **to connect the state's educated youth community to self-employment.**
- The scheme was launched **for the youth with a minimum qualification of 12th pass** to the age between 18 to 40 years.

Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Service Sector

- The SCLCSS aims **to promote entrepreneurship skills and opportunities in the MSME sector** in the North-Eastern Region of the country.
- Under the scheme, the **technology-related requirements of enterprises working in the service sector will be fulfilled.**

'Tejasvini & Hausla' Schemes and 'Shikhar & Shikara' Schemes

- The Tejaswini Scheme was launched under **Mission Youth and will be implemented by J&K Bank.**
- The Hausla Scheme is by **J&K Trade Promotion Organisation. Both the schemes are launched for women's empowerment.**

'SWADESH'

- The 'SWADESH' is a first of its kind **large-scale multimodal neuroimaging database designed for Indians.**
- It is a **unique brain initiative which is developed by DBT-National Brain Research Centre (DBT-NBRC), Gurgaon, Haryana.**

River Cities Alliance (RCA)

- The alliance is launched **through partnering two entities namely National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and National Institute for Urban Affairs (NIUA).**
- The NMCG comes under **Jal Shakti Ministry and NIUA comes under Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.**

WISER Programme

- The **Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC)** launched the Women's Involvement in Science & Engineering Research (WISER) Programme.
- It aims **to promote gender equality in the R&D domain and involve women specifically in Science and Technology.**

Model Retail Outlet Scheme- Indian Oil, BPCL and HPCL

- The scheme will help **to benchmark Retail Outlet standards and ensure standardized customer facilities in a seamless manner.**
- The scheme will **enhance service standards and amenities at the networks of these 3 oil PSUs.**

DEFENCE

32nd India –Thailand CORPAT

- The Indo-Thai CORPAT was conducted **to enhance maritime security and maritime links between India and Thailand.**
- India was represented by **INS Karmuk which is an indigenously built Missile Corvette.**

6th 'EX SHAKTI 2021'

- India is represented by **Gorkha Rifles Infantry Battalion and France Army is represented by troops of the 21st Marine Infantry Regiment** of the 6th Light Armoured Brigade.
- The navies of **both nations will focus on Counter-Terrorism operations.** They will enhance their interoperability and military cooperation.

SITMEX-21

- The SITMEX is conducted among the **Navies of India, Singapore, and Thailand.**
- India is represented by the **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, which is an indigenously built Missile Corvette.**

15th 'Dosti' Exercise

- The coast guards of three nations conducted the exercise with the aim **to enhance interoperability and cooperation.**
- It was the **15th edition of 'Dost'** and was held in Maldives.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Technology Innovation Group on the 6G Formed

- The **Department of Telecommunication which comes under the Ministry of Communications** has formed a technology innovation group on Sixth Generation (6G).
- The group was formed with an **aim to give a boost to the development activities of 6G technology at the national and global platforms.**

Scheme to Provide 4G Mobile Services in 5 States was Approved

- The services will be **granted in states like Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Odisha.**
- The announcement for the **same was made by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur.**

NASA's DART Mission

- The mission aims **to change the path of an asteroid by intentionally crashing a spacecraft into it.**

- It was launched from **Vandenberg Space Force Base** in **California** atop a **SpaceX Falcon 9** rocket.

AMTRON to Setup Cyber Intelligence COE

- The **Assam Electronics Development Corporation Limited (AMTRON)** has entered into tripartite MoU to set up a **Cyber Intelligence Centre of Excellence (CoE)**.
- The MoU was signed with **Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd, I-Sec Security Services Pvt Ltd** for the same by **AMTRON**.

SPORTS

India won 5 Medals at the Inaugural ISSF President's Cup

- Indian shooters bagged **5 medals** at the inaugural **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President's Cup**.
- The medal tally includes **two Gold, two Silver, and one Bronze**.

2021 Asian Archery Championships

- India won **seven medals** at the event and marked **2nd position** in the medal tally list.
- The medals included **one gold, four silver, and two bronze**.

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

National Conference on 'International Year of Fruits and Vegetables'

- The **National Conference on 'International Year of Fruits and Vegetables'** was addressed by Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**.
- It was organised by the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare** in partnership with the **Food and Agriculture Organization**.

16th G20 Summit

- The leaders assured to achieve climate goals. They have identified **sustainable and responsible consumption and production along with finance** and technology to attain climate goals.
- At the summit, **PM Modi invited G20 Countries to make partnerships with India for economic recovery and supply chain diversification**.

COP26 Glasgow Climate Summit

- The **COP26 Glasgow Climate Summit** was held in **Scotland**.
- At the summit, he highlighted that **India will reach net-zero carbon emission by 2070**.

5th Ganga Utsav 2021

- The festival aims **to celebrate the glory of the river Ganga**. The glory and importance of other rivers will also be celebrated under the festival.
- By doing so, the festival aims **to promote the celebration of 'Nadi Utsav' (River Festival)**.

3rd Edition of Goa Maritime Conclave

- The **Goa Maritime Conclave** is the initiative of the Indian Navy.
- In this conclave, the **non-traditional threats in the Indian Ocean Region** and other issues are discussed.

3rd Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan

- The 'Delhi Declaration' aims **to have a terror-free environment, inclusive government in Afghanistan**.
- The **declaration is also known as 'Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan of National Security Advisers/ Secretaries of Security Council'**.

51st Conference of Governors and Lieutenant Governors

- The conference observed the participation of **Governors and Lieutenant Governors from all states and union territories of India**.
- At the conference, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah** were also present.

14th Cyber Security 'c0c0n' Conference

- The **Kerala Police in association with the Society for the Policing of Cyberspace (POLCYB)** and Information Security Research Association (ISRA) conducted the conference.
- It was held to discuss the **challenges faced in the digital era especially during the pandemic situation and to find the solutions to those challenges**.

WePOWER India Partnership Forum

- The forum aims **to enhance South Asia Women's participation in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER)**.
- The forum observed **the participation of 168 stakeholders associated with the energy and power sectors**.

1st Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals Sector

- The **1st Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals sector** was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi via video conferencing.
- The summit had **12 Sessions in which 40 national and international speakers expressed their views on various subjects like regulatory environment, funding for innovation, industry-academia collaboration, and innovation infrastructure**.

21st Annual Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting of the IORA

- The **21st Annual Council of Ministers (COM) meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)** was held recently in which India participated in a virtual manner.
- The Indian delegation was led by **Minister of State External Affairs, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.**

24th Bengaluru Tech Summit

- The **24th Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS), which is Asia's largest tech event** was held recently and was inaugurated by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu.
- Its motto was to **showcase various technology products and services which will serve the domains like IT, Electronics, Healthcare, IoT, Agriculture, Medicine, etc.**

'Connect 2021'

- The 'Connect 2021' which is the flagship event of the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** is soon to be held.
- The CII aims to **enhance the state's GDP to US\$ 1,000 billion by 2030** through this event.

5th World Congress on Disaster Management

- The WCDM is an initiative of **Disaster Management Initiatives and Convergence Society (DMICS) Hyderabad.**
- It aims to **bring researchers, policymakers, and practitioners across the world together** to discuss issues and challenges faced in disaster risk management.

13th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Summit

- **India was represented by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.** He interacted with the delegates via video conference.
- The countries from **Asia and Europe participated in the summit to discuss regional and global issues** in various sectors.

20th SCO CHG Meeting

- India was represented by **Union External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar.**
- The meeting is held annually to **discuss regional issues and the major focus of this meeting was on the trade, economic growth** and approve its annual budget.