

# MONTHLY ONE-LINER GK DIGEST



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## NATIONAL NEWS

### KRIBHCO partnered with CSC

- The partnership aims **to provide farmers with access to fertilizers and agricultural supplies.**
- **Access to fertilizers and agricultural supplies will be granted** via a network of four lakh rural entrepreneurs.

### 2 Long Haul Freight Trains 'Trishul' and 'Garuda' were Launched

- These long-haul **freight trains are twice or multiple times longer** than the normal freight trains.
- They will help to **solve the problem of capacity constraints in critical sections.**

### Development Projects in Andaman & Nicobar Island

- The projects were launched from the **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**
- The **14 number projects were inaugurated** which cost Rs 299 crore.

### **NITI Aayog partnered with ISRO**

- It was **launched by NITI Aayog in partnership with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** and the Energy Ministries of the Government of India.
- The **Geospatial Energy Map of India will provide an image of all energy resources of India.**

### **Dvara E-Dairy partnered with Jana SFB**

- The partnership will help **to empower small and medium dairy farmers with finance and cattle management solutions.**
- The services and support will be **provided using digital technologies.**

### **Rupifi partnered with Flipkart Wholesale**

- They have partnered **to provide Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) facility to the MSMEs.**
- They will offer **MSMEs instant credit in a digital manner** with flexible repayable options and terms.

### **'Innovations for You' Digi-book**

- The **'Innovations for You' is NITI Aayog's initiative** which shares the success stories of AIM's Startups.
- The book was launched as a **motivational platform for upcoming entrepreneurs so that they get nourished to leverage their skills and abilities to address pressing challenges in India.**

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## **BANKING**

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### **Stellapps partnered with Airtel Payments Bank**

- The partnership will reduce the **work of farmers to travel to the ATM or bank branch to withdraw or deposit the cash.**
- Under this partnership, **the stellapps milk collection center will act as a banking point.**

### **RBI removed IOB from PCAF**

- The reason behind taking out of PCAF was that the **bank has performed in compliance with PCA parameters and features.**
- The performance overview of the **IOB was made and hence the decision was taken by the central ban.**

### **New Auto-Debit Rules Set by RBI**

- The new auto-debit rules have **commenced from 1st Oct 2021.**
- The rules aim **to strengthen the safety and security of card transactions and protect the customers from fraudulent transactions.** This will enhance the customer experience.

### **World Bank to Support Chennai's Sustainable Urban Services**

- In this regard, the **World Bank has approved about \$150 million** programs for Chennai.

- It will help Tamil Nadu to transform Chennai into green, liveable, and resilient towards climate change.

#### NAV-eCash Card

- The **NAV-eCash Card is based on dual-chip technology** which will enable it to be used in both online and offline transactions methods.
- It will also eradicate the **difficulty faced by the officer to handle physical cash during deployment of the ship at high seas.**

#### NARCL Received Approval from RBI to Register as an ARC

- The NARCL is seeking to **turn around bad loans of Rs 2 trillion.**
- The central bank granted the **license under Section 3 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002.**

#### 'Supreme'—A Current Account for NRIs

- The **ESAF Small Finance Bank has launched 'Supreme'** which is a Current account product for Non – Resident Indians (NRIs).
- Features like hassle-free banking enhanced **ATM cash withdrawal limit of Rs 50,000 per day, POS transaction limit of Rs.80,000 per day,** and e-commerce transaction limit of Rs 20,000 per day in India are provided by the 'Supreme'.

#### BharatPe enters into BNBL Segment with the Launch of Postpe

- The new segment will allow customers with the **credit to buy now but pay later from anywhere in an online or offline manner.**
- The credit will be provided by **postpe and the customers will have to download the app from the play store.**

#### RBI's Monetary Policy Committee Decisions

- The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) fourth bi-monthly policy meet** for FY 2021-22 took place.
- It was headed by **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and he has maintained the status quo.**

#### NABARD sanctioned Rs 303 Crore to Odisha

- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has sanctioned Rs 303 crore to the government of Odisha.
- The funds were sanctioned under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) facility of NABARD.**

#### Federal Bank partnered with CredAvenue

- The partnership was made **to have portfolio management of its securitization book.**
- These assets will be enabled with **CredPool, which is CredAvenue's end-to-end securitization and portfolio buyouts and fulfillment solutions platform.**

### 'I-Sprint'21'—IFSCA and GIFT City

- The I-Sprint'21 is the **global FinTech Hackathon Series S'print01: BankTech'**.
- It focuses on **fintech for the banking sector**.

### '6S Campaign'-- Punjab National Bank (PNB)

- The bank aims to **provide financial services at a concessional rate to its customers during the festival season**.
- The campaign encapsulates different schemes namely: **Swabhiman, Samruddhi, Sampark and Shikhar, Sankalp, and Swagat**.

### India's GDP to be at 9.1% for FY 2021-22—FICCI

- As per the survey, **India's GDP is expected to grow at 9.1% in 2021-22**.
- The organisation conducted the **survey in Sep 2021**.

### 'Bharti AXA Life Unnati'

- It provides dual **benefits of savings and protection in one single plan** to the individuals.
- It provides **four plan options and the individual can select flexible premium payment terms**.

### Ezetap partnered with Axis Bank

- The app will also motivate the **merchants by providing them rewards upon attaining certain digital payment goals**.
- Under the partnership, **Axis Bank will provide a digital payment management function to the merchants**.

### Indian Economy to Grow by 9.5% in FY 22-- IMF

- As per **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, **India's economy** to grow by 9.5% in FY 2021-22 i.e. FY22.
- It has also been projected that **India's economy will grow by 8.5% in FY23**.

### 'ePLI bond'

- The **Department of Posts** has launched the **digital version of 'ePLI bond'**. The 'ePLI bond' was launched in partnership with Digilocker.
- The user will be able to **download a digital copy of policy bond from Digilocker**.

### U GRO Capital Partnered with Kinara Capital

- The loans will be provided to the **MSMEs dealing in manufacturing, trading, services domains**.
- The loan amount in between **Rs 1 lakh and Rs 30 lakh with a tenure of 12-60 months** will be provided to the MSME.

### Vested Finance partnered with SBM Bank

- **Vested Finance is the entity that enables Indians to invest in foreign stocks** and SBM Bank is the Indian subsidiary of the State Bank of Mauritius.
- They have partnered to launch **'Vested Direct'** which is a solution to provide forex transfers at affordable prices.

#### **'UFill'-- BPCL**

- The technology will ensure that the **customers avail better experience at outlets.**
- The technology provides **customers with control of fueling at outlets, which grants them a swift, secure and smart experience.**

#### **RBI Imposed Penalty on SBI**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a **monetary penalty on the State Bank of India (SBI).**
- A penalty of **Rs 1 crore was imposed on SBI.**

#### **Sri Lanka Seeks Loan from India**

- Currently, **Sri Lanka is facing a severe foreign exchange crisis because the pandemic** has badly hit the economy of the island nation.
- The credit line of **USD 500 million is a part of the India-Sri Lanka economic partnership.**

#### **'NSE- Shine'**

- The platform was inaugurated by the **Executive Director of SEBI, VS Sundaresan.**
- The **'NSE –Shine'** will offer a **data framework for bullion bar integrity for the purpose of settlement of gold derivatives contracts.**

#### **RBI Imposed Fine on Standard Chartered Bank**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine on **Standard Chartered Bank.**
- A fine of **Rs 1.95 crore was imposed on the bank.**

#### **Rupifi partnered with Muthoot Finance**

- They have partnered to **provide instant credit support to 15 million SMEs.**
- The Rupifi is the **Digital business-to-business payment startup for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).**

#### **NABARD Sanctioned Rs 608 crore for Assam Infrastructure Projects**

- The NABARD has sanctioned **Rs 608 crore for the same.**
- The infrastructure **projects include constructing 52 rural roads, 21 rural bridges, developing 19 flood protection projects,** and 32 soil conservation projects.

#### **RBI imposed Penalty Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)**

- A penalty of **Rs 1 crore was imposed on PPBL.**



- The penalty was imposed **due to violations of certain rules under Section 26 (2)** of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

#### **NPCI Launched NTS Platform**

- It will support the **tokenization of RuPay cards in order to grant safety and security** to the users during shopping.
- Under this platform, **NPCI will offer Token Reference On File (TROF) service. This service will maintain the security of financial data.** The card details will remain safe at the RuPay Network Secure vault.

#### **Bharti AXA Life signed Bancassurance Partnership with Utkarsh SFB**

- The bancassurance pact was signed **to distribute insurance products via the bank's network in India.**
- Due to this collaboration, **Bharti AXA life will be able to reach Tier II and Tier III markets in India** and sell their insurance products.

#### **ITILITE Partnered with ICICI Bank**

- They have partnered **to issue commercial credit cards to businesses in India.**
- Due to this partnership, **the companies can avail 'ICICI Bank Central Travel Account Card (CTA card)'**.

#### **RBI proposed Minimum 11.5% Capital for Four AIFIs**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed a **minimum of 11.5% capital for four All India Financial Institutions (AIFI).**
- This minimum capital is in accordance with the **Basel III framework to raise the resilience of AIFI in periods of stress.**

#### **RBI Introduced Revised Scale-Based Regulatory Framework for NBFCs**

- It covers various **facets of regulation of NBFCs like capital requirements, governance standards, prudential regulation, etc.**
- It is having **4 layers as per the size, activity, complexity, and interconnectedness** with the finance sector.

#### **'Ka-ching' Credit Card--By KMBL and IndiGo Airlines**

- The 'Ka-ching' co-branded credit card will be **available in two variants, namely 6E Rewards, and 6E Rewards XL.**
- The cardholders will be **benefited during domestic and international travel.**

#### **HDFC Bank partnered with IPPB**

- The HDFC bank entered into a **strategic partnership with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).**
- Due to this partnership, **personal finance facilities like home loans will be available through post offices in villages of India.**

### **'BeFit' - A cashless OPD and Wellness Services**

- The 'BeFit' solution will provide customers coverage for their complete OPD requirements in a cashless manner.
- Using this solution, the customers can avail themselves of an array of coverage across physical and virtual consultation which is available 24x7.

### **India and ADB signed a \$4.5 million PRF Loan**

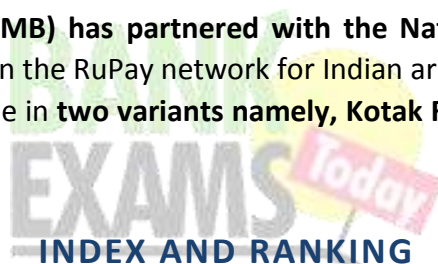
- The Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have entered to sign a \$4.5 million project readiness financing (PRF) loan.
- The loan will support developing projects to enhance urban mobility in Aizawl in Mizoram.

### **GOI and ADB signed Loan Agreement for MAGNET Project**

- The GOI and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a loan agreement for the Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) Project.
- The loan agreement of \$100 million was signed.

### **KMB partnered with NPCI**

- The Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch credit cards on the RuPay network for Indian armed forces personnel.
- The Veer credit card is available in two variants namely, Kotak RuPay Veer Platinum and Kotak RuPay Veer Select.



### **Digital Quality of Life Index 2021**

- The 'Digital Quality of Life Index (DQL) 2021' was released by 'Surfshark' which is a cybersecurity firm.
- The first rank was marked by Denmark.

### **Henley Passport Index 2021**

- The ranking for the Henley Passport Index 2021 was released. It is prepared by Henley and Partners, which is a global citizenship and residence advisory firm based in London.
- As per the ranking, India is ranked at 90th position, it has slipped by six places from last year.

### **Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index**

- This was the 58th edition of the index. It ranks the world's top 40 markets as per their renewable energy investment and deployment opportunities.
- As per the index, India was ranked at 3rd position.



### Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2021

- The Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2021 was released by **Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH) (Germany) and Concern Worldwide (Ireland)**.
- As per the index, India is ranked at **101st position among 116 countries**.

### Mercer Global Pension Index 2021

- **India is ranked at 40th position in the 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey**. India has an index value of 43.3.
- The index is topped by **Iceland with an index value of 84.2**.

### Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021

- The **Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021** was released. It is framed by London-based Economist Impact and sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.
- India is ranked at **71st position in the index with a score of 57.2 points**.

### World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021

- As per the index, **India is ranked at 79th position out of 139 countries**.
- The 1st position is marked by **Denmark**.

### State Energy Efficiency Index 2020

- The index is released by the **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and the Alliance for an Energy-Efficient Economy (AEEE)**.
- **Karnataka** has topped the index ranking by scoring 70 points out of 100.

### Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2021

- The top 3 positions are marked by **Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana in the index**.
- The index mentions the **state government's quality governance and mostly highlighted how the state government** worked to tackle pandemic COVID-19.

## REPORTS

### 'The State of the World's Children 2021' Report Released

- The state of World's Children 2021 report is the **global flagship publication of UNICEF** and so was launched globally.
- The report reveals the **impact of pandemic COVID-19 on the mental health of children**.

### 2021 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Report

- The 2021 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Report was released by **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI)**.
- The report gives an **estimation for multidimensional poverty in 109 developing countries**.

### 'Global TB Report for 2021'

- The report **highlighted the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that led to a huge reversal** in the progress of Tuberculosis (TB) elimination.
- As per the report, India is the **worst-hit country in TB elimination**.

### Global Climate Tech Investment Trend Report

- As per **London & Partners and Co's** research 'Five years on: Global climate tech investment trends after the Paris Agreement, India is ranked at 9th position among 10 nations.
- The report granted ranks to the **countries as per making climate technology investment from 2016 to 2021**.

## APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
Sunil Kataria	Chairman of the Indian Society of Advertisers (ISA)
Vinod Aggarwal	President of the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC)
Padmaja Chunduru	MD and CEO of National Securities Depositories (NSDL)
Kangana Ranaut	Brand ambassador for Uttar Pradesh One District One Product Scheme
BC Patnaik	MD of LIC
Rebecca Vanessa Suchiang	First native woman of the Meghalaya who was appointed as chief secretary of the state
Amish Mehta	MD and CEO of rating agency Crisil
Amitabh Bachchan	Brand Ambassador of CoinDCX
Najla Bouden Romdhane	First-ever female Prime Minister of Tunisia
Abiy Ahmed	Prime Minister of Ethiopia
Eric Braganza	President of Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association (CEAMA)
Wendy Werner	India Country Head by World Bank's arm International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Sanjay Bhargava	To head Starlink's satellite broadband venture in India
Mirabai Chanu and Bajrang Punia	Brand ambassadors of Amrutanjan Healthcare Limited
PK Purwar	CMD of MTNL
P L Haranadh	Chairman of Paradip Port Trust (PPT)
Virat Kohli	Brand ambassador of Fire-Boltt
Ashok Kumar Gupta	Additional charge chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
E.R. Sheikh	First Director-General of the Ordnance Directorate (Co-ordination and Services)
Justice Rajesh Bindal	Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court
Justice Ranjit V. More	Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court

Justice Satish Chandra Sharma	Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court
Justice Prakash Srivastava	Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court
Justice R.V. Malimath	Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court
Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi	Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court
Justice Aravind Kumar	Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court
Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra	Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court
Arun Kumar Mishra	CEO of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)
Rajnish Kumar	Chairman of the board of BharatPe
Amit Khare	Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Alexander Schellenberg	Austria's Chancellor
Deepa Malik	Independent director for Hospitality firm Oravel Stays Ltd (OYO)
Sajjan Jindal	Chairman of the World Steel Association (WSA)
Meera Mohanty	Joint Secretary in PMO
Ritesh Chauhan	CEO of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
Navrang Saini	Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
Amitabh Chaudhry	Managing Director & CEO of Axis Bank
A K Goel	Chairman of the Indian Bank's Association (IBA) for 2021-22
Jonas Gahr Store	Prime Minister of Norway
Pradeep Kumar Panja	Chairman of Karnataka Bank Ltd
Commodore Amit Rastogi (Retd)	Chairman & Managing Director of National Research Development Corporation
Rahul Dravid	Team India's head coach
Sabyasachi Das	CEO of L&T Edutech
Imtiaz Ali (Director-Producer)	Ambassador of the Russian Film Festival in India
A Balasubramanian	New Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
Sahdev Yadav	President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF)
Ritesh Chauhan	Head the working group constituted by the central government to overhaul Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) from Kharif 2022
Commodore PK Garg	CEO of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) by the Sports Authority of India (SAI)
KL Rahul	Brand ambassador of Realme
Deepika Padukone	Global brand ambassador of Adidas
Ramnath Krishnan	MD and Group CEO of rating agency ICRA
Dame Sandra Mason	First-ever president of Barbados
Shavkat Mirziyoyev	President of Uzbekistan
Siddhartha Lal	MD of Eicher Motors Ltd
Manoj Bajpayee	Brand ambassador of Flobiz flagship product named myBillBook
Baldev Prakash	MD and CEO of J&K Bank

K V Kamath	Chairperson of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
Isha Ambani	Board of Trustees of Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art
Subhash Khunti	Part-time Chairman of Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd
Justice Ashok Bhushan	Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)
Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar	President of the quasi-judicial body, National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)
Shaktikanta Das	Governor of RBI

### AWARDS AND HONOURS

Awards	Awardees
2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development for the work made by her in improving children's learning	Dr. Rukmini Banerji
2021 Yidan Prize for Education Research for his work in enhancing educational outcomes and the importance of teaching quality	Prof. Eric A Hanushek
Delhi-based environmental organisation and has won the 2021 Right Livelihood Award	Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)
2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award	Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development
US India Business Council (USIBC) for the 2021 Global Leadership Award	Shiv Nadar and Mallika Srinivasan
2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award	Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development (JAAHD)
4th Satyajit Ray Award for his contribution to Indian cinema	B Gopal
45th Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award for his book 'Mantharirile 20 Communist Varshangal'	Benyamin
Dr. G Satheesh Reddy (Chairman of DRDO)	Aryabhata Award by the Astronautical Society of India (ASI)
22nd Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu	Dr. Randeep Guleria (Director of AIIMS)
CK Prahlad award for Global Business Sustainability Leadership 2021	Satya Nadella (Microsoft CEO)
Progressive Business Concept Award of PETA India 2021 for his Vegan Leather initiative	James Sangma
Gold Award in Environmental Sustainability Category	The National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd
Platinum Award in the Environmental Management Category	NMDC's Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine
European Union's top human rights prize, the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought for 2021 by the European Parliament	Alexei Navalny

UNESCO's Martial Arts Education Prize 2021	Kung Fu Nuns of the Drukpa order of Buddhism
Earth Guardian Award instituted by the NatWest Group India	Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation
Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa 2021	Martin Scorsese and Istvan Szabo (Legendary filmmakers)
51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award at the 67th National Film Awards ceremony	Rajinikanth
2022 Joseph A. Cushman Award for Excellence in Foraminiferal Research	Dr. Rajiv Nigam
Peace Prize of the German Book Trade 2021 for a 'new Enlightenment'	Tsitsi Dangarembga (Zimbabwean author and filmmaker)
'Top organization Innovative HR Practices'	Karnataka Bank
'Outstanding Renewable Energy User' at the India Green Energy Award 2020 by the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE)	TVS Motor Company

### IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	International Coffee Day	--
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	World Vegetarian Day	--
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	International Day of Older Persons	<b>Theme:</b> Digital Equity for All Ages
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Gandhi Jayanti	--
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	World Day for Farmed Animals	--
2 <sup>nd</sup> October to 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Wildlife Week 2021	--
October 2021	Breast Cancer Awareness Month	--
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Animal Day	--
4 <sup>th</sup> October to 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Space Week	--
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Habitat Day	--
4 <sup>th</sup> October to 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Investor Week	<b>Theme:</b> (a) sustainable finance (b) Frauds and scams prevention
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International Teachers Day	<b>Theme:</b> Teachers at the heart of education recovery
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Ganga River Dolphin Day	--
5 <sup>th</sup> October to 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week	--
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Cotton Day	--
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Egg Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Eggs for all: Nature's perfect package'
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Indian Air Force Day	--
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Post Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Innovate to recover'
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Migratory Bird Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!'
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Day Against the Death	<b>Theme:</b> 'Women Sentenced to

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	Penalty	Death: An Invisible Reality'
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Mental Health Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Mental health in an unequal world'
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	National Postal Day	--
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International Day of the Girl Child	<b>Theme:</b> 'Digital generation. Our generation'
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Arthritis Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work..'
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	United Nations International Day for Disaster Reduction	<b>Theme:</b> 'International cooperation for developing countries to reduce their disaster risk and disaster losses'
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International E-Waste Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Consumer is the key to Circular Economy!'
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Standards Day or International Standards Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Standards for sustainable development goals – shared vision for a better world'
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International Day of Rural Women	<b>Theme:</b> Rural women cultivating good food for all
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Student's Day	<b>Theme:</b> Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Food Day (WFD)	<b>Theme:</b> Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Raising Day of National Security Guard (NSG) forces	--
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	<b>Theme:</b> 'Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet'
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Trauma Day	--
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Statistics Day	--
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International Chefs Day	<b>Theme:</b> Healthy Food for the Future
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Osteoporosis Day	<b>Theme:</b> Serve Up Bone Strength
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	National Police Commemoration Day	--
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	International Stuttering Awareness Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Speak the change you wish to see'
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2021	Mole Day	--
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2021	International Snow Leopard Day	--
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Polio Day	<b>Theme:</b> Delivering on a Promise
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Development Information Day	--
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International Day of Diplomats	--
24 <sup>th</sup> October to 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Disarmament Week	--



24 <sup>th</sup> October to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Global Media and Information Literacy Week	<b>Theme:</b> Media and Information Literacy for the Public Good
26 <sup>th</sup> October to 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Vigilance Awareness Week 2021	<b>Theme:</b> Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity
27 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Indian Army's 'Infantry Day'	--
27 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	<b>Theme:</b> Your Window to the World
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International Animation Day	--
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	International Internet Day	--
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Psoriasis Day	<b>Theme:</b> Uniting for action
30 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	World Thrift Day	--
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	World Cities Day	<b>Theme:</b> Adapting cities for climate resilience
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day	--

## MOUS SIGNED

### Karnataka Signs 3 MoUs with Infosys

- The MoUs will be **for developing skills among students** as per the National Education Policy (NEP-2020).
- The MoUs will offer support **to the colleges to implement NEP 2020 and boost their talent with technical and professional skills.**

### Kerala Rail signed MoU with IISc Bangalore, L2MRail and SID

- The Kerala Rail has signed **MoU with IISc Bangalore, IISc incubated startup L2MRail and the Society for Innovation and Development (SID).**
- The objective of the MoU is **to enhance rail safety, mostly in vulnerable terrains.**

### MoU signed between RARI and Sikkim Manipal University

- The MoU was signed between **Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI) and Sikkim Manipal University (SMU).**
- The MoU was signed **for having collaborative research in mutually identified domains and promote research activities.**

### Ministry of Textiles signed MoU with Germany's GIZ

- The MoU was signed **to implement projects on 'Sustainability and Value Added in the Cotton Economy'.**
- The MoU agreement was signed on **Indo German Technical Cooperation Project.**

### India and Croatia partnered to Improve Traditional Medicine System

- The **Ministry of Ayush entered into an agreement with Croatia** for India's traditional medicine systems especially in the field of Ayurveda.

- The MoU was signed between the **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** and **Croatia's Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster**.

#### **India and UK signed Forward Action Plan**

- The Forward Action Plan was signed for **power & clean transportation, renewables, green finance, and green energy research domains**.
- The Forward Action Plan was signed under its **2030 roadmap**.

#### **India Sanctioned LoC to Support Projects in Kyrgyzstan**

- The funds will be used to **conduct high-impact community projects in Kyrgyzstan**.
- The MoU on **'High Impact Community Development Projects'** will enable commencement in developing various community projects under grant funding by Gol.

#### **Danfoss India signed MoU with IISc Bangalore**

- The MoU was signed to **set up a research and training center on the use of low GWP** (Global Warming Potential) refrigerants.
- The Danfoss India is **an entity dealing in heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC)**.

#### **NHAI signed MoU with TIDCO**

- The MoU was signed to develop **Multimodal Logistics Park (MMLP)** in Mappedu village in Tiruvallur district in Chennai.
- The investment of **Rs 1200 crore** will be made to develop MMLP.

#### **STPI, AIC STPINEXT Initiatives Partnered with SINE-IIT Bombay**

- They have collaborated to **develop entrepreneurship and boost startup ecosystem**.
- The STPI comes under **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**.

#### **PayPal Signed MoU with IIFT**

- PayPal has signed MoU with the **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)**. They have signed the MoU to increase the knowledge base of Indian MSME.
- Through the MoU, they will be **launching India Digital Trade Facilitation Forum (IDTFF)** for the MSME sector.

#### **BSE signed MoU with BLL**

- The MoU was signed to **create and spread awareness about the benefits of listing for small and medium enterprises** on BSE SME platforms.
- Under the MoU, **the BLL will play the role of knowledge partner**.

#### **RailTel signed MoU with C-DoT**

- The C-DoT is the **R&D unit of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** under the Ministry of Communications.

- Under the MoU, **both entities will work to rationalize the tech and equipment of communication networks.**

#### **Bellatrix Aerospace and Dhruva Space signed MoU with L&T**

- They have signed MoU **to give an enhancement to efforts being taken to address the increasing demand for affordable access to the space.**
- The MoU was signed at the **Dubai Expo 2020.**

#### **FGII signed Bancassurance Pact with Bol**

- The FGII aims **to further penetrate its general insurance products through this partnership.**
- Under this pact, **FGII will offer its wide array of insurance solutions to 5,084 Bol branches in India.**

#### **IGRUA and Drone Destination signed Pact with Haryana**

- The pact was signed **for the initiative called 'DRIISHYA' (Drone Imaging and Information services of Haryana Limited).**
- The pact will allow **conducting drone training sessions in the state.**

#### **MoU signed between CAG and Auditor General of Maldives**

- The MoU was signed **to develop and strengthen institutions' professional capacity and bring methodologies in the field of audit of public finance.**
- Through this MoU, both nations aim **to strengthen and align the audit process of public finance.**

### **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**

#### **'जनCARE'- AmritGrand Challenge Program**

- The challenge will identify **75 Start-Up and entrepreneurs, who have innovative solutions and ideas which will help to solve healthcare challenges and transform the healthcare sector of the country.**
- The solution and ideas must be **able to work in Low Resource Settings and strengthen Healthcare Delivery in India.**

#### **'Mukhyamantri Paryatan Udyog Sambal Yojana-2021'**

- The scheme aims **to grant support and relief to those entrepreneurs who are associated with the tourism and hospitality sector, as this sector has been affected a lot due to pandemic COVID-19.**
- Financial support will be offered **to the entrepreneurs of the tourism and hospitality sector.**

#### **Jal Jeevan Mission App and Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Jal Jeevan Mission mobile application and Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh.**
- The Jal Jeevan Mission was launched in August 2019 by Prime Minister Modi. It aims **to grant clean tap water to every household in the country.**

### 'Kamdhenу Deepawali 2021' Campaign

- The **Kamdhenу Deepawali 2021** campaign was launched by **Dr. Vallabhbhai Kathiria**, former Cabinet Minister and former Chairman of Rashtriya Kamdhenу Aayog.
- The campaign was launched to **manufacture and market more than 100 Crore Cow dung-based Deepak lamps and Laxmi-Ganesh Idols.**

### 'Prashasan - Shahron Ke Sang' and 'Prashasan - Gaon Ke Sang' Campaigns

- The **Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot** launched two campaigns namely 'Prashasan -- Shahron Ke Sang' and 'Prashasan -- Gaon Ke Sang'.
- Under both the campaigns, **various benefits will be granted to the people of the state, including allocation of land lease.**

### 'Mission Basundhara'-- Assam

- The mission will ensure that the **public receives their secured land rights in an efficient manner.**
- The focus of the mission will be on **poor and disadvantaged sections of the society and will ensure that this section of the society gets its secured land rights.**

### 'Good Samaritans'-- Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways

- The scheme is launched to **motivate people to help the road accident victims and save their life by rushing to the hospital for their treatment.**
- Along with the cash, **certification of appreciation will also be awarded.**

### 'Swechha' Program-- Andhra Pradesh

- The program aims to **solve the stigma attached to menstruation and give importance to female personal hygiene.**
- It focuses on the **health and hygiene of women and adolescent girls.**

### 'Fishwaale' App-- India's First e-Fish Market

- The app was developed by **Aqua Blue Global Aquaculture Solutions Pvt. Ltd.** In partnership with fisheries department.
- The app is a one-stop solution **for aquaculture which will be beneficial to both buyers and sellers.**

### 'Mission Kavach Kundal'-- Maharashtra

- The 'Mission Kavach Kundal' is a special **Covid-19 vaccination drive that will be executed in the state.**
- The mission aims to **vaccinate 15 lakh people every day against COVID-19.**

### PM Gati Shakti –National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity

- The plan is comprised of a **centralised portal which combines various infrastructural initiatives** by 16 central ministries and departments.
- The plan will prove to be a **milestone to transform infrastructural landscape of India.**

### **'MyParkings' App**

- It is developed by **Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL)** and South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC).
- The people will be able to **book parking slots in an online manner in areas under the jurisdiction of the SDMC.**

### **'Mera Ghar Mere Naam' Scheme-- Punjab**

- The scheme aims to **provide proprietary rights to the people living in the houses** within the 'Lal Lakir' of villages and cities.
- Lal Lakir is the land area that is a **part of the village habitation and is used for non-agriculture purposes.**

### **'Mukhyamantri Ration Apke Dwar Yojana'—Madhya Pradesh**

- Under the scheme, the **ration will be provided at the doorstep of the villagers where there are no Fair Price Shops (FPS) located.**
- The scheme will **provide ration materials to the vulnerable sections like Specially-Abled people, senior citizens, and poor people in the state.**

### **'Shri Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store Scheme'— Chhattisgarh**

- The scheme aims to **provide low-cost generic medicines and healthcare services to the vulnerable people of the state.**
- The **Urban Administration and Development Department (UADD)** of the state will implement the scheme.

### **\$100 Million Credit Facility for MSMEs**

- The credit facility aims to **support small business sectors in India so that they can avail digital needs of their business.**
- The credit facility will **also help the MSMEs to recover from the negative impacts of COVID-19.**

### **Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission**

- The 'Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission' will work to **eradicate the gaps in public health infrastructure and will bring critical care facilities.**
- It will work to **bring primary health care facilities to urban and rural parts of the country.**

### **Green Day Ahead Market (GDAM)**

- India has become the **only major electricity market in the world to launch the GDAM** for renewable energy.
- This will help to **reduce the dependency on fossil fuel imported sources and bring energy transition.**

### 'SAMBHAV'- e-National Level Awareness Programme

- The 'SAMBHAV' aims to promote the participation of the youth in entrepreneurship promotion activities.
- The program was launched by the Union Minister of MSME Narayan Rane.

### 'Appscale Academy Programme'

- The tech giant Google in partnership with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) announced to launch 'App scale Academy Programme'.
- The program aims to help early to mid-stage startups in India develop high-quality apps for the entire world.

### FIFA Football for School (F4S) Programme

- The aim of the program is to integrate and unite the football sport with education.
- The fun football sessions for school-going children will be delivered under the program.

## DEFENCE

### 8th Mitra Shakti 2021

- The 'Mitra Shakti 2021' joint bilateral military exercise aims to develop and promote relations between both nations and enhance interoperability.
- The exercise will help to share best practices to counter-terrorism and counter insurgency between both nations.

### 5th JIMEX

- The 5th edition of India – Japan Maritime Bilateral Exercise (JIMEX) commenced on 6th Oct 2021. It will be held till 8th Oct 2021.
- It is being held between the Indian Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force.

### 7 New Defence PSUs Dedicated to the Nation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated seven new Defence PSUs.
- These 7 PSUs are formed with the dissolution of the 200-year-old OFB from 1st Oct 2021.

### DRDO successfully Flight-Tested ABHYAS

- The 'ABHYAS' is the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT).
- It was test-fired from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Bay of Bengal in Odisha.

### 'Konkan Shakti 2021'

- India and the United Kingdom armed forces conducted 'Konkan Shakti 2021' which is a maiden Tri-Service exercise.
- The exercise aims to strengthen cooperation between the two countries.



### DRDO successfully Test Fired 'Agni-5' Missile

- The Agni-5 is a **surface-to-surface ballistic missile**. It is a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).
- It can hit the target at **ranges up to 5,000 km with high accuracy**. It is **17-meter long, 2-meter wide, and possesses a launch weight of 50 tonnes**.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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### Credit Plan for Yak Husbandry in Arunachal Pradesh Approved

- It will help the herders **to secure loans, which will further help them to strengthen their livelihoods**.
- The scheme was developed by the **National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY), which Indian Council of Agricultural Research**. It was developed by NRCY at Dirang in the West Kameng district.

### 'Amazon Future Engineer'

- The 'Amazon Future Engineer' is a **global computer science education program of Amazon which is launched in India**.
- The program will offer access **to computer science education to students from underrepresented and underserved communities**.

### NSIL announced its First Demand Driven Communication Satellite

- This mission will be part of **space reforms that were announced by GOI in June 2020**.
- The mission is named **GSAT 24, a four-tonne class Ku band satellite**.

### 'i-Drone'

- The ICMR partnered with IIT Kanpur **to perform the initial study-like testing activities of the drone**.
- The significance of 'i-Drone' is **'ICMR's Drone Response and Outreach in North East.'**

### Indian Space Association (ISpA)

- He mentioned that **through the ISpA, India will unite the space sector across the world**.
- The ISpA will prove a major platform **to transform the space sector as it is based on 4 major pillars**.

### MoCA gave NOC to SNV Aviation Pvt Ltd to Operate Commercial Flights

- After the approval of NOC, there will be a **security background check of the airline entity**.
- After the security background check, the **airline will have to apply for Air Operator Permit (AOP) from DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation)**.

### 'One Health' Consortium

- The **'One Health' consortium will conduct surveillance of important viral, bacterial, & parasitic infections of zoonotic and transboundary pathogens in India**.
- It will also look **after ongoing diagnostic tests**.

### 1000 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project

- The project is the joint effort of the **Ministry of New & Renewable energy and the Ministry of Power.**
- Both the entities are **developing a road map to installing energy storage systems in India.**

### NASA launched its Lucy Spacecraft

- The Lucy spacecraft aboard a **United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket.**
- The name Lucy to the spacecraft is named after the fossilized human skeleton which was discovered in Ethiopia in 1974.

## SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

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### India Export Initiative and IndiaXports 2021 Portal Launched

- The India Export Initiative will help to enhance export and will lead to attaining a **global manufacturing powerhouse for India.**
- It will help to enhance the manufacturing base of the country.

### India –US Industrial Security Agreement Summit

- It was held to frame a protocol for exchanging information between ministries of defense of both nations.
- The summit was led by **Designated Security Authorities of both nations.** The Indian side was represented by Anurag Bajpai and the US side was represented by David Paul Bagnati.

### 'Azadi@75 – New Urban India: Transforming Urban Landscape'

- It showcases various solutions and innovations to transform the urban look of India.
- It also highlighted the achievement of flagship urban development missions performed by GOI in the last 7 years.

### ICRIER's 13th Annual International G-20 Conference

- He mentioned that G20 is playing and will play a **major role to develop people, the planet, and collective prosperity.**
- He mentioned that G20 is an **international platform that brings nations together to address major problems and bring peace and prosperity.**

### 28th NHRC Foundation Day Programme

- The **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India** was constituted on 12 October 1993. It is a Statutory public body for the protection of human rights.
- It was constituted under the **Protection of Human Rights Act 1993.**

### National Conference for Zoo Directors and Veterinarians 2021

- The conference was attended by the **Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav**.
- At the valedictory, **Sudha Murthy, Chairperson of Infosys Foundation** was felicitated.

### LMDC Ministerial Meeting

- The **Union Minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav** participated in the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) Ministerial meeting in a virtual manner.
- The meeting was held under the **title of 'Preparations for COP 26 on Climate Change – Expectations and Challenges'**.

### CII Organised International Conference & Exhibition on Digital Technologies

- It was titled **'Future Tech 2021- a Journey of digital transformation to technology adoption and acceleration'**.
- The theme for the conference was **'Driving technologies for building the future, we all can trust'**.

### 7th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers

- At the meeting, **Mr. Devusinh Chauhan** highlighted that India is committed to bridge the digital divide in India.
- To attain the objective the **country is taking various Telecomm reforms** in order to unleash the true potential of the telecom industry.

### 6th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of AIIB

- The meeting was based on the theme of **'Investing Today and Transforming Tomorrow'**.
- The meeting was organized by **AIIB in partnership with the Government of the UAE**.

### Ambassadors' Round Table for DefExpo 2022

- The **DefExpo 2022 is Asia's largest defence exhibition** which will be held on **10th March 2022** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The objective of the Round Table was **to give an idea about the planning, arrangements, and other details of DefExpo 2022 to the Ambassadors of foreign missions**.

### CII Asia Health 2021 Summit

- The **Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** participated and addressed the CII Asia Health 2021 Summit via video conference.
- The theme of the summit was: **'Transforming Healthcare for a better tomorrow'**.

### 18th ASEAN-India Summit

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** participated in the **18th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit** in a virtual manner.

- The summit was held under the **chairmanship of the Sultan of Brunei.**

#### **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2021**

- **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2021,** which is an apex international annual conference of the Indian Navy.
- The dialogue also manifests the **Indian Navy's engagement at various strategic-level.**

