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♦ National News

- Kushinagar gets DGCA clearance, becomes third international airport in UP
- 3rd Janaushadhi Diwas 2021 celebrations being held from March 1 to 7
- Uttarakhand CM launches “Gharoki Pechan, Chelik Naam” scheme from Nainital
- International Yoga festival begins in Rishikesh
- Udaipur Science Centre inaugurated at Udaipur in Tripura
- Passenger train service between Dhaka & New Jalpaiguri to start from March 26
- Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV merged into Sansad TV
- Union Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot launches “Sugamya Bharat App”
- Bengaluru, Shimla ‘most liveable’ cities in govt’s Ease of Living Index
- Nawada in Bihar tops aspirational districts ranking in January: Niti Aayog
- India, Norway to conduct marine spatial planning in Lakshadweep and Puducherry
- Goa Govt joins hands with IBM to train youth
- PM to address ‘Janaushadhi Diwas’ celebrations on 7th March
- New research building ‘Desikan Bhawan’ inaugurated at ICMR-NJIL & OMD, Agra

♦ International News

- Australia building world’s first platypus sanctuary in New South Wales state
- 11th QS World University Rankings 2021 released; Rank 1: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (US)
- India – Sweden Virtual Summit on bilateral issues

♦ Banking and Financial

- GST Collections for Feb 2021: Rs 1,13,143 crore, 7% up vs Feb 2020
- Fino Payments Bank upgraded to scheduled commercial bank status
- SBI Mutual Funds Launches First Overseas Fund
• World Bank plans $100-mn guarantee scheme for solar rooftop projects
• EPFO retains interest rate for 2020-21 at 5%
• Wipro signs deal to acquire global tech company Capco for $1.45 bn
• India attracted total FDI inflow of US$ 67.54 billion during April to December 2020
• HDFC ERGO launches Business Kisht Suraksha cover
• NPCI Partners SBI Payments to launch “RuPay SoftPoS” for Merchants
• India’s forex reserves increase by $689 million to $584.55 billion
• India FDI Apr-Sep 2020: Singapore with $8.30 Billion Tops the List, US 2nd Biggest Source

♦ Appointment and Resignation
• Tenure of Pramod Chandra Mody as CBDT Chairman extended for 3 months
• Matam Venkata Rao assumes Charge as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India
• Kuldip Singh takes additional charge as CRPF DG
• Tarun Bajaj to take additional charge of Revenue Secretary
• Mary Kom appointed as the chairman of the ‘Champions and Veterans’ committee of the International Boxing Association (AIBA)
• Ligia Noronha appointed UN Assistant Secretary-General

♦ Awards
• 78th Golden Globe Awards 2021; READ MORE...........
• Delhi Airport once again emerges as the Best Airport in ACI-ASQ Award for 2020
• WAN-IFRA names The Hindu Group ‘Champion Publisher of the Year 2020’
• Bihari Puraskar 2020 to be awarded to Mohankrishna Bohara
• PM Modi to receive CERAWeek Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award

♦ Defence
• India describes Sri Lanka as “Priority One” partner in the defence sphere
• India signs pact with Philippines for sale of BrahMos missiles
• DRDO conducts successful flight test of SFDR missile propulsion system
♦ Science

- **Russia** launches first Arctic-monitoring Satellite ‘Arktika-M’
- NASA’s Perseverance Mars rover travels 21 feet in first test drive

♦ Sports

- Vinesh Phogat wins gold in wrestling tournament in Kiev, Ukraine
- Deepak Kumar wins silver at boxing tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Uganda International Badminton tournament: India win both singles titles
- Mumbai City FC win ISL League Football Winners Shield
- Virat Kohli becomes first cricketer to have 100 million followers on Instagram
- J&K tops medals tally at Khelo India Winter National Games in Gulmarg

♦ Book and Author

- A book titled “**Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis**” by Anindya Dutta
- **Joe Biden: American Dreamer** book by Evan Osnos

♦ Important day

- 27th Feb: National Protein Day (Theme 2021: “Powering with Plant Protein”)
- 1st March: World Civil Defence Day (Theme 2021: Civil Defence and the first aider in every home)
- March 1: 5th Civil Accounts Day celebrated
- 3rd March: World Hearing Day (Theme 2021: ‘Screen, Rehabilitate, Communicate’)
- March 4: India to commemorate ‘Chabahar Day’
- 4th March: National Safety Day [Theme 2021: ‘Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety)’]
- 4 March: National Security Day
Obituary

- Muthoot Finance chairman Mathai George Muthoot passes away

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National News

- ‘Maitri Setu’ to be inaugurated on 9th March Between India-Bangladesh
- India’s first forest healing centre inaugurated in Uttrakhand’s Ranikhet
- MeitY released the list of “Digital Payment Scorecard”; State Bank of India (SBI) has topped
- Union Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi
- IBM signs MoU with Uttarakhand Government to introduce STEM for Girls
- UP gets its 8th Airport in Bareilly become India’s highest-flying state
- NTPC ready to India’s largest floating solar power plant at Ramagundam by May 2021
- PM inaugurates Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad
- Govt launches Mera Ration Mobile App
- Govt to launch “Atmanirbhar Niveshak Mitra Portal”

International News

- Google Launched “Women Will” Web Platform
- Economic Freedom Index 2021: Singapore ranks First, India 26th in Asia-Pacific
- India ranks 71 in UNCTAD B2C E-commerce Index 2020, Switzerland tops
- Switzerland Bans Full Face Coverings in Public Places
- PMs India, Australia, Japan & US President participate in 1st Quad Leaders’ Summit

Banking and Financial

- SEBI cancels Sahara India Financial Corp’s registration as sub-broker
• HDFC Bank launches SmartUp Unnati programme
• OECD interim economic outlook pegs India’s GDP growth at 6% in FY22
• Indian economy to grow at 11% in FY’22: CRISIL
• RBI removes PCA restrictions on IDBI Bank
• Axis Bank launches “Wear N Pay” contactless payment wearable devices
• NITI Aayog submits first list of 12 PSUs for Privatisation
• India’s Forex Reserves Surpass Russia’s To Become World’s 4th Biggest

Appointment and Resignation

• NABARD’s G R Chintala takes charge as chairman of Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)
• Naureen Hassan appointed as 1st VP & COO of Federal Reserve Bank
• Uttar Pradesh CM Trivendra Singh Rawat submits resignation to governor
• Tirath Singh Rawat sworn in as new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand
• Girish Murmu re-appointed Chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors
• Thomas Bach re-elected as International Olympic Committee (IOC) president until 2025
• GoI appoints Dr. GP Samanta as new Chief Statistician of India
• World Bank economist Deepak Mishra appointed as director of ICRIER

Awards

• President Ram Nath Kovind presents Baton of Honor to Kiran Bedi
• Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan among Top 20 Global Women of Excellence Award 2020
• Koneru Humpy is BBC’s Indian sportswoman of the year; Manu Bhaker as the winner of the Emerging Player-of-the-Year award
• International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF) Award 2021: Amitabh Bachchan to be honoured
• 20 winners of Sahitya Akademi Award 2020; Arundhati Subramaniam (English) for “When God is a Traveller” (poetry)
• 63rd Grammy Awards 2021: Record of the year: Everything I Wanted by Billie Eilish

Defence
• **Indian Naval Ships** first-ever visit to historic port town of **Mongla in Bangladesh**
• **Third Scorpene submarine INS Karanj** commissioned into service
• **India-Uzbekistan** joint **military exercise DUSTLIK** II commences in Ranikhet

**Science**

• Japan’s **Fugaku** World’s most **Powerful Supercomputer**
• **ISRO** launches **sounding rocket RH-560** to study attitudinal variations
• **Maths, Physics** no longer must for engineering admissions: **AICTE**

**Sports**

• **IPL 2021**: **VIVO** Back as **Title Sponsor** for Indian Premier League
• **India qualify** for **ICC World Test Championship Final**, to face **New Zealand** at Lord’s in June
• Wrestler **Bajrang Punia** won **gold medal** at **Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series** regains Top Position
• **Mithali Raj** 1st Indian woman cricketer to score **10,000 international runs**
• **ISL 2020-21**: **Mumbai City FC wins** title, beats **ATK Mohun Bagan** 2-1
• **69th National volleyball championships** held in **Bhubaneswar**; Haryana men and Kerala women won
• **Bhavani Devi** becomes **first ever Indian fencer** to qualify for **Olympics**

**Book and Author**

• “**Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani’s Triumph**” Book on Smriti Irani’s victory in Amethi to release
• Frontier Gandhi’s autobiography titled **“The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle”** released in English

**Important day**

• **8th March**: **International Women’s Day** (Theme 2021: “Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world”)
• **10 March**: **CISF Raising Day**
• **10 March**: **No Smoking Day** (Second Wednesday of March)
• **11th March**: **World Kidney Day** [second Thursday of March] (Theme 2021: “Living Well with Kidney Disease”)

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• 14 March: Pi Day
• 14 March: International Day of Action for Rivers
• 15 March: World Consumer Rights Day (Theme 2021: “Tackle Plastic Pollution”)

Obituary

• Renowned Kannada poet Lakshminarayana Bhatta passes away
• Former Gujarat & Rajasthan Governor Anshuman Singh Passes Away
• Dhyan Chand Awardee Veteran Indian Athlete Ishar Singh Deol passes away

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National News

• MoU between India and Maldives on Cooperation in Sports and Youth Affairs
• Poshan Pakhwada Being Celebrated from 16th to 31st March
• ‘Mobile Seva Appstore’– India’s first indigenously developed App Store
• J&K’s Lt Governor Manoj Sinha Launches “Awaam Ki Baat” Website
• UNESCO joins USO India for Water Conservation Programme
• India-US launches Artificial Intelligence Initiative
• Gram Ujala Scheme Launched in Bihar for Rural Areas; poor households to get LED for Rs. 10
• Jharkhand government launched the “SAAMAR Campaign”
• Labour Ministry & BECIL sign agreement to conduct Survey

International News

• World Air Quality Report, 2020: 22 of world’s 30 most polluted cities are in India; Delhi ranked as the most polluted capital city globally
• World’s Largest Floating Solar Farms being built in Singapore
• Italy joins International Solar Alliance
• Tanzania’s Samia Suluhu Hassan Sworn in as First Female President
• UN’s World Happiness Report: India ranks 139 out of 149, Finland tops
Dutch (Netherlands) Prime Minister Mark Rutte powers to fourth straight election Won
Banking and Financial

FM introduces Bill to raise FDI limit in insurance from 49% to 74%
RBI imposes Rs 2 cr penalty on SBI for paying commission to employees
SBI and IOCL to ink India’s First Libor Alternative Rate Deal
Indian firms to collaborate with Finland to develop 5G and 6G Technologies
Moody’s upgrades India’s GDP growth to 12% in 2021
UNCTAD expects India growth at 5% in 2021

Appointment and Resignation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Principal Advisor P K Sinha resigns
A. Ganapathy appointed Director General of National Security Guard
Kuldip Singh appointed new Director General of Central Reserve Police Force
Health Minister Harsh Vardhan appointed Chairman of ‘Stop TB Partnership Board’
NeoGrowth appoints Ajinkya Rahane as brand ambassador

Awards

Gowsalya Shankar honoured with International Woman of Courage 2021

Defence

Indian Army decommissions Self Propelled Catapult Guns, Tampella Mortars
KRAS releases First batch of MRSAM Missiles
INS Jalashwa Arrives at Port Anjouan, Comoros as part of Mission Sagar-IV
India’s arms import down by 33%, says Sipri report
Operation Sankalp: Indian Navy undertakes Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Royal Bahrain Naval Force
Defence Ministry seals deal with BDL to acquire 4,690 anti-tank guided missiles
India has world’s fourth strongest armed forces: Military Direct’s study
Science

• Nokia to Develop New 5G Radio Solutions

Sports

• India to host Asian Boxing Championships 2021 from May 21 to 31: AIBA
• S Dhanalakshmi won women’s 100m sprint final in the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships
• Sharath Kamal becomes first Indian paddler to qualify for Tokyo Olympics
• ISSF WC: Yashaswini wins first gold for India, Manu Bhaker clinches silver
• Athlete Avinash Sable Sets New National Record in Men’s 3000m Steeplechase

Book and Author

• Former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi has memoir Book My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future out in September
• A Book ‘Battle Ready for 21st Century’ released, edited by Lt Gen AK Singh and Brig Narender Kumar

Important day

• 16 March – National Vaccination Day
• 18 March – Ordnance Factories Day (India)
• 18 March: Global Recycling Day 2021 (Theme 2021: “Recycling Heroes”)
• March 19: World Sleep Day
• 20 March – International Day of Happiness (Theme 2021: “Happiness for All, Forever”)
• 20 March – World Sparrow Day (Theme 2021: “I Love Sparrows.”)
• 20th March: UN French Language Day
• 21 March – World Forestry Day or International Day of Forests (Theme 2021: “Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being.”)
• 21 March – World Down Syndrome Day (Theme 2021: “We Decide.”)
• 21 March – World Poetry Day
• 22 March – World Water Day (Theme 2021: “Valuing Water”)
• March 22: Bihar Diwas

**Obituary**

• Noted Kathakali Dancer Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair passes away
• Renowned painter Laxman Pai dies in Goa
• Audio cassette tape inventor Lou Ottens passes away

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• Madhya Pradesh’s Govt. launched Mission Gramodaya
• Rajasthan universal health scheme to begin on May 1
• AP launched India’s First Govt Run Animal Ambulance Network
• Cabinet approves India-Japan MoC on Water Resources
• Shaheed Bhagat Singh Smarak inaugurated in New Delhi
• Social Justice Ministry to launch “Poshan Abhiyan” for the Elderly
• Net Zero Emissions in India’s Energy System by 2050: TERI and Shell
• Kurnool Airport inaugurated: Flight operations to start from 28th March 2021 under UDAN
• Central Scrutiny Centre and IEPFA’s Mobile App Launched
• Indo-Korean Bilateral Friendship Park inaugurated in Delhi Cantt
• 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH focused on ‘Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era’
• EAM Jaishankar to attend 9th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia
• Dr Harsh Vardhan launches Tribal TB Initiative in pursuit of ‘TB Mukt Bharat’ By 2025
• UP CM inaugurates Shaheed Ashfaq Ulla Khan Zoological Park in Gorakhpur

International News

• India ranks 40th on International Intellectual Property Index 2021; Rank 1: US
• World’s first Ship Tunnel to be built in Norway
• India and Bangladesh summit: 5 MoUs; 7 development projects inaugurated
• Suez Canal in Egypt reopens after the giant stranded ship is freed

Banking and Financial

• RBI sets up Panel to Evaluate Bank Applications headed by Shyamala Gopinath
• Fitch Ratings revises India’s growth estimate to 8% for FY22
• Govt to sell 15% stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd via OFS
• Tata Motors signs MoU with SBI for financing light commercial vehicles
• S&P raises India’s FY22 GDP growth forecast to 11% from 10%
• HDFC Bank Named India’s Best SME Bank by Asiamoney
• Union Bank of India launched “UNI – CARBON CARD”
Appointment and Resignation

- CJI SA Bobde recommends Justice NV Ramana as his successor
- Anish Shah to take over as Mahindra & Mahindra’s Managing Director, CEO
- Sanjeev Kumar appointed as Chairman of Airports Authority of India
- Atish Chandra appointed as CMD of Food Corporation of India
- Saurabh Garg appointed as new CEO of UIDAI
- SAIL Chairperson Soma Mondal appointed Chairperson of SCOPE

Awards

- Gandhi Peace Prize for the Year 2019 & 2020 to Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman & Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
- ESAF Small Finance Bank Awarded With ‘Great Place To Work’ Certification
- Hindi Writer Prof. Sharad Pagare Selected for Vyas Samman 2020
- Asha Bhosle to be honoured with ‘Maharashtra Bhushan’
- Mahinder Giri won International Ranger Award
- 66th Filmfare Awards 2021; Best Actor (Male)- Irrfan Khan, Best Film- Thappad, Best Actor in a Lead Role (Female): Taapsee Pannu (Thappad)

Defence

- Pabbi-Anti-Terror 2021: India, Pakistan and China to hold anti-terror exercise
- India, Madagascar Conduct 1st time Joint Navel Partrolling
- Two-day Indo-US naval exercise PASSEX in Bay of Bengal

Science

- ISRO demonstrates ‘Free space quantum communication’ for the first time
- ISRO revises launch schedule of GISAT-1

Sports

- India Legends wins 2020-21 Road Safety World Series T-20
- India’s Singhraj won gold in Para Shooting World Cup 2021
- Khelo India Scheme extended till 2025-26
• ‘Girl Gang’ Announced Official Song of ICC Women’s World Cup 2022 in New Zealand
• Dhanalakshmi beats Dutee Chand to win Federation Cup gold
• Lewis Hamilton won Bahrain Grand Prix 2021

**Important day**

• 21st March: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Theme 2021: “Youth standing up against racism”.)
• 23rd March – World Meteorological Day (Theme 2021: “The Ocean, Our Climate and Weather.”)
• 23rd March- Shaheed Diwas
• 24 March – World Tuberculosis (TB) Day (Theme 2021: ‘The Clock is Ticking’)
• 27 March – World Theatre Day
• 27 March (last Saturday of March): Earth Hour 2021 (Theme 2021: “Climate Change to Save Earth.”)

**Obituary**

• Noted filmmaker and writer Sagar Sarhadi passes away
• Noted journalist and author Anil Dharker dies in Mumbai
• 1971 Battle of Basantar hero, Lt Gen WAG Pinto (retd) dies at 97

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