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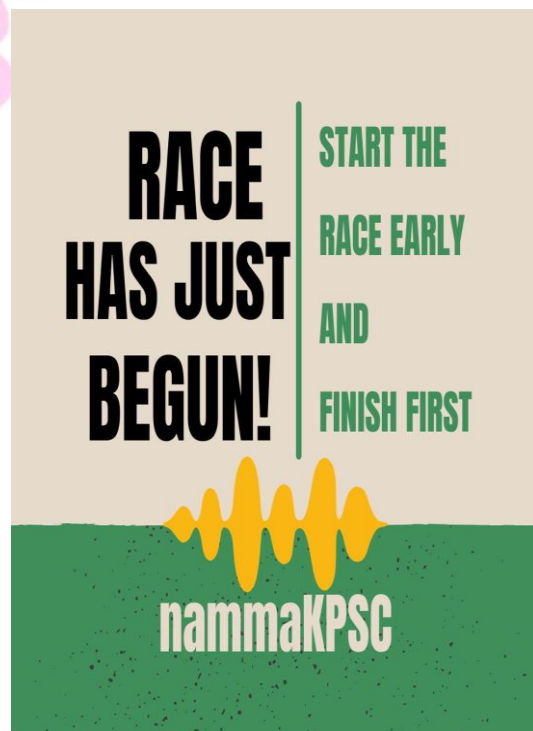
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KARNATAKA ISSUES

- The **Church Street pedestrianisation project** has received the Union government's recognition with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) giving a running trophy to the state government apart from other awards. The project in which the Directorate of Urban Land Transport, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Energy Systems Catapult, Urban Morph others collaborated, was successful in proving the benefits of pedestrian-first approach in selected urban streets.
- A recent Study has said **Climate change to impact vegetation in 7 Karnataka districts**. It is conducted by - The Karnataka state action plan on climate change which has noticed 38 per cent of forest area in the state would be hit by climate change by the 2030s. Districts affected include Bijapur, Raichur, Koppal, Bellary, Chitradurga, Kodagu and Hassan
- A project called '**Waste solutions for a circular economy in India**', funded by the EU and the **German Federal Ministry** of the Environment and Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), will provide the **BBMP** technical and financial support in setting up compost facilities and bio-methanation plants.
- Political party **Janata Dal** is all set to start '**Janata Jaladhare**' soon, which is expected to raise awareness among people about the rivers in the state and the water utility.
- Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has provided an opportunity to open **Vana Dhana Vikas Kendra** to provide a market to the minor forest products collected by tribals in **Madikeri district**. Van Dhan Vikas Kendras constituted under VAN DHAN scheme, provide skill up-gradation and capacity building training and setting up of primary processing and value addition facilities
- From this year, the Karnataka government has decided to celebrate '**Onake Obavva Jayanti**' on **November 11** throughout the state. She is a brave woman warrior of Chitradurga who Died fighting the troops of Hyder Ali
- Death Anniversary of **Kuvempu** recently celebrated. He was greatest Kannada Poet, Novelist, Author, Thinker and Critic of 20th century
- The Forest Department staff have named a **two-year-old elephant calf at Sakrebail elephant camp** near Shivamogga after actor **Puneeth Rajkumar**, who passed away recently.





- **Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML)** has been set up as a government-owned company to execute solid waste management (SWM) projects on behalf of BBMP based on an executive order and without any statutory basis which is essential.
- Chief Minister of Karnataka announced two committees for the **revival of road transport corporations (RTC) and power utilities (Escoms)**. Retired IAS officer M R Srinivas Murthy will head a committee that will look at financial and improvements for RTCs. Similarly, retired IAS officer K Jayaraj will lead the effort for Escoms to make them self-reliant in terms of revenues
- The **BMTC** has become the country's **first state transport utility** to have **inducted BS VI buses**(procured from Ashok Leyland). They are Automotive emission norms based on the European regulations (Euro norms) introduced in 2000. The major difference in standards between the existing BS-IV and the new BS-VI auto fuel norms is the presence of sulphur.
- A farmer from Mandya has bagged the **Plant Genome Saviour Award** in recognition of his efforts to conserve the indigenous variety of paddy and agrarian heritage. It is conferred by ICAR
- A **jackfruit tree at Janagere village in Magadi taluk** is believed to be **State's oldest tree** of this variety and one of the oldest in the country is now in the limelight as agricultural and horticultural scientists are striving to get "heritage tree" status for it. The tree has a massive canopy. With a height of 19.5 m and a trunk girth of 6.5 m, it is visible from a long distance to visitors who come to this village during summer to taste its fruits.
- **Puneeth Rajkumar** to get **Karnataka Ratna** award posthumously For his contributions to cinema and social service
- Karnataka promulgated an Ordinance for the amendment of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976, and the **Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Act, 2020**. This amendment will allow the civic body to collect ground rent, licence fee, building plan approval fee, scrutiny fee, and security deposit.
- Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison on Wednesday said an **Australian consulate would be set up in Bengaluru** and also announced the establishment of Australia-India Centre of Excellence for Critical and Emerging Technology Policy, while addressing the inaugural session of the Bengaluru Tech Summit.

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- **Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)** is an eye disease that could causes **blindness in premature babies**. **KIDROP** is the flagship tele-ROP programme started by **Narayana Nethralaya** in association with the Karnataka Government in 2009. It is a tele-medicine platform that helps pre-term babies born in neo-natal intensive care units (NICUs) who do not have an ROP specialist to screen and treat babies on time.
- A student outreach programme called **“Education on Wheels”**, that will provide an immersive learning experience to students of community schools in rural areas was launched by **Reva University**
- Sixteen girl students from Belagavi district, who have excelled in Kannada in school, have been awarded a one-time scholarship by **‘Keli Katheya’**, a Kannada audiobook initiative. Keli Katheya was started in 2014 to bring alive some Kannada short stories in an audio format through film artists’ voices. Profits generated from the sale of the audio book go towards supporting the education of girls in the border areas of Karnataka.
- **Bengaluru** has reported fewer cases of **Vector Borne diseases** like dengue and chikungunya this year compared to last year. Vector-borne diseases are Human illnesses caused by parasites, viruses and bacteria that are transmitted by vectors.
- **Karnataka legislature** to seek **financial autonomy** in lines of Lok Sabha. Himachal is the first state to achieve so
- **Kanakadasa Jayanti** celebrated in Karnataka
- **Lalitha Mahal Palace**, a celebrated architectural icon built by the Mysore royals has turned 100. It was built by **Krishna-raja Wadiyar IV** for stay of viceroys and other state guests. Architect of the palace was **E W Fritchley**
- ENVIS Centre & Energy and Wetlands Research Group of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) prepared a proposal for the declaration of **Aghanashini estuary** as a **Ramsar wetland site of international importance**.
- To foster technology-led innovation and seamless passenger experiences, **Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL)** has partnered with Microsoft India for the **‘BIAL Genie Hackathon’** to develop an app using Microsoft Azure.
- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru, along with collaborators, have identified potential **blood-based biomarkers** to predict disease progression and survival times in those with late-stage brain tumours.
- The Karnataka government is likely to hand over the **Sainik school** being developed in the name of freedom fighter Sangolli Rayanna at his birthplace in Belgavi district, to the **Defence Ministry**. Sainik schools are jointly run by state governments and ministry of defence.



- **Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL)** said KIA is the first airport in South Asia to commission the **Rosenbauer Firefighting Simulator**. The simulator has numerous scenarios to help firefighters prepare for real-life emergencies. Personnel can train in the tactical use of Rosenbauer Panther trucks as well as operate High Reach Extendable Turrets for extreme aircraft fire emergencies.
- A **venom research centre** will be established in Bengaluru on the premises of the **Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB) in Helix Biotech Park**.
- The **Karnataka Agricultural Price Commission (KAPC)** has recommended to the State Government to seek permission from the Centre for increasing the procurement of quantity of foodgrains under the MSP for distribution at subsidised prices under the public distribution system (PDS). PDS is a System of management for food and distribution of food grains run by central and state governments.
- Karnataka must procure locally-grown produce for distribution under the **Public Distribution System (PDS)**, the Karnataka Agriculture Price Commission (KAPC) recommended to the state government in a report
- Taking note of the rise in the number of children who are malnourished and anaemic in north Karnataka, the Department of Public Instruction has decided to provide eggs to students in government and aided schools in seven districts from December under **Mid-Day meal scheme**, which is under Ministry of education. The scheme Guarantees one meal to all children in government and aided schools and madaras supported under Samagra Shiksha.
- Karnataka's '**Chota Mumbai**' **Hubballi** has emerged as a key hub for all kinds of valves and related accessories and started contributing significantly to domestic and exports markets. Major global players have shifted their focus to India, says trade body; Hubballi sells, exports valves worth ₹1,000 cr. per annum
- **Nestlings**, a cloud-based **AI platform** based in the Silicon Valley in California, on Thursday opened its first office outside of the US in Bengaluru.
- **Kannada Rajyotsava** is celebrated on **November 1** every year. It commemorates unification of Kannada language-speaking regions to form the state of Karnataka , in the year 1956



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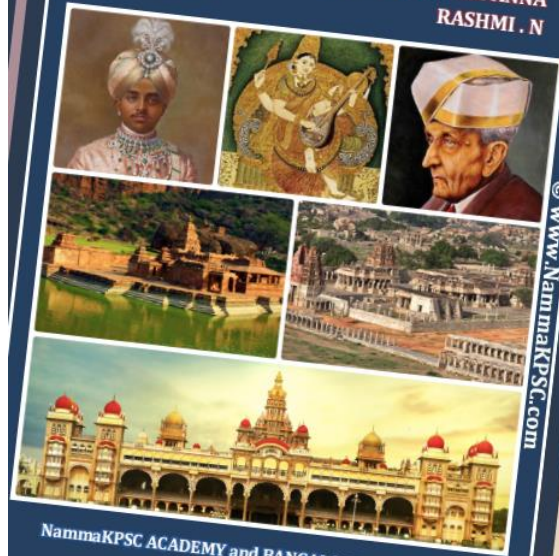


- Chief Minister of Karnataka launched **JANASEVAKA SCHEME**. It aims to provide services to citizens of Bengaluru at their doorstep. For grievance redressal, janaspandana website was also launched.
- **Murugha Mutt of Chitradurga** to award **Basava prashasti** to **Puneeth Rajkumar** posthumously. It is awarded for upholding the values of Guru Basaveshwara
- North Karnataka's first dedicated domestic air cargo terminal started operations at Hubballi Airport recently
- Historical '**Kadalekai Parishe**' of Bengaluru begins with strict Covid curbs.



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- The **Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court** declared as **unconstitutional the law** providing 10.5% internal reservation to the **Vanniakula Kshatriya community** within the 20% reservation for the Most Backward Classes (MBCs) in education and public employment.
- Hundreds of farmers began a 45-day padayatra, '**Nyayasthanam to Devasthanam**' (court to temple), demanding that **Amaravati** be retained as the capital of Andhra Pradesh.
- Recently, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced a **revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework**. PCA is issued by RBI to check the problem of **Non-Performing Assets (NPAs)** in the Indian banking sector. Introduced in December 2002
- The Prime Minister enhanced India's existing climate targets and announced a new one during his speech in Glasgow COP 26
- Ashoka University hosted a virtual conference titled '**The Dyslexic Mind: Thinking Differently about Higher Education**'. It is **Learning disorder** that involves difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words (decoding)
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 12-foot statue of **Adi Shankaracharya at Kedarnath**, where the acharya is believed to have attained samadhi
- Recently, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced the **National Sports Awards 2021**. Sunil Chhetri becomes the first footballer to receive the 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2021
- Scientists and advocates point to **polar bears**, marked as "**threatened**" on the endangered species list, as the white-hot warning signal for the rest of the planet. Arctic sea is getting heated more faster than other regions because of the process called Arctic Amplification.
- The **overnight rain in Chennai** that lasted recently was reportedly the heaviest since 2015. It was due to **Northern west monsoon** and cyclonic circulation's in Bay of Bengal
- **Bathukamma festival** was screened on Burj Khalifa. It is a floral festival celebrated predominantly by the Telangana and some parts of Andhra Pradesh.

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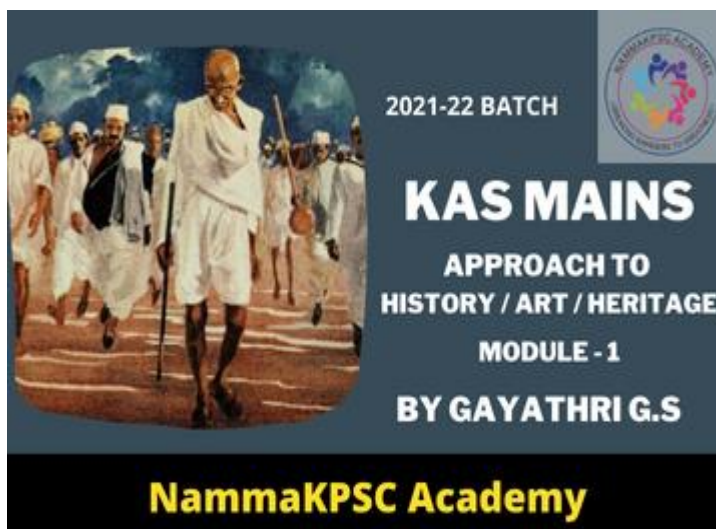
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- Politicisation of Ban on **Chhath Pooja** is being witnessed. It is a Hindu festival dedicated to the Sun god and his wife Usha in order to thank them for bestowing the bounties of life on earth.
- In a bid to expand research in electrical vehicle technology, the **Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi**, has launched laboratories at the **Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology (CART)**. These labs will conduct battery research and work on charging infrastructure and automotive health monitoring.
- Indian boxer **Akash Kumar** became the 7th Indian male boxer who won a medal at the **World Boxing Championships** held in Belgrade, Serbia
- The **Election Commission** has noted that the 22 Biju Janata Dal MLAs who were appointed as chairpersons of various district planning committees and special development councils do not attract **disqualification for holding an office of profit**. If an MLA or an MP holds a government office and receives benefits from it, then that office is termed as an **“office of profit”** and he will be disqualified if he holds an office of profit under the central or state government
- UK drug regulator announced that it has approved the first oral antiviral for treatment of Covid-19. The drug, **molnupiravir**, has been developed by Merck and Ridgeback
- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** has picked **Srinagar** among 49 cities as part of the **creative city network** under the **Crafts and Folk Arts category**. The network was created in 2004 to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development.
- To safeguard interest of consumers, the **Department of Consumer Affairs under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** has omitted the Rule 5 of the **Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), Rules 2011** defining the Schedule II prescribing the pack sizes of various types of commodities. A new provision has been introduced to indicate the unit sale price on pre packed commodities, which will allow easier comparison of the prices of the commodities at the time of purchase.
- The **International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA)** employed military-approved **artificial intelligence voice analysis and cyber technology** systems to analyse judges and referees at the recently-concluded men’s World Championships in Belgrade.
- **SC collegium** recommends transfer of Madras HC Chief Justice to Meghalaya HC. It is done in accordance with **Article 222**. President transfers on recommendation of SC collegium
- **National legal services day** is celebrated every year on **November 9**, by all Legal Services Authorities to commemorate the **enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987**
- A layer of **froth** was seen floating over parts of the **Yamuna river** near Kalindi Kunj on the eve of Chhath pooja. It is due to untreated Phosphate filled untreated sewage



- Eminent academician and psychologist **Koneru Ramakrishna Rao** recently passed away. He served as the Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University and Chancellor of GITAM deemed-to-be university
- The fourth submarine of the **Project – 75, VELA** was delivered to the Indian Navy today recently. Under Project 75 Six new-generation conventional diesel-electric submarines will be constructed
- **Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)** that was suspended due to COVID has been resumed where MPs to get ₹2 cr. each instead of previously approved ₹5 cr. The scheme started in 1993 Provides a mechanism for the Members of Parliament to recommend works of developmental nature for creation of durable community assets and for provision of basic facilities including community infrastructure, based on locally felt needs.
- Conservation biologists of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, will **collaring 10 fishing cats** in the **Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) in Andhra Pradesh**
- **National Education Day** of India is celebrated every year on **11 November** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**
- **Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma** was conferred the **honorary rank of General of the Indian Army** by President at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. It is a customary practice by the two countries to confer the honorary rank of General on each other's Army Chiefs.
- The Prime Minister has congratulated **Manu Bhaker, Rahi Sarnobat, Saurabh Chaudhary and Abhishek Verma** for winning medals at the **ISSF President's Cup in Poland**.
- India launched '**E-Amrit**', a web portal on electric vehicles (EVs), at the ongoing COP26 Summit in Glasgow, UK. E-Amrit is a one-stop destination for all information on electric vehicles—busting myths around the adoption of EVs, their purchase, investment opportunities, policies, subsidies, etc. The portal has been developed and hosted by NITI Aayog
- **National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)** is a not-for-profit Company under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) with the mission to make the internet accessible to everyone. To facilitate its customers and partners, NIXI has gone digital by enabling digital payments across its three business units by integrating payment gateways on all its customer-facing websites for ease of use.





- **Privilege motion** will be passed against a Rajya Sabha member. **Parliamentary privileges** - certain rights and immunities enjoyed by members of Parliament, individually and collectively, so that they can “effectively discharge their functions”. When any of these rights and immunities are disregarded, the offence is called a **breach of privilege** and is punishable under law of Parliament. A notice issued under this regard is called **Privilege motion**
- A **CAG report** on preparedness and response to floods in Kerala’ has said the state is yet to enact flood plain zoning legislation, 45 years after the Union Government circulated to all states a model draft bill for flood plain zoning legislation.(Union Government in 1975)
- A new study has challenged the widely accepted view that the continents rose from the oceans about 2.5 billion years ago. It suggests this happened 700 million years earlier — about 3.2 billion years ago — and that the earliest continental landmass to emerge may have been Jharkhand’s Singhbhum region
- 32nd edition of “**Hunar Haat**” was inaugurated in Lucknow. It is an exhibition under USTTAD scheme conducted by Ministry Of Minority Affairs
- Birth anniversary of **Acharya Kripalani** was recently celebrated
- Prime Minister launched two customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) — the **RBI Retail Direct Scheme** and the **Integrated Ombudsman Scheme**.
- The **2022 edition of the Conference of Parties**, or the **27th COP**, will take place at Sharm El-Sheikh, **Egypt** and the **28th edition in 2023** will be held in the **UAE**, the Council decided even as a final agreement
- **Shakti 2021**, the sixth edition of the biennial training exercise, will be conducted from between **India & France**
- A Hindu man from Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu, **DEVASAHAYAM PILLAI** who converted to Christianity in the 18th century, is set to become the first Indian layman to be declared a saint by the Vatican on May 15, 2022.
- The **32nd edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT)** between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy is being conducted from 12 – 14 November 2021.
- President of India promulgated two ordinances that would allow the Union Government to **extend the tenures of the directors of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) from two years to up to five years**. President promulgates ordinances in accordance with **Article 123**
- 29th meeting of the **Southern Zonal Council** was recently held. Zonal councils are statutory bodies established under the **States Reorganisation Act 1956** to promote interstate cooperation and coordination.
- Moscow has started deliveries of the **S-400 air defence** systems to **India**. It is Mobile, surface-to-air missile system (SAM) designed by **Russia**.



- **Australia** wins ICC T20 World Cup
- The Centre has decided to observe **November 15** as '**Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas,**' every year in **honour of tribal people's** contribution to the freedom movement and nation-building. It is Birthday of **Birsa Munda**
- Birth anniversary of **Pandit Nehru** is celebrated every year as **Children's day**
- The **Punjab Land Preservation Act** was enacted by the then government of Punjab in 1900 for the conservation of subsoil water is being amended. Section 3 explains government's powers to bring any area 'subject to erosion or likely to become liable to erosion' under the ambit of the PLPA through a notification. After Section 3 of the principal Act, the government has inserted Section 3A into the Bill to exclude certain areas from the ambit of the Act.
- In a bid to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of Independence and India's glorious cultural history through Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the **Ministry of Culture** is organizing the final match of the **M.P. Cup Polo Championship - Sir Pratap Singh Cup 2021.**
- **First Audit Diwas** is being celebrated on **16 November 2021.** It is being celebrated to mark the historic origins of the institution of CAG. Comptroller and Auditor General of India is a constitutional Authority under **Article 148**
- **Stem cells** from late kannada actor Puneeth's eyes to help many regain vision. corneal epithelial stem cells are being cultured to treat people who may lose vision due to eye injuries such as cracker burns, chemical and acid injuries.
- India has successfully launched the **41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica.** Indian Antarctic programme began in **1981**
- The government is considering reopening the **Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara corridor** to Pakistan this week to allow Sikh pilgrims after it was shut down due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The corridor – often dubbed as the "**Road to Peace**" – will connect Gurdwara

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Darbar Sahib in Pakistan's Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak shrine in India's Gurdaspur district.

- **Babasaheb Purandare**, a noted Historian and writer of India, has passed away. He is being credited with writing the first historical work on 16th century Great Maratha king Chattrapati Shivaji. He is best known for his book Raja Shiv Chhatrapati and popular play Janata Raja.
- The Expert Appraisal Committee of the Environment Ministry has recommended phase-III of the eight-lane expressway between Chennai and Bengaluru for environment clearance. The project, implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), passes through Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh and Vellore, Ranipet, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts of Tamil Nadu. The total length of the alignment is 106.10 km, starting from Ramapuram in Chittoor to Irungattukottai in Sriperumbudur taluk.
- Indian navy participates in **India, Singapore and Thailand** trilateral maritime exercise 'sitmex'
- The **16th Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2021 (Rural)** was released by **Pratham foundation**.
- **West Bengal** launched an ambitious "**Duare Ration**" scheme for providing foodgrains under the public distribution system at the doorstep for the entire population.
- Prime Minister inaugurated the 341 km long six-lane **Purvanchal Expressway**. The Purvanchal Expressway **connects Lucknow-Sultanpur road (NH-731)** and National Highway No. 31, 18 km east of UP-Bihar border and can be expanded to eight-lane in the future.
- **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)**, a public enterprise under Ministry of Steel celebrated its **64th Formation Day**. It is India's largest exporter & producer of iron ore, located in **Hyderabad** established in 1958. It maintains the nation's sole diamond mine at Patna in MP
- The '**India@75 BRO Motorcycle Expedition**' has successfully completed the third leg covering 2,450 kilometres in less than 11 days and reached Doom Dooma, Assam on November 14, 2021 after being flagged off from Siliguri on November 05, 2021.
- Country's first-of-its kind, **dedicated business incubator** to be known as **LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC)** was inaugurated in Haryana's **Gurugram**. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), an implementing agency for the LIFIC
- 380 **endangered Indian star tortoises** seized in Karnataka. They are protected under **Schedule IV of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972**



- The **52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** is paying a special tribute to **Sir Sean Connery, the first actor to portray the most famous fictional British spy, James Bond** on the big screen.
- India has slipped to **82nd position in 2021**, five places down from 77th rank last year, in a global list that measures **business bribery risks**. The list by TRACE, an anti-bribery standard setting organisation, measures business bribery risk in 194 countries, territories, and autonomous and semi-autonomous regions.
- State of the art, **prototype Air Pollution Control Tower (APCT)** developed inhouse by **BHEL in Noida** was recently inaugurated. Designed and developed by BHEL’s Corporate R&D Division, manufactured at its HEEP Haridwar plant, and installed by Power Sector [NR] Noida, the APCT operates by pulling polluted air through its base and capturing the particulate matter in filters installed in the tower. Clean air is then released from the top of the tower. The captured particulate matter gets collected in the hopper at the bottom of the APCT for periodic removal for disposal.
- The Vice President, addressing scientists and staff of the U R Rao Satellite Centre suggested to ISRO to give a thrust to the indigenously-developed regional navigation satellite system, **NavIC** for global use.
- The **Ganga Connect Exhibition** was inaugurated in **Birmingham** on 15th November, 2021 at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire after successful inaugurations at Glasgow and Cardiff, UK.
- Union Minister of State for Culture inaugurated the three-day festival **“Kashi Utsav”** in Varanasi. It aims to celebrate iconic luminaries of Kashi. A theme has been dedicated to each day of the festival and these are: ‘Kashi ke Hastakshar’; ‘Kabir, Raidas ki Bani aur Nirgun Kashi’ and ‘Kavita aur Kahani - Kashi ki Zubani’.

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- **Visakhapatnam, a P15B stealth guided missile destroyer** named after the port city of Andhra Pradesh on the East coast, is to be commissioned into the Indian Navy. It is indigenously designed and packed with sophisticated 'state of the art' weapons and sensors such as Surface to Surface Missile and Surface to Air Missiles
- **Pochampally** village in Telangana is set to be named as one of the **best Tourism Villages** by the **United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)**
- The Indian Railways decided to resume cooked meals on trains after the service was stopped last year owing to Covid-19 restrictions.
- **Allahabad High Court** has called upon the Central Government to forthwith initiate the process for implementation of **Uniform Civil Code**. They are Generic set of governing laws for every citizen without taking into consideration the religion. **Article 44** of the Constitution says there should be a Uniform Civil Code.
- PM announced that the **three contentious farm laws passed last year would be repealed**. **Article 245** gives Parliament the power to make laws for the whole or any part of India, and state legislatures the power to make laws for the state and repeal a law from the same provision.
- **Deposits by NRIs at banks in Kerala have grown by 10 per cent** in the last fiscal, notwithstanding the return of lakhs of expatriates due the crisis in the wake of the pandemic.
- Birth Anniversary of **Indira Gandhi** celebrated
- The Prime Minister has paid tributes to **Rani Lakshmibai** on her Jayanti
- President attended **Swachh amrit mahotsav** and presented **swachh bharath awards**. Indore becomes cleanest city for 5th consecutive time
- **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** under Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) has developed its first state-of-art laboratory for in house testing of food grain samples.
- Hungarian Filmmaker Istvan Szabo conferred with **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award** at IFFI 52 Inaugural Ceremony
- The **Kerala** government will launch a mobile application for improving and tracking the collection of inorganic waste in local self-governing bodies. The smart garbage mobile app



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would initially be launched in all six municipal corporations, 70-odd municipalities and 300 village bodies.

- BIHAR HAS scored the lowest in overall policing, followed closely by Uttar Pradesh, according to findings of a nationwide survey conducted by independent think-tank Indian Police Foundation. The top five states with the highest score on overall policing – **IPF Smart Policing Index 2021** – are Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Assam, Kerala and Sikkim. From bottom upwards are Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Punjab.
- Guru Nanak Dev Ji Jayanti/ **Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurpurab** celebrates the birth of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak.
- Defence Minister to dedicate revamped **Rezang La War Memorial**. It Was the site of a major battle of the 1962 Sino-Indian War
- Delhi CM pledges to clean **Yamuna by 2025**, announces six-point action plan. Plan revolves around construction of sewers and upgradation of sewers and waste water treatment plants
- Indian **Film Personality of the Year Award for 2021** will be conferred on Ms **Hema Malini** and **Shri Prasoon Joshi**.
- Seasoned compound archer **V. Jyothi Surekha** won the compound women's individual title at the **Asian archery championship** held in South Korea
- The **Chhattisgarh government** has formulated draft rules under **PESA Act, 1996**, terming it the Chhattisgarh Panchayat Provisions (Extension of the Scheduled) Rules, 2021. PESA act was enacted by the Centre to ensure self-governance through gram sabhas (village assemblies) for people living in scheduled areas
- **Assam's** forest department is planning to **collar at least five elephants** in high-conflict habitats in the coming months.
- President gives away **Gallantry awards for 2020**. Sapper Prakash Jadhav gets Kirti Chakra posthumously; Group Captain Abhinandan wins Vir Chakra
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) placed in public domain a draft scheme **for amalgamation of the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank with Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd. (USFB)**

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- The Andhra Pradesh Assembly unanimously passed a Bill on Monday to repeal two laws that were cleared last year as part of the YSRCP government's contentious move to set up three different state capitals instead of proceeding with the previous TDP regime's plan to develop the current capital of Amaravati.
- The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld a scheme of the then ruling AIADMK government in Tamil Nadu granting a waiver of outstanding crop loans, medium-term (agriculture) loans, and long-term (farm sector) loans issued to small and marginal farmers. SC is of the opinion that these situations do not violate Article 14
- **Andhra Assembly** withdraws resolution to abolish **Legislative Council**. Government had passed the statutory resolution in January 2020 under **Article 169(1)** of the Constitution
- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** approved deal for the manufacture of 6.71 lakh **AK-203 assault rifles** in India in cooperation of Russia. It is Considered to be the latest and most advanced version of the AK-47 rifle
- Union Home Minister laid the foundation stone for the '**Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum**' in **Manipur's** Tamenglong district. The museum project was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. She was a freedom fighter from Manipur, who got title of Rani from Jawaharlal Nehru
- The **National Green Tribunal, Chennai**, has directed a joint committee to ascertain if any construction has been made on Karwar Beach and in Kali riverbank areas in violation of CRZ rules and identify the same. The regulations are by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate change under the Environment Protection Act 1986.
- Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India had organised one day **National Consultative Workshop on Citizen Charter and Delivery of Services** by Panchayats as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav recently. Participants from 16 States signed the **Mysuru Declaration** and resolved to roll out the Common Minimum Service delivery by Panchayats across the country from April 1, 2022. The declaration is aimed at recognising Citizen Centric Services as the "**Heart of Governance**"
- Prime Minister chaired the meeting of 39th edition of **PRAGATI**, the ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and State governments.



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- PM pays tributes to **Lachit Borphukan** on Lachit Diwas. He is known for his leadership in the 1671 Battle of Saraighat that thwarted a drawn-out attempt by Mughal forces under the command of Ramsingh I to take over Ahom kingdom of Assam
- Acknowledging that poor families still need food security support in the middle of a recovering economy, the Centre has decided to extend its free ration scheme, **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)**, for another four months, until March 2022. Eligible beneficiaries will receive 5kg of foodgrains and 1 kg Gram per month.
- The Centre has withdrawn Chhattisgarh from the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin** with immediate effect. The scheme aims at providing a pucca house, with basic amenities, to all houseless householder and those households living in kutcha and dilapidated house, by 2022. The decision was taken citing poor response from state
- To promote and attract tourism business, the Indian Railways launched **Bharat Gaurav trains** that will be operated by private players and run on theme-based circuits.
- Shortage of drug, **Desferal 500 mg** hits **thalassaemia** patients in Karnataka. It is a inherited blood disorder, where body produces an inadequate amount of haemoglobin - a protein molecule that carries oxygen in the red blood cells
- Light-touch regulation of **PM-WANI** framework will encourage entrepreneurs to set up public wifi hotspots and generate additional revenue
- The fourth Scorpene class conventional submarine, **INS Vela**, was commissioned into the Navy
- Constitution Day also known as '**Samvidhan Divas**' is celebrated in our country on **26th November** every year, to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. It is by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Ruling party issued a **whip** for its members in Rajya Sabha. Whip is appointed by the political party to serve as an assistant floor leader and is charged with the **responsibility of ensuring the attendance of his party members** in large numbers and securing their support in favour of or against a particular issue.
- 5th Foundation Day function of the **Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIPI)** was recently celebrated. It is promoted to enroll and regulate insolvency professionals as its members in accordance with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy code 2016 and read with regulations.
- With the Supreme Court's three-week deadline looming, the Union Food Ministry formed a group of eight State Food Secretaries to create the framework for a **community kitchens scheme**. The petition referred to Rajasthan's Annapurna Rasoi, Indira Canteen in Karnataka, Delhi's Aam Aadmi Canteen, Anna Canteen of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Dal Bhat in Jharkhand and Odisha's Ahaar Centre to combat starvation.



- India to release 5 million barrels oil from **strategic reserves** in coordination with other buyers.
- Birth centenary of **Dr. Varghese Kurien** (Milk Man of India) is celebrated as National Milk Day
- The **first multi-dimensional poverty index (MPI)** was released by NITI Aayog. Kerala ranked first and Bihar ranked last
- Government begins finalizing proposals on **PM's action plan for Smart Cities initiative**. The scheme aims at developing 100 citizen-friendly and self-sustainable urban settlements, includes setting up ICCCs for each city as a vital step.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) classified the B.1.1.529 variant detected in South Africa as a SARS-CoV-2 “variant of concern”, saying it may spread more quickly than other forms.
- Union Minister for MSME Shri Narayana Rane launched the unique **anti-bacterial fabric** developed by Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institute, Jaipur, under **KVIC**. The fabric is treated with anti-bacterial agent extracted from cow dung which prevents bacterial growth in the fabric.
- The **PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals** is based on the strategy of “Atmanirbhar Bharat- Strategies for enhancing India’s manufacturing capabilities and enhancing exports in ten sectors”, which had been approved by the Union Cabinet
- In order to increase the share of manufacturing in the overall GDP of the country and for ensuring systematic and planned urbanization, Government of India (GoI) has adopted the strategy of developing **integrated Industrial Corridors** on the backbone of transport connectivity infrastructure in partnership with State Governments.
- **Punjab** is all set to conduct **Indus Dolphin census** along with WWF. First census was conducted in 2018 . The Objective is to establish accurate population of dolphins in order to plan conservation of species. It is listed by the IUCN as endangered on its Red List of Threatened Species.



- The first ship of the four **Project-15B** state-of-the-art stealth guided missile destroyers, **Visakhapatnam**, being built at the Mazgaon Docks Limited (MDL), was delivered to the Navy.
- Punjab Police has submitted a proposal to Declare **Guru Nanak Jayanti** as **WORLD PEDESTRIAN DAY**
- **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** or National Unity Day is celebrated on **October 31**, every year to mark the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Patel**, acknowledging his efforts to unite the country
- A district autonomous council in Meghalaya, which If implemented, the proposed Bill called **Khasi Inheritance of Property Bill, 2021** would modify an age-old customary practice of inheritance of the matrilineal Khasi tribe.
- The central government is preparing to give a fresh push to the establishment of an **All India Judicial Service (AIJS)** on the lines of the central civil services. Under the system, In the same way that the Union Public Service Commission conducts a central recruitment process and assigns successful candidates to cadres, judges of the lower judiciary are proposed to be recruited centrally and assigned to states.
- **Flipkart**, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Ministry of Rural Development** of the Government of India (MoRD), for their ambitious **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) program**, to help empower local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs) – especially those that are led by women – by bringing them into the e-commerce fold.
- India did not sign the **Glasgow Leaders’ Declaration** on Forests and Land Use. The declaration proposed by United Kingdom aims to halt deforestation by 2030
- The **leopard (Panthera pardus)** faces an 83% increased risk of extinction in North India due to roadkill, according to a new international study that quantifies the threat posed by roads to the survival of animal populations around the world.
- Initiative called **IRIS or Infrastructure for Resilient Island States**, was formally launched by Prime Minister recently. It is a “Data Window” for small island nations, generating and disseminating satellite data that will help these countries to strengthen their fences against climate disasters created By – **ISRO**
- National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur celebrates **National Ayurveda Day 2021**. It is celebrated on eve of Dhanvantri Jayanti.
- Chief Minister of Delhi on Wednesday announced ‘**Dilli Bazaar**’, an e-marketplace, where every small and big entrepreneur from the Capital will have their own e-commerce store.
- Home Minister of India launched **Ayushman CAPF scheme** for the personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and their families. Under the scheme, CAPF personnel and their families will be able to avail cashless in-patient and out-patient healthcare



facilities at all hospitals empanelled under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY or the Central Government Health Scheme.

- An ancient idol of **Goddess Annapurna**, brought back to India after over a century from Canada, would begin an over 800 km journey from Delhi on November 11 for its original location — the Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India organized a Stakeholder Forum on the theme '**Industry and One Health**' to celebrate the 6th International One Health Day today as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The day aims to highlight interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary engagements as well as multisectoral collaboration as aspects crucial to the implementation of the One Health concept.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA), a PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) today launched a '**Whistle-blower Portal**', as a part of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2021'.
- Parliament **Winter session** Begins. It is Held in mid-November to mid-December every year. It is Shortest session of all.
- 73 annual rising day of **National Cadet Corps** celebrated. It is youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces Headquartered in New Delhi, India
- Recently, Habibganj railway station of Bhopal has been renamed as '**Rani Kamalapati**' station. She was a Gond Queen
- Death Anniversary of **Jyotiba Phule** celebrated. Mahatma Phule was a Prolific social activist and thinker who helped to establish women's education in India, particularly in Maharashtra.

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INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

- **Abu Dhabi** passed a law allowing non-Muslims to marry, divorce and get joint child custody under civil law in the country.
- **Russian** authorities there have set an ambitious goal of making the **SAKHALIN ISLAND** — Russia's largest — **carbon neutral by 2025**
- **World Pneumonia Day** is observed on **November 12** annually
- Professor Bimal Patel has been elected to the **International Law Commission** for a five-year term starting January 1, 2023 in a hard-fought election at the United Nations.
- **UNESCO Member States** have declared the **first Thursday of November** as the **International Day against Violence and Bullying at School, including cyberbullying**. The aim is to raise awareness among students, parents, members of the school community, education authorities and others about the problem of online violence and cyberbullying.
- **World fisheries day** is celebrated every year on **November 21**
- **Taiwan** held a ceremony on Thursday to commission the first squadron of its most advanced **F-16 fighter, a U.S.-made jet**
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- **India, U.S.** commit to linking economies across sectors at recently held **Trade Policy Forum meet**
- **9th BRICS Science & Technology Ministers meet** was recently held and it was chaired by India.





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