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Golden Globe Awards 2021 announced

The **Golden Globe Awards 2021** was held to recognise excellence in film, both American and international, and American television. This was the **78th** edition of the annual event, which honoured the best in American television, as well as film in 2020 and early 2021, as chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

American TV series "**The Crown**" won the most awards for the ceremony with four awards. Late American actor **Chadwick Boseman** won the Golden Globe award for Best Actor in Drama category, posthumously, for his portrayal of Levee Green in *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*.

Winners in the Film category:

- **Best Film – Drama: Nomadland**
- Best Film – Musical/Comedy: *Borat Subsequent Movie film*
- **Best Director: Chloe Zhao for Nomadland**
- **Best Actress – Drama: Andra Day for The United States vs. Billie Holiday**
- **Best Actor – Drama: Chadwick Boseman for Ma Rainey's Black Bottom**
- Best Actress – Musical/Comedy: Rosamund Pike for *I Care A Lot*
- Best Actor – Musical/Comedy: Sacha Baron Cohen for *Borat Subsequent Movie film*
- Best Supporting Actress: Jodie Foster for *The Mauritanian*
- Best Supporting Actor: Daniel Kaluuya for *Judas And The Black Messiah*
- Best Screenplay: Aaron Sorkin for *The Trial of the Chicago 7*
- Best Foreign Language Film: *Minari*
- Best Animated Feature: *Soul*
- Best Original Score: *Soul*
- Best Original Song: 'Io Si (Seen)' from *The Life Ahead*

Winners in the Television category:

- **Best TV Series – Drama: The Crown**
- Best TV Series – Musical/Comedy: *Schitt's Creek*
- Best Limited Series, Anthology or TV Film: *The Queen's Gambit*
- **Best Actress – Drama: Emma Corrin for The Crown**
- **Best Actor – Drama: Josh O'Connor for The Crown**

- Best Actress – Musical/Comedy: Catherine O'Hara for *Schitt's Creek*
- Best Actor – Musical/Comedy: Jason Sudeikis for *Ted Lasso*
- **Best Supporting Actress: Gillian Anderson for The Crown**
- Best Supporting Actor: John Boyega for *Small Axe*
- Best Actress (Limited Series, Anthology or TV Film): Anya Taylor-Joy for *The Queen's Gambit*
- Best Actor (Limited Series, Anthology or TV Film): Mark Ruffalo for *I Know This Much Is True*

10th Hurun Global Rich List 2021 announced

The **10th Edition of Hurun Global Rich List 2021** was released, which ranked 3228 billionaires from 2,402 companies and **68 countries**. The report showed that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the world added 8 billionaires every week in 2020 and 421 in a year, taking their total number to a record 3,288.

The total wealth of all billionaires across the globe surged 32 per cent, an addition of \$3.5 trillion, to take their total wealth to \$14.7 trillion, during the period under review. The wealth calculations taken into account is as of January 15, 2021.

Top three billionaires:

- Tesla chief **Elon Musk** bagged the top spot on the Hurun Global Rich List for the first time after adding a massive **\$151 billion** during the year 2020 to take his net worth to **\$197 billion**.
- Amazon.com Inc CEO **Jeff Bezos** ranked second with **\$189 billion** in net worth.
- **Bernard Arnault**, the chief executive of LVMH Moët Hennessy – Louis Vuitton SE, the world's largest luxury-goods company ranked third with a net worth of \$114 billion.

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India in the list

- With 60 Billionaires from the Hurun India Global List 2021, **Mumbai** became the capital for India's rich followed by **New Delhi** (40) & **Bengaluru** (22).
- Asia's richest person and Reliance Industries chairman **Mukesh Ambani** is ranked eighth on the **Hurun Global Rich List 2021**. The total wealth of Ambani surged by 24% to **\$83 billion** (approximately Rs 6.09 lakh crore).
- **Apoorva Mehta** of Instacard & **Nikhil Kamath** of Zerodha (both 34 years) became the youngest Indian Billionaires with a net worth of USD 1.7 Billion.
- **Gautam Adani** of Adani Group (Global Rank - 48)
- **Shiv Nadar** of HCL (Global Rank - 58)
- **Lakshmi N Mittal** of ArcelorMittal (Global Rank - 104)
- **Cyrus Poonawalla** of Serum (Global Rank - 113)

ASIA:

Zhong Shanshan (Founder of Chinese Bottle Water Maker - Nongfu Spring) with USD 85 Billion became Asia's Richest person, followed by Mukesh Ambani. He also broke into the Hurun Global Rich List 2021 for the 1st time with a rank of 7.

Government amends Insurance Ombudsman Rules 2017

The **Government of India** has notified comprehensive amendments to the **Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017**, for better resolution of policyholders' complaints regarding insurance service deficiencies, in a timely, cost-effective and impartial manner. This will help in facilitating the resolution of the complaints with respect to the deficiencies in insurance services in a cost-effective and impartial manner on time.

What are those amendments?

- The Ombudsman mechanism was administered by the Executive Council of Insurers. This has now been renamed as the **Council for Insurance Ombudsmen**.
- Earlier, the scope of complaints to Ombudsmen was limited to only disputes, but now it has been enlarged to include **deficiencies in service** on the part of insurers, agents, brokers and other intermediaries.
- The insurance brokers have also been brought within the ambit of the Ombudsman mechanism. The Ombudsmen has been empowered to pass **awards against insurance brokers as well**.

- To strengthen the timeliness and cost-effectiveness of the mechanism, policyholders will now be enabled for making **complaints electronically to the Ombudsman**.
- A complaints management system will be created to enable policyholders to track the status of their complaints online.
- The rules also provide that, the ombudsman can use **video-conferencing** to hear the cases.

Who is an ombudsman?

Ombudsman is an official who is appointed to investigate the complaints regarding the service or on an administrative authority. The ombudsman is usually appointed by governments however, the private companies can also appoint them. The Indian government has appointed an ombudsman to resolve the grievances with respect to income tax, banking and insurance.

National Affairs

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the first-ever **Indian Toy Fair 2021** via video conference during which he urged the country to become '**Atmanirbhar**' in the toy manufacturing sector. The toy fair is divided into five stages — **pre-school to Class II, primary, upper primary, secondary and senior secondary**.
- The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare **Dr Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated the second edition of **Global Bio-India-2021** in New Delhi through virtual mode. The theme of Global Bio-India-2021: "**Transforming lives**" with the tag line "**Biosciences to Bio-economy**".
- **Indian High Commission in Colombo** has described the island nation of **Sri Lanka** as its "**Priority One**" partner in the defence sphere and reiterated the assurance of fullest cooperation in the field of defence and security. The assertion comes at a time when the **Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF)** is gearing up for the celebration of its **70th anniversary** on 2 March.
- The **Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Television channels** that broadcast the proceedings of the upper and lower Houses of Parliament, respectively, have been merged into a single entity. The new channel has been named the '**Sansad Television**'.

- The **UN General Assembly** adopted by consensus a resolution sponsored by **India** and supported by over **70 nations** declaring **2023** as the **International Year of Millets**. The International Year of Millets is aimed at raising awareness about the health benefits of the grain and its suitability for cultivation under changing climatic conditions. India's Permanent Mission to the UN also distributed savoury millet snack murukku to all UN Member States.

States in the News

- In Tripura, the **39th Agartala International Book Fair** with the theme "**Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura**" has begun at **Agartala**. State Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** has inaugurated the fair in presence of Bangladesh Assistant High Commissioner **Md. Jobayed Hossain** and other state cabinet ministers and MLAs.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** has launched "**Gharoki Paachan, Chelik Naam**" (**daughter's name is a home's identity**) programme and development schemes worth **Rs 42 crore** in **Nainital**. Initially, the scheme has been launched in Nainital and later is set to be extended to the entire Uttarakhand.
- The **Tripura government** has come up with a digital platform '**Jagrut Tripura**' to help people get benefits from various schemes of the Centre and the state government. At least 102 schemes of various departments of both governments are available on the platform. The 'Jagrut Tripura' will empower citizens of the northeastern state.

International Affairs

- The Russian space corporation **Roscosmos** successfully launched its first satellite to monitor the **Arctic's climate and environment**. The satellite called "**Arktika-M**", was launched on February 28, 2021, onboard **Soyuz-2.1b** carrier rocket, from the **Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan**. This satellite will help to collect information to solve operational meteorology and hydrology problems, and monitoring the climate and environment in the Arctic region.

- The **United Nations Committee for Development Policy (CDP)** has recommended the graduation of **Bangladesh** from the category of **Least Developed Country (LDC)**. Bangladesh has fulfilled the eligibility criteria in terms of per capita income, human assets and economic and environmental vulnerability.
- **Ghana** has become the first country in the world to receive vaccines acquired through the United Nations-backed **COVAX initiative** with a delivery of 600,000 doses of the **AstraZeneca** vaccine made by the **Serum Institute of India**.
- **Israel's president** has formally received the **first-ever ambassador** from the **United Arab Emirates**, following last year's historic agreement between the countries to normalise ties. UAE envoy **Mohamed Al Khaja**, who arrived in Israel, delivered his credentials to Israeli President **Reuven Rivlin** at a ceremony in **Jerusalem**.
- **Australian conservationists** have unveiled plans to build the world's first refuge for the **platypus**, to promote breeding and rehabilitation as the duck-billed mammal faces extinction due to climate change. The **Taronga Conservation Society Australia** and the New South Wales State government said they would build the specialist facility, mostly ponds and burrows for the semi-aquatic creatures, at a zoo 391 km from Sydney, by 2022.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **India** has signed a key pact with the **Philippines** called "**implementing arrangement**" for "**procurement of defence material and equipment**", as per which the country will buy the **BrahMos cruise missiles** from India. Philippine Defence Secretary **Delfin Lorenzana**, who was also present at the pact's signing ceremony in **Manila**.

- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and **SBI Payments** have partnered to launch "**RuPay SoftPoS**" for Indian merchants. The RuPay SoftPoS solution will provide a cost-effective acceptance infrastructure to retailers at a nominal cost. This innovative solution has the capability to transform NFC enabled smartphones into merchant Point of Sale (PoS) terminals for the retailers.

Books and Authors

- **Anindya Dutta**, a banker turned author, penned a new book titled "**Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis**", a chronicle of Indian Tennis. Advantage India is a well-researched account of the journey of Indian tennis, with a special section on the Doubles game and on women's tennis in India. The book is published by **Westland publications**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Reserve Bank of India** has notified that it has included **Fino Payments Bank** in the **Second Schedule** of the **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934**. All banks which are included in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 are Scheduled Banks. These banks comprise Scheduled Commercial Banks and Scheduled Co-operative Banks.
- The **World Bank** plans to introduce a **\$100-million** credit guarantee scheme to boost India's rooftop solar programme, which has not gained enough traction. The scheme will allow **micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** to avail concessional debt financing for setting up rooftop solar units.
- The **gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue** collected in the month of **February 2021** is Rs. **1,13,143 crore** of which CGST is Rs. **21,092 crore**, SGST is Rs. **27,273 crore**, IGST is Rs. **55,253 crore** (including Rs. 24,382 crores collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs. 9,525 crore (including Rs. 660 crores collected on import of goods). Revenues for February are **7%** higher than the GST revenues of February 2019. Revenues from the import of goods were **15%** higher than Feb '19.
- The **State Bank of India (SBI) Mutual Funds** has launched its first overseas offering on 1 March 2021. The fund titled **SBI International Access — US Equity FOF** is an open-ended fund of funds scheme investing in a mutual fund scheme/ETFs that invest in US markets, which are domiciled overseas.

- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** has launched the "**Business Kishit Suraksha**" cover. It is a unique cover that was launched with the aim of protecting the balance sheet of **Microfinance Institutions (MFIs)**, financial institutions and banks if any catastrophe or a natural disaster occurs.
- Private sector lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank** will handle the salary account of the **Indian army** personnel. The bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army here for a salary account. The MoU enables Kotak to offer its salary account proposition, combined with exclusive benefits for the Indian Army, to all army personnel - both active and retired.
- **Axis Securities** has announced the launch of '**YIELD**' - an online platform to buy and sell bonds as well as debentures in the secondary market. By offering competitive rates and technical know-how, YIELD would empower the investors to make the right investment decision. The trades and settlement of transactions executed will be reported on the BSE NDS (new debt segment) platform.

Appointments/Resignations

- The re-appointment of **Pramod Chandra Mody** as **Chairman** of the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** has been extended for a further period of **three months**. He is a 1982-batch Indian Revenue Service officer, was appointed as the CBDT chief in February 2019.
- Vice Admiral **Ajendra Bahadur Singh** took over as the **Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C)** of Eastern Naval Command (ENC). He replaces Vice Admiral **Atul Kumar Jain**. Atul Kumar Jain has been transferred to New Delhi to assume charge as the Vice Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC).
- The former head of the News Services Division of All India Radio, **Jaideep Bhatnagar**, took over as **Principal Director General** of the **Press Information Bureau**. Prior to his current charge as head of the organisation, Bhatnagar has worked in PIB for six years in different capacities. He will take over from **Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia**, who superannuated on February 28, 2021.

- **Matam Venkata Rao** has taken charge as the new **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Central Bank Of India**. Rao till now held the position of Executive Director at Canara Bank. His appointment is for a period of 3 years with effect from the date of assumption of office on or after March 1, 2021, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- IPS officer **Kuldiep Singh** has given an additional charge of **CRPF director general (DG)** after incumbent chief **A P Maheshwari** retires. Kuldiep Singh is working as the special DG of its central zone, will hold the additional charge of the CRPF head till “the appointment and joining of the successor or until further orders.
- Senior diplomat, **Manpreet Vohra** has been appointed as India’s next High Commissioner to **Australia**. Vohra, a 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, is presently Ambassador of India to **Mexico**.
- Six-time world champion boxer **Mary Kom** has been appointed as the **Chairperson of the International Boxing Association’s (AIBA) Champions and Veterans Committee**. The 37-year-old was voted to the post by AIBA’s board of directors on March 03, 2021.
- Department of economic affairs secretary, **Tarun Bajaj** has been given the additional charge of revenue secretary. Present revenue secretary **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** retires on February 28.
- UN chief **Antonio Guterres** has appointed leading Indian economist **Ligia Noronha** as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**.

Defence News

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** is participating in **Exercise Desert Flag-VI**, which has been organised from March 03 to 27, 2021 at **Al-Dhafra airbase, UAE**. The purpose of the exercise is to provide operational exposure to the participating forces, train them to undertake simulated air combat operations in a controlled environment, provides an opportunity to enhance their operational capabilities along with the mutual exchange of best practices.

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** conducted a successful flight test of **Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology** from the integrated test range (ITR), **Chandipur, off Odisha coast**. The SFDR technology will help DRDO with the technological advantage to develop long-range air-to-air missiles (AAMs).

Science and Technology

- India’s Polar rocket has successfully launched **Amazonia-1 of Brazil** and 18 other satellites from the spaceport here, in the first mission of the year for space agency **ISRO**. The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C51 lifted from the first launch pad of the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR)** and first injected into orbit primary payload Amazonia-1.
- Indian Scientists at **Aryabhata Research Institute of observational sciences (ARIES), Nainital**, have indigenously designed and developed a low-cost optical **Spectrograph** named as **Aries-Devasthal Faint Object Spectrograph & Camera (ADFOSC)**. It has been commissioned on the **3.6-m Devasthal Optical Telescope (DOT)**, in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand.
- The Governor of Tripura, **Ramesh Bais** has inaugurated the **Udaipur Science Centre**, at **Udaipur, Tripura**. The Udaipur Science Centre has been developed at a cost of **Rs 6 crore** funded jointly by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Tripura Government and with this; the **National Council of Science Museums (NCSM)** has now set-up science centres in all the northeastern states.

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- **Elon Musk** owned private rocket company, **SpaceX** successfully tested its **Starship prototype rocket "SN10"** after two recent failed attempts. SpaceX launched the rocket prototype, to an altitude of **10,000 kilometres** and then landed back on the ground. However, the rocket exploded about six minutes after landing.

Awards and Recognitions

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has received the **CERAWEEK global energy and environment leadership award** during an annual **CERAWEEK Conference-2021**. The award is given to him for his commitment to sustainability in energy and the environment.
- The **Hindu Group** won two golds and two silvers at **South Asian Digital Media Awards** given by **WAN IFRA (World Association of News Publishers)**, culminating in being named '**Champion Publisher of the Year**', owing to the highest tally on the points table. The awards are presented in recognition of outstanding work done by news publishers, in digital media. The winners were honoured virtually at the Digital Media India 2021 Conference held on March 3, 2021.
- The **30th Bihari Puraskar for 2020** will be given to **Mohankrishna Bohara** for his Hindi book of Criticism, titled **Taslima: Sangharsh aur Sahitya**. The **K.K. Birla Foundation** announced this in New Delhi. The book was published in **2016**.

Summit and Conference

- The Finance Minister of India, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has attended the **G20 Central Bank Governors' meeting**. This was the first-ever G20 Central Bank Governors' meeting that was held under the **Italian Presidency**. The main aim of the meeting was to discuss policy actions for transformative and equitable recovery along with other issues on the agenda including the global economic outlook, financial sector issues, financial inclusion and sustainable finance. This meeting is a follow-up for the upcoming 2021 G20 Summit, the sixteenth meeting of Group of Twenty, scheduled to take place in **Rome, Italy**, on 30–31 October 2021.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has participated in the **virtual India-Sweden summit**, with the Prime Minister of Sweden, **Stefan Lofven**. Both the leaders underlined that the longstanding close

relations between India and Sweden were based on shared values of **democracy, rule of law, pluralism, equality, freedom of speech, and respect for human rights**. Prime Minister Modi welcomed Sweden's decision to join the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.

Ranks and Reports

- **Bengaluru** emerged as the top city on the government's **Ease of Living Index 2020** that was released by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri**. **Bengaluru** emerged as the top performer in this **Million+ category**. In this group, **Shimla** was ranked the highest in **Less than Million category of ease of living**.
- The **11th edition of the QS World University Rankings** was released on March 04, 2021. The QS World University Rankings 2021 ranks the top 1,000 universities from around the world, covering 80 different locations. There are 47 new entrants on the list. The **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the United States** has retained its top position as the best university for the ninth year in a row. The **Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay** has emerged as the best institution. It is placed at 172 positions. No institute in India is in the top 100.
- The **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** has released the final rankings of the **Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020**. **Indore** has topped this list in **Million plus population category**, followed by Surat and Bhopal. **New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)** emerged as the leader in **Less than a million category**, followed by Tirupati and Gandhinagar.
- **India's** status as a democracy and free society has been downgraded to "**partly free**" in the latest annual report on global political rights and liberties by Freedom House, a US government-funded NGO that studies political freedom around the world. The report titled "**Freedom in the World 2021 - Democracy under Siege**". India had been rated as "**free**" in Freedom House's reports for **2018, 2019 and 2020**, though its scores on a scale of 100 had declined during this period from **77 to 71**. In the latest report, India had a score of **67 out of 100**.

Sports News

- **Kieron Pollard** hit six sixes in an over to guide **West Indies** to a comprehensive four-wicket win against **Sri Lanka** in the first game of their three-match **T20 series**. Pollard joins former India batsman **Yuvraj Singh** as the only other player to hit six sixes in an over in T20 cricket, and just the third man to hit six sixes in an international match, emulating **Herschelle Gibbs (South Africa)** and **Yuvraj Singh (India)**.
- **All India Football Federation** confirms **Odisha** as the venue for the forthcoming **Hero Indian Women's League 2020-21 edition**. This is the **fifth edition** of IWL, the top division women's league in India. The Odisha government is a strategic partner of the **AIFF (All India Football Federation)** as it provides the necessary infrastructure to various men and women age-group teams.
- Star Indian wrestler, **Vinesh Phogat** has defeated 2017 world champion **Vanesa Kaladzinskay** of Belarus to win a **gold medal** at the **XXIV Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament**, held in Kiev, Ukraine.
- India's **Varun Kapur** and **Malvika Bansod** clinched the **men's and women's singles titles** respectively at the **2021 Uganda International Badminton tournament in Kampala**. Varun beat compatriot Sankar Muthusamy 21-18, 16-21, 21-17 in the men's singles final.
- **Mumbai City FC** has scripted a **2-0 triumph** over **ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB)** at the GMC Stadium in Goa to bag the **ISL League Winners Shield** and the coveted AFC Champions League spot that comes with it.
- Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir** topped the medals tally in the second edition of the **Khelo India Winter National Games**. J&K won **11 gold, 18 silver and 5 bronze medals**. The five-day mega sports event which began on the 26th of February concluded in the famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. The event was e-inaugurated by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.

Important Days

- **Zero Discrimination Day** is an annual day celebrated on **1 March** each year by the **United Nations** and other international organisations. The theme of Zero Discrimination Day 2021: "**End Inequalities**".

- The **Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS)** observes the "**Civil Accounts Day**" every year on **March 01, 2021**, since its inception in **1976**. The year 2021 marks the **45th** Civil Accounts Day celebrations. ICAS is one of the Civil Services of India, under the Department of Expenditure, Union Ministry of Finance.
- **World Hearing Day** is held on **3 March** each year by the **World Health Organisation (WHO)** to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world. The theme of World Hearing Day 2021 is **Hearing care for ALL!: Screen, Rehabilitate, Communicate**.
- **World Wildlife Day** is observed globally on the **3rd of March** every year to celebrate the beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora present on earth. World Wildlife Day will be celebrated in 2021 under the theme "**Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet**".
- The **National Safety Day (NSD)** is celebrated every year on **4 March** by the **National Safety Council (NSC)** of India. In 2021, we are observing the **50th National Safety Day**. The National Safety Day Theme 2021 is "**Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety)**".
- In India, **March 4** is celebrated as **National Security Day (Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas)** every year, in the honor of the **Indian Security Forces**. 4 March also marks the day when the **National Security Council (NSC) of India** was established, in **1966** by the Ministry of Labour under the Government of India. The **first National Security Day (NSD)** was held in **1972**.

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Obituaries

- **Nand Kumar Singh Chauhan**, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP from Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh, has passed away. He was a six-term MP, who was elected as the **Lok Sabha MP** for the first time in **1996 and got re-elected in 1998, 1999, 2004, 2014 and 2019.**

Miscellaneous News

- The **Saras Aajeevika Mela 2021** is underway at **Noida Haat**. The fair was inaugurated by Union Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar**. Narendra Singh Tomar while inaugurating the event highlighted that the Ministry of Rural Development is working to include more women under the **Self-Help Groups (SHGs)**.
- The **Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)** has celebrated its **9th Foundation Day** on 01 March 2021. The Land Ports Authority of India or LPAI is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India is responsible for creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing border infrastructure in India. It manages several Integrated Check Posts all across Borders of India.
- The **International Yoga Festival** was inaugurated by the Agriculture Minister of Uttarakhand Subodh Uniyal, head of Akhil Bharatiya Akhada Parishad (ABAP) Narendra Giri and Patanjali Yogpeeth chairman Acharya Balakrishna in **Rishikesh**.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, **Thaawarchand Gehlot** has launched the **“Sugamya Bharat App”**, through a video conference in New Delhi. The minister also launched a handbook entitled **“Access – The Photo Digest”**.
- India captain **Virat Kohli** became the first cricketer in the world to have **100 million** followers on the social media platform **Instagram**. The 32-year-old Kohli is also the **fourth most** followed sportsperson on Instagram.
- The **Ministry of External Affairs India** will commemorate **‘Chabahar Day’** on March 4 on the sidelines of the **Maritime India Summit 2021** being held in **New Delhi**. The virtual event will see the participation of ministers from Afghanistan, Armenia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Uzbekistan. The Summit is being held from March 2-4, 2021.

Static Takeaways

- Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.
- Sri Lanka President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- Sri Lanka Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.
- UN General Assembly President: Volkan Bozkır.
- UN General Assembly Headquarters: New York, United States.
- UN General Assembly Founded: 1945, New York, United States.
- Russia President: Vladimir Putin.
- Russia Capital: Moscow.
- Russia Currency: Russian Ruble.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- President of Bangladesh: Abdul Hamid.
- Ghana President: Nana Akufo-Addo.
- Ghana Capital: Accra.
- Ghana Currency: Ghanaian cedi.
- Israel Prime minister: Benjamin Netanyahu.
- Israel Capital: Jerusalem.
- Israel Currency: Israeli Shekel.
- Australia Capital: Canberra.
- Australia Currency: Australian dollar.
- Australia PM: Scott Morrison.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Chief Minister of Tripura: Biplab Kumar Deb; Governor: Ramesh Bais.
- Philippines President: Rodrigo Duterte.
- Philippines Capital: Manila.
- Philippines Currency: Philippine peso.
- Chairman of Fino Payments Bank: Prof Mahendra Kumar Chouhan.
- Fino Payments Bank established: 13 July 2006.
- MD & CEO of Fino Payments Bank: Rishi Gupta.
- Headquarters of Fino Payments Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States.
- World Bank Formation: July 1944.
- World Bank President: David Malpass.
- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- SBI Mutual Fund MD & CEO: Vinay Tonse.
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Established: 1924.
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Headquarters: New Delhi.

- Eastern Naval Command Headquarter: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Eastern Naval Command Founded: 1 March 1968.
- PIB has its Headquarters in New Delhi.
- The Press Information Bureau was established in June 1919.
- Central Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Central Bank of India Founded: 21 December 1911.
- Central Reserve Police Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Central Reserve Police Force Formed: 27 July 1939.
- Central Reserve Police Force Motto: Service and Loyalty.
- Prime Minister of Australia: Scott Morrison.
- The currency of Australia: Australian dollar.
- Capital of Australia: Canberra.
- AIBA Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- AIBA President: Umar Kremlyov.
- AIBA Founded: 1946.
- Chiefs of Air Staff: Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.
- Hurun Report Chairman and Chief Researcher: Rupert Hoogewerf (Hu Run).
- Hurun Report Headquarters: Shanghai, China.
- Hurun India MD and Chief Researcher: Anas Rahman.
- Hurun India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- President of AIFF: Praful Patel.
- AIFF founded: 23 June 1937.
- FIFA affiliation of AIFF: 1948.
- Headquarters of AIFF: Dwarka, Delhi.
- Uganda Capital: Kampala.
- Uganda Currency: Ugandan shilling.
- Uganda President: Yoweri Museveni.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir: Manoj Sinha.
- United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNAIDS Executive Director: Winnie Byanyima.
- UNAIDS Founded: 26 July 1994.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Director-general of WHO: Tedros Adhanom.
- World Wildlife Fund Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland.
- World Wildlife Fund Founded: 29 April 1961, Morges, Switzerland.
- President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund: Carter Roberts.
- National Security Council of India Founded: 19 November 1998.
- National Security Council of India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Land Ports Authority of India Chairman: Aditya Mishra.
- Land Ports Authority of India Founded: 1 March 2012.
- Land Ports Authority of India Parent organization: Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Land Ports Authority of India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Minister of External Affairs: Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.
- ISRO Chairman: K.Sivan.
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ISRO established: 15 August 1969.
- Aryabhata Research Institute of observational sciences Founded: 20 April 1954.
- Chief Minister of Tripura: Biplab Kumar Deb; Governor: Ramesh Bais.
- SpaceX founder & CEO: Elon Musk.
- SpaceX president & COO: Gwynne Shotwell.
- SpaceX Founded: 2002.
- SpaceX Headquarters: California, United States of America.
- Secretary Department of Defence Research and Development & Chairman DRDO: Dr G Satheesh Reddy.
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- DRDO Established: 1958.
- Stockholm is the capital of Sweden.
- The krona is the official currency of Sweden.
- The current PM of Sweden is Stefan Lofven.
- National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe.
- National Payments Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- National Payments Corporation of India Founded: 2008.
- HDFC ERGO CEO: Ritesh Kumar.
- HDFC ERGO Headquarters: Mumbai.
- HDFC ERGO Founded: 2002.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO: Uday Kotak.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Establishment: 2003.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Tagline: Lets make money simple.
- Axis Bank Commenced operations: 1994.

- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Axis Bank Tagline: Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi Managing.
- Axis Bank MD and CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry.
- United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya.
- United Nations Environment Programme Head: Inger Andersen.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founder: Maurice Strong.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founded: 5 June 1972.

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