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Grammy Awards 2021 Announced: Check the list of Winners

The **63rd edition of the annual Grammy Awards** ceremony was held in Los Angeles on March 14, 2021. The 2021 Grammy awards recognized the best recordings, compositions, and artists of the eligibility year, between **September 1, 2019, to August 31, 2020**. The award is presented by **The Recording Academy** to recognize achievements in the American music industry. **Beyonce** received the most nominations with nine, as well as the most awards with four.

Here is the list of winners of **Grammy Awards 2021**:

Sl. No.	Category	Winner
1.	Album Of The Year	"Folklore" by Taylor Swift
2.	Record Of The Year	"Everything I Wanted" by Billie Eilish
3.	Best New Artist	Megan Thee Stallion
4.	Best Rap Album	"King's Disease" by Nas
5.	Best R&B Album Winner	"Bigger Love" by John Legend
6.	Best Rap Song	"Savage" by Beyoncé, Shawn Carter, Brittany
7.	Best Country Album	"Wildcard" — Miranda Lambert
8.	Song Of The Year	"I Can't Breathe" by Dernst Emile II, H.E.R. and Tiara Thomas
9.	Best Rock Album	"The New Abnormal" by The Strokes
10.	Best Rock Song	"Stay High" by Brittany Howard, songwriter (Brittany Howard)
11.	Best Dance/Electronic Album	Bubba by Kaytranada
12.	Producer of the Year, Classical	David Frost
13.	Best Music Video	Brown Skin Girl by Beyoncé, Blue Ivy & WizKid
14.	Best Country Song	Crowded Table by Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby & Lori McKenna
15.	Best Folk Album	All the Good Times
16.	Best Comedy Album	Black Mitzvah by Tiffany Haddish

History of Grammy Award:

The Grammy Award is an award presented by the Recording Academy to recognize achievements in the music industry. The first Grammy Awards ceremony was held on **May 4, 1959**, to honour and respect the musical accomplishments of performers for the year **1958**. The trophy represents a gilded gramophone.

Sahitya Akademi Award 2020 announced

Sahitya Akademi announced its annual **Sahitya Akademi Awards** in **20 languages**. Seven books of poetry, four of the novel, Five short stories, two plays, and one each of memoirs and epic poetry in 20 Indian languages. The awards for **Malayalam, Nepali, Odia and Rajasthani** will be announced later. Sahitya Akademi Award is a literary honour in India. It is a dream for all Indian writers to look forward to one of the prestigious literary awards. The **political-writer M Veerappa Moily, poet Arundhathi Subramaniam** will be bestowed with the Sahitya Akademi Award 2020.

Sahitya Akademi Award

The Akademi is run by three authorities

- General council.
- Finance committee.
- Executive board.

The Akademi is known for holding the largest library of multi-lingual books in India. The Sahitya Akademi is autonomous. It comes under the Ministry of Culture.

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The complete list of winners in different language and genre categories is given in the table below.

S.No	Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
1	Assamese	Bengsata (Short stories)	Apurba Kumar Saikia
2	Bengali	Eka Eka Ekashi (Memoirs)	Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay
3	Bodo	Gwthenay Lamayao Gwdan Agan (Short stories)	Dharanidhar Owari
4	Dogri	Baba Jitmal (Play)	Gian Singh
5	English	When God Is a Traveller (Poetry)	Arundhati Subramaniam
6	Gujarati	Banaras Diary (Poetry)	Harish Meenakshru
7	Hindi	Tokeri Mein Digant 'Their Gatha' (Poetry)	Anamika
8	Kannada	Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijayam (EPIC POETRY)	M. Veerappa Moily
9	Kashmiri	Tilasm-e-Khanabadosh (Short stories)	Hiday Koul Bharti
10	Konkani	Yugaparivarathan ancho Yatri (Poetry)	RS Bhaskar
11	Maithili	Gachh Roosal Achhi (Short Stories)	Kamalkant Jha
12	Manipuri	Malangbana Kari Hai (Poetry)	Irungbam Deven
13	Marathi	Udya (Novel)	Nanda Khare
14	Punjabi	Aam Khass (Short stories)	Gurdev Singh Rupana
15	Sanskrit	Vaishali (Novel)	Mahesh Chandra Sharma Gautam

16	Santali	Gur Dak Kasa Dak(Poetry)	Rupchand Hansdah
17	Sindhi	Jehad (Plays)	Jetho Lalwani
18	Tamil	Sellaatha Panam (Novel)	Imaiyam
19	Telugu	Agniswaasa(2015 -17) Poetry	Nikhileswar
20	Urdu	Amawas Mein Khwab (Novel)	Hussain-ul-Haque

Sahitya Akademi Award 2020 winners will be bestowed with the award in the form of a casket, containing the engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and a cash amount of **Rs. 1,00,000/-** at the Sahitya Akademi Award Presentation function.

Mumbai City FC beat ATK Mohun Bagan to win their maiden ISL title

Mumbai City FC has defeated **ATK Mohun Bagan** 2-1 in the ISL 2020-21 final to lift yet another trophy this year. Mumbai had earlier secured the ISL Shield along with a spot in the AFC Champions League group stage by finishing first in the standings in the regular season.

Related Awards

- **Golden Ball Award** (Best Player of ISL 2020-21): ATK Mohun Bagan forward **Roy Krishna**.
- **Emerging Indian Player of the Year**: NorthEast United midfielder **Lalengmawia**.
- **Golden Boot Award** (Top goal-scorer): FC Goa striker **Igor Angulo** for 14 goals.
- **Golden Glove Award** (Best Goalkeeper): ATK Mohun Bagan custodian **Arindam Bhattacharya** for ten clean sheets.

National Affairs

- The Supreme Court has asked the government to respond to a plea challenging the Places of Worship Act enacted in 1991. A notice is issued by a Bench led by Chief Justice of India Sharad A. Bobde to the Union Ministries of Home, Law and Culture on a plea filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay against various provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act of 1991.

- The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has announced a new scheme for tourist vehicle operators, under which any tourist vehicle operator may apply for an **“All India tourist authorization and permit”** through online mode. The new set of rules will be known as **“All India Tourist Vehicles Authorization and Permit Rules, 2021”**. This will come into effect from April 01, 2021.
- The **Jammu and Kashmir administration** has approved the incorporation of a joint venture company (JVC) under the name **“Ratle Hydro-electric Power Corporation”**. To implement the **850 MW Ratle Hydro-Electric Project (HEP)** on river **Chenab** in the Kishtwar district of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).
- Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir**, Lieutenant Governor, **Manoj Sinha**, initiated the project **“Awaam Ki Baat”** – a Radio program by launching its website at Raj Bhavan, Jammu. The half-an-hour long Radio program to be aired **every third Sunday of the month** (to start from April), is one of the many sequential steps of a broader program aimed at disseminating the progressive steps taken by the government and providing the public with a platform to speak, write and interact with the administration, thereby voicing their suggestions, ideas and creative proposals.

States in the News

- **Odisha** farmer gained attention of people on social media by generating electric four-wheeler that runs on a solar powered battery. **Sushil Aggarwal** from **Odisha’s Mayurbhanj district** had built a four-wheeler powered by an **850 Watts motor and 100 Ah/54 Volts of battery**. After fully charged the vehicle can travel up to 300 km. He told that he had built this car inside a workshop at his home during the COVID-19 lockdown.
- The Central Government will set up the **National Wildlife Disease Diagnostic Research and Referral Centre in Gujarat**. The proposal is part of the document for Project Lion drafted in consultation with the Government of Gujarat and Wildlife Institute of India.
- **27th “Hunar Haat”** of indigenous products of artisans & craftsmen from across the country was inaugurated by MP CM **Shivraj S Chouhan**. More than 600 artisans, craftsmen from more than 31 States/UTs are participating in the “Hunar Haat” in Bhopal.

- **Kempegowda International Airport** in **Bengaluru** now has India’s first dedicated Express Cargo Terminal exclusively for export and import of international couriers that will be operated by the Express Industry Council of India to enable ease of doing business & reduce transaction time.

International Affairs

- **El Salvador** is the first country in Central America to be certified **malaria-free** by the **World Health Organization**. WHO grants a certification of malaria elimination when a country proves “beyond a reasonable doubt” that there has been no indigenous transmission of the disease nationwide for the previous three consecutive years.
- The **largest floating solar farm** in the world is being built in **Singapore**. The country has resorted to set up energy plants off the coasts and reservoirs across it. This floating solar farm is being set up in the light that despite being one of the smallest countries across the world, it is one of the biggest per capita carbon dioxide emitters in India.
- **Samia Suluhu Hassan** was sworn in as the sixth President of **Tanzania**, becoming the first female leader of the East African country. Prior to taking charge as President, Hassan was the Vice-President of Tanzania, also being the first female vice-president of the country, since November 2015.
- **Netherlands** Prime Minister, **Mark Rutte** has won the 2021 parliamentary elections with most seats to be sworn in as the **Prime Minister for the fourth straight term**.

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Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Italy** has signed the amended Framework Agreement of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** with India. The framework agreement was signed by the Italian Ambassador to India **Vincenzo De Luca**. ISA is an alliance of over **121 nations** that have been initiated by India.
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** and **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** will sign the first **Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)** linked **external commercial borrowing (ECB)** deal. The deal will be signed because the de facto international benchmark reference rate called the **London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR)** will no longer work as the benchmark after December 2021.

Books and Authors

- The Maharashtra Governor **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** released a digital e-book titled **Dawn Under The Dome**. The digital book depicts the history of the **Mumbai General Post Office building**. It has been authored by Post Master General of Mumbai **Swati Pandey** in collaboration with **Orchida Mukherjee**.
- A book titled "**Battle Ready for 21st Century**" co-edited by **Lt Gen AK Singh**, Distinguished Fellow CLAWS and Brig **Narender Kumar**, Visiting Fellow CLAWS was released by **Gen Bipin Rawat**. The book lays down the conceptual framework for the strategic management of future conflicts.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **India's foreign-exchange reserves** surpassed **Russia's** to become the world's **fourth-largest reserve**. The foreign currency holdings of India stood at **\$580.3 billion** as of March 5, as per the data by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. The reserve of Russia was **\$580.1 billion**. Overall, **China** has the largest reserves, followed by **Japan and Switzerland**, as on the International Monetary Fund table.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has asked banks to implement the image-based **Cheque Truncation System (CTS)** in all branches by **September 30**

this year. The move is aimed at faster settlement of cheques resulting in better customer service. The Apex bank said that to leverage the availability of CTS and provide a uniform customer experience irrespective of the location of her/his bank branch, it has been decided to extend CTS across all bank branches in the country. To facilitate this, banks will have to ensure that all their branches participate in image-based CTS under respective grids by September 30.

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **2 crores** on the **State Bank of India (SBI)** for contravention of certain provisions of **Section 10** of the **Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949**. The central bank's specific directions issued to the bank on payment of remuneration to employees in the form of commission. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested with RBI under the provisions of the BR Act. The penalty is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, the umbrella entity for digital payments in India, has launched a new application named "**UPI-Help**" on **BHIM UPI**, which will act as a grievance redressal mechanism for the users of the BHIM application. Initially, UPI-Help has been made live on the BHIM app for the customers of **State Bank of India, AXIS Bank, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank**. Users of other banks participating in UPI will also be added to UPI-Help soon.
- **Moody's Analytics** has projected the Indian economy to grow by **12 per cent** in the Calendar Year 2021. For the Calendar year 2020, the real GDP was projected to contract **7.1 per cent** by Moody's. It must be noted that Moody's Analytics makes calendar year projections, while its sister organization Moody's Investors Service provides fiscal year estimates.
- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary namely "**PNB Cards & Services Ltd**" to manage its credit card business. The PNB Cards & Services Ltd has been incorporated on March 16, 2021, by the **Registrar of Companies, Delhi**.

- The **UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** has projected India's economy to contract by **6.9 per cent** in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, is forecast to record a "stronger recovery" in 2021 and grow by **5 per cent**. Further, the UNCTAD estimates the global economy to grow by **4.7 per cent in 2021**.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Deepak Mishra**, Practice Manager in the **World Bank's** Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment Global Practice, has been appointed as the **next director and chief executive** of the **Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)**.
- Former Cabinet Secretary and Principal Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) **P.K. Sinha** has relinquished his high-profile position on personal grounds. He was appointed in the PMO first as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) briefly and then as Principal Advisor, a specially created position for him, in September 2019 after the 2019 parliamentary polls.
- Senior IPS officer, **M. A. Ganapathy** was on March 16, 2021 appointed **Director General of National Security Guard**. Ganapathy, a 1986 batch **Indian Police Service (IPS)** officer of the Uttarakhand cadre, is currently Director General, **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)**.
- Lt General **DP Pandey** has taken over the command of strategic **Kashmir-based 15 Corps** from **Lt Gen BS Raju**, who has been appointed as the new **Director-General of Military Operations (DGMO)** of the Indian Army.
- Dr **Ajay Mathur** has assumed office as the **Director-General** of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** with effect from March 15, 2021. He has been appointed for a period of four years which can be renewed for an additional term. Dr Ajay Mathur has replaced **Upendra Tripathy**, who completed his term on March 15, after serving as the Director-General since 2017.
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, **Dr Harsh Vardhan** has been appointed as the Chairman of the international body **Stop TB Partnership Board**. He was appointed in

recognition of his outstanding contribution to the movement to eradicate Tuberculosis from India by **2025**. He will serve a three-year term, commencing from July this year.


- **NeoGrowth Credit Pvt. Ltd**, a lender to small businesses, has announced the appointment of cricketer **Ajinkya Rahane** as its brand ambassador. The agreement is for a year which can be extended further. Rahane will feature in a campaign slated to be released in the first week of April, which will talk about the ease of procuring loans through NeoGrowth for small businesses.
- **International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach** was on 10th March re-elected for an **additional four-year term**.

Defence News

- The **Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems (KRAS)**, which is a joint venture between the **Kalyani Group of India** and **Rafael Advanced Defence Systems of Israel**, have released the first batch of **Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM)** kits. The missile was released for the Indian Army and Indian Air Force.
- As part of **Mission Sagar-IV**, Indian Naval Ship **Jalashwa** arrived at **Port Anjouan, Comoros** to deliver 1,000 Metric Tonnes of rice. An official ceremony for handing over the food aid from the Government of India to the Government of Comoros. INS Jalashwa, the largest amphibious ship of the Indian Navy, has been specially sent to Comoros due to its large carrying capacity.

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Awards and Recognitions

- The U.S. Consulate honoured Tamil Nadu-based anti-caste activist and human rights defender **Gowsalya Shankar** with a nomination for the **International Woman of Courage (IWOC) Award**. The IWOC Award Certificate of Nomination was handed over to her by U.S. Consul General in Chennai Judith Ravin at an event '**Courageous Women Inspire a Better World**' held in the city.

Summit and Conference

- The **India-Finland Virtual Summit** was held on March 16, 2021, with the participation of Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi** and Prime Minister of the Republic of Finland Ms **Sanna Marin**. The virtual summit was organised to discuss the entire gamut of bilateral issues as well as other regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest.
- The **Sixth India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum** meeting was held virtually. The Forum discussed key issues that contribute towards the transformation of women's lives. At the end of the conference, a joint declaration was also issued highlighting the shared IBSA goals and commitments for achieving gender equality in all spheres of life.

Ranks and Reports

- The **Hurun India Wealth Report, 2020** was released on March 16, 2020. The report identifies a novel household category in India called the '**New Middle Class**' which accounts for an average savings of **Rs 20-lakh per annum**. The report highlights that these households have a major allocation towards physical assets like primary residential property and automobiles. As per the report, the total number of such cumulative households in India stands at **633,000**.
- New Delhi** has been adjudged as the **world's most polluted capital city** for the third straight year in the **2020 World Air Quality Report** by Swiss organisation, **IQAir**. Globally, **New Delhi** is ranked as the **10th** most polluted city in the world. The topmost polluted city in the world is **Xinjiang in China**. This is followed by nine Indian cities as the

most polluted cities in the world, which are **Ghaziabad, Bulandshahar, Bsrakh Jalalpur, Noida, Greater Noida, Kanpur, Lucknow and Bhiwari**.

- India's arms imports fell 33%** between 2011-15 and 2016-20, said a report released by the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri)**. The report on international arms transfers attributed the drop in India's arms imports mainly to an attempt to reduce its dependence on **Russian arms** and complex procurement processes. Russia was the most affected supplier, although India's imports of US arms also fell by **46%**. India's top three arms suppliers during 2016-20 were **Russia (accounting for 49% of India's imports), France (18%) and Israel (13%), the report**. Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Mauritius were the top recipients of Indian military hardware, the report.

Science and Technology

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has launched the sounding rocket (**RH-560**) to study altitudinal variations in the neutral winds and plasma dynamics, at **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota Range (SHAR)**. ISRO has developed a series of sounding rockets called Rohini series, important among them being **RH-200, RH-300 and RH-560**, number in the name indicating the diameter of the rocket in mm, according to the Bengaluru-headquartered space agency.
- The Finnish telecom equipment maker, **Nokia** has announced on March 16 that it has partnered with **Microsoft, Amazon web services and Google** so as to develop a new cloud-based **5G radio solution**. This solution will be developed with its **radio access network (RNA) technology**. This partnership was gone with the objective of developing new business cases.

Sports News

- Bhavani Devi** became the first-ever **Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics**. The sabre fencer secured an Olympic spot due to events in the ongoing Fencing World Cup. Hosts Hungary lost in the quarterfinals of the team event, allowing Korea to progress to the semis.

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has imposed eight years ban on former UAE players **Mohammad Naveed** and **Shaiman Anwar Butt** from all cricket, for trying to fix matches during the T20 World Cup qualifiers in 2019. The ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal had found them guilty of breaching the Anti-Corruption Code in January 2021.
- Indian captain **Virat Kohli** has breached the **3000-run mark** in **Twenty20 Internationals** with his last shot in the second T20I against **England**. Kohli's knock of 73 runs, which came off 49 balls, also helped India to level the five-match T20I series. He also became the third captain in international cricket to score **12000 runs** as a captain. He joined legendary captains **Ricky Ponting** and **Graeme Smith** in the elite list.
- Sprinter **S Dhanalakshmi** beat national record holder **Dutee Chand** to win women's 100m sprint final in the **Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships** in Patiala. The 22-year-old Dhanalakshmi of Tamil Nadu clocked 11.39 seconds to become the fastest woman of the championships. Odisha-based Dutee clocked 11.58 seconds to be placed in second place.
- Afghanistan's **Hashmatullah Shahidi** became the first batsman from the country to register a **double hundred** in **Test cricket**. He got his first double century on Day Two of the second Test against **Zimbabwe** in **Abu Dhabi**. He made 200 not out off 443 balls with 21 fours and one six as Afghanistan put up a mammoth 545 for 4 in their first innings.
- Founder of Ultimate Battle is Tarun Gupta. It is an online eSports platform where gamers can test their mettle against others without paying a fee. India is still small in this segment, gamers need platforms that can give them competitive exposure to improve their skills.
- The Indian athlete **Avinash Sable** set a new national record in the men's **3000m steeplechase** event in the ongoing **Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships** in Patiala, with timing of **8:20.20**. With this, the 26-year-old Avinash broke his own record of **8:21.37** which he set in 2019, after finishing 13th in the final of the World Athletics Championships in Doha.

Important Days

- **World Consumer Rights Day** is celebrated on **March 15** every year to raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs, and protect consumers across the globe against market abuses. The theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2021 is **"Tackling Plastic Pollution."**
- The **National Vaccination Day**, (also called the **National Immunization Day**), is celebrated every year on **March 16** in India, to convey the importance of vaccination to the entire nation. The prime purpose behind the celebration of National Vaccination Day is to make all people aware of arming against polio and eradicating it completely from the world. In 2021, the National Vaccination Day is important as the country has started its biggest **Covid-19 immunization programme**.
- **Global Recycling Day** is observed every year on **March 18** to create awareness among the masses about the rapid pace at which our natural resources are being used. The day also promotes the concept and practice of recycling. Every year, events are organised by environmentalist and activists to promote the cause.
- The **Ordnance Factories' Day** is observed on the **18th of March** every year. The production of India's oldest Ordnance Factory, which is at Cossipore of Kolkata, was started on the **18th of March, 1802**. OFB is the **37th** largest defence equipment manufacturer in the world, 2nd largest in Asia, and the largest in India.

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- **World Sparrow Day** is celebrated every year on **March 20** to raise awareness about the House Sparrow and other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations. The theme of 2021 World Sparrow Day “**I LOVE Sparrows**”.
- **International Day of Happiness** is celebrated on **March 20** to promote happiness as a fundamental human right for all human beings across the world. The 2021 International Day of Happiness campaign theme is ‘**Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind**’.
- **World Oral Health Day** is observed every year on **20th March**. It focuses on highlighting the benefits of good oral health, spreads awareness about oral diseases and promotes maintenance of oral hygiene. The theme for the next three years, 2021-2023 is: **Be Proud Of Your Mouth**.
- The **UN French Language Day** is observed annually on **20 March**. The day was established by the **UN’s Department of Public Information in 2010**, to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the Organization.

Obituaries

- Renowned Indian artist and painter **Laxman Pai** has passed away. The Goa-based painter was a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, India’s third-highest civilian honour. The former principal of the Goa College of Art had several laurels under his name including **Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri, Nehru Award, and Lalit Kala Akademi Award**.
- The former undisputed middleweight boxing legend “**Marvelous**” **Marvin Hagler** has passed away. Hagler, the American legend, ruled as the undisputed middleweight champion from 1980 to 1987. He was inducted into the **International Boxing Hall of Fame** and the **World Boxing Hall of Fame in 1993**.
- Veteran Kathakali artist **Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair** has passed away in Kozhikode, Kerala. He was 105-year old. He was awarded Padma Shri in 2017 for his contributions to the dance form of Kathakali.
- The Dutch inventor of audio cassette tapes, **Lou Ottens** passed away. Dutch engineer credited with inventing the cassette tape and playing a major role in the development of the first CD.

- **Barrister Moudud Ahmed**, who held various political offices for short stints in the Government of Bangladesh, has passed away. He had served as the **Prime Minister of Bangladesh (1988–1989)**, Vice President of Bangladesh (1989–1990), Deputy Prime Minister (1976–1978 and 1987–1988), and Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (2001–2006).
- Former Union Minister and BJP leader, **Dilip Gandhi** passed away, due to coronavirus. He had served as the **Union Minister of State, Ministry of Shipping** from 29 January 2003 to 15 March 2004.
- The President of **Tanzania, John Magufuli** has passed away following a heart ailment. Popularly nicknamed the “**Bulldozer**”, Magufuli served as the **fifth President** of Tanzania from 2015 until his death in 2021. He first won the presidential election in October 2015 and was sworn in on 5 November 2015. He was re-elected in 2020.

Miscellaneous News

- **ReNew Power** has been named to the **World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Global Lighthouse Network**, which recognises companies using new technologies to achieve environmentally sustainable, community supportive, profitable growth. ReNew Power is an Indian renewable energy company. It has an asset base of over 8 GW, with around 5 GW operational. ReNew Power is one of the two Indian companies to be recognised by the **Global Lighthouse Network** this year.
- The government has constituted an experts advisory committee for the overall execution and monitoring of the **Startup India Seed Fund Scheme**. The committee would be chaired by **H K Mittal** from the Department of Science and Technology. The other representatives of the committee would include members from DPIIT, the department of biotechnology, science and technology, electronics and IT, Niti Aayog, and expert members from the startup ecosystem.
- In the Indian Ocean, the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) will launch the first-of-its-kind project of Genome Mapping. Indian Ocean covers about 20% of the Earth’s water surface and so is the third largest water body in the world. Its

objective is to gather samples of genome mapping of microorganisms in the Indian Ocean.

- **Samsung India** has announced that it has inaugurated a **Samsung Innovation Lab at Delhi Technological University (DTU)** to focus on collaborative research and training. It has set up the innovation lab under the Samsung Innovation Campus initiative as part of its new **#PoweringDigitalIndia vision**. With this addition, Samsung now has eight technical labs spread across the country as part of its Samsung Innovation Campus initiative, which was earlier called **Samsung Digital Academy**.

Static Takeaways

- Minister of Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Gadkari.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir: Manoj Sinha.
- El Salvador President: Nayib Bukele.
- El Salvador Capital: San Salvador; Currency: El Salvador colon.
- Singapore Currency: Singapore dollar.
- Capital of Singapore: Singapore.
- PM of Singapore: Lee Hsien Loong.
- President of Italy: Sergio Mattarella.
- Capital of Italy: Rome; Currency of Italy: Euro.
- Prime Minister of Italy: Mario Draghi.
- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe.
- National Payments Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- National Payments Corporation of India Founded: 2008.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- ICRIER Established: August 1981.
- ICRIER Headquarters: New Delhi.
- National Security Guard Headquarters: New Delhi.
- The motto of the National Security Guard: Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha.

- International Solar Alliance Headquarters Location: Gurgram, Haryana.
- International Solar Alliance Established: 2015.
- World Tuberculosis Day, observed on 24 March.
- Israel Prime minister: Benjamin Netanyahu.
- Israel Capital: Jerusalem.
- Israel Currency: Israeli Shekel.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950.
- Finland: Capital: Helsinki; Currency: Euro.
- Minister of Women and Child Development: Smriti Zubin Irani.
- Sipri Headquarters: Oslo, Norway.
- Sipri Founded: 6 May 1966.
- Sipri Director: Dan Smith.
- Chairman of ICC: Greg Barclay.
- CEO of ICC: Manu Sawhney.
- Headquarters of ICC: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Director-General & Chairman of Ordnance Factories: C S Vishwakarma.
- Headquarters of Ordnance Factory Board: Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Tanzania President: Samia Suluhu.
- Tanzania Capital: Dodoma.
- Tanzania Currency: Tanzanian shilling.
- World Economic Forum Headquarters: Cologny, Switzerland.
- World Economic Forum Founder: Klaus Schwab.
- World Economic Forum Founded: January 1971.
- Headquarters of Moody's: New York, United States.
- President & CEO of Moody's: Raymond W. McDaniel, Jr.

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- Punjab National Bank MD and CEO: S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao.
- Punjab National Bank Founded: 19 May 1894, Lahore, Pakistan.
- UNCTAD Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNCTAD Founder: United Nations General Assembly.
- UNCTAD Founded: 30 December 1964.
- Netherlands Capital: Amsterdam; Currency: Euro
- France Prime minister: Jean Castex.
- France Capital: Paris.
- France President: Emmanuel Macron.
- IOCHeadquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- IOC Founded: 23 June 1894.
- IOC Director General: Christophe De Kepper.
- Gujarat Chief Minister: Vijay Rupani.
- Gujarat Governor: Acharya Devvrat.
- Karnataka Governor: Vajubhai Vala; CM: B. S. Yediyurappa.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Anandiben Patel.