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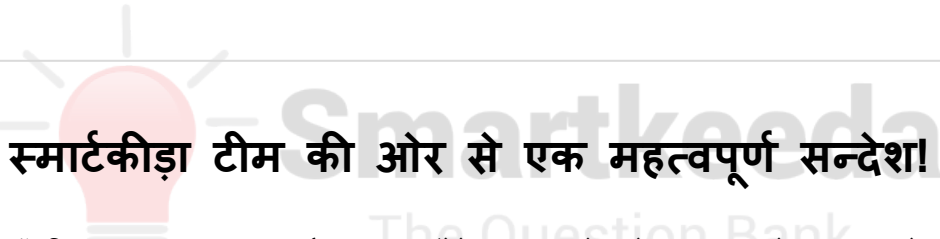
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टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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# National & States Affairs

**601.** Nagaland hosted the “International Tourism Mart 2021”, a 3-day event organized by the Ministry of Tourism from November 27-29 at Kohima. The event was jointly inaugurated by the Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio and MoS for Tourism & Defence, Ajay Bhatt. This edition of the Mart will emphasize on “Domestic Tourism”.

[{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Ministry of Tourism organized “International Tourism Mart 2021” in Kohima, Nagaland
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt

**602.** On November 27, the IRCTC launched “Rampath Yatra Express”, connecting Maharashtra’s Pune to Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, with an aim to promote pilgrimage tourism after the success of the ‘Ramayana Express’. The new special train will tour six pilgrim destinations associated with Lord Ram. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- IRCTC launched “Rampath Yatra Express” to promote pilgrimage tourism | It connects Pune (MH) & Ayodhya (UP)
- HQs of IRCTC – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Mahendra Pratap Mall

**603.** On November 28, Union Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship (MSDE) Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched a pilot project to revive and promote traditional “Namda” craft in Jammu & Kashmir. It will benefit 2,250 people of 30 Namda Clusters from 6 districts of Kashmir. He launched two projects - “Revival of Namda craft of Kashmir” as a special pilot project under “Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 3.0” and “Upskilling of Artisans & Weavers of Kashmir” under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

[{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched two projects:
  - “Revival of Namda craft of Kashmir”
  - “Upskilling of Artisans & Weavers of Kashmir”
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**604.** In November 2021, Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated the 33rd edition of “Hunar Haat”, organised at India International Trade Fair, Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. It was organised by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under ‘USTTAD’ scheme. The next “Hunar Haats” will be organised at Hyderabad (26 November to 5 December), Surat (10 to 19 December), JLN Stadium, New Delhi (22 December 2021 to 2 January 2022). [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi – inaugurated the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of “Hunar Haat” in New Delhi
- ‘Hunar Haat’ was organised by Ministry of Minority Affairs under ‘USTTAD’ scheme
- Ministry of Minority Affairs: Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi | Constituency – Jharkhand
- MoS in Ministry of Minority Affairs: John Barla

**605.** Indian Railways is constructing the world’s tallest railway bridge pier “111-km long Jiribam-Imphal Railway Line” across Ijai river near Noney Valley in the state of Manipur with a height of 141 metres. The bridge is expected to be completed by December 2023 at an estimated cost of Rs 374 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Indian Railways is constructing “111-km long Jiribam-Imphal Railway Line” - the world’s tallest railway bridge pier
- It is being constructed – across Ijai river in Manipur | Height – 141 metres | To be completed by – Dec 2023
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

**606.** Varanasi will become the first Indian city to start Ropeway Service as a mode of public transport. The project will be based on public-private partnership (PPP) model, and initially, it will cover a stretch of a 3.45 km. A period of 24 month is expected for the completion of this project. India will be the world’s 3<sup>rd</sup> country to use a ropeway for public transport after Bolivia and Mexico. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Varanasi (UP) – to become the first Indian city to start Ropeway Service as a mode of public transport
- India – to become the world’s 3<sup>rd</sup> country to use a ropeway for public transport
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**607.** Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia inaugurated the 2-day “Smart Urban Farming Expo” in Delhi’s Thyagaraj Stadium in order to start a movement towards mass adoption of urban farming in the national capital. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Manish Sisodia inaugurated the 2-day “Smart Urban Farming Expo” at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**608.** On November 27, Nagaland DGP T. John Longkumer officially launched the “Call your Cop” mobile App at Police Headquarters in Kohima. The app was launched with the aim to bring the police and public closer. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Nagaland Police – launched the “Call your Cop” mobile App
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)

**609.** On November 30, Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh launched Unique Face Recognition Technology for Pensioners which will bring ease of living for the retired and the elderly citizens. National Informatics Center (NIC), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) as well as Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) developed this technology. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – launched ‘Unique Face Recognition Technology’ for Pensioners
- Developed by = NIC + MeitY + UIDAI

**610.** On November 28, the first edition of the “India Young Water Professional Programme” was launched. More than 100 participants joined the launch of India Young Water Professional Program. This program has been taken up under ‘National Hydrology Project’ and supported by the Australian Water Partnership. About 70% of the program is focused on project based learning through Situation Understanding and Improvement Projects (SUIP). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the “India Young Water Professional Programme” – launched under ‘National Hydrology Project’



**611.** On November 29, Merriam-Webster has declared ‘Vaccine’ as its “Word of the Year” for 2021. At Merriam-Webster, lookups for “Vaccine” increased 601% over 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Vaccine” – chosen as the “Word of the Year” for 2021 by Merriam-Webster

**612.** On November 25, UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a historic resolution at its 76th session to graduate 3 nations - Bangladesh, Nepal and Laos, from the least developed country (LDC) category to the Developing Country grouping. Currently, there are 46 countries on the LDC list, according to the UN Committee for Development Policy (CDP). According to the UN, per capita income of \$1,230 is one of the requirements for transitioning into a developing nation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UNGA adopted a resolution to graduate Bangladesh, Nepal & Laos from ‘LDC’ to ‘Developing Country’ category
- Currently, there are 46 countries on the LDC list
- Per capita income of \$1,230 is one of the requirements for transitioning into a Developing Nation
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193



# Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

**613.** On November 26, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 Cr on State Bank of India for contravention of sub-section (2) of 'Section 19' of the 'Banking Regulation Act, 1949'. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 Cr on SBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

**614.** On November 29, Bajaj Finserv launched the 2nd phase of “Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein” - a public awareness campaign focusing on Life Insurance Frauds to educate its consumers and public at large on how to stay safe from such frauds. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Bajaj Finserv – launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of a public awareness campaign “Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein”
- HQs of Bajaj Finserv – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Sanjiv Bajaj

**615.** On November 29, Bangalore-based neobank Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd launched a no-code embedded finance platform called “Zwitch”. The platform allows fintechs, brands and enterprises to launch innovative fintech services using a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) drag and drop interface. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Open Financial Technologies – launched a no-code embedded finance platform called “Zwitch”
- HQs of Open Financial Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka

**616.** On November 29, Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) launched a “Paytm Transit Card”, aiming to equip millions of Indians with one physical card for all their everyday needs. The first phase of was launched in collaboration with Hyderabad Metro Rail, Ahmedabad Metro and the Delhi Airport Express Line. The card linked to the Paytm Wallet can be used for all transactions of a user. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Paytm Payments Bank – launched a “Paytm Transit Card” for customers’ everyday needs
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta

**617.** On November 29, State Bank of India (SBI) entered into a co-Lending arrangement with Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL) to boost MSME lending by offering secured loans between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 Cr to the underserved MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- SBI + Capri Global Capital = co co-lending partnership to offer loans between Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 Cr to MSMEs
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman
- HQs of Capri Global Capital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder & MD – Rajesh Sharma

**618.** On November 29, AI driven Health-tech company Fedo has announced 'Health Savings Account' called "Fedo HAS", in collaboration with neo bank Open Financial Technologies. The company has partnered with insurers, card issuers and banks to expand the network of Fedo HSA service. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Fedo + Open = launched 'Health Savings Account' called "Fedo HAS"
- HQs of Fedo – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO & Co-founder – Prasanth Madavana
- HQs of Open Financial Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka

**619.** On November 29, Punjab National Bank (PNB) decided to invest as a promoter in Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) by acquiring 9.5% stake in the company. The ONDC is yet to be incorporated under the Companies Act 2013. India is working on setting up an ONDC infrastructure which facilitates e-commerce by providing equal opportunities to all marketplace players. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PNB – to invest as a promoter in Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) by acquiring 9.5% stake
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao | Tagline – "The Name You Can Bank Upon"

**620.** On November 30, An agri-focussed NBFC, Agriwise Finserv signed a co-lending agreement with Central Bank of India to disburse loans to the farming sector or agri borrowers. Agriwise has set up a dedicated department for the co-lending business to provide affordable loans to the borrowers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Agriwise Finserv + CBoI = a co-lending agreement to disburse loans to the farming sector/agri borrowers
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Matam Venkata Rao | Tagline – "Central to You Since 1911"
- HQs of Agriwise Finserv – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**621.** On November 30, State Bank of India (SBI) signed an agreement with Usha International Limited (UIL) for empowering women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance. The financial assistance will be provided under the Joint Liability Group model named "NAVCHETNA". [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- SBI + Usha International = an agreement for empowering women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance
- Financial assistance will be provided under “NAVCHETNA” - a Joint Liability Group model
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman
- HQs of Usha International – New Delhi | CEO – Dinesh Chhabra

**622.** On November 30, the RBI superseded the board of directors of Reliance Capital Ltd and announced plans for insolvency proceedings citing payment defaults and serious governance concerns. The RBI also appointed Nageswar Rao Y as the administrator. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI superseded the board of directors of Reliance Capital Ltd & appointed Nageswar Rao Y as the administrator
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- HQs of Reliance Capital Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Jai Anmol Ambani

## Defence Affairs

**623.** The 1st “Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation” - a trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) was conducted between the lead Maritime Security Agencies of India, Maldives and Sri Lanka in Southern Arabian Sea on 27 and 28 November 2021. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition of “Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation” conducted between – India, Maldives & Sri Lanka
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**624.** On November 25, Indian Army’s Surveillance Capabilities received advanced Heron drones from Israel for deployment in Ladakh sector to keep an eye on the Chinese activities. The acquisition of these drones has been done under the emergency financial powers granted by the government to the defence forces under which they can buy equipment and systems worth Rs 500 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Indian Army’s Surveillance Capabilities received advanced ‘Heron drones’ from Israel for deployment in Ladakh sector
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett



## Schemes & Initiatives

**625.** On November 26, the Delhi government has decided to take senior citizens of the national capital to Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan under its free pilgrimage scheme called “Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana” which was launched in 2018 and was resumed again in November 2021. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal had recently added Vailankanni Church in Tamil Nadu to the list of places of pilgrimage under the free “Teerth Yatra” scheme. To avail it, the applicant needs to be at least 60 years of age and should not have been a beneficiary before. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Delhi govt resumed its free pilgrimage scheme called “Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana” | Launched in - 2018
- The UT govt take senior citizens of the national capital to Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan under the scheme
- Vailankanni Church (Tamil Nadu) – added to the list of places of pilgrimage under the scheme
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**626.** On November 28, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the “Micro Finance Incentive and Relief Scheme 2021” to incentivize those who make regular payment of microfinance loans . The scheme would benefit a total of 24 lakh women beneficiaries in the State while 59,468 women would receive reliefs amounting from Rs.16,000 to Rs.25,000 in Sonitpur district. In the first phase of the scheme, regular borrowers will be provided one-time incentive up to Rs 25,000 or outstanding balance, whichever is less. The CM also stated that every poor household in the state would be brought under the ambit of Orunodaya scheme. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Assam – launched the “Micro Finance Incentive & Relief Scheme 2021” to incentivize regular payment makers
- Regular payment makers will be provided one-time incentive up to – Rs 25,000
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

## Sports & Games

**627.** On November 29, Indian tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan won Men’s singles title in the first edition of “ATP Bahrain Ministry of Interior Tennis Challenger 2021”. It was his maiden Challenger level singles title. He defeated Russia’s Evgeny Karlovskiy. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Ramkumar Ramanathan (Tennis) – won the first edition of “ATP Bahrain Ministry of Interior Tennis Challenger 2021”
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa



# Important Days & Dates

**628.** The United Nations observes November 29 as the “International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People” to mark the adoption of the UN’s resolution to partition Palestine into two states. The day is being observed since 1978. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 29 – “International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People” – by the UN (since - 1978)
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary General – Antonio Guterres

**629.** National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, celebrated its 73rd Raising Day on November 28, 2021. The NCC Day is observed on the 4th Sunday of November. The day was celebrated all over the country with cadets participating in marches, blood donation camps and social development programmes. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Nov) – 73<sup>rd</sup> NCC Raising Day
- HQs of NCC – New Delhi | DG – Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh | Founded on – 16 April, 1948 | Motto – ‘Unity & Discipline’

**630.** On November 27, the “Red Planet Day” is observed on November 28 every year. The day commemorates the launch of ‘Mariner 4’, a robotic interplanetary probe, by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and NASA. The spacecraft became the first mission to successfully capture the close-up images of Mars. The special day is celebrated to create awareness about Mars. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 28 – Red Planet Day
- The day commemorates the launch of ‘Mariner 4’ by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory & NASA

**631.** The “Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare” by the United Nations was observed on November 30 to pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare. The day also highlights the pledge taken by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to eliminate the threat of chemical weapons. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 30 – “Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare” – by UN
- HQs of OPCW – The Hague, Netherlands



## Meetings, Conferences and Summits

**632.** Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav inaugurated a 3-day online event “India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2021” which was organised from 25-27 November 2021. The event aims to discuss the roadmap to digitisation and reaffirm India as an essential participant on the global stage by highlighting its role and importance in the international policy development on internet governance. The theme of ‘India IGF 2021’ was “Empower India through Power of Internet”. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Ashwini Vaishnav – inaugurated “India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2021”
- Theme – “Empower India through Power of Internet”

## Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**633.** In November 2021, Himachal Pradesh’s Kamdhenu Hitkari Manch, Namhol in Bilaspur district was awarded “Gopal Ratna Award” in the category of ‘Best Dairy Cooperative Society’ by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Kamdhenu Hitkari Manch (Bilaspur, HP) – awarded “Gopal Ratna Award” in ‘Best Dairy Cooperative Society’ category
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & L. Murugan

**634.** On November 29, A Kerala-based medical technology start-up Sascan Meditech has been adjudged the winner of “Startup India Grand Challenge 2021” in the ‘medical device’ category of the Government of India. It received the award for developing OralScan, a handheld device for early, accurate, and cost-effective detection of pre-cancerous lesions in the mouth. Sascan’s second product CerviScan, a hand-held non-invasive device for cervical cancer screening. The start-up received a Cash grant of Rs 15,00,000 at the Grand Challenge organized by Department of Pharmaceuticals along with Startup India and Investindia.org. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Sascan Meditech (Kerala) – received the “Startup India Grand Challenge 2021” in ‘medical device’ category
- ‘OralScan’ & ‘CerviScan’ – products of Sascan Meditech



**635.** On November 30, Lionel Messi won the men’s Ballon d’Or for the 7th time and Alexia Putellas won the women’s Ballon d’Or for the first time at the 65th edition of the Ballon d’Or Ceremony which was held in Paris, France. Bayern Munich’s Robert Lewandowski won the ‘Striker of the Year’ while Italy stopper Gianluigi Donnarumma clinched the Best Goalkeeper Award. The Kopa trophy for Best Young Player went to Barcelona’s Pedri. Chelsea, meanwhile, won the Best Club Award. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 65<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ballon d’Or Ceremony – held in Paris, France

Category	Winner
Ballon d’Or (Men)	Lionel Messi (Argentina - PSG FC)
Ballon d’Or (Women)	Alexia Putellas (Spain - Barcelona FC)
Striker of the Year	Robert Lewandowski (Poland - Bayern Munich FC)
Club of the Year	Chelsea Football Club
Kopa Trophy for Best Young Male Player	Pedri (Spain - Barcelona FC)
Yashin Trophy for Best Goalkeeper	Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy - PSG FC)

**636.** On November 28, Japanese director Masakazu Kaneko’s “Ring Wandering” won the ‘Golden Peacock Award for the Best Movie’ at the closing ceremony of the 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Iranian filmmaker Rakhshan Banietemad chaired the international jury of 52nd IFFI. The ‘Silver Peacock award for Best Director’ went to Czech director Vaclav Kadrnka for “Saving One Who Was Dead”. India’s Marathi Actor Jitendra Joshi won ‘Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male)’ for the film “Godavari”. While Angela Molina won ‘Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female)’ for the film “Charlotte”. The rest of the awards are as mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 52<sup>nd</sup> edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) – held in Panaji, Goa
- Chairman of ‘52<sup>nd</sup> IFFI International Jury’ – Rakhshan Banietemad (Iran)
- The awards were given as below:

Award	Winner	Film
Golden Peacock Award for the Best Movie	Masakazu Kaneko (Japan)	Ring Wandering
Silver Peacock award for Best Director	Vaclav Kadrnka (Czech Republic)	Saving One Who Was Dead
Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male)	Jitendra Joshi (India)	Godavari
Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female)	Angela Molina (Spain)	Charlotte
2021 Indian Film Personality of the Year	Hema Malini & Prasoon Joshi	-
Silver Peacock for Special Jury Award	Nikhil Mahajan & Renata Carvalho	-

**637.** On November 27, Dhanush won the Best Actor (male) award at the 6th “BRICS Film Festival 2021” for his performance in Asuran, directed by Vetrimaaran & produced by Kalaipuli S Thanu. Asuran film also won 3 National Awards. Lara Boldorini fetched Best Actor (female) for her performance in the Brazilian film, On Wheels, at the film festival. African film Barakat and Russian film, The Sun Above Me Never Sets, shared the Best Film Award. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> “BRICS Film Festival 2021”:
  - Best Actor (male) Award – Dhanush (for Tamil film ‘Asuran’)
  - Best Actor (female) Award – Lara Boldorini (for Brazilian film ‘On Wheels’)
  - Best Film Award – “Barakat” (African film) & “The Sun Above Me Never Sets” (Russian film)

## Appointments & Resignations

**638.** On November 26, Hero MotoCorp has appointed former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Rajnish Kumar to its Board as Additional and Independent Director. The company has also onboarded Vasudha Dinodia as an Additional and Non-Executive Director. With this, Hero MotoCorp continues its strategic initiatives to achieve its new Vision - “Be the Future of Mobility”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnish Kumar – appointed as Additional & Independent Director of Hero MotoCorp
- HQs of Hero MotoCorp – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Pawan Munjal

**639.** In November 2021, Beauty e-commerce company Purpille’s private brand Good Vibes roped in Yami Gautam as their brand ambassador. The Bollywood actress will feature in the brand’s first full-scale campaign #GlowKaMissingPiece. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Yami Gautam – appointed as brand ambassador of Good Vibes
- HQs of Good Vibes – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**640.** In November 2021, Magdalena Andersson resigned just seven-and-a-half hours after being appointed as Sweden’s first female Prime Minister. She resigned after suffering a budget defeat in parliament. The government’s own budget proposal was rejected in favor of one presented by the opposition. She made history by becoming the first woman to lead Sweden. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Magdalena Andersson – resigned just 7.5 hours after being appointed as Sweden’s Prime Minister
- Magdalena Andersson – made history by becoming the first woman of Sweden
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona

**641.** In November 2021, Harsh Kumar Jain, presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ukraine. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Harsh Kumar Jain – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ukraine
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky

**642.** On November 29, Petr Fiala was appointed as the new Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, also known as Czechia or Bohemia. Fiala is leading a bloc of five centre and centre-right opposition parties. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Petr Fiala – appointed as the new PM of the Czech Republic / Czechia / Bohemia
- Czech Republic – Prague – Koruna | President – Milos Zeman

**643.** On November 29, the government appointed senior bureaucrat Vivek Johri as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). Johri succeeds current chairman of the Board Ajit Kumar. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vivek Johri – appointed as the Chairman of the CBIC (succeeding - Ajit Kumar)
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – Vivek Johri | Founded in – 1964

**644.** On November 30, Twitter Inc. has promoted company insider and technology head Parag Agrawal to replace Chief Executive Officer Jack Dorsey. He was appointed chief technology officer in October 2017. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Parag Agrawal – appointed as the new CEO of Twitter
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, US | CEO – Parag Agrawal | Founded in – 2006

**645.** On November 29, Noted mountaineer from Uttarakhand, Harshwanti Bisht has been elected as the first woman President of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF). Ms. Bisht has been honoured with the Arjuna award for her achievements in the field of mountaineering. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Harshwanti Bisht (Uttarakhand) – elected as the first woman President of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation





## Amount & Agreements

**646.** On November 29, the Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$125 million loan to improve access to safe and affordable drinking water supply and citywide inclusive sanitation services in Dehradun and Nainital cities in Uttarakhand. The project will introduce a Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Geographic Information System (GIS) to provide real-time data and information for monitoring. ADB will provide a \$250,000 technical assistance (TA) grant from its Technical Assistance Special Fund and another \$750,000 grant from its Climate Change Fund. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- ADB + GoI = \$125 million loan to improve access to safe and affordable drinking water supply in Uttarakhand
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**647.** The share of government health expenditure in the GDP of the country has increased to 1.35% in 2017-18 from 1.15% in 2013-14, as per the 5th edition of “National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India for 2017-18” released by the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC). As a share of total Health Expenditure, Out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) has come down to 48.8% in 2017-18 from 64.2% in 2013-14. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> edition of “National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India for 2017-18” – released by NHSRC
- Government Health Expenditure’s share in the country’s GDP increased to – 1.35% in 2017-18 (from 1.15% in 2013-14)

**648.** On November 29, NITI Aayog released the report titled “Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: The ODR Policy Plan for India” to scale dispute avoidance, containment and resolution online. The report is a culmination of the action plan made by a committee chaired by Supreme Court Justice (Retd) Arjan Kumar Sikri. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: The ODR Policy Plan for India” report – released by NITI Aayog
- The report is a culmination of the action plan made by a committee chaired by – Arjan Kumar Sikri
- ODR – **O**nline **D**ispute **R**esolution



## Acquisitions & Mergers

**649.** On November 29, the RBI has granted approval to Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India to raise its stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank up to 9.99%. The approval of the RBI will be valid for 1 year. LIC has a stake in as many as 24 scheduled commercial banks, shows the data from Capitaline. It holds 49.24% stake in IDBI Bank.

[{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- RBI granted approval to LIC to raise its stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank up to 9.99% (2<sup>nd</sup> largest stake of LIC in SCB)
- LIC has the highest stake in IDBI Bank which is 49.24%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

**650.** On November 28, the Alternative Mechanism approved the sale of 100% equity shareholding of Government of India in Central Electronics Ltd (CEL) to Nandal Finance and Leasing Pvt Ltd for Rs 210 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Alternative Mechanism approved sale of 100% stake of GoI in Central Electronics Ltd – to Nandal Finance & Leasing
- HQs of CEL – New Delhi | HQs of Nandal Finance and Leasing – New Delhi

## MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**651.** On November 26, Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd, signed a Letter of Association (LoA) with the IIT Bombay to implement Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure across India. The letter of association (LoA) was signed by Mahua Acharya, MD and CEO, CESL and Professor A. M. Pradeep, Associate Dean of Research & Development, IIT-B. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- CESL + IIT Bombay = LoA to implement Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure across India
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya (CESL - a subsidiary of EESL)
- Director of IIT Bombay – Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri



**652.** On November 25, West Bengal government and Schoolnet, an Edtech start-up announced a strategic partnership to drive Digital Learning and Career Development programmes across the state. The partnership will help provide an online e-learning platform in Bengali, “Geneo eSekha” to students from classes 5 to 10. The initial tie-up is for 1 year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- West Bengal + Schoolnet = strategic partnership to drive Digital Learning & Career Development programmes
- “Geneo eSekha” - an online e-learning platform in Bengali for the students of class 5 to 10
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar
- HQs of Schoolnet – New York, US | MD & CEO – RCM Reddy

**653.** On November 29, Online bus ticketing platform redBus in collaboration with IRCTC launched a rail ticket booking service named “redRail”. redRail will offer a superior booking experience to customers with a class-leading customer support system, from the time of booking the train tickets, till the time of boarding. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- redBus + IRCTC = launched a rail ticket booking service named “redRail”
- HQs of redBus – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Prakash Sangam
- HQs of IRCTC – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Mahendra Pratap Mall

**654.** On November 29, Ambuja Cements and ACC partnered with IIT Delhi to develop next-generation, calcined clay cements, a low carbon material to promote sustainable construction. This academic collaboration will be implemented through a research project funded by Holcim Innovation Centre, Lyon, France. The partnership aims to create next-generation low CO2 cement with more than 50% lower carbon emissions for Indian and international consumers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ambuja Cements + ACC + IIT Delhi = partnership to develop low carbon calcined clay cement
- HQs of Ambuja Cements Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Neeraj Akhoury | Chairman – N. S. Sekhsaria
- HQs of ACC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Sridhar Balakrishnan
- Director of IIT Delhi – V. Ramgopal Rao



## Books & Authors

**655.** HarperCollins announced to release a new perspective on business and life, “The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company”, an autobiography authored by Narotam Satyanarayan Sekhsaria, in December 2021. Narotam Sekhsaria is the chairman of Ambuja Cements Ltd and Ambuja Cements Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company” – by Narotam S. Sekhsaria
- HQs of Ambuja Cements Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Neeraj Akhoury | Chairman – N. S. Sekhsaria

**656.** Neha Dwivedi has authored a new book titled “The Lone Wolf: The Untold Story of the Rescue of Sheikh Hasina”. The Lone Wolf is Ashok Tara’s story, charting the course of his celebrated yet quiet life as a member of the armed forces. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “The Lone Wolf: The Untold Story of the Rescue of Sheikh Hasina” book – authored by Neha Dwivedi



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**657.** On November 26, Lyricist Bichu Thirumala (born as B.Sivasankaran Nair), who penned popular film songs known for their poetic quality, passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest at the age of 80. He was prolific as a lyricist in Malayalam mainstream cinema from the 1970s till the 1990s. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Bichu Thirumala (B.Sivasankaran Nair) – a Lyricist & Poet – passed away (associated with Malayalam cinema)

**658.** Renowned Choreographer and Television Judge K. Shiva Shankar, popularly known as Shiva Shankar Master, died of COVID-19 complications in Hyderabad at the age of 73. He had won the “National Film Award” for ‘Best Choreography’ for his work in S. S. Rajamouli’s historical drama Magadheera (2008). [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Shiva Shankar Master – Choreographer & Television Judge – passed away
- Awards: “National Film Award” for ‘Best Choreography’



## Science & Technology

**59.** On November 27, China successfully launched a new communications satellite called “Zhongxing-1D” from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest Sichuan Province. The launch marked the 399th mission for the Long March series carrier rockets. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- China – successfully launched a new communications satellite called “Zhongxing-1D”
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

## Ordinance, Bills and Acts

**660.** On November 29, Andhra Pradesh Assembly has passed the “AP Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill 2021” to facilitate the introduction of Green tax. Green tax will soon be imposed on all vehicles, barring motorcycles and autorickshaws. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- AP Assembly – passed the “Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill 2021” to facilitate the introduction of Green tax
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan





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