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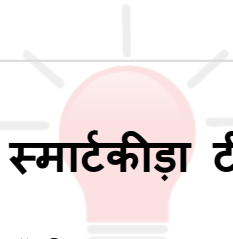
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## National & States Affairs

**401.** On November 18, Under the flagship initiative of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Union Minister of State for Culture Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi inaugurated a weeklong exhibition at the Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art). Lalit Kala Akademi has organized "Bharatmata Ewam Bharat Ke Nayak" exhibition in collaboration with the Kamal Art Gallery. The exhibition depicts portraits by eminent artist Sh. Pawan Verma "Shaheen". The Lalit Kala Akademi was inaugurated in New Delhi on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1954, by the then Minister for Education, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Meenakashi Lekhi – inaugurated "Bharatmata Ewam Bharat Ke Nayak" exhibition at Lalit Kala Akademi
- The exhibition was organized by = Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art) + Kamal Art Gallery
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakashi Lekhi

**402.** On November 18, Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced the revised "Model Concession Agreement (MCA) - 2021" for public private partnership (PPP) projects at major ports and stated that 31 projects of over Rs 14,600 Cr will be awarded till 2024-25. There are more than 80 PPP projects in the port sector with investment of over Rs 56,000 Cr at various stages. The MCA governing the PPP Projects in the ports sector was first introduced in the year 2008 and was subsequently revised. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Sarbananda Sonowal – announced the revised "Model Concession Agreement - 2021" for PPP projects at major ports
- 31 PPP projects of over Rs 14,600 Cr will be awarded till 2024-25
- There are more than 80 PPP projects in the port sector with investment of over Rs 56,000 Cr

**403.** Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of India International Science festival (IISF) at Panaji, Goa held from December 10 to 13, 2021. The theme of IISF 2021 is "Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India". India International Science festival (IISF) is a joint program of Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), an NGO. The first program of IISF was held in year 2015. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) – at Panaji, Goa
- Theme of IISF 2021 – "Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India"
- IISF is a joint program of = Ministry of S&T + Ministry of Earth Sciences + Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)



**404.** On November 20, In a first in the northeast region, the Meghalaya government has signed an MoU with the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) to streamline and strengthen the public distribution system in the state. The partnership will help the WFP authorities and the state government work together towards “Sustainable Development Goal 2 - Zero Hunger”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Meghalaya + UNWFP = an MoU to streamline & strengthen the public distribution system in the state (1<sup>st</sup> state)
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36

**405.** On November 19, Minister of State (I/C) Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched world’s first & most sophisticated MRI facility at the National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar, Haryana. ‘MRI Scanner Prisma’ from Siemens, Germany, is being used by several international initiatives too. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched world’s first & most sophisticated ‘MRI Scanner Prisma’ facility – at NBRC, Manesar, Haryana
- ‘MRI Scanner Prisma’ is developed by Siemens (Germany)
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

**406.** On November 18, Uttar Pradesh’s first Air Pollution Control Tower was launched in Noida. The tower is built at a cost of Rs 4 Cr by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttar Pradesh’s first Air Pollution Control Tower was launched in Noida
- The tower is built by – BHEL
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- HQs of BHEL – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Nalin Shinghal

**407.** On November 19, According to the Gujarat State Agriculture Minister Raghavji Patel, Tribal district of Dang in eastern Gujarat was recently declared as 100% organic farming district. The state government is providing a subsidy of Rs 10,000 per hectare for a maximum of two hectares to each farmer in the largely hilly district for adopting organic farming practices. The Gujarat government had declared an ‘Organic Farming Policy’ in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat’s Dang – was recently declared as 100% organic farming district (1<sup>st</sup> district in Gujarat)
- Gujarat had declared an ‘Organic Farming Policy’ in 2015
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



**408.** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated multiple developmental projects worth Rs 3,250 in Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh, to address the issue of water shortage in the Bundelkhand region. These projects include the Arjun Sahayak Project, Ratauli Weir Project, Bhaoni Dam Project and Majhgaon-Chilli Sprinkler Project. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated multiple developmental projects worth Rs 3,250 in Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**409.** On November 19, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has transferred the technology of “AYUSH-64” to 46 companies. “AYUSH-64” is an effective drug in mild and asymptomatic, and mild to moderate cases of Covid-19. Earlier, only seven companies had its licence. The drug was developed in 1980 for the treatment of malaria. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CCRAS – transferred the technology of “AYUSH-64” to 46 companies
- “AYUSH-64” has been developed by – CCRAS (New Delhi)

**410.** On November 20, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin released the “State Policy for Children 2021” in Chennai. This policy is intended to significantly improve the overall well-being of children and set benchmarks on all indicators on par with international standards. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tamil Nadu – released the “State Policy for Children 2021” in Chennai
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

## International Affairs

**411.** The Indian Air Force (IAF) Contingent participated in the biennial “Dubai Air Show” held at the Al Maktoum International Airport from November 14 to 18, 2021. The IAF was invited by the UAE to participate with the Sarang and Suryakiran Aerobatics Teams. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-backed Akasa Air placed an order for 72 Boeing 737 Max at the Dubai Air Show. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IAF Contingent – participated in the biennial “Dubai Air Show” held at Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai, UAE
- Akasa Air – placed an order for 72 Boeing 737 Max at the Dubai Air Show
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- HQs of Akasa Air – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder – Rakesh Jhunjhunwala



**412.** Nepal's first hydropower project from a glacial lake has become functional recently. 'Langtang Microhydro Electricity Project' was built three years after the 2015 earthquake-avalanche that devastated the valley. It is on the Langtang Lirung Glacier. The glacial lake is located at 4,100m from which water is channeled to the powerhouse. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nepal's 'Langtang Microhydro Electricity Project' on Glacial Lake became functional recently
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

**413.** India developed 'Jaffna Cultural Centre' in Sri Lanka with an Indian grant of \$11 million. The centre was envisaged as a public space to promote, preserve and foster the cultural heritage of Jaffna, a city in Sri Lanka. The MoU for the centre was signed between both countries in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India developed 'Jaffna Cultural Centre' in Sri Lanka with an Indian grant of \$11 million
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

## Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

**414.** On November 18, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Working Group (WG) on Digital Lending recommended enactment of a separate legislation to prevent illegal digital lending through apps. The RBI had in January 2021 constituted the working group under the chairmanship of Executive Director Jayant Kumar Dash on digital lending, including lending through online platforms and mobile apps. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI's Working Group on Digital Lending – recommended separate law to prevent illegal digital lending through apps
- Working Group on Digital Lending – chaired by Jayant Kumar Dash
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**415.** On November 16, the RBI withdrew more than 100 redundant circulars as per the recommendations made by the Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0). The redundant circulars withdrawn relate to certain norms concerning Foreign Investment in India by Foreign Portfolio Investors, RTGS, Know Your Customer (KYC), and Anti-Money Laundering (AML)/Combating of Financing of Terrorism (CFT) - Standards. The RRA has also constituted an Advisory Group representing the regulated entities under the chairmanship of Swaminathan J. Based on these consultations and the suggestions of the Advisory Group, the RRA has recommended withdrawal of 150 circulars in the first tranche of recommendations. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- RBI – withdrew more than 100 Redundant Circulars based on recommendations of Regulations Review Authority
- RRA constituted an Advisory Group representing the regulated entities – chaired by Swaminathan J.
- RRA has recommended withdrawal of 150 circulars in the first tranche of recommendations
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**416.** On November 18, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and Dubai-based Network International have signed an MoU for collaboration on acceptance of NIPL's mobile-based real time payment system, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), in the UAE. Network International enables digital commerce across the Middle East and Africa. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NIPL + Network International = an MoU to facilitate UPI transactions in the UAE
- HQs of NIPL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ritesh Shukla
- HQs of Network International – Dubai, UAE | CEO – Nandan Mer

**417.** On November 18, Based on a recommendation from the Controller General of Accounts, RBL Bank has been authorised by the RBI to collect direct taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBL Bank – authorised by the RBI to collect direct taxes on behalf of the CBDT
- HQs of RBL Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Vishwvir Ahuja | Chairman – Prakash Chandra
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**418.** On November 19, IDFC First Bank and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) signed an agreement to facilitate fuel payments by motorists at HPCL's retail outlets using the bank's FASTags. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IDFC First Bank + HPCL = an agreement to facilitate fuel payments at HPCL's retail outlets by using the bank's FASTags
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Mukesh Kumar Surana
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan | Established in – 2018
- IDFC Bank + Capital First = IDFC First Bank (merged in 2018)



## Defence Affairs

**419.** On November 18, the Indian Navy conducted a security exercise, called “Prasthan”, in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off the coast of Mumbai. The exercise, conducted by the Headquarters Western Naval Command (WNC), is held every 6 months. The exercise was conducted on the Mumbai High North (MHN) platform of ONGC located about 94 nautical miles west of Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Indian Navy – conducted a security exercise “Prasthan” off the coast of Mumbai
- “Prasthan” exercise is conducted by Western Naval Command every 6 months
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

**420.** On November 18, Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract for procurement of two Fixed Base Full Mission Simulators (FBFMS) for Jaguar aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Indian Air Force (IAF) with 5 years comprehensive annual maintenance contract at a combined total cost of Rs 357 Cr. The simulators would be installed at Air Force stations in Jamnagar and Gorakhpur. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- MoD + HAL = a contract for procurement of two FBFMS for Jaguar aircraft for the IAF | Cost – Rs 357 Cr
- Two simulators would be installed at Air Force stations in – Jamnagar (Guj) & Gorakhpur (UP)
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

## Schemes & Initiatives

**421.** November 20, 2021 was celebrated as “Awaas Diwas” to mark the completion of 5 years of “Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin” (PMAY-G). PM Narendra Modi had launched ‘PMAY-G’ on November 20, 2016 with an aim of “Housing for All by 2022”. The program envisages the completion of 2.95 crore PMAY-G houses with all basic amenities by the year 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 20 – “Awaas Diwas” to mark the completion of 5 years of ‘PMAY-G’
- ‘PMAY-G’ was launched in 2016 with an aim of “Housing for All by 2022”

**422.** On November 19, Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Rane launched the Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) for the Services Sector in Guwahati to boost production of the MSMEs in the North-eastern region. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Narayan Rane/MSME mini. – launched the Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) for Services Sector
- Ministry of MSME: Narayan Rane | Constituency – Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of MSME: Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma

## Sports & Games

**423.** On November 18, the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced that Tashkent will be the venue for the “2025 Asian Youth Para Games”. The 2021 edition of the “Asian Youth Para Games”, also known as “4<sup>th</sup> Asian Youth Para Games” was scheduled to take place in Bahrain from December 2-6, 2021. The “2025 Asian Youth Games” and “2025 Asian Youth Para Games” will be hosted in the same city & in the same venues for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “2021 Asian Youth Para Games” – held in Manama, Bahrain
- “2025 Asian Youth Games” & “2025 Asian Youth Para Games” – to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**424.** The 36<sup>th</sup> All India Prize Money Indira Marathon was held in Prayagraj on November 19. Top long distance runners from all over participated in the Marathon. Indira Marathon was started in 1985 in memory of former PM Indira Gandhi. The race, covering a total distance of 42.195 Km, has been organised every year since 1985. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 36<sup>th</sup> All India Prize Money Indira Marathon – held in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- Indira Marathon: Started in 1985 | Total distance – 42.195 Km
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**425.** The West Indies will host the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the “ICC Under-19 Men’s Cricket World Cup” for the first time from 14 January to 5 February, 2022 across 4 host countries. The four host countries have been confirmed as Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, St Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- West Indies – to host the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the “ICC Under-19 Men’s Cricket World Cup” across 4 host countries
- 4 host countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Guyana, St Kitts & Nevis, Trinidad & Tobago



# Important Days & Dates

**426.** The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed November 20 as “Africa Industrialization Day” in 1989. Since then, the United Nations System has held events on that day throughout the world to raise awareness about the importance of Africa’s industrialization and the challenges faced by the continent. While “Africa Industrialization Week” was observed by the United Nations from November 20 to 24, 2021. Moreover, the theme of the 2021 African Economic Conference was “Financing Africa’s post-COVID-19 Development”. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 20 – Africa Industrialization Day
- November 20 to 24 – Africa Industrialization Week
- Theme of 2021 African Economic Conference – “Financing Africa’s post-COVID-19 Development”

**427.** Every year, World Children’s Day is celebrated on November 20 to promote a feeling of togetherness among children and to create awareness around children’s welfare. The Day was first observed in 1954 on 14 December by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). This year, the UNICEF began a #GoBlue campaign as part of World Children’s Day. In 2021, the theme is “A Better Future for Every Child”. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 20 – World Children’s Day (since - 1954)
- 2021’s Theme – “A Better Future for Every Child”
- UNICEF – began a #GoBlue campaign as part of World Children’s Day

**428.** The WHO has declared antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as one of the top 10 global health threats. The “World Antimicrobial Awareness Week” was observed from November 18 to 24. This year, the theme is “Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance”. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 18 to 24 – World Antimicrobial Awareness Week
- 2021’s Theme – “Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance”

**429.** The “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims” was started by RoadPeace in 1993. In 2005, the United Nations endorsed it as a global day to be observed every third Sunday in November each year. In 2021, the day falls on November 21. This year, “Remember. Support. Act.” is the theme of the day. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 21 – “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2021” by UN (since - 2005)
- 2021’s Theme – “Remember. Support. Act.”



**430.** World Television Day is celebrated across the globe on November 21 to mark the increasing impact of Television in the contemporary world. The UN General Assembly decided November 21 to be marked as World Television Day since 1997 as the first World Television Forum was held on November 21-22 in 1996. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 21 – “World Television Day” (since - 1996)

**431.** To look at the fishing industry’s sustainability factors and to demonstrate solidarity with all fisherfolk, “World Fisheries Day” is celebrated on November 21 every year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 21 – “World Fisheries Day”

## Meetings, Conferences and Summits

**432.** PM Narendra Modi addressed “The Sydney Dialogue” on the theme “India’s technology Evolution and Revolution”. The Sydney Dialogue, held from November 17-19, is an initiative of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed “The Sydney Dialogue” - an initiative of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

**433.** On November 18, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation inaugurated a curtain raiser event namely “Wings India, 2022” which is the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Asia’s largest event on Civil Aviation. The event will be organized by Ministry of Civil Aviation, Airports Authority of India (AAI) and FICCI with the support of Ministry of External Affairs from March 24-27, 2022 at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad with the theme “India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia – inaugurated a curtain raiser of 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Asia’s largest event on Civil Aviation
- 5<sup>th</sup> edition of “Wings India, 2022” – to be held in Hyderabad from March 24-27, 2022
- It will be organised by = MCA + AAI + FICCI + MEA
- Theme of the event – “India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry”

**434.** PM Narendra Modi attended the 56<sup>th</sup> Conference of Director Generals of Police (DGP) and Inspector Generals of Police (IGP) organised in Lucknow on November 20 and 21 by the Intelligence Bureau. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the conference which was held in hybrid format. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Amit Shah – inaugurated the 56<sup>th</sup> Conference of DGP & IGP – organised in Lucknow, UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**435.** On November 18, Indian badminton great Prakash Padukone received the prestigious “Lifetime Achievement Award” this year from the Badminton World Federation (BWF). Alaknanda Ashok, the President of Uttarakhand Badminton Association, received the “Women & Gender Equity Award”. Sunrise Sport (India) Pvt Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd were awarded with the “Certificate of Commendation” for their continuous support to badminton. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Prakash Padukone – received the “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the BWF
- Alaknanda Ashok – received the “Women & Gender Equity Award” from the BWF
- Sunrise Sport & IOCL – awarded with the “Certificate of Commendation” for supporting Badminton
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

**436.** Actor and BJP leader Hema Malini, and lyricist and former CBFC chief Prasoon Joshi were facilitated with the “Indian Film Personality of the Year” award at the ‘International Film Festival of India 2021’ for their contributions to the field of Indian cinema. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Hema Malini + Prasoon Joshi = facilitated with the “Indian Film Personality of the Year” award at the IFFI-2021

**437.** On November 19, Pooja Badlani from Gujarat was crowned “Mrs. India Worldwide Queen - Element Air” at the grand finale of “The Haut Monde Mrs. India Worldwide 2021” pageant in Ras-Al-Khaimah, UAE. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Pooja Badlani (Gujarat) – crowned “Mrs. India Worldwide Queen - Element Air”
- “Haut Monde Mrs. India Worldwide 2021” pageant – held in Ras-Al-Khaimah, UAE

**438.** On November 19, “Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2021” has been awarded to civil society organisation Pratham for its pioneering work in improving the quality of education for underprivileged children in India and across the world. The awardee was picked by an international jury chaired by former Chief Justice of India T. S. Thakur. The NGO Pratham was set up in 1995 in Mumbai by Madhav Chavan and Farida Lambay. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Pratham – awarded with “Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2021”
- HQs of Pratham – Mumbai & Delhi | CEO – Rukmini Banerji | Established in – 1995

**439.** On November 20, Madhya Pradesh's Indore city has been declared as India's cleanest city for 5<sup>th</sup> time in a row under the Centre's "Swachh Survekshan 2021" award. While Surat (Gujarat) and Vijaywada (Andhra Pradesh) grabbed the second and third positions respectively, as per the latest Annual Cleanliness Award announced by the Central Government. Chhattisgarh has bagged top position as country's cleanest state. While Varanasi got first position in cleanest Ganga town category. Other winners are as mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Indore (MP) – declared as India's cleanest city for 5<sup>th</sup> time in a row under "Swachh Survekshan 2021" award
- Cleanest Cities: 2<sup>nd</sup> – Surat (Gujarat) | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Vijaywada (Andhra Pradesh)
- Over 100 ULB: Chhattisgarh – India's cleanest state | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maharashtra, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Madhya Pradesh
- Less than 100 ULB: Jharkhand – India's cleanest state | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Haryana, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Goa
- Varanasi – Cleanest Ganga town | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Munger (Bihar), 3<sup>rd</sup> – Patna (Bihar)

## Appointments & Resignations

**440.** On November 16, Maharashtra government decided to make actor Salman Khan the vaccine ambassador of the state. There was hesitancy about taking anti-coronavirus vaccines in Muslim-dominated areas, and the government will take the help of Bollywood superstar Salman Khan to convince people to take the jab. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Maharashtra – decided to make actor Salman Khan the vaccine ambassador of the state
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**441.** On November 13, IQAir, a Switzerland-based climate group has shown that there are 3 cities from India on the list of top 10 cities with the Worst Air Quality indices. Delhi tops the list, Kolkata ranks 4<sup>th</sup> and Mumbai ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the entire list. "SAFAR", the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitoring station, said that the stubble fires accounted for at least 35% of pollutants in the air. In 2020, India had 46 of the world's 100 most polluted cities, followed by China (42), Pakistan (6). [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- 3 Indian cities are listed in the top 10 Most Polluted Cities of the world – according to IQAir (Goldach, Switzerland)
- 3 Indian cities: Delhi (1<sup>st</sup>), Kolkata (4<sup>th</sup>) & Mumbai (6<sup>th</sup>)
- “SAFAR” – Air Quality Monitoring Station of Ministry of Earth Sciences

**442.** The “IPF Citizen Satisfaction Survey on SMART Policing, 2021”, which was published recently, is a pioneering effort by Indian Police Foundation (IPF) to gauge public perceptions about the quality of policing in India and the level of public trust in the police. With a score of 8.11 and 8.10, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana police topped the ranking. While Police in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh scored the lowest among all States. The SMART scores are set on a scale of 1 to 10. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “IPF Citizen Satisfaction Survey on SMART Policing, 2021” – published by Indian Police Foundation (IPF)
- Top: Andhra Pradesh (8.11) & Telangana (8.10) | Lowest: Bihar (5.81) & Uttar Pradesh (5.74)

**443.** Uttar Pradesh and Kerala reported maximum increase in government school enrolment, as per the “Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2021” released by Director of ASER Centre, Wilima Wadhwa. In government schools, children enrollment increased to 70.3% in 2021 from 65.8% in 2020. The 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the report is based on a phone survey, conducted in September and October, of 75,234 children ages 5-16 across 581 rural districts in 25 states & 3 UTs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the “Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2021” – released by Wilima Wadhwa
- Uttar Pradesh & Kerala – reported maximum increase in government school enrolment
- Children enrollment in government schools increased – to 70.3% in 2021 (from 65.8% in 2020)

## Acquisitions & Mergers

**444.** Flipkart Group signed definitive agreements to acquire a majority share in Sastasundar Marketplace, an online pharmacy and digital healthcare platform. The Flipkart Group announced its foray into the healthcare sector through the launch of Flipkart Health+. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Flipkart Group – to acquire a majority share in Sastasundar Marketplace, an online pharmacy platform
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- HQs of Sastasundar Marketplace – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Ravi Kant Sharma





## Books & Authors

**445.** On November 18, Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled “Srimadramayanam”, written by Sasi Kiran, personal secretary to Union Minister for Tourism & Culture G. Kishan Reddy. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled “Srimadramayanam” – written by Sasi Kiran

**446.** A book titled “Cooking to Save Your Life” is authored by Abhijit Banerjee, with illustrations by Cheyenne Olivier. The book has been published by Juggernaut Books. Abhijit Banerjee won the ‘Nobel Prize in Economics’ in 2019. He is the author of two books written with Esther Dufflo - “Poor Economics” and “Good Economics for Hard Times”. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Cooking to Save Your Life” book – authored by Abhijit Banerjee
- Illustrated by – Cheyenne Oliver (France) | Published by – Juggernaut Books
- Abhijit Banerjee won the ‘Nobel Prize in Economics’ in 2019

**447.** Celebrated art historian and critic Brijinder Nath Goswamy’s latest book, titled “Conversations: India’s Leading Art Historian Engages with 101 themes, and More” was published under the Penguin Random House India's (PRHI) 'Allen Lane' imprint. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Conversations: India’s Leading Art Historian Engages with 101 themes, and More” book – by B. N. Goswamy

## Obituaries

**448.** On November 18, Novy Kapadia, the veteran Sports Commentator who was often called ‘The Voice of Indian Football’ passed away at the age of 68. The noted commentator has also authored several books related to football including 'The Football Fanatic's Essential Guide Book' in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Novy Kapadia – Veteran Football Commentator & Author – passed away



## Science & Technology

**449.** On November 19, A new tree species of the genus *Cryptocarya* spotted in Edamalakkudy forest of Kerala's Idukki district. It has been named "Cryptocarya Muthuvariana" after Muthuvar tribe of the forest. The species was identified by the scientists from University of Kerala and Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI). The discovery was published in a scientific journal 'Annales Botanici Fennici'. [{Read more}](#)

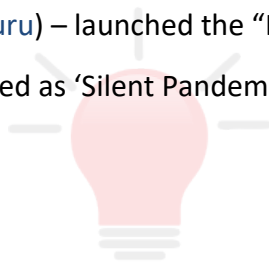
### Key Points:

- "Cryptocarya Muthuvariana" a new tree species – spotted in Edamalakkudy forest, Idukki, Kerala
- The species was identified by the scientists from – University of Kerala & JNTBGRI

**450.** On November 20, Bengaluru-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) launched the "India AMR Innovation Hub (IAIH)", which will be a unique global multi-stakeholder platform to combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The AMR, also termed as 'Silent Pandemic', is the world's biggest healthcare challenge. IAIH will focus on human AMR, Human-Animal interface or one health approach and Neglected Tropical Disease (NTDs). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- C-CAMP (Bengaluru) – launched the "India AMR Innovation Hub (IAIH)"
- AMR is also termed as 'Silent Pandemic'



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