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Republic Day 2021: India celebrates its 72nd Republic Day

The nation celebrated the **72nd Republic Day** with a grand military parade and exhibition of its history, cultural diversity and strategic weaponry at the **Rajpath, Delhi**. This day is celebrated by all Indians and **26th of January** has been declared as a national holiday by the government of India. The Republic Day Parade ceremony will commence with Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visiting the **National War Memorial**. The National Flag was unfurled followed by the National Anthem with a booming 21-gun salute.

The Indian Republic Day is celebrated all across India with lots of patriotism and fervour. At Rajpath, in Delhi, magnificent parades by regiments of the **Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, police, and paramilitary forces** are witnessed. India's defensive prowess is on display too, with the latest missiles, aircraft, and weapon systems. Beautiful tableaux, representing the uniqueness of all the states of India are also showcased during the parade. The celebration usually ends with numerous air shows and flypasts by the Indian Forces.

Republic Day Of India: Importance

- India became independent on **15th of august, 1947**. Even after independence, the country did not have a sound constitution.
- The laws, before the enactment of the constitution, were running on the basis of **Government of India Act 1935**. Having realized the need for a permanent constitution and its own governing body, the government of India appointed a Drafting Committee on **28th of August 1947** to draft it and **Dr, B. R. Ambedkar** as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee.
- After almost **3 years**, the **308 members** of the Assembly, after many consultations and a few modifications finally signed a constitution on **24th of January 1950**, which came into effect on **26th of January 1950**.
- And, that day, is being celebrated as Republic Day in India ever since then. This day defines the importance of having a proper constitution that all the citizens must abide by.

Ministry of Home Affairs Padma Awards 2021 announced

The **Ministry of Home Affairs** has announced a list of **119 personalities** who will be conferred the Padma Awards by **President Ram Nath Kovind** this year. These awards cater to various disciplines including art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports and civil service. While 'Padma Shri' is awarded for distinguished service in any field, '**Padma Bhushan**' is awarded for distinguished service of a high order.

Padma Vibhushan awards List

1. Shinzo Abe, Japan
2. S P Balasubramaniam (Posthumous), Tamil Nadu
3. Belle Monappa Hegde, Karnataka
4. Narinder Singh Kapany (Posthumous), USA
5. Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, Delhi
6. B. B. Lal, Delhi
7. Sudarshan Sahoo, Odisha

Padma Bhushan Awards List

1. Krishnan Nair Shantakumari Chithra, Kerala
2. Tarun Gogoi (Posthumous), Assam
3. Chandrashekhar Kambara, Karnataka
4. Sumitra Mahajan, Madhya Pradesh
5. Nripendra Misra, Uttar Pradesh
6. Ram Vilas Paswan (Posthumous), Bihar
7. Keshubhai Patel (Posthumous), Gujarat
8. Kalbe Sadiq (Posthumous), Uttar Pradesh
9. Rajnikant Devidas Shroff, Maharashtra
10. Tarlochan Singh, Haryana

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51st International Film Festival of India Concludes

The **51st edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** was held from 16 January to 24 January 2021 at Shyamaprasad Stadium near **Panaji in Goa**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the festival was held in hybrid mode, there was the physical and virtual screening of 50 films out of 224 films across various categories. **Bangladesh** was a country of focus at the festival. Four films of Bangladesh was included in '**country of focus**' section.

The winners of the IFFI awards are listed below:

- Golden Peacock Award for Best Film: Into the Darkness
- Silver Peacock Award for Best Actor (Male): Tzu-Chuan Liu, The Silent Forest
- Silver Peacock Award for Best Actor (Female): Zofia Stafiej, I Never Cry
- Silver Peacock Award for Best Director: Chen-Nien Ko, The Silent Forest
- Best Debut Director Award: Cássio Pereira dos Santos, Valentina
- Special Mention Award: Kripal Kalita, Bridge
- Special Jury Award: Kamin Kalev, February
- ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Award: Ameen Nayfeh's 200 Meters
- Indian Personality of the Year Award: Biswajit Chatterjee
- Lifetime Achievement: Vittorio Storaro (Italian cinematographer).

India Ranks 7th in Global Climate Risk Index 2021

India has been placed among the top 10 most affected countries by climate change, in the **Global Climate Risk Index 2021** published by the Bonn-based environmental think tank **Germanwatch**. India ranked as the **seventh worst-hit country** in terms of climate change in 2019. The **Global Climate Risk Index 2021** is the **16th edition** of the annual report and has taken into account the data available for 2019 and from 2000 to 2019. The index analyses and ranks to what extent countries and regions have been affected by impacts of climate-related extreme weather events (storms, floods, heatwaves etc.)

Top 3 countries: Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Bahamas were the top three most affected countries in 2019 respectively.

Top 3 Countries most affected in the past 20 years: Between 2000-2019, Puerto Rico, Myanmar and Haiti were the countries most affected by the impacts of such weather events.

About the Global Climate Risk Index:

The Global Climate Risk Index indicates a level of exposure and vulnerability to extreme weather events, which countries should understand as warnings in order to be prepared for more frequent and/or more severe events in the future.

Ram Temple tableau of Uttar Pradesh on Republic Day wins 1st prize

The **Ram Temple tableau of Uttar Pradesh** that was on display during the **Republic Day 2021** has bagged the **first prize** among all tableaux. The theme of Uttar Pradesh's tableau was '**Ayodhya: Cultural Heritage of Uttar Pradesh**'. The cultural heritage of ancient holy town Ayodhya, a replica of a Ram temple, a glimpse of 'Deepotsav' and various stories from Ramayana epic were depicted in the tableau.

The **Tripura** tableau won the **second prize** for the Republic Day parade. **Uttarakhand's** tableau on the theme '**Dev Bhoomi – The Land of the Gods**' was adjudged third among the states and union territories. The tableau of **Central Public Works Department (CPWD)**, with the theme '**Amar Jawan**', bagged a special prize for paying tribute to the fallen heroes of the armed forces.

Economic Survey 2021: Key highlights of Economic Survey

Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has presented **Economic Survey 2020-21** in the Parliament on **29 January 2021**. The major focus of this year's economic survey is the losses and impact of the **Covid-19 pandemic**. The survey will provide an assessment of how the Indian economy has been impacted by the deadly COVID-19 virus and how it is improving. It will also project India's gross domestic product growth for 2021-22.

The Economic Survey document is prepared by the **Economics Division of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)** under the guidance of the Chief Economic Advisor **Krishnamurthy Subramanian**. The Economic Survey 2020-21 will be followed by the Union Budget 2020-21 which will be tabled on February 1.

The theme of Economic Survey, 2020-21:

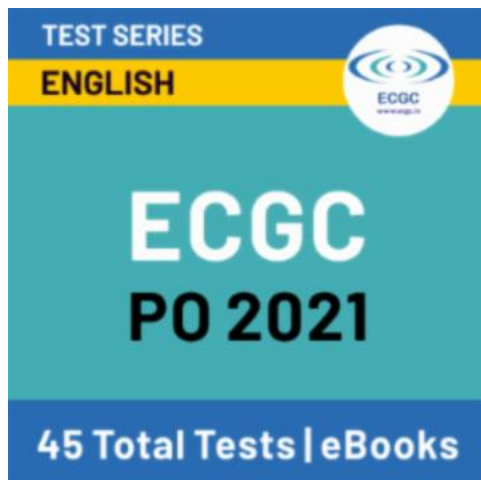
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- #VshapedRecovery

What is the Economic Survey?

- The Economic Survey is an annual document of the Ministry of Finance. It reviews the economic progress of the country and issues in the last 12 months.
- The survey provides information related to the performance of key developmental schemes launched by the government. The document also explains the performance of major government policies and their impact.
- The Economic Survey discusses major fiscal developments, macroeconomic factors, inflation, and other economic factors. The document also highlights the impact of agriculture, climate change, and employment on the economy of the country.
- The 1st Economic Survey was tabled in **1950-51**. However, till the year **1964**, it was presented along with the budget.

Here are the key highlights from the Economic Survey 2020-21:

- The real GDP of the country to record a growth of 11% in the financial year 2021-22 and nominal GDP by 15.4%.



- V-shaped economic recovery will be seen due to COVID-19 Vaccination Drive, recovery in the services sector, and growth in consumption and investment.
- According to the Economic Survey 2020-21, the GDP of the country is projected to decrease by 7.7% in the fiscal year 2020-21. It will include a sharp 15.7% decline in the first half and a 0.1% decrease in the second half.
- The agriculture sector has remained the silver lining while manufacturing, contact-based services, construction were the hardest hit sectors.
- In quarter 1, the GDP contraction was by 23.9% due to lockdown and Q2 saw a V-shaped recovery with a 7.5% decline.
- Food prices were high driving inflation. However, the inflation reached under the RBI's target range of 4+/-2% in December 2020 to reach 4.6%.
- Credit growth to agriculture and allied activities increased to 7.4% in October 2020 in comparison to 7.1% in October 2019.
- Credit growth to the services sector increased to 9.5% in October 2020 in comparison to 6.5% in October 2019.
- Exports are projected to decrease by 5.8% and imports by 11.3% in the second half of the year. India is expected to have a Current Account Surplus of 2% of GDP in FY21, a historic high after 17 years.
- The fiscal deficit of the country is expected to overshoot the initial estimates, 3.5% of GDP, in the financial year 2020-21.
- The Economic Survey 2020-21 highlighted that the year 2020 was dominated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulted in the global economic slowdown.

National Affairs

- **India** has announced a pledge of **USD 150,000** to the **United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF)** for the year 2021 to support the activities and programs this year. The Peacebuilding Fund has put forth its five-year strategy, which requires 1.5 billion dollars for 2020-2024. This was announced by **TS Tirumurti**, India's permanent representative to the United Nations on January 25, 2021.

- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** has virtually inaugurated the Chennai Bench of the **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)**. This will be the second NCLAT Bench in the country, after the Principal Bench in **New Delhi**.
- **Vaccine Maitri Initiative** is an initiative launched by **India** to gift COVID-19 vaccines to neighbouring countries. Recently, **Sri Lanka and Bahrain** have received the COVID-19 vaccines from India under the initiative. The Vaccine Maitri initiative was launched by India on January 20 to gift COVID-19 vaccines to neighbouring countries.
- The Central Government has approved the **Rs 945-crore 'Start-up India Seed Fund Scheme'** (SISFS), which aims to provide financial assistance to start-ups for the product trials, market-entry, proof of concept, prototype development and commercialization.
- In **Uttar Pradesh**, a new **3,300-metre-long airstrip** has been constructed near **Kurebhar on Purvanchal Expressway**. With this new airstrip, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in India having two airstrips on expressways. Uttar Pradesh also has an airstrip on Lucknow-Agra Expressway. Airstrips on expressways are designed to facilitate emergency landing and take-off of fighter planes.
- The Prison Department of **Maharashtra** has launched its **jail tourism** initiative starting with more than **150-year-old Yerawada Central Prison in Pune**. The initiative was launched in a move to help students learn about historical experiences.
- The **Kerala government** is all set to launch **Rs 300 crore** three-tower '**Gender Park**' in Kozhikode. The park will become functional on the occasion of the second edition of the **International Conference on Gender Equality (ICGE-II)**. The gender park was established with the aim of creating relevant interventions so as to address a range of gender-based issues. It includes both off-campus and on-campus activities and other projects that work to empower the individuals and communities.

States in the News

- **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister, **Yogi Adityanath** has launched the '**Udyam Sarathi App**' on the occasion of the **71st Foundation Day** of the state, on **24 January 2021**. The app will enable the youths to get every information related to self-employment and the job industry, across the state.
- The Uttar Pradesh Day celebration will run from 24 January to 26 January 2021. The theme of Uttar Pradesh Day 2021 is '**Respect for self-reliant Uttar Pradesh, women young farmers, development of all**'.
- **Shristi Goswami**, a nineteen-year-old Haridwar-based student, become the Chief Minister of **Uttarakhand** for one day on **National Girl Child Day**. She is a student of BSc Agriculture, lives in Daulatpur village in Roorkee, Haridwar. The move has received the nod of Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat**.
- In **Madhya Pradesh**, Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has launched a new scheme '**PANKH Abhiyan**' on **24 January**, to mark the occasion of **National Girl Child Day**. The scheme has been launched under the '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' scheme for the empowerment and growth of the girl child. The CM also announced scholarships worth **Rs 6.47 crore** for **26,099** girls under **Ladli Laxmi Yojana**.

International Affairs

- The Prime Minister of Mongolia, **Khurelsukh Ukhnaa**, has resigned along with his entire government, following protests and public outrage over the government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 52-year-old served as the Prime Minister of Mongolia from **4 October 2017 to 21 January 2021**.
- **China** overtook **Germany** to become the country with the world's largest current account surplus in the year 2020, as per a survey by the **Munich-based Ifo institute**. The current account surplus of China more than doubled to **\$310 billion in 2020**, while the current account surplus of Germany shrank for the fifth year in a row in 2020 to \$261 billion. The United States remained the country with the world's largest current account deficit which rose roughly by a **third to \$635 billion** in 2020 or 3.1% of economic output. **Japan** ranked third with a current account surplus of **\$158 billion**.

- The incumbent President of **Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa** has won a second five-year term after winning the **2021 Portuguese presidential election** with a landslide victory.
- **Kaja Kallas**, the leader of the Reform Party will become **Estonia's first female prime minister**. The Reform Party, led by Kallas, won the 2019 parliamentary election in Estonia with **34 MPs** in the country's 101-seat parliament, Riigikogu.
- Italian Prime Minister, **Giuseppe Conte** resigned after losing his Senate majority, plunging the country into political uncertainty just as it's battling the pandemic and a recession. He tendered his resignation to President **Sergio Mattarella**, the ultimate arbiter of Italian political crises, who invited him to stay on in a caretaker capacity pending discussions on what happens next.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **India** has inked a strategic partnership agreement with the **International Energy Agency (IEA)**, the world's premier energy monitor, on 27 January 2021. The objective of the MoU is to strengthen cooperation in global energy security, stability and sustainability as well as strengthen mutual trust and cooperation between IEA members and the Government of India.
- The Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change **Prakash Javadekar** has launched the **Indo-French Year of the Environment**, along with **Barbara Pompili**, the French Minister for Ecological Transition in **New Delhi**. The basic objective of this partnership is to strengthen Indo-French cooperation in sustainable development, increase the effectiveness of actions in favour of global environment protection and give them greater visibility.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- Global financial services major **HSBC** has inaugurated its **International Banking Unit (IBU)** branch at **GIFT City near Gandhinagar city in Gujarat**. HSBC is one of the earliest global financial institutions setting up a branch at India's GIFT City and was the first bank to get a licence from the

newly set up **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)**. HSBC's IBU branch at **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)** will be operational for customer transactions with effect from January 27.

- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has pegged the Indian economy to contract by **8 per cent** in the current financial year 2020-21, in its latest **World Economic Outlook**, released on 26 January 2021. The IMF expects GDP of India to rise to **11.5 per cent** in the next financial year i.e. 2021-22. Apart from this, the IMF projected the global growth to contract at **3.5 per cent** in 2020. The global economy is projected to grow by **5.5 per cent** in 2021 and **4.2 per cent** in 2022 as per the IMF.
- India's economic growth is forecast to be **7.3 per cent** in the Calendar Year 2021 by the UN. The **Indian economy** is estimated to contract by **9.6 per cent** in the Calendar year 2020, as per the **World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021**, produced by the **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)**. In addition to this, the global economy is estimated to shrink by **4.3 per cent** in 2020. The UN has estimated the Global GDP to recover to **4.7 per cent** in 2021.
- The **gross domestic product (GDP)** of India is expected to contract by **8 per cent** in 2020-21, according to the latest **Economic Outlook Survey of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**. Apart from this, FICCI expects the economy to perform much better in the financial year 2021-22 with a GDP growth rate of **9.6 percent** in FY22.



- **Bharti AXA General Insurance** has launched **Krishi Sakha App**, a one-stop-shop for Indian farmers that offers them relevant information to cater to their daily farming needs. It also provides guidance to farmers to adopt best farming practices and enhance their productivity.

Appointments/Resignations

- Board of Directors of Kerala-based **Dhanlaxmi Bank** have given the approval to appoint **J K Shivan** as **managing director and CEO** of the Bank. It may be recalled that the shareholders of the Kerala-based had voted against MD & CEO **Sunil Gurbaxani** On September 30, 2020. Then, in December that year, the lender appointed Shivan as the new MD & CEO.
- Lieutenant General **Chandi Prasad Mohanty** has been appointed as the new **Vice-chief of Army staff**. He would assume the office on February 1, 2021, from **Lt General SK Saini**, who is superannuating on 31 January 2021. Lt General CP Mohanty is an alumnus of Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun, and National Defence Academy. He is a June 1982 batch Infantry Officer from the Rajput Regiment.
- The appointments committee (ACC) of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of **Swaminathan Janakiraman** and **Ashwini Kumar Tewari** as new **Managing Directors (MDs) of State Bank of India (SBI)** for a period of three years.

Defence News

- The **Border Security Force (BSF)** has launched "**Operation Sard Hawa**" on the western international border of **Rajasthan**. The Operations aims to check the instances of infiltration due to the dense fog cover in the region and increase security on the border areas in Jaisalmer.
- A large-scale tri-service joint amphibious exercise **AMPHEX - 21** was held in **Andaman & Nicobar group of islands**. The exercise involved the participation of troops of Army, Navy as well as the **Indian Air Force**. The exercise was aimed at validating India's capabilities to safeguard the territorial integrity of its island territories. The joint force executed multi-domain, high-intensity offensive and defensive manoeuvres in the **Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal**.

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** conducted successful maiden launch of **Akash-NG (New Generation) Missile** from Integrated Test Range off the coast of Odisha. Akash-NG is a new generation **Surface-to-Air Missile** for use by Indian Air Force (IAF) with an aim of intercepting high manoeuvring aerial threats. The launch met all the test objectives by performing high maneuvers during the trajectory.

Awards and Recognitions

- The **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP)** for the year 2021 has been conferred to 32 children, hailing from 32 districts of 21 States/UTs. The PMRBP award is given by the Government of India to the children with exceptional abilities and outstanding accomplishments, in the fields of innovation, scholastic, sports, arts & culture, social service and bravery.
- The **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2021** has been conferred upon **Dr Rajendra Kumar Bhandari** in the Individual category and **Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS)** in Institutional category. The award carries a cash prize of **Rs 51 lakh** and a certificate for an institution and **Rs 5 lakh** and a certificate in case of an individual.
- The **Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Meghalaya** was selected for a Special Award for Information Technology applications in Elections by the **Election Commission of India (ECI)**, in the **National Best Electoral Practices Awards-2020**. President Ram Nath Kovind virtually conferred the award to Meghalaya CEO **F.R. Kharkongor** at the National Voters' Day Award function held in New Delhi.

Summit and Conference

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has chaired the **35th PRAGATI** meeting to review multiple projects, grievances and programmes. In the meeting, ten agenda items were taken for review worth **Rs. 54,675 crore**, related to 15 states. These included nine projects and one programme. Prime Minister also reviewed the **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana**. PRAGATI stands for **Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation**.

- The **5th** joint meeting of the **India-Japan Act East Forum (AEF)** was held in New Delhi. During the 5th meeting, the AEF reviewed the progress of ongoing projects in the North Eastern Region of India in various areas including **connectivity, hydropower, sustainable development, harnessing of water resources, and skill development.**

Ranks and Reports

- **China** was the largest recipient of **foreign direct investment (FDI)** in 2020, according to a report released by the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**. China overtook the United States to gain the top position in 2020. The country attracted **\$163 billion** inflows in 2020, compared to **\$134 billion** attracted by the United States.
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has been ranked third most-valued IT services brand globally, after **Accenture** and **IBM**, according to a report by **Brand Finance**. Third-ranked TCS is rapidly closing the gap with IBM following a healthy 11% brand value increase to **USD 15 billion**. Accenture retained the title of world's most valuable and strongest IT services brand with record brand value of **USD 26 billion**, while IBM continued at the second place with a brand value of **USD 16.1 billion**.
- **India** has been ranked **86th** among 180 countries in the **Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020**, released by **Transparency International**. This year, India's rank has slipped six places compared to 2019, when it was ranked at **80th spot**. **Top Country: New Zealand** and **Denmark** have jointly secured the first position with scores of 88. **Lowest Country: Somalia** and **South Sudan** rank lowest at 179th position with scores of 12.

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- **India** has been ranked at **86th position** among 98 countries in the new **Coronavirus Performance Index** released by **Australia-based Lowy Institute**. Countries were ranked based on the publicly available and comparable data on **Covid-19 response**. **New Zealand, Vietnam and Taiwan** are the top three countries respectively in the index. Brazil was ranked at the bottom of the list for worst handling of the pandemic than any other country. China was excluded from the list due to lack of publicly available data.
- Billionaire **Mukesh Ambani's** four-year-old telecom venture **Reliance Jio** has been ranked the fifth strongest brand globally behind the likes of **Ferrari and Coca-Cola**.
- **India** ranked **10th** out of **11 Asia Pacific countries** in a newly-launched health index to measure the progress towards personalised healthcare. **Singapore(1st), Taiwan (2nd), Japan (3rd) and Australia (4th)** also performed well in overall readiness. These include Policy Context, Health Information, Personalised Technologies and Health Services.

Science and Technology

- Tech major **Microsoft** has launched its new **India Development Center (IDC)** facility in **Noida, Uttar Pradesh**. The new centre will serve as a leading hub for driving advanced engineering and innovation. The centre will build on Microsoft's commitment to tap India's world-class engineering talent and create solutions for a global impact.
- **ISRO** chairman **K Sivan** is likely to inaugurate the '**SriShakthiSat**' ground station at **Sri Shakthi Institute of Engineering and Technology** in **Coimbatore**. The station will help monitor the satellite developed by the institute, which is set to be launched by the ISRO. A satellite communication lab was established in the college in 2010.
- **Bharti Airtel** took an edge by becoming the first telecom operator in India to demonstrate **5G** services successfully. **Bharti Airtel** announced that it orchestrated live fifth-generation (5G) service over a commercial network in **Hyderabad**.

Important Days

- In India, the **National Girl Child Day (NGCD)** is observed annually on **January 24**. The day aims to focus on the inequalities faced by girls, to promote the education, health & nutrition of the girl child, and to spread awareness about the rights of a girl child.
- The **United Nations General Assembly** proclaimed **24 January** as **International Day of Education**, in celebration of the role of education for peace and development. The third International Day of Education will be marked under the theme '**Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation**'.
- India observes "**National Voters' Day**" every year on **January 25** to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process. 2021 marks the **11th National Voters' Day (NVD)**. The theme of NVD 2021 is, '**Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed**'. The day has been started from January 25, 2011, to mark the Foundation day of Election Commission of India (ECI), which was established on **25th January 1950**.
- The Indian government established **January 25** as the **National Tourism Day** to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy. The day is observed to cultivate awareness among the global community on the importance of tourism and its social, political, financial and cultural worth.
- The **International Customs Day (ICD)** is observed on **26 January** every year. The day is celebrated to recognise the role of customs officials and agencies and focus on the working conditions and challenges that customs officers face in their jobs. This year International Customs Day theme: "**Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience**".
- **International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust** (International Holocaust Remembrance Day) is observed on **27 January** every year since **2006** to commemorate the anniversary of the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War. The theme of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2021 is "**Facing the Aftermath: Recovery and Reconstitution after the Holocaust**".

- **Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas** is observed every year on **January 30** in the memory of **Mahatma Gandhi**, who was assassinated at Gandhi Smriti in the Birla House by **Nathuram Godse in 1948**. The day is observed to remember the sacrifices made by freedom fighters in the struggle for India's independence and to pay our respects to them.

Obituaries

- The iconic American radio and television host, and paid spokesman, **Larry King**, has passed away. He rose to fame in **1978** as a radio host of **The Larry King Show** and then hosted **Larry King Live** on CNN for about 25 years from **1985 to 2010**.
- Noted historian, author, poet and retired bureaucrat **Narendra Luther** has passed. A 1955 batch IAS officer, Luther was closely associated with the history and culture of erstwhile Hyderabad state and its rulers. He had served in various positions before retiring as the chief secretary of the **undivided Andhra Pradesh in 1991**.
- Former Indian National Football team goalkeeper, **Prasanta Dora** has passed away. He was represented Tollygunge Agragami, Calcutta Port Trust, Mohammedan Sporting, Mohun Bagan and East Bengal in domestic football.
- Oscar winning-actor **Cloris Leachman** has passed away. The late star was known as one of Hollywood's most prolific performers having won an **Academy Award, a Golden Globe, and eight Primetime Emmy Awards**.

Miscellaneous News

- The **South-East Central Railways (SECR)** zone in **Chhattisgarh** breaks its own previous record by successfully operating the longest ever freight train by amalgamating five rakes of goods trains as one unit of around **3.5 km**. Named as '**Vasuki**', it covered the distance of **224 km** between the railway stations of **Bhilai and Korba** and took about seven hours. The '**Vasuki**', comprising of **300 wagons** of long haul rake of five goods trains, ran with the help of one pilot, one assistant loco pilot and a guard.

- The **Election Commission** has rolled out the electronic version of the voters' photo identity card **e-EPIC**, which can be stored on mobile phones and downloaded on personal computers. The physical card takes time to print and reach the voter, and the idea is to provide faster delivery and easy accessibility to the document.
- **SpaceX** successfully launched its ambitious rideshare mission called **Transporter-1**, carrying **143** small satellites, and created a new record of launching many satellites from a single rocket. With this launch, SpaceX broke the record set by **ISRO in February 2017** for deploying **104** satellites onboard PSLV in a single mission. The SpaceX used two-stage **Falcon 9 rocket** for the mission, from the Space Launch Complex 40 at **Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida**. The 143 satellites included 133 commercial and government satellites and **10 Starlink satellites of SpaceX**.
- **National Marine Turtle Action Plan** has been recently released by the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in **New Delhi**. The Ministry also released the '**Marine Mega Fauna Stranding Guidelines**' along with the Marine Turtle Action Plan.
- Estonia Currency: Euro.
- International Energy Agency headquarters: Paris, France.
- International Energy Agency Member Countries: 30.
- International Energy Agency Establishment: November 1974.
- HSBC Bank India CEO: Surendra Rosha.
- HSBC Bank India HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C. U.S.
- IMF Managing Director and Chairman: Kristalina Georgieva.
- IMF Chief Economist: Gita Gopinath.
- United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Headquarters location: New York, United States.
- United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Head: Liu Zhenmin.
- United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Founded: 1948.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry Founded: 1927.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry Headquarters location: New Delhi.
- Dhanlaxmi Bank Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala.
- Dhanlaxmi Bank Founded: 1927.
- BSF Director General: Rakesh Asthana.
- BSF Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong.
- Meghalaya Governor: Satya Pal Malik.
- Meghalaya Chief minister: Conrad Sangma.
- Tata Consultancy Services CEO: Rajesh Gopinathan.
- Tata Consultancy Services Founded: 1 April 1968.
- Tata Consultancy Services Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- UNCTAD Headquarters location: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNCTAD Head: Mukhisa Kituyi.
- UNCTAD Founder: United Nations General Assembly.
- UNCTAD Founded: 30 December 1964.
- Minister of Women and Child Development: Smriti Zubin Irani.
- 1st Chief Election Commissioner of Independent India- Sukumar Sen.

Static Takeaways

- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Uddhav Thackeray; Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Mongolia Capital: Ulaanbaatar.
- Mongolia President: Khaltmaagiin Battulga.
- Mongolia Currency: Mongolian Togrog.
- China Capital: Beijing.
- China Currency: Renminbi.
- China President: Xi Jinping.
- Portugal Capital: Lisbon; Currency: Euro.
- Estonia Capital: Tallinn.

- Sunil Arora is the current 23rd Chief Election Commissioner.
- World Customs Organization headquarter: Brussels, Belgium.
- World Customs Organization Membership: 182 countries.
- World Customs Organization Secretary-General: Kunio Mikuriya.
- Chief Election Commissioner of India: Sunil Arora.
- Chief Election Commissioner Formed: 25 January 1950.
- Chief Election Commissioner Headquarters: New Delhi.
- SpaceX founder & CEO: Elon Musk.
- SpaceX president & COO: Gwynne Shotwell.
- SpaceX Founded: 2002.
- SpaceX Headquarters: California, United States of America.
- Transparency International Headquarters location: Berlin, Germany.
- Transparency International Chairperson: Delia Ferreira Rubio.
- Transparency International Founded: 4 May 1993.
- 28th Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Mukund Naravane.
- The motto of Indian Army: "Service Before Self".
- Headquarters of Indian Army: New Delhi.
- State Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 July 1955.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance Established: 2008.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance MD and CEO: Sanjeev Srinivasan.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance Tagline: Suraksha ka Naya Nazariya.
- President of Italy: Sergio Mattarella.
- Capital of Italy: Rome;
- Currency of Italy: Euro.
- France Capital: Paris.
- France President: Emmanuel Macron.
- France Prime minister: Jean Castex
- France Currency: Euro.
- Microsoft CEO: Satya Nadella.
- Microsoft Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States.
- Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Prakash Javadekar.
- ISRO Chairman: K.Sivan.
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ISRO established: 15 August 1969.
- Bharti Airtel CEO: Gopal Vittal.
- Bharti Airtel Founder: Sunil Bharti Mittal.
- Bharti Airtel Founded: 7 July 1995.
- Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.

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