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Recent Appointments

- GoodDot ropes in whom as its brand ambassador? **Neeraj Chopra**
- Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of whom as independent chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank? **Vinod Rai**
- Who has been appointed as the Managing Director, National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd? **Chanchal Kumar**
- The board of directors of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative has been elected whom as the 17th Chairman? **Dileep Sanghani**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Adani Power? **Shersingh B Khyalia**
- Daniel Ortega has been sworn in as President of which country for fifth term? **Nicaragua**
- Who has been appointed as chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research? **Raghuvendra Tanwar**
- Alikhan Smailov has been appointed as new Prime Minister of which country? **Kazakhstan**
- Who will be the head of the committee constituted by Supreme Court of India to probe the security breach of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Punjab? **Indu Malhotra**
- Which Bollywood actor has been named as brand ambassador of RenewBuy? **RajKummar Rao**
- Who has been appointed as new Chairman of ISRO by succeeding K Sivan? **S Somanath**
- Who has been named as the new Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund by succeeding Gita Gopinath? **Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas**
- Which former Reserve Bank of India Governor has been appointed as Vice President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank? **Urjit Patel**
- The Government of India has extended the tenure of Navrang Saini as interim Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for how much time? **Three Months**
- Who will be head of the committee constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs to enquire into the serious lapses in the security of PM? **Sudhir Kumar Saxena**
- Legends League Cricket has appointed whom as an ambassador to its All Women Match Official Team to promote Women's Empowerment initiatives of the LLC? **Jhulan Goswami**
- Who has been taken charge as the new Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation? **Zhang Ming**
- Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has appointed whom as its new secretary-general? **Haitham Al Ghais**
- Government of India has re-appointed whom as Chairman of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices? **Ashok Gulati**
- Shafali Verma has been appointed as the Brand Endorser of which financial company? **Bank of Baroda**
- Who has been appointed as the President of the US-India Business Council by the US Chamber of Commerce? **Atul Keshap**
- Senior bureaucrat Vikram Dev Dutt has recently been appointed as the chairman and managing director of which company? **Air India**
- The Government of India has appointed whom as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff? **Manoj Pande**
- Who has become new President of European Parliament? **Roberta Metsola**
- Who has been taken charge as the new Chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council? **Narendra Goenka**



- Who is the woman representative in the parliamentary standing committee constituted to examine "The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021"? **Sushmita Dev**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga under the Ministry of Jal Shakti? **G Asok Kumar**
- Who has been appointed as Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's first woman Chairperson and Managing Director? **Alka Mittal**
- Who has been named as the new Chair of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022? **TS Tirumurti**
- Vinod Kannan has been named as next Chief Executive Officer of which airline company? **Vistara airline**
- Which former British Prime Minister and Baroness Amos are to be appointed as members of the Order of the Garter which is England's oldest and most senior order of chivalry? **Tony Blair**
- Who has been named as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Jammu & Kashmir Bank? **Baldev Prakash**
- Who has been taken over as Director-General of Indian Coast Guard? **V S Pathania**
- Who has been appointed new chairman of Railway Board? **Suneet Sharma**
- Who has become India's new ambassador to United Nations Conference on Disarmament? **Anupam Ray**
- Name the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank, who has been appointed recently? **Vasudevan PN**
- Who will hold the additional charge of "Sashastra Seema Bal" in place of Kumar Rajesh Chandra? **Sanjay Arora**
- The Government of India has appointed Soma Sankara Prasad as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which bank? **UCO Bank**
- Recently, Government of India has appointed whom as new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Punjab National Bank? **Atul Kumar Goel**
- Who has been named as Director General & Chief Executive Officer of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs? **Praveen Kumar**
- Who has been named as the new chairman of Yamaha Motor India Group? **Eishin Chihana**
- Which Indian-origin judge has been appointed to South Africa's highest judicial bench? **Narandran 'Jody' Kollapan**
- Who has been inducted as a member of the Securities & Exchange Board of India's Advisory Committee on Mutual Funds? **Aarati Krishnan**
- Which country will chair the Counterterrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in January 2022? **India**
- Who has been appointed as India's new deputy National Security Adviser in the National Security Council Secretariat? **Vikram Misri**
- Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) has appointed whom as its Co-Chairman? **Kamlesh Gandhi**



- IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance has appointed whom as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer? **HO Suri**
- **Who has been appointed** as the new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the BrahMos Aerospace Limited? **Atul Dinkar Rane**
- Who has been appointed as India's new envoy to China? **Pradeep Kumar Rawat**
- Who has been appointed as a member of the Badminton World Federation Athletes' Commission 2021-2025? **PV Sindhu**
- Who has been sworn in as Chancellor of Austria? **Karl Nehammer**
- Who has been appointed as Managing Director of Hyundai Motor India Limited? **Unsoo Kim**
- Who has been elected as the President of the Indian Newspaper Society for the year 2021-22? **Mohit Jain**

National News

- Which district has been topped in the District Good Governance Index prepared by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances? **Jammu**
- Which state government has launched "Apna Kangra" app? **Himachal Pradesh**
- Which state has recently launched India's first AVGC Center of Excellence? **Karnataka**
- Which state government has recently launched a one-stop website to promote electric vehicles? **Delhi**
- Amar Jawan Jyoti flame has been merged with the flame at the National War Memorial in a solemn ceremony. Amar Jawan Jyoti is located in which city? **New Delhi**
- Recently the Union cabinet has approved the extension of tenure of National Commission for Safai Karamcharis for how many years? **3 Years**
- The Border Security Force, BSF has launched Operation Sard Hawa in which state to increase the surveillance in the Pakistan border? **Rajasthan**
- Which ministry has announced the initiation of the Open Data Week to encourage adoption of open data and promote innovation across India's urban ecosystem? **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

9 JAN



Motto: To mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.

Importance: To commemorate the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Mumbai on 9 January, 1915. On this day Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSA) conferred upon by the Indian Government to overseas Indian.

It was first launched in the year 2003.

PBSA is conferred by President of India as part of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention.

Note: Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention was held on an annual basis till 2014, it is being organized once in 2 years from 2015.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a 216-feet statue of Ramanujacharya in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Which village of Jammu and Kashmir has been declared as first "Milk Village"? **Jerri hamlet**
- Who has been roped in as the Ambassador of Universal Acceptance Steering Group which is a community-based team of industry leaders supported by global internet body ICANN? **Vijay Shekhar**
- Which city has been chosen for India's first heli-hub with all aviation facilities? **Gurugram**
- PM Narendra Modi has been declared which day of January as "National Startup Day"? **16 January**
- Who has launched Artificial Intelligence driven Startup by Indian Institute Technology alumni for water purification? **Dr Jitendra Singh**
- Which village of Kerala has become the country's first sanitary napkin-free panchayat under "Avalkayi" initiative? **Kumbalangi**
- Which ministry has launched Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal to speedily redress pension issues? **Ministry of Defence**
- On the occasion of the National Youth Day 2022, Prime Minister has inaugurated an "MSME Technology Centre" in which state/UT? **Maharashtra**
- Which state government has announced to bring law to regulate online gaming? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Recently, which state government has announced increase in the retirement age of the State Government Employees? **Andhra Pradesh**
- The Railway Protection Force of the Western Railways zone has launched which initiative to help passengers track their lost belongings? **Mission Amanat**
- Which city has become India's first city to have a Water Metro Project? **Kochi**
- The Ministry of Railways has approved the renaming of which railway station, as Ekta Nagar railway station? **Kevadiya railway station**
- The 19th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority has been chaired by whom? **Bhupender Yadav**
- Which state government has been launched "Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0 (SSIP-2.0)" for the next five years? **Gujarat**



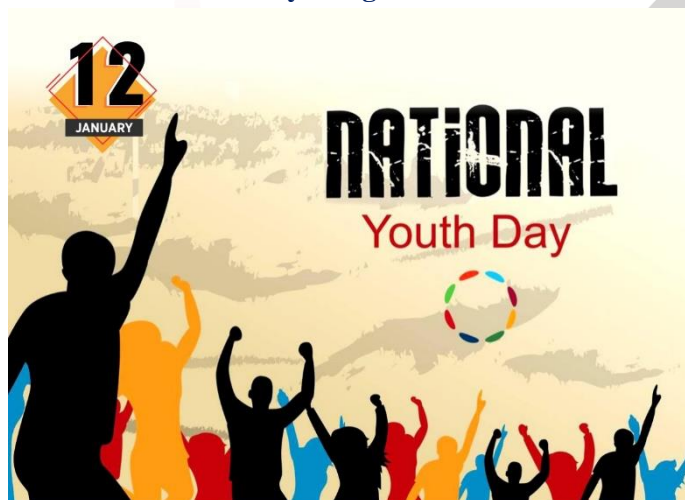
- With which Ministry, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade have decided to organise "Startup India Innovation Week"? **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission Chairman, Vinai Kumar Saxena has launched the country's first Mobile Honey Processing Van in which district of Uttar Pradesh? **Ghaziabad**
- Which city has been handpicked by Prime Minister of India to host the 25th National Youth Festival? **Puducherry**
- The Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated India's first unique "Rock" museum in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Which district of Odisha has declared itself a child marriage free district, the first in the State after the Nirbhaya Kadhi programme? **Ganjam**
- Union Ayush Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has laid the foundation stone of International Yoga Academy in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Which state has become first LPG enabled & smoke free state of the country? **Himachal Pradesh**
- Which state's High Court has become India's first paperless court? **Kerala High Court**
- Which region (state or UT) has celebrated their traditional new year "Losar Festival"? **Ladakh**
- Who has become the first woman to complete a solo trek to the South Pole in 40 days? **Harpreet Chandi**
- Which drone-maker company will map 1000 UP villages under Svamitva scheme? **Garuda Aerospace**
- Which state government has launched an online service for the verification of identity and submission of life certificates for pensioners of the state government? **Odisha**
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched which reading campaign for 100-day? **Padhe Bharat**
- Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science & Technology has been inaugurated in which university? **Chandigarh University**
- Which state's legislative council has passed a bill to give more powers to Higher Education Minister in the state-run varsities? **Maharashtra**
- Which Union Ministry is implementing "Gram Ujala programme"? **Ministry of Power**
- Recently the Prime Minister of India has laid the foundation stone of Major Dhyani Chand Sports University in which city? **Meerut**
- Recently the state government of Haryana has announced to set up the Atal Park & Smriti Kendra in which city? **Gurugram**
- Recently, Prime Minister Modi has laid the foundation stone of how many development projects in Uttarakhand? **23**
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh has renamed the which Railway Station as "Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station"? **Jhansi Railway Station**
- Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has laid the foundation stone of the BrahMos Aerospace cruise missile manufacturing unit in which city of Uttar Pradesh? **Lucknow**
- Which state has been topped in Good Governance Index 2021 prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances? **Gujarat**



- Which state to establish separate directorate to raise farmers' income? **Karnataka**
- The foundation stone of Hydropower Projects worth over Rs 11,000 crore has laid down by Prime Minister Modi in which state? **Himachal Pradesh**
- Which State government launched the "CM Dashboard 360" a monitoring system to track all welfare schemes? **Tamil Nadu**
- International Arbitration and Mediation Centre inaugurated in which state? **Telangana**
- With the addition of the three new districts namely Tseminyu, Niuland and Chumoukedima, Nagaland will now have how many districts? **15**
- Which state's assembly has unanimously passed a resolution demanding the repeal of Armed Forces Special Powers Act in the state? **Nagaland**

International Events

- Recently, scientists have named a new species of rain-frog after whom? **Greta Thunberg**
- The Indonesian Parliament has approved a bill to relocate the country's capital from Jakarta to which city? **Nusantara**
- The Iconic "Infinity Bridge" is located in which country, which has been formally opened to traffic for the first time recently? **Dubai**
- Who has become the first black woman to appear on US coin? **Maya Angelou**
- Which country has launched a ship named after a gay rights activist Harvey Milk? **USA**
- According to the Henley Passport Index what is the rank of India in passport ranking for the first quarter of 2022? **83rd**
- UNESCO's World Heritage Centre will publish their descriptions in which language of India's UNESCO world heritage website? **Hindi**
- Which institution has released the "Women and girls left behind: Glaring gaps in pandemic responses" report? **UN Women**



Importance: To mark the birth anniversary of the Swami Vivekananda.

b To imbibe the students and youth with the philosophy and ideals of Swami Vivekananda

Inception: In 1984, Indian Government first declared to celebrate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda i.e. 12 January as National Youth Day.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA (12 Jan 1863 to 4 Jul 1902)

Swami Vivekananda's pre-monastic name was Narendra Nath Dutta.

He was a renowned philosopher, poet, writer, social reformer and orator.

- Which edition of Dhaka International Film Festival has recently begun in Dhaka, Bangladesh? **20th**
- India has announced financial assistance of USD 900 million loans to which country to deplete foreign reserves and for food imports.? **Sri Lanka**
- Which country has awarded USD 375 million contract for BrahMos missile to boost India's defence exports? **Philippines**
- Which city in the United Arab Emirates has become first in the world to go 100% paperless? **Dubai**
- Which country has recently joined the "G20 Troika", which already consists of Indonesia and Italy? **India**
- Government of India has approved Memorandum of Understanding between India and which country for construction of bridge over Mahakali River? **Nepal**
- India has collaborated with which country in the field of green energy and climate action? **Germany**
- Which country has taken over European Union Presidency for next six months in 2022? **France**
- World's longest Metro line opened in which country? **Russia**
- Which country has recently become the new member of BRICS New Development Bank? **Egypt**
- As per the "2019 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs)" Report which country has topped in the list? **Russia**
- Which country has become third top by adding 33 unicorns in a single year to replace United Kingdom? **India**
- Which is the top five countries from where Foreign Direct Investment Equity Inflows highest in 2021 ever in India? **Singapore, Mauritius, USA, Netherland & Japan.**
- Which country became the first European country to allow limited cultivation and possession of cannabis for personal use? **Malta**
- The Cabinet recently has approved the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between India & which country? **Poland**
- Which Airways has become the first airline to use sustainable aviation fuel produced on a commercial scale? **British Airways**
- Which country has invited India for recommitting two countries towards further strengthening the long-standing dynamic partnership? **Bangladesh**
- Recently, United Nations General Assembly has granted Observer Status to which international organisation? **International Solar Alliance**
- Which country has launched the "Future Soldier" modernisation plan for their military presence? **UK**

Banking & Economy

- Which government agency has launched "SaaṛThi" mobile app on investor education? **SEBI**
- Which digital mobile wallet company and Fintech companies have launched "ClickPay" for its customers in collaboration with NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd? **MobiKwik**
- Which telecom company has become first telecom company to roll-out UPI AUTOPAY? **JIO**
- Recently, Defence Ministry has allocated how much Armed Forces Flag Day Fund for the welfare of veterans and their families? **Rs 320 crores**
- Which Payment Bank has recently become most preferred UPI beneficiary bank in India? **Paytm Payment Bank**
- World Bank has projected India's GDP growth at what percent for fiscal year 2022? **8.3%**
- The Reserve Bank of India has increased other extension of funds received from non-financial small business customers from Rs 5 crore to how much? **Rs 7.5 crore**
- The rating agency India Ratings and Research has lowered India's GDP growth forecast by what percent in FY22? **09.3%**
- Which company has introduced a functionality called "Unified Presentment Management System" (UPMS)? **Bharat BillPay Ltd**
- Which company has introduced India's first global index of cryptocurrencies IC15? **CryptoWire**
- Which payments bank has been categorised as a scheduled bank by the Reserve Bank of India after Paytm Payment bank? **Airtel Payment Bank**
- According to the insurance regulator, IRDAI has identified which company as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers for 2021-22? **Reliance, LIC, New India, GIC**
- Which insurance company has inaugurated "Digizone" to sell policies online? **Life Insurance Corporation**
- In the 46th GST Council Meeting chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the GST rate on biodiesel has been reduced from 12 percent to what percent? **5%**
- The Ministry of Finance has given the authorization to which bank to issue Electoral Bonds through their selected branches? **State Bank of India**
- Which Company launched co-branded credit cards for navy personnel along with the Indian Navy? **BOB Financial Solutions**
- Which bank has recently been impanelled as Agency Bank by Reserve Bank of India? **CSB Bank**
- Which bank has launched "Video Life Certificate" facility for pensioners? **State Bank of India**
- Recently, India has signed an agreement with KfW Development bank for 140 million Euro loan & 2 million Euro grant for an energy reform programme in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Under DAY-NRLM Scheme PM Narendra Modi recently transferred Rs 1000 crore into the bank accounts of which group in Uttar Pradesh? **Women Self Help Groups**



Importance: Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa became the first Indian Army Chief of Independent India on 15 January 1949.

2021 Edition: 74th

Background: Sam Manekshaw was the first Field Marshal of India, and he was awarded this title in January 1973.

The second person to receive the title of Field Marshal was 'Konerera M. Cariappa', who was given the rank on 14 January 1986.

The Indian army was originated from the East India Company, which later known as the 'British Indian Army' and eventually after Independence it is known as National Army.

Note: Indian army was established on 1st April, but Army Day in India is celebrated on 15th January.

- Which insurance company has been categorised as public shareholder in Axis Bank? **Oriental Insurance**
- Which bank has announced the approval to reclassify Oriental Insurance Company Ltd (OICL) from promoter category to public category shareholder in the bank? **Axis Bank**
- Recently, a penalty of Rs 1.8 crores has been imposed on which bank by the Reserve Bank of India for deficiencies in regulatory compliances? **Punjab National Bank**

MoU's Signed

- The governments of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana have signed an MoU for the construction of a Adi Badri dam for the revival of the which river? **Saraswati river**
- Which state has joined hands with United Nations World Food Programme to improve the food security of small and marginal farmers in India by strengthening their resilience to climate change? **Odisha**
- External Affairs Ministry has signed an agreement for second phase of Passport Seva Programme with which company? **TCS**
- United Nations' World Food Programme in India has partnered with which foundation to enhance the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri – Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme? **Akshaya Patra Foundation**



- Which two Caribbean nations has joined the International Solar Alliance as the 102nd member by signing the ISA Framework Agreement? **Antigua and Barbuda**
- SBI Cards and Payment Services has tied up with which company for card tokenisation to protect the data of the cardholders? **Paytm**
- The Asian Development Bank and the Government of India has signed a 231-million-dollar loan to augment electricity generation capacity in which state? **Assam**
- Which state government has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India & State Bank of India to enable and implement the "e-RUPI" payment solution to students? **Karnataka**
- Which company has tied-up with NSDL Payments Bank to launch a new Fintech platform? **Indipaisa**
- Which life insurance company has signed a bancassurance agreement with South Indian Bank to enable customers of Bank to avail insurance products and services? **HDFC Life Insurance**
- Paytm Payments Bank has partnered with which financial company company to enable international fund transfer directly to Paytm Wallet? **MoneyGram**
- Which government agency has signed a Statement of Intent with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)? **NITI Aayog**
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has signed a partnership agreement with which company to encourage innovative learning and skill development for employees of NPCI? **Udemy Business**
- Which small finance bank has empanelled as the banking partner of the state government of Maharashtra? **Equitas Small Finance Bank**
- GACL and GAIL India Limited has signed a memorandum of understanding for setting up a bioethanol plant with a production capacity of 500-kilo litre per day in which state? **Gujarat**
- Equitas Small Finance Bank has partnered with which bank to launch its new co-branded credit cards? **HDFC Bank**
- Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the which bank to financially support early-stage start-ups? **Indian Bank**
- What is the name of the technology platform backed by Zomato, that has acquired Rocketbox for an undisclosed sum? **Shiprocket**
- RBL Bank, formerly known as Ratnakar Bank has tied-up with which tech company to advance next-gen customer experience? **Google**
- Which two countries have signed a defence agreement that stand as a rebuke to China's growing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region? **Australia and Japan**

Awards & Recognitions

- Who has been conferred with the Netaji Award 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau? **Shinzo Abe**
- Who has been conferred with the International Association of Working Women Award at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival 2021? **Sushmita Sen**
- Albert Bourla who has recently won 1-million-dollar Genesis Prize, is the chief executive officer of which company? **Pfizer**
- Oxford University Press declares which word as Children's Word of the Year 2021? **Anxiety**
- Who has been won the award for the Best National Costume at the prestigious Mrs World 2022 pageant in Nevada, Las Vegas? **Navdeep Kaur**
- Who has been crowned as the winner of Mrs World 2022? **Shaylyn Ford**
- Which state has bagged the highest number of awards in National Startup Awards 2021? **Karnataka**
- Who has won the gold medal at the International Folk Art Festival? **Sumit Bhale**
- Which Bollywood actress has been awarded by the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022? **Harshaali Malhotra**
- Which organisation has been awarded by the "International Craft Award for 2021" for the best craft village in the world by the World Crafts Council International? **Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization**
- Who has won the "Best Actor Award" in drama category in Golden Globe Awards 2022? **Will Smith**
- Which state has got first place in "Best State Category" in National Water Awards 2020? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Who has achieved the first-ever Guinness World Record in Numerology and the first world record of 2022? **JC Chaudhry**
- Which bank has won the UiPath Automation Excellence awards 2021 for Best Automation under "Crisis for Business Continuity" category? **South Indian Bank**
- Who has won the Ramnath Goenka Award in the Photojournalism category? **Zishaan A Latif**
- Who has won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2020 for bushfire image? **Robert Irwin**
- Which English Novel writer has won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 for her novel "Things to Leave Behind"? **Namita Gokhale**
- Who has won the prestigious South African of the Year Award 2021? **Dr Imtiaz Sooliman**
- The All India Co-Ordinated Research Project on poultry breeding, Mannuthy, under which university, bagged the national breed conservation award for 2021? **Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University**
- Who has been awarded as the "Journalist of the Year 2021" posthumously by the Mumbai Press Club? **Danish Siddiqui**
- Which Bollywood actress has been named as "Person of the Year" 2021 by PETA India? **Alia Bhatt**



Importance: To mark the adoption of the constitution as it was on 26 January 1930 when the Declaration of Indian Independence was proclaimed by the Indian National Congress.

Note: The adoption of the constitution marked the transition to full independence from Britain as it ended Lord Mountbatten's role as governor-general of India. The constitution gave India's citizens the power to govern themselves by choosing their own government.

Award distribution

On the eve of Republic Day, the President of India distributes Padma Awards to the civilians of India every year.

These are the second highest civilian awards in India after Bharat Ratna.

These awards are given in three categories, viz. **Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri**

- Who has won National Billiards Title 2021? **Pankaj Advani**
- Who has won the Sushila Devi Award 2021 for the Best Book of Fiction for her novel "Kintsugi" which was published by the Fourth Estate imprint? **Anukrti Upadhyay**
- Which university has won the "Digital Innovation of the Year Award" in the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Awards 2021? **O. P. Jindal Global University**

Sports

- Which country has withdrawn from the ongoing Asian Football Confederation Women's Asian Cup 2022? **India**
- Which state/UT's women's ice hockey team has won the 9th National women's ice hockey championship of 2022? **Ladakh**
- Who has become India's United Nations Development Programme first youth climate champion? **Prajakta Koli**
- Which cricketer has been named as the captain of ICC Men's T20I Team of the Year? **Babar Azam**
- Which country will host AFC Women's football Asian Cup 2022? **India**
- Who has become the World No 1 in Badminton U-19 Girls Singles? **Tasnim Mir**
- Who has won the men's singles final at the ongoing India Open 2022 at the KD Jadhav Stadium? **Lakshya Sen**
- The All India Sports Council of the Deaf will host the first World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship in which state? **Kerala**
- Clive Lloyd, who has been given the honour of knighthood for his services to the game of Cricket, was the Captain of the which Cricket team? **West Indies**



Importance: To commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust (सर्व-नाश/प्रलय) that occurred during the Second World War.

It commemorates the genocide that resulted in the deaths of 6 million Jews and 11 million others, by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

Inception: 1 November 2005 (By UNGA)

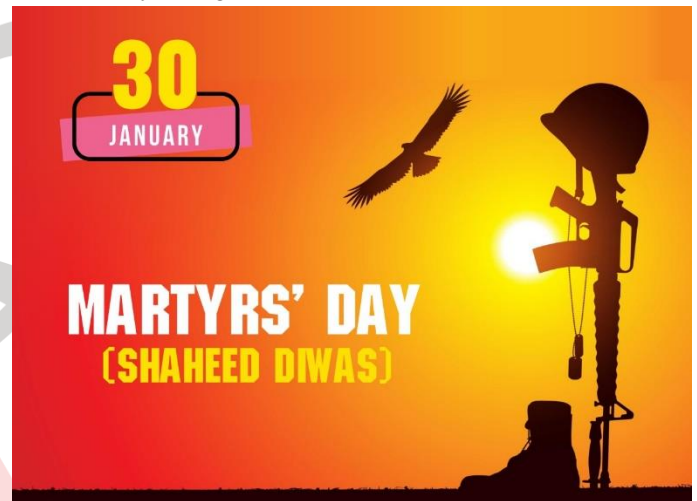
Note: The Holocaust Remembrance Day is also a national event in the United Kingdom and in Italy.

Why 27 Jan? Because on 27 January 1945, Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp, was liberated by the Red Army.

- Which company has become title sponsor of Toronto Waterfront Marathon? **TCS**
- Aslan Karatsev, who has won the Sydney Tennis Classic 2022, hails from which country? **Russia**
- The ninth women National Ice Hockey Championship-2022 has been started in which state? **Himachal Pradesh**
- Who has been awarded as the best men's player in the world at the FIFA awards 2021? **Robert Lewandowski**
- Who has been named as the Captain of India Women Hockey Team for Asia Cup? **Savita Punia**
- Which multinational conglomerate company has replaced Chinese mobile manufacturer Vivo as IPL title sponsor for the 2022 and 2023 seasons? **Tata group**
- Ajaz Patel, who has won the ICC Player of the Month Award, hails from which country? **New Zealand**
- Who has won the men's singles tennis title at 2022 Melbourne Summer Set 1? **Rafael Nadal**
- Recently, who has been named as India's 73rd chess Grandmaster? **Bharath Subramaniam**
- Who has won the World Rapid Chess Championship 2021? **Nodirbek Abdusattorov**
- Recently, Sports Ministry's Mission Olympic Cell of India has approved the inclusion of which Alpine Skiing athlete in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Core group? **Md Arif Khan**
- Bhanuka Rajapaksa, who has been announced his retirement from all formats of cricket, hails from which country? **Sri Lanka**
- Which New Zealand's cricketer has recently announced his retirement from all formats of international cricket? **Ross Taylor**
- Wicketkeeper-batsman Quinton de Kock, who has announced his retirement from Test cricket is from which country? **South Africa**
- Which footballer's statue has recently been installed in Panaji, Goa to inspire the youth over football sport? **Cristiano Ronaldo**
- Which state has won the 11th Hockey India junior national championship? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Who has bagged a bronze medal at the International Ski Federation (FIS) Alpine Skiing Competition in Montenegro? **Aanchal Thakur**
- Who has become first Indian girl to win Junior Squash Open tournament in Philadelphia? **Anahat Singh**

Science & Technology

- Which country has completed a successful flight test of the arrow-3? **Israel**
- Which country has recently launched the first indigenously developed satellite constellation MDASat? **South Africa**
- Which country has built an artificial low-gravity research facility where the gravity can be controlled with the use of powerful magnets? **China**
- Which technology company has become world's first company to hit \$3 trillion Market Cap? **Apple**
- Which country has tested-fired new hypersonic Tsirkon missiles 2022? **Russia**
- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of PGI Satellite Centre in which state? **Punjab**
- Which country has announced a five-year roadmap to achieve its goal of becoming a global robotics innovation hub by the year 2025? **China**
- "PRAGYATA Guidelines", is associated with which field? **Digital Education**
- Which organization tested Extended Range Pinaka (Pinaka-ER) at Pokhran Range, Rajasthan? **DRDO**
- The Indian Army has established the Quantum Lab at the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Which country has launched its first in the series Project 22220 versatile nuclear-powered icebreaker known as "Sibir"? **Russia**
- Which country has introduced a minibus lookalike world's first dual-mode vehicle? **Japan**
- The Defence Research and Development Organization has selected which company for handing over the technology of border surveillance systems? **Paras Defence and Space Technologies**
- The Indian Army has set up a quantum computing laboratory and a centre for artificial intelligence at a military engineering institute in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Which country has recently launched the 'Tsirkon hypersonic missile system'? **Russia**
- Which country has launched Inmarsat-6 F1, the Communications Satellite? **Japan**
- Minister of Defence, Rajnath Singh has launched indigenous Multi-Terrain Artillery Gun that was developed by which company? **Bharat Forge Ltd**
- James Webb Space Telescope has been launched by NASA on which rocket? **Ariane 5**
- Which state government has launched the Chalo mobile application (app) and Chalo smart cards to facilitate Transportation in state? **Maharashtra**
- Which messaging app has been launched by the Indian Army? **ASIGMA**
- The Indian Air Force has deployed the first S-400 Triumf air defence missile system in which state? **Punjab**
- Social media messaging company WhatsApp has announced the Digital Payments Utsav for how many villages in India? **500**



Importance: To mark the assassination of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Ji in 1948, by Nathuram Godse.

Motto: To honour our brave martyrs who have sacrificed their life for the country.

Note: The first Martyr's Day, which is also known as Sarvodaya Diwas or Shaheed Diwas, is celebrated all over India on 30th January, while the second Martyr's Day is celebrated on 23rd March.

Other Days to be celebrated as same:

- **23 March:** The anniversary of the deaths of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru on 23 March 1931.
- **17 November:** Odisha observes 17 November, the death anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
- **19 November:** The birthday of Rani Lakshmi Bai, 19 November 1828, queen of the Maratha-ruled princely state of Jhansi.


- The Government of India has granted "In-Principle" approval to set up six Nuclear Power Reactors of 1,650 MW each in technical cooperation with which country? **France**
- Which spacecraft sent by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has entered the outer layer of the Sun "Corona"? **Parker Solar Probe**
- Which institute has developed Bhu Parikshak device to detect soil health in 90 seconds? **IIT Kanpur**
- The DRDO and IAF has flight tested the "SANT" Missile from Pokhran Range. What does "S" stand for in the abbreviation of "SANT"? **Stand-Off**

Obituary

- Professional Mountaineer Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia, who has passed away recently, was the winner of Arjuna Award in which year? **1965**
- Toshiki Kaifu, who has been passed away recently, was the former president of which country? **Japan**
- Legendary Kathak dancer Pandit Birju Maharaj, who has been passed away recently, was honoured with the country's second-highest Civilian Award, Padma Vibhushan in which year? **1986**
- Colonel Narendra "Bull" Kumar has been passed away recently. In which operation does he play a major role? **Operation Meghdoot**
- Mark Taylor, who has passed away recently was the artist and designer of which toy? **He-Man**
- KS Sethumadhavan, who has passed away recently, was a famous director of which language's film industry? **Malayalam**

Last Sunday of January

WORLD LEPROSY ERADICATION DAY



Motto: To increase the public awareness of the Leprosy or Hansen's Disease.

Importance: This date was chosen by French humanitarian Raoul Follereau as a tribute to the life of the Mahatma Gandhi who had compassion for people afflicted with leprosy.

What is leprosy?
Leprosy is an infectious disease of the skin and nerves which, if not diagnosed and treated quickly, can result in debilitating disabilities. It is caused by a bacillus, *Mycobacterium leprae* (M. leprae).

Background:
Leprosy is also known as Hansen's disease, named after Norwegian physician, Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen, who debunked the prevailing notion of the time that leprosy was a hereditary disease. He showed that the disease had a bacterial cause instead.

- Saroj Pattnayak, who has been passed away recently, was a famous - **Music Composer**
- Chandrashekhar Patil, popularly known as "Champa", has been passed away recently. He was the famous writer of which language? **Kannada**
- What was the name of India's oldest female sloth bear, which has passed away recently in Madhya Pradesh? **Gulabo**
- The renowned social worker and recipient of the Padma Shri Award, Sindhutai Sapkal has passed away recently. In which year he was awarded by Padma Shri Award? **2021**
- Vijay Galani, who has been passed away recently, was a famous - **Producer**
- Babasaheb Purandare, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession? **Historian**
- Novy Kapadia, who passed away recently, was related to which field? **Sports**
- Anand Shankar Pandya, who has passed away recently, was the Vice President of which organization? **Vishwa Hindu Parishad**
- Senior political leader Subrata Mukherjee has passed away recently. He was associated with which political party? **TMC**
- Name the son of Former Union Minister Buta Singh who was also the leader of Delhi Congress, died recently? **Arvinder Singh**

Miscellaneous

- The Indian government has decided to celebrate January 23rd as which day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose? **Parakram Diwas**
- National Girl Child Day is observed every year on which day of January? **24th of January**
- Kokborok Day is celebrated annually across Tripura on which day of January with an aim to develop the Kokborok Language? **19th of January**
- Who is the author of the recently released book "The Legend of Birsa Munda"? **Tuhin A Sinha**
- Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya have celebrated their foundation day on which day of January? **21st of January**
- Who has been grabbed a top spot in a global rating amongst the world leaders? **Narendra Modi**
- The Union Cabinet approved infusion of how much rupees in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited? **1500 crore**
- A book titled as "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist" is penned by whom? **Chandrachur Ghose**
- The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has celebrated its Raising Day every year on which day of January? **19th of January**
- Recently, Tata Power Renewable Energy has commissioned two solar power projects in which two cities of Uttar Pradesh? **Prayagraj and Banda**
- Indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer, INS Kochi conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with RFS Admiral Tributes of which country's navy in the Arabian Sea? **Russia**
- What is the name of the autobiography on Padma Shri recipient HPS Ahluwalia? **Higher Than Everest**
- Recently India and Japan hold Maritime Partnership Exercise in Bay of Bengal. In context to same what does "S" stands for in the abbreviation of JMSDF? **Self**
- According to the recently released State of Forest Report 2021, how much percent of India is under forest cover? **21.71%**
- The eighteenth Kachai Lemon Festival 2022 has begun in which state? **Manipur**
- Which day is observed on 15th of January every year? **Indian Army Day**
- The recently published book "Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership" is the autobiography of whom? **Arundhati Bhattacharya**
- Which state has got first position out of 26 states in the India Skills 2021 national competition? **Odisha**
- The ninth edition of the North East Festival has concluded in which state? **Assam**
- National Youth Day is celebrated every year on January 12 to mark the birth anniversary of whom? **Swami Vivekananda**
- The biography of Ratan Tata "Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography" is penned by whom? **Dr Thomas Matthew**
- Which International Airport has ranked eighth in Global List for "On-Time Performance"? **Chennai International Airport**
- World Hindi Day is celebrated on which day of January since 2006 to promote the Hindi language at the global stage? **10 January**
- Losoong (Namsoong) is annually celebrated across which Indian State on the 18th day of the 10th month of the Tibetan Lunar Calendar? **Sikkim**
- Which day has been declared as "Veer Baal Diwas" by the Prime Minister of India? **26 December**
- A new book titled "Mamata Beyond 2021" authored by whom? **Jayanta Ghosal**
- World Day of War Orphans is observed every year on which day of January? **6 January**
- India has invited a total of 46 friendly foreign countries to participate in which multinational naval exercise in Visakhapatnam? **Exercise Milan**
- World Braille Day is observed annually on which day of January every year to highlight the significance of Braille? **January 4**
- Abdalla Hamdok, who has resigned recently, was the Prime Minister of which country? **Sudan**
- Governor of Sikkim has named the Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg after whose name? **Narendra Modi Marg**
- Which state has secured first place among the 34 states and Union Territories that implement the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)? **Telangana**
- Which state has been topped among larger states in the index "Healthy States, Progressive India" released by NITI Aayog? **Kerala**
- The Indian National Congress (INC) has recently celebrated its 137th foundation day on which day of December? **28 December**
- Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu has released the book titled "The Turnover Wizard – Saviour Of Thousands". It is an autobiography of whom? **Arup Roy Choudhury**

Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
Feb-01	Indian Coast Guard Day	To mark the inception of interim Indian Coast guard on 1 February 1977
Feb-02	World Wetlands Day	Wetlands Action for People and Nature
Feb-04	World Cancer Day	To mark the establishment of World Cancer Day on 4 February 2000
Feb-06	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation	No Time for Global Inaction, Unite, Fund, and Act to End Female Genital Mutilation
Feb-10	National De-worming Day	Krimi se chhutkara, sehatmand bhavishya hamara
Feb-11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth.
Feb-13	National Women's Day	To mark the birth anniversary of India's first women governor Sarojini Naidu.
Feb-13	World Radio Day	New World, New Radio.
Feb-20	World Day of Social Justice	To promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment
Feb-21	International Mother Language Day	To promote the awareness of language and cultural diversity all across the world.
Feb-24	Central Excise Day	To mark the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act on 24th of February in the year 1944.
Feb-27	World NGO Day	To celebrate, commemorate and collaborate with the various NGOs around the world.
Feb-28	National Science Day	Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future
Last day of February	Rare Disease Day	Rare is Strong. Rare is Proud



Let's Recap

1. Who has been appointed as Permanent Chief Executive Officer of International Cricket Council? **Geoff Allardice**
2. Recently, who has become the first female acting President of the United States? **Kamala Harris**
3. PM Modi has launched the NCC Alumni Association. Who has been enrolled first member of the association? **Narendra Modi**
4. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav? **Mary Kom**
5. Which state government has appointed actor Salman Khan as Covid vaccination ambassador? **Maharashtra**
6. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee? **Sourav Ganguly**
7. Who has been appointed as United Nations Resident Coordinator in India? **Shombi Sharp**
8. Name the former Indian batsman who will take charge as Head of National Cricket Academy? **VVS Laxman**
9. Who has been elected to the International Law Commission for a 5-year-term at the United Nations? **Bimal Patel**
10. Who has been appointed as the new Secretary General of Rajya Sabha by replacing P P K Ramacharyulu? **Pramod Chandra Mody**
11. Who has been appointed as Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau? **Satya Narayan Pradhan**
12. Who has been named as Goodwill Ambassador of UN-World Food Programme? **Daniel Brühl**
13. Which Indian cricketer has been appointed as Brand Ambassador of My11Circle app? **Mohammed Siraj**
14. Who has been re-elected as the Prime Minister (PM) of Japan? **Fumio Kishida**
15. Recently, the government has appointed whom as the chief of Central Armed Police Forces and National Disaster Response Force? **Sheel Vardhan Singh**
16. Who has been appointed as new Director General of National Disaster Response Force? **Atul Karwal**
17. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Naval Staff? **R Hari Kumar**
18. The International Human Rights Foundation (IHRF) has appointed whom as the High Representative for Youth? **Spaniard Daniel del Valle**
19. Who has been re-elected as the President of the International Gymnastics Federation for a period of three years? **Morinari Watanabe**
20. Who has been taken charges as the CMD of PTC India? **Rajib Kumar Mishra**
21. Recently, Bandhan Bank has named Zubeen Garg as brand ambassador for which state? **Assam**
22. Who has become the new chief of British multinational universal bank Barclays? **CS Venkatakrishnan**
23. Who will be the head of three-member committee setup by supreme court to look into allegations of unauthorized surveillance using Pegasus? **Justice R V Raveendran**
24. Which neobank for Indian Small to Medium-sized Businesses (SMBs), announced Padma Shri Awardee actor Manoj Bajpayee as the brand ambassador? **FloBiz**
25. Name the Indian-Origin Canadian politician who has selected as the new Defence Minister of Canada? **Anita Anand**
26. Who has been re-elected as President of Uzbekistan? **Shavkat Mirziyoyev**
27. Who is the Chairman of the seven-member Economic Advisory Council, that has been reconstituted recently? **Bibek Debroy**
28. Karthika Purnima, which is also known as Boita Bandana has been celebrated in which state? **Odisha**
29. Which station of Indore has been renamed as Tanya Mama railway station? **Patalpani Railway station**
30. Recently, Home Minister lays foundation stone of Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum in which state? **Manipur**
31. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Arjun Sahayak Project in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
32. Recently, President Ram Nath Kovind has been inaugurated Adarsh Village "Sui" in which state? **Haryana**
33. First anti-air pollution tower of Uttar Pradesh has been inaugurated in which city? **Noida**
34. Recently a village in India named "Pochampally" has selected as one of the best tourism villages in the country. It is located in which state? **Telangana**
35. India's first fisheries business incubator launched in which city? **Gurugram**
36. The revamped Rezang La War memorial has been inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in which state/UT? **Ladakh**
37. Food Corporation of India, as a novel initiative has launched India's First Food Museum in which state? **Tamil Nadu**
38. The Central Government has given its approval to the new Rajya Sainik Board for which Union Territory? **Ladakh**



39. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated three days long "Rastra Raksha Samarpan Parv" in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
40. Which state government has launched "Ration Aapke Gram Scheme" as its first phase has been started recently? **Madhya Pradesh**
41. Which state government has adopted "Pakke Declaration" on climate change? **Arunachal Pradesh**
42. The recently inaugurated Purvanchal expressway in Sultanpur district connects which two cities of Uttar Pradesh? **Lucknow and Ghazipur**
43. India's first Grass Conservatory has launched by the research wing in which state? **Uttarakhand**
44. Which state has approved "Kaiser-i-Hind" as its state butterfly? **Arunachal Pradesh**
45. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Museum in which city of Jharkhand on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas? **Ranchi**
46. Which state has become first to approve Tissue Culture-Based Seed Potato Rules? **Punjab**
47. Which state government has signed an MoU with the United States-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), to provide technical support for state's Electric Vehicle (EV) policy? **Maharashtra**
48. Which Indian motor company, has joined the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative? **TVS motor company**
49. Which state has become first in the country to have metro facilities in five districts? **Uttar Pradesh**
50. Recently The 5th edition of the three day-long Ganga Utsav has been organised. In context to same what does C stands for in the abbreviation NMCG? **Clean**
51. What is the new name of the Mumbai-Karnataka region comprising seven districts in Karnataka? **Kittur-Karnataka**
52. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has written to the Central Government to rename Habibganj Railway Station in Bhopal after whom? **Rani Kamplapati**
53. Which city of Telangana has been added as a destination in the IRCTC's Ramayana Circuit train? **Bhadrachalam**
54. Which state has launched a first of its kind road safety initiative named "Rakshak" to train first responders of road accidents? **Odisha**
55. Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep S. Puri has unveiled the statue of Rani Lakshmi Bai in which state? **Haryana**
56. Which country formed a Parliamentary Friendship Association with India recently? **Sri Lanka**
57. Which government has invited the IAF to participate with the Sarang and Suryakiran Aerobatics Teams in the Dubai Air Show? **UAE**
58. Which organisation released a report titled "Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook"? **UNEP**
59. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate India's first world-class railway station in which city of Madhya Pradesh? **Bhopal**
60. Which state government has launched an Anti-Open Burning Campaign from November 11 to curb open burning and air pollution? **Delhi**
61. Which edition of Cyber security conference has been inaugurated by Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat? **14th**
62. Which Indian city has joined UNESCO's Creative Cities Network 2021? **Srinagar**
63. Which state government has launched the Shramik Mitra scheme to ensure all construction workers in the state? **Delhi**
64. Meghalaya government has approved a proposal to upgrade which town of West Khasi Hills district to a full-fledged district? **Mairang**
65. India's first rooftop drive-in theatre launched in which city? **Mumbai**
66. India International Trade Fair (IITF) will be organized in which city from 14th of November to 27th November? **New Delhi**
67. What is the name of Indian manned Ocean Mission that has been launched by Union Minister Jitendra Singh in Chennai? **Samudrayan**
68. Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched Krishi Udan 2.0 scheme to implement in how many airports under which cargo-related infrastructure will be built? **53**
69. Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been launched "Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana" in which city of Uttarakhand? **Dehradun**
70. Which Central American country has planned to build the world's first "Bitcoin City"? **El Salvador**
71. Which edition of International Emmy Awards took place in New York City? **49th**
72. Which country has set a new Guinness World Record for the largest orchestra with 8,573 musicians playing together for more than five minutes? **Venezuela**
73. Which country is set to host the UN climate change conference COP27 in 2022? **Egypt**
74. Which country has launched a campaign to attract over 30000 talents globally to study, work and establish start-ups by 2023? **Finland**
75. Which country has been re-elected to the UN Cultural and Educational Organisation Executive Board for a four-year term from 2021 to 2025? **India**
76. Five new Integrated Check Posts will be set up by India on the which border to ensure security and better connectivity? **India-Bangladesh**
77. Which country has launched an electric vehicle awareness web portal called "e-Amrit" at the ongoing COP26 Summit in UK? **India**

78. Which country has launched a ship named after a gay rights activist Harvey Milk? **USA**
79. Which country has recently become the 101st member country of the International Solar Alliance? **United States**
80. Which country has unveiled commemorative £5-coin celebrating legacy of Mahatma Gandhi? **UK**
81. Name the CFO of ByteDance who will be stepping down to focus on his role as CEO of TikTok? **Shou Zi Chew**
82. Recently The 2021 G20 (Group of Twenty) Summit was held in Rome, Italy, under the chairmanship of: **Mario Draghi**
83. Which Bank has got the award for the best "Digital Financial Services" under the "Regional Rural Banks" category by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India? **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**
84. Recently Indian Navy frigate Tushil was launched. In context to the same Talwar class frigates are built by which country for Indian Navy? **Russia**
85. The 19th India-Bangladesh Line of Credit (LOC) review meeting has recently been held in which city? **Dhaka**
86. The UN Disarmament Week is observed annually during which month? **October**
87. Which institution has released the "Global Threat Assessment report 2021"? **WeProtect Global Alliance**
88. Which country has recently reported hundreds of cases of infection caused by the bacteria salmonella? **USA**
89. Which country has recently given in-principle support for net zero by 2050? **Australia**
90. Which country has recently proposed a "Wealth Tax"? **USA**
91. Reserve Bank of India has authorized which bank to collect Direct Taxes? **RBL Bank**
92. "Retail Direct Scheme" and "Integrated Ombudsman Scheme" have been launched by which organisation? **Reserve Bank of India**
93. Which institution has launched the "Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)"? **SIDBI**
94. Which multilateral development bank has given its approval for a USD 150 million loans to the Indian Government for the implementation of the Sustainable Urban Services Program for the Chennai Metropolitan Area? **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**
95. Which financial company has launched "Voice Trading" powered by artificial intelligence (AI) that will allow users to place a trade? **Paytm**
96. The Swiss brokerage firm, UBS Securities has revised India's real GDP growth projection for 2021-22 to what per cent? **9.5%**
97. Cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase bought which AI-driven autonomous voice agent startup, in its first startup acquisition in India? **Agara**
98. The Reserve Bank of India has announced to introduce the Internal Ombudsman mechanism for which types of Financial Company? **Non-Banking Financial Company**
99. Small Industries Development Bank of India has entered into a collaboration with which tech giant for piloting a social impact lending programme? **Google India**
100. Which government bank has signed an agreement with Jamshedpur Football Club to promote football? **State Bank of India**
101. Indian Oil Corporation Limited has tied up to collaborate in Renewable Energy with which company? **National Thermal Power Corporation**
102. Recently, India has signed a \$60 million loan pact with which international bank for Agartala City Urban Development Project? **Asian Development Bank**
103. Financial Service Company Junio has tied up with which company for debit card for pre-teens and teenagers? **RuPay**
104. Defence Research and Development Organisation has signed an agreement with which country for development of dual-use technologies? **Israel**
105. Recently India has signed two agreements for deepening bilateral relations with which country? **Gambia**
106. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has partnered with which tech giant to launch "Appscale Academy"? **Google**
107. Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a \$112 million loan in order to develop water supply infrastructure in which state? **Jharkhand**
108. Which bank has signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Small Industries Corporation for providing credit support to the MSME sector? **HDFC Bank**
109. Recently centre has signed Karbi Anglong Agreement to establish peace in Karbi Anglong region. In context to same the Karbi Agreement related to which Indian state? **Assam**
110. Which state Administration has signed an MoU with BRO for upgradation of road network in the state/UT? **Ladakh**
111. Recently, Indian Army has signed a contract with a Bengaluru-based company for how many SkyStrikers? **100**
112. Which nation signed a Project Agreement with India for Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle? **US**
113. Which classical music streaming service has been acquired by Apple to include its audio streaming service Apple Music? **Primephonic**

114. Recently, which company has acquired Indian payments company BillDesk for \$4.7 billion? **PayU**
115. Bank of Baroda has been partnered with which company to provide Banking Service through business correspondent (BC) model? **PayPoint**
116. Recently, Defence Ministry has signed a historic deal with which company for procurement of 56 C-295 aircraft? **Airbus**
117. Who has been awarded by the "Tata Literature Live!" Lifetime Achievement Award 2021? **Anita Desai**
118. Which state has been awarded as the best marine State in India in the Fisheries awards 2021 held in Bhubaneswar? **Andhra Pradesh**
119. Which Indian Air Force ace pilot has accorded by "Vir Chakra" by the President of India in Gallantry Awards 2021? **Abhinandan Varthaman**
120. Which city has been awarded the "Cleanest City" of India award for the 5th consecutive year in the "more than 1 lakh" population category? **Indore**
121. Which police station in Delhi has been ranked as the best police station of India for the year 2021 by the Ministry of Home Affairs? **Sadar Bazar Police Station**
122. Which Indian badminton player has been selected for the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021 by the Badminton World Federation Council? **Prakash Padukone**
123. Who has won the 2021 Booker Prize? **Damon Galgut**
124. Which Indian actress has facilitated with the Indian Film Personality of the Year award at the International Film Festival of India 2021? **Hema Malini**
125. Which novel writer has received Manipur State Award for his novel? **Beryl Thanga**
126. The Which road construction authority has received the Guinness World Records certificate for constructing the world's highest motorable road at 19,024 feet at Umlingla Pass in Ladakh? **BRO**
127. Name the author who has won the 2021 JCB prize for Literature, for his book "Delhi: A Soliloquy"? **M Mukundan**
128. Who has won the men's singles title at the 2021 Indonesia Masters Super 750 badminton tournament? **Kento Momota**
129. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has decided to organise its flagship event "Connect 2021" from November 26 to 27 in which city of India? **Chennai**
130. Which Indian skier has qualified for the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022? **Arif Khan**
131. Who has won the 2021 F1 Qatar Grand Prix? **Lewis Hamilton**
132. Garbine Muguruza, who has won the 2021 WTA Finals, hails from which country? **Spain**
133. Which tennis player has been won The Vienna Tennis Open 2021? **Alexander Zverev**
134. The Asian Shooting Confederation has increased the Olympic quota places for Asia from 38 to how much? **48**
135. Who will lead the Indian men's junior hockey team in the FIH Junior Hockey World Cup 2021 in Bhubaneswar? **Vivek Sagar Prasad**
136. Who will lead Team India in the first test match against New Zealand on November 25th? **Ajinkya Rahane**
137. Who has been named as India's 72nd Grandmaster? **Mitrabha Guha**
138. Novak Djokovic has won the 6th Paris Title and his record 37th Masters Title by defeating whom? **Danill Medvedev**
139. Which bowler has become youngest to take 400 T20 wickets? **Rashid Khan**
140. Which state has developed country's "first-ever" bamboo made cricket bat and stumps? **Tripura**
141. Which IT company of India has joined British racing team Jaguar Racing as the title partner, ahead of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship? **TCS**
142. Who has become the seventh male boxer to win a medal at World Boxing Championships? **Akash Kumar**
143. Who has become the first Indian male to sign up for Big Bash League (BBL)? **Unmukt Chand**
144. Who was the Australian player to achieve the feat of scoring 100 runs as well as take 10 wickets in a single Test match? **Alan Davidson**
145. Who has become the "2021 MotoGP World Champion"? **Fabio Quartararo**
146. Who has become the first Indian woman wrestler to won a Silver medal in the women's 57-kg category finals at the World Wrestling Championships in Oslo, Norway? **Anshu Malik**
147. What is the height of biggest cricket bat designed by Pernod Ricard India Ltd, on Tank Bund? **56.10 feet**
148. Who has won the Mens' single 2021 Denmark Open Badminton held at the Odense Sports Park, Denmark? **Viktor Axelsen**
149. Which two cities will be the part of the Indian Premier League (IPL) from 2022? **Ahmedabad and Lucknow**
150. Which state will host 2022 South Asian Federation Cross Country Championships? **Nagaland**
151. Which country has successfully test fired The Hypersonic Cruise Missile "Zircon"? **Russia**
152. Which Union Ministry has launched a unified mobile app for the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" events? **Ministry of Culture**
153. Which social media platform has recently launched two cyber safety campaigns named "Safe Stree" and "My Kanoon"? **Instagram**

154. What is the name of the famous meteor shower that occurs every year in November? **Leonids Meteor Shower**
155. What is the name given to the Eiffel Tower sized asteroid heading towards Earth in December? **4660 Nereus**
156. Which space agency has selected a new Earth Science mission to study the behaviour of tropical storms and thunderstorms, including their effect on the weather and climate change? **NASA**
157. Which Petroleum refineries company has launched an automated fuelling technology called "UFill", to provide a swift, secure and smart experience? **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**
158. The Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited, a 100% owned subsidiary of _____, opened in India. **SpaceX**
159. Under which project, Amazon is planning to launch its first satellites for internet services in the fourth quarter of 2022? **Kuiper**
160. The Radio over Internet Protocol System has been inaugurated for the first time in which port? **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port**
161. Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg has renamed the social networking site and application Facebook as - **Meta**
162. Which country has successfully launched a state-of-the-art satellite namely "Syracuse 4A" into orbit which was carried off by Ariane 5 rocket? **France**
163. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried successful test-firing of surface-to-surface which ballistic missile? **Agni-V**
164. Which country has recently launched its first indigenously developed rocket, known as "Nuri"? **South Korea**
165. Which country has launched a new satellite named Shijian-21 to test and verify space debris mitigation technologies? **China**
166. Which space agency is preparing to launch the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission to prevent collision of Earth with an asteroid? **NASA**
167. Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has carried a successful maiden test flight of a new version of which missile? **Akash Missile**
168. What is the name of High-Speed Expendable Aerial Target which has successfully flight tested from the Integrated Test Range? **ABHYAS**
169. Hubble Space Telescope observations have revealed the presence of persistent water vapour in "Europa" the icy moon of Jupiter. Hubble Space Telescope belongs to which space organisation? **NASA**
170. YS Dadwal, who has passed away recently, was the former governor of which country? **Arunachal Pradesh**
171. Which tech giant has launched a new initiative for nurturing and scaling start-ups in India? **Microsoft**
172. Which country has launched its first solar exploration satellite into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre? **China**
173. Babasaheb Purandare, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession? **Historian**
174. Novy Kapadia, who passed away recently, was related to which field? **Sports**
175. Mannu Bhandari, who has passed away recently, was a famous - **Author**
176. Anand Shankar Pandya, who has passed away recently, was the Vice President of which organization? **Vishwa Hindu Parishad**
177. Koneru Ramakrishna, who has passed away recently, was a famous - **Philosopher**
178. Senior political leader Subrata Mukherjee has passed away recently. He was associated with which political party? **TMC**
179. Name the son of Former Union Minister Buta Singh who was also the leader of Delhi Congress, died recently? **Arvinder Singh**
180. Sardar Balvinder Singh Nakai, who has passed away recently, was the chairman of which company? **IFFCO**
181. Nedumudi Venu, who has passed away recently, was a famous - **Actor**
182. Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan of Pakistan has passed away recently; He is known as the father which invention in Pakistan? **Nuclear Bomb**
183. Name the former PM Atal Vihar Vajpayee's Former Private Secretary, who passed away recently? **Shakti Sinha**
184. Name the actor, best known for his role as 'Raavan' in Ramanand Sagar's TV serial Ramayan, who passed away recently? **Arvind Trivedi**
185. Abolhassan Banisadr, who has passed away recently, was the first president of which country? **Iran**
186. Nelliode Vasudevan Namboothiri, who has died recently, was associated with which dance form? **Kathakali**
187. S.S. 'Babu' Nayaran, who has passed away recently, was a legend of which sport? **Football**
188. Women rights activist, poet, and author Kamla Bhasin has been passed away recently. In which year she was awarded by "The Laadli Lifetime Achievement Award"? **2017**
189. Jimmy Greaves, who has passed away recently, was the famous footballer of which country? **England**
190. Name the Inventor of pocket calculator, who died recently? **Sir Clive Sinclair**
191. Double Olympic gold medallist Yuriy Sedykh, who has been passed away recently, was related to which sport? **Hammer throw**

192. Thanu Padmanabhan, who has passed away recently, was a famous - **Physicist**
193. Keshav Desiraju passed away recently. He associated with which field? **Politics**
194. Jacques Rogge, who has passed away recently, was the former president of which sport association? **International Olympic Committee**
195. Name the author of the book "Sri mad ramayanam" which has been launched by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu? **Sasi kiran acharya**
196. A book titled as "The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India" has been authored by whom? **Debashish Mukerji**
197. A book titled "Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival" authored by whom? **Ajay Chhibber, Salman Anees Soz**
198. A newly launched book "Sunrise over Ayodhya – Nationhood in our Times" is authored by whom? **Salman Khurshid**
199. A new book titled as "The Cinema of Satyajit Ray" authored by whom? **Bhaskar Chattopadhyay**
200. Who have authored a new book "Kamala Harris: Phenomenal Woman", a biography of Kamala Harris? **Chidanand Rajghatta**
201. Which government agency has launched a Digi-book named "Innovations for You"? **NITI Aayog**
202. Name the editor of Ruskin Bond who made an anthology of author Ruskin Bond "Writing for My Life"? **Premanka Goswami**
203. Which state's police has topped the "IPF Smart Policing" Index 2021, among 29 states and Union Territories? **Andhra Pradesh**
204. World Television Day is commemorated on which day of November every year? **21 November**
205. What is the theme of this year's World Diabetes Day? **Access to Diabetes Care**
206. When is the "World Pneumonia Day" observed across the world? **November 12**
207. According to the latest report by the World Bank titled "World Bank's Remittance Prices Worldwide Database" which country has become the world's largest recipient of remittances? **India**
208. What is the theme of this years' "World Children's Day"? **A Better Future for Every Child**
209. What is the rank of India in TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix (TRACE Matrix) that measures business bribery risks? **82nd position**
210. "World Toilet Day" has recently been observed on which day of November? **19th November**
211. Guru Nanak Jayanti 2021, also known as Gurupurab, is being celebrated on November 19, 2021. This year it will mark which birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev? **552nd**
212. Which state retained its top spot in the National Logistics Index - LEADS 2021? **Gujarat**
213. Which day is celebrated on the Third Thursday of November each year which has fallen on 18 November this year? **World Philosophy Day**
214. Koozhangal, is a which language movie that will be screened at the Indian Panorama segment in the 52 International film festival Goa? **Tamil**
215. Which city has placed at the last of IQAir's pollution index? **Krakow**
216. National Press Day 2021 has recently been observed on which day of November? **16 November**
217. Which state has observed the 44th edition of "Wangala", the festival of 100 Drums Festival? **Meghalaya**
218. World Diabetes Day has been observed on which day of November recently? **14 November**
219. "Clean Green Village week" has been observed under which scheme? **MGNREGS**
220. Which state has observed its foundation day on November 9? **Uttarakhand**
221. Inti tanager (Heliothraupis oneilli), a recently discovered species is a? **Bird**
222. Which edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) is being conducted from 12–14 November 2021? **32nd**
223. Recently, The Union Cabinet has declared which date of November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to commemorate the brave tribal freedom fighters? **15 November**
224. National Education Day is celebrated every year on November 11 to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom? **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**
225. India has been placed at which spot in the global Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2022 released by German watch on the side-lines of the COP26? **10th**
226. What is the rank of India out of 30 countries in the 1st edition of the Global Drug Policy Index released by the Harm Reduction Consortium? **18th**
227. World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated each year on which day of November every year? **10 November**
228. Falguni Nayar who has become India's wealthiest self-made woman billionaire is the founder of which company? **Nykaa**
229. Astronaut Wang Yaping has become the first woman from which country to walk in space? **China**
230. Which Indian actor has become the first to have his own digital avatar in a game-based metaverse? **Kamal Haasan**
231. Every year, when is "World Tsunami Awareness Day" observed? **November 5th**
232. India has decided to achieve more than 40 percent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil-fuel energy resources by which year? **2030**

233. The National Legal Services Day is observed on which day of November annually in India? **09 November**
234. Which government agency has released a comprehensive report titled as "Health Insurance for India's Missing Middle" that brings out the gaps in the health insurance coverage across the country? **NITI Aayog**
235. The Indian Army celebrates October 27 every year as the which day? **Infantry Day**
236. India's first buffalo calf of which breed born in Gujarat by "test tube"? **Banni**
237. World Polio Day has recently been celebrated on which day of October? **October 24**
238. Which state has celebrated "Kittur Rani Chennamma Jayanthi" on October 23, 2021? **Karnataka**
239. The book titled "The Origin Story of India's States" is written by whom? **VS Srinivasan**
240. What is the rank of India in the World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021 out of 139 countries and jurisdictions? **79th**
241. Who is the author of the book "Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition" launched by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh? **Uday Mahurkar, Chirayu Pandit**
242. What is the rank of India in 2021 Global Food Security Index? **71st**
243. Who has authored the book "The Stars in My Sky: Those Who Brightened My Film Journey"? **Divya Dutta**
244. Name the fifth bilateral maritime exercise started between India-Japan? **JIMEX-21**
245. Which day is observed every year on October 21 since 1959? **Police Commemoration Day**
246. Recently, India and Australia have participated in which edition of the biennial maritime series 'AUSINDEX'? **fourth**
247. What is the rank of India in 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey? **40th**
248. The book "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Reason, Religion and Nation" is authored by whom? **Prof Shafey Kidwai**
249. Which day is observed all over the world on October 20 every five years? **World Statistics Day**
250. National Security Guard (NSG) force, popularly known as Black Cats, observes its Raising Day on which day of October? **October 16**

Lal Bahadur Shastri

(9 June 1964 – 11 January 1966)

He was the 2nd Prime Minister of India and a senior leader of the Indian National Congress.

He led the country during the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965.

His slogan of "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" became very popular.

The war formally ended with the Tashkent Agreement on 10 January 1966; where he died the following day.

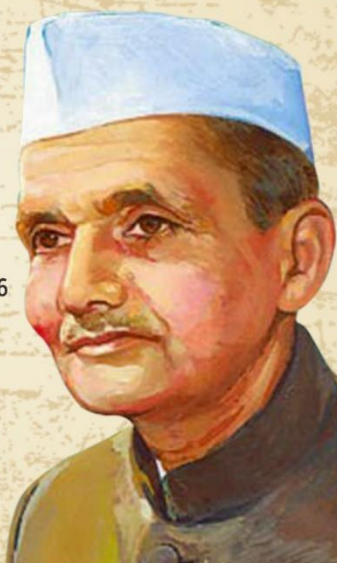
Professional Career:

PM: 9 June 1964 – 11 January 1966

Minister of External Affairs:
9 June 1964 – 18 July 1964

Minister of Home Affairs:
4 April 1961 – 29 August 1963

Minister of Railways:
1951–1956



Subash Chandra Bose

(23 January 1897 – 18 August 1945)

Subhash Chandra Bose was one of India's greatest freedom fighter.

He revived the Indian National Army, popularly known as 'Azad Hind Fauj' in 1943 which was initially formed in 1942 by Rash Behari Bose.

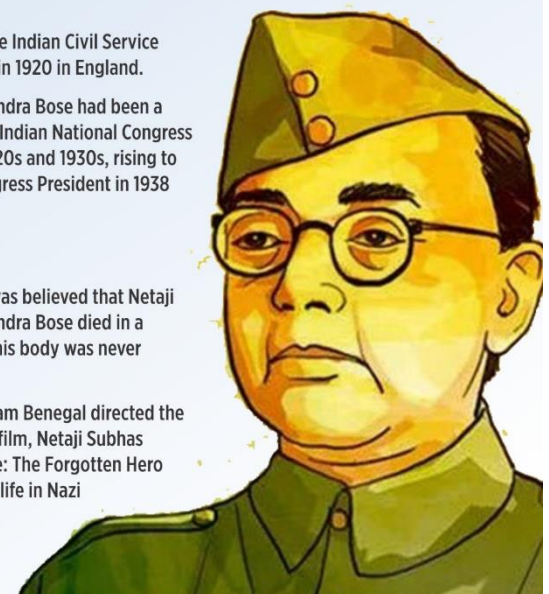
He cleared the Indian Civil Service examination in 1920 in England.

Subhash Chandra Bose had been a leader of the Indian National Congress in the late 1920s and 1930s, rising to become Congress President in 1938 and 1939.

Note:

Although it was believed that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died in a plane crash, his body was never recovered.

In 2004, Shyam Benegal directed the biographical film, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: The Forgotten Hero depicting his life in Nazi Germany (1941–1943).



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Where Corruption Is Rampant

Countries and territories ranked on perceived public sector corruption in 2021*

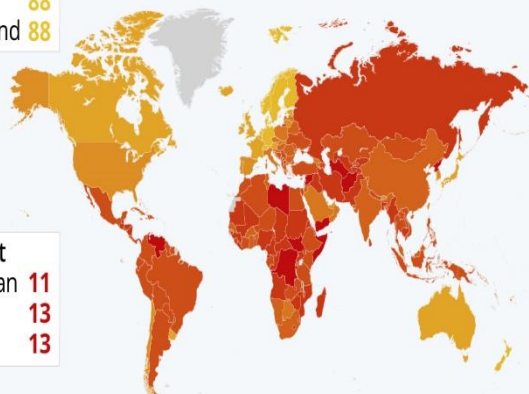
Highly corrupt  Very clean

Least corrupt

- 1 Denmark 88
- 2 Finland 88
- 3 New Zealand 88

Most corrupt

- 1 South Sudan 11
- 2 Somalia 13
- 3 Syria 13



* As perceived by experts and business people

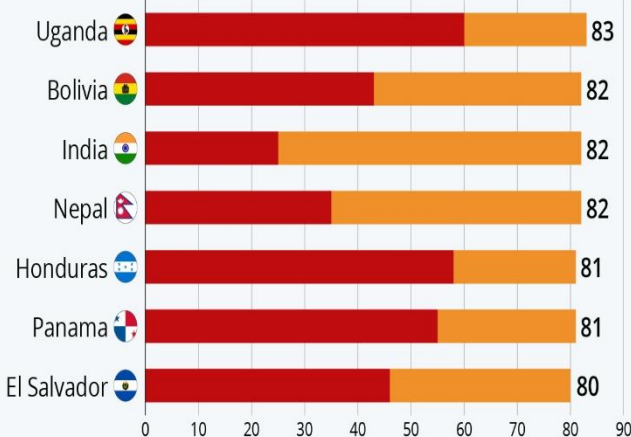
Source: Transparency International

The Longest School Closures of the Pandemic

Longest school closures due to Covid-19, by country (in weeks)*



■ Full closure ■ Partial closure

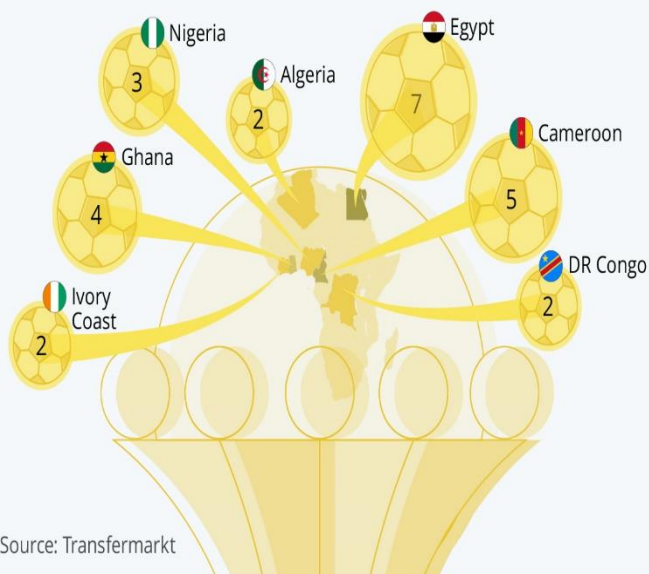


* between Feb 16, 2020, and Oct 31, 2021

Source: UNESCO

The Most Successful Countries at the Africa Cup of Nations

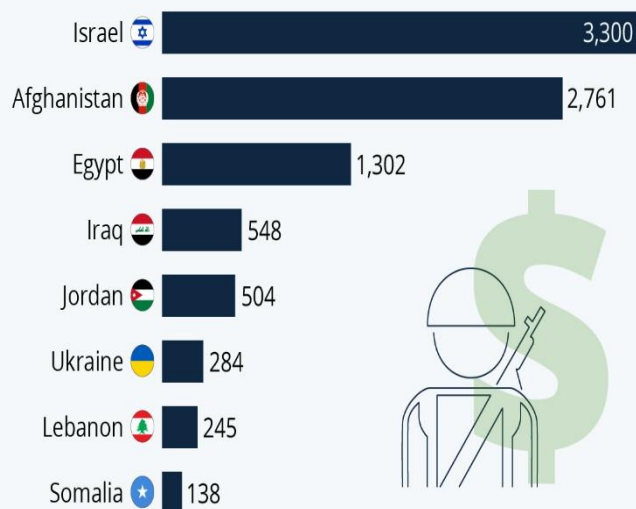
Countries that have won the most Africa Cup of Nations (1957 to 2019)



Source: Transfermarkt

Where U.S. Military Aid Is Going

U.S. military aid obligations made in 2020, by recipient country (in million U.S. dollars)



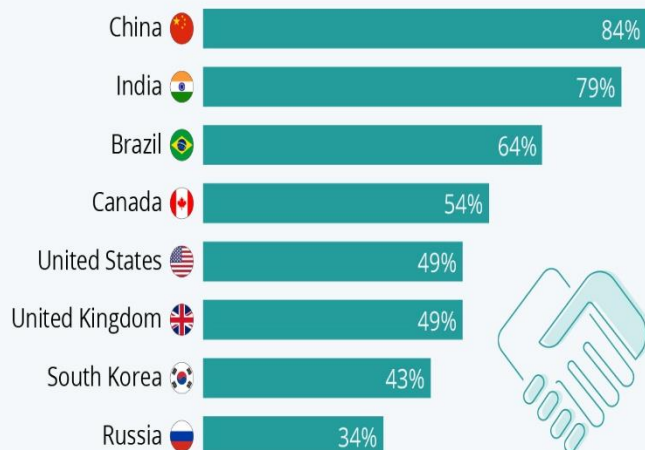
Latest available. Excludes funding of cross-border projects

Source: USAID



How Trust in Business Varies Around the World

Share of the public saying they trust in business in selected countries in 2021*



* 36,000 respondents in 28 countries (Nov 4-21, 2021)
Source: Edelman Trust Barometer

Pay to Play

Most expensive video game company acquisitions*

Buyer	Target	Value
Microsoft 2022	Activision Blizzard King	\$68.7b
Take-Two Interactive 2022	Zynga	\$12.7b
Tencent 2016	Supercell**	\$10.0b
Microsoft 2020	ZeniMax Media	\$8.7b
Activision Blizzard 2015	King	\$7.0b
ByteDance 2021	Moonton	\$4.1b
Microsoft 2014	Mojang	\$2.9b
Electronic Arts 2021	Glu Mobile	\$2.5b

* Adjusted for inflation ** Majority stake of 81.4%
Sources: gamesindustry.biz, Bloomberg, New York Times

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Doo Doo Doo, 10 Billion Views

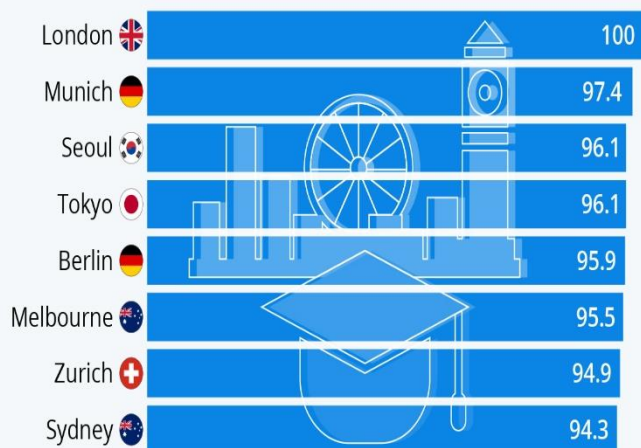
Most watched YouTube videos of all time (in billion views)*

Uploader/Artist	Views (billion)
Baby Shark Dance	10.03
Despacito	7.71
Johnny Johnny Yes Papa	6.11
Shape of You	5.59
See You Again	5.39
Bath Song	4.88
Learning Colors - Colorful Eggs on a Farm	4.55
Masha and the Bear - Recipe for Disaster	4.48

* As of Jan 18, 2022
Source: YouTube

The Best Cities for International Students

Cities ranked as the best destinations for international university students in 2022 (index: 100=best)



Based on the following indicators: Student view, student mix, employer activity, desirability, affordability and university rankings.
Source: QS Best Student Cities 2022

The World's Most Powerful Militaries

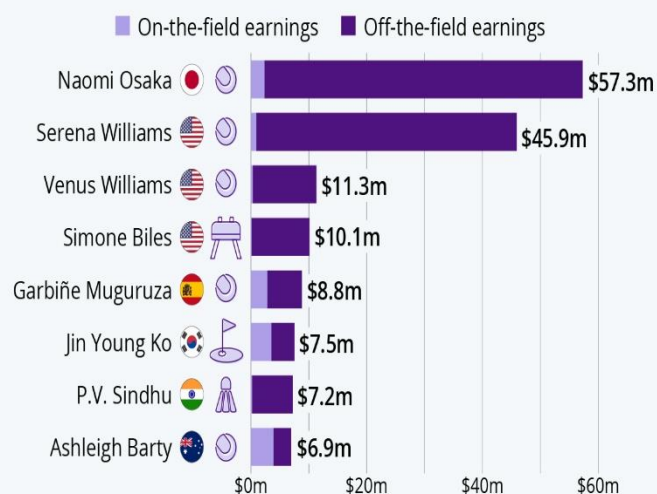
Countries ranked highest on the Global Firepower PowerIndex (0.000=perfect/most powerful)



As of January 2022. Takes into account (among others): weapon numbers, weapon diversity, natural resources, available industries, manpower, financial stability
Source: Global Firepower

The World's Highest-Paid Female Athletes

Female athletes with the highest total earnings in 2021*

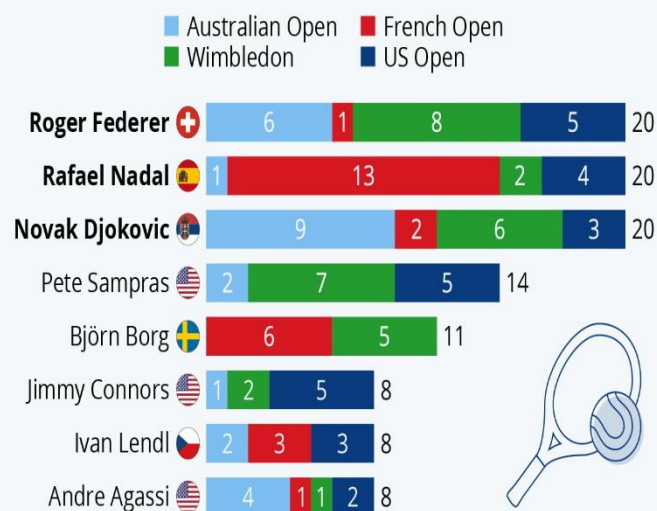


* includes on-the-field earnings (e.g. salaries, prize money) as well as off-the-field earnings (e.g. endorsements, licensing)

Source: Forbes

The Road to GOAT

Number of Grand Slam singles titles won by male Tennis players in the Open Era (since 1968)

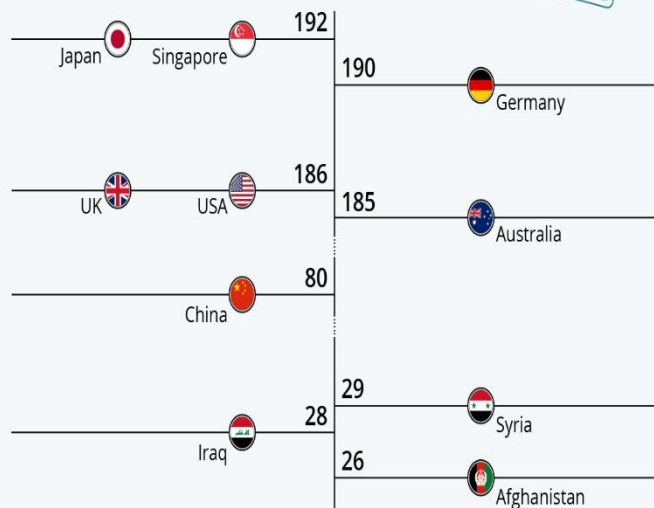


Bold players still active. As of January 10, 2022.

Source: ATP

The Varying Power of Passports

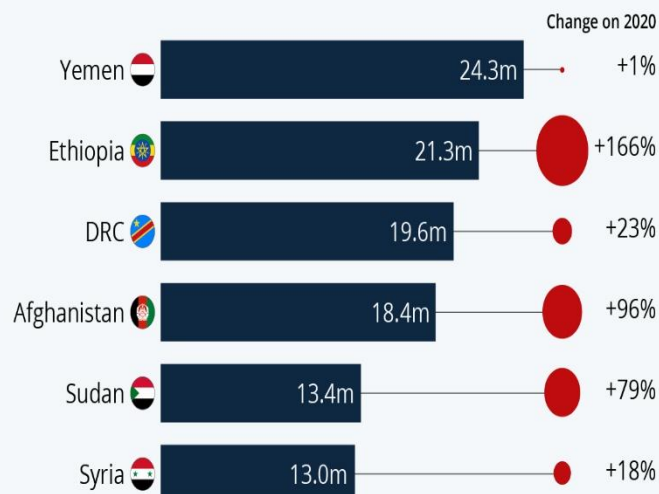
Number of countries passport holders can visit without a visa in 2022



Source: Henley Passport Index

The Biggest Humanitarian Crises of 2021

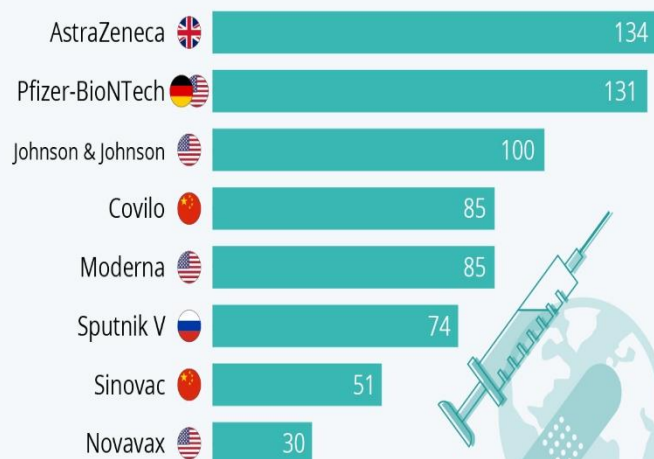
Countries with the most people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2021



Source: UN via Statista - 2021 in Numbers

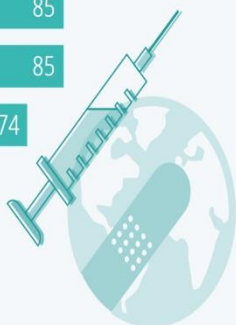
AstraZeneca, the People's Vaccine?

Number of countries currently approving the following coronavirus vaccines*



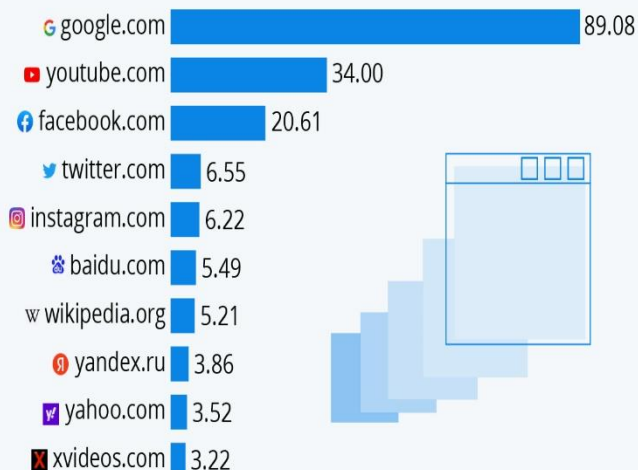
* As of Jan 12, 2022

Source: COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker

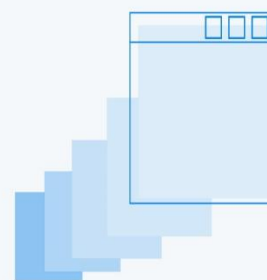


The World's Most Visited Websites

Websites with the highest number of visits worldwide in November 2021 (in billions)



Source: SimilarWeb





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