

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JANUARY 2022

Sports

The Indian hockey player who has become the first Indian male athlete and second Indian sportsperson overall to be awarded the World Games Athlete of the Year award 2021 – **PR Sreejesh**

The well-known hockey player, the captain 1964 Olympic Gold winning team, who passed away on 27.01.2022 – **Shri Charanjit Singh**

The Indian shuttler who has won the women's singles title of the Syed Modi Badminton Championship 2022 defeating Malvika Bansod in the finals – **PV Sindhu**

The Indian player who has won the India Open 2022 Men's Singles badminton title defeating Singapore's Loh Kean Yew in the finals at KD Jadhav Indoor Hall in New Delhi – **Lakshya Sen**

The player from Thailand who has won the India Open 2022 Women's Singles badminton title defeating her compatriot Supanida Katethong in the finals at KD Jadhav Indoor Hall in New Delhi – **Busanan Ongbamrunghan**

Places

The state which has announced the formation of 13 new districts taking the total number of districts in the state to 26 – **Andhra Pradesh**

The State which has increased the retirement age for its employees from 60 to 62 years – **Andhra Pradesh**

The place at which India's first open rock museum was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Jitendra Singh – **Hyderabad**

The place at which foundation stone of Heartfulness International Yoga Academy was laid by the Union Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal – **Hyderabad**

The place in Uttar Pradesh at which the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University was laid by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Meerut**

Persons

The Italian-born French exponent and teacher of Indian classical dance, Kathakali, awarded Padma Shri in 2019, who passed away on 25.01.2022 – **Ms. Milena Salvini**

The Maltese politician who has been elected as the President of the European Union Parliament – **Ms. Roberta Metsola**

The well-known cartoonist, creator of Bengali comic strips Handa Bhonda, Bantul the Great and Nonte Phonte who passed away on 18.01.2022 – **Narayan Debnath**

The Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre who has been appointed the Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation succeeding Shri K Sivan – **Shri S Somanath**

The student innovator turned environmentalist from Tiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu, who has been selected as a "changemaker" and Batonbearer for the ongoing 16th official Queen's Baton Relay (12-15 January 2022) in India – **Ms. Vinisha Umashankar**

The French economist who has been chosen to be the Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund from 01.04.2022 succeeding Ms. Gita Gopinath – **Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas**

The British Sikh Army officer who has become the first person of Indian origin to complete a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole – **Captain Harpreet Chandi**

The Indian social worker and social activist known particularly for her work in raising orphaned children in India who passed away on 04.01.2022 – **Sindhutai Sapkal**

Miscellaneous

The theme of National Voters' Day observed on 25 January 2022 – **Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative**

The theme of National Youth Day 2022 observed on 12 January 2022 – **It's all in the mind**

The day in December which has been chosen to be observed as Veer Baal Diwas by the Govt of India as a tribute to the martyr sons of Guru Gobind Singh – **26 December**

Australian Open 2022

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Danielle Collins (USA)
Men's Doubles	Thanasi Kokkinakis and Nick Kyrgios (Australia)	Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell (Australia)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejčíková and Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic)	Anna Danilina (Kazakhstan) and Beatriz Haddad Maia (Brazil)
Mixed Doubles	Kristina Mladenovic (France) and Ivan Dodig (Croatia)	Jaimee Fourlis and Jason Kubler (Australia)

Note: Rafael Nadal has the maximum number of Grand Slam Men's Singles titles i.e. 21. Earlier to this both Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal had 20 titles each.

2021 ICC Awards

Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year: **Shaheen Afridi** (Pakistan)

Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year: **Smriti Mandhana** (India)

ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year: **Joe Root** (England)

ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year: **Babar Azam** (Pakistan)

ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year: **Lizelle Lee** (South Africa)

ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year: **Mohammad Rizwan** (Pakistan)

ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year: **Tammy Beaumont** (England)

ICC Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year: **Janneman Malan** (South Africa)

ICC Emerging Women's Cricketer of the Year: **Fatima Sana** (Pakistan)

ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year: **Zeeshan Maqsood** (Oman)

ICC Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year: **Andrea-Mae Zepeda** (Austria)

Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2022

Institutional Category: *Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM)*, established in 2012, which has been working to enhance the disaster risk reduction (DRR) capacity of Gujarat.

Individual Category: *Professor Vinod Sharma*, a senior professor at the Indian Institute of Public Administration and Vice-Chairman of the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, was the founder co-ordinator of the National Centre of Disaster Management, now known as the National Institute of Disaster Management. He has worked tirelessly towards bringing disaster risk reduction (DRR) to the forefront of the national agenda.

The Best FIFA Football Awards 2021

Award	Recipient	Nationality	Club
Best Men's Player	Robert Lewandowski	Poland	Bayern Munich
Best Women's Player	Alexia Putellas	Spain	Barcelona
Best FIFA Special Award	Cristiano Ronaldo*	Portugal	Manchester United
Best FIFA Special Award	Christine Sinclair*	Canada	Portland Thomas FC

Both Cristiano Ronaldo and Christine Sinclair have been awarded to recognize them for becoming the all-time leading international goalscorers in men and women's senior football, respectively.

Pt. Birju Maharaj (Dancer, Composer, Singer)

Born: 04.02.1937 Passed away: 17.01.2022

Real Name: Brijmohan Nath Mishra

Exponent of Kathak dance

Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1964); Padma Vibhushan (1986); Kalidas Samman (1987)

Lata Mangeshkar Puraskar (2002); National Film Award for Best Choreography for Unnai Kaanaathu (Vishwaroopam) (2012); Filmfare Award for Best Choreography for Mohe Rang Do Laal (Bajirao Mastani)(2016).

His father Shri Achan Maharaj, uncles Sambhu Maharaj and Lachchu Maharaj were also Kathak exponents. Pt. Birju Maharaj was also a vocalist in Hindustani classical music.

India - South Africa ODI Series 2022

Test	Venue	Winner	Man of the Match
1.	Paarl	South Africa won by 31 runs	Rassie Van Der Dussen
2.	Paarl	South Africa by 7 wkts	Quinton de Kock
3.	Cape Town	South Africa by 4 runs	Quinton de Kock

Player of the series: **Quinton de Kock**

India - South Africa Test Series 2021-22

Test	Venue	Winner	Man of the Match
1.	Centurion	India by 113 runs	KL Rahul
2.	Johannesburg	S. Africa by 7 wkts	Dean Elgar
3.	Cape Town	S. Africa by 7 wkts	Keegan Petersen

Player of the series: **Keegan Petersen**

3rd National Water Awards 2020

- Best State: 1. Uttar Pradesh; 2. Rajasthan; 3. Tamil Nadu
- Best District (North Zone): Muzaffarnagar (U.P.)
- Best District (South Zone): Thiruvanthapuram (Kerala)
- Best District (East Zone): East Champaran (Bihar)
- Best District (West Zone): Indore (M.P.)
- Best District (North-East Zone): Goalpara (Assam)

Important Days of January

World Braille Day: 04 January 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2019
International Day of Education: 24 January 2022 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: Changing Course, Transforming Education First Observed in: 2019
International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust: 27 January 2022 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: Memory, Dignity and Justice First Observed in: 2006
World Leprosy Day: 30 January 2022 (Last Sunday of January) Designated by : World Health Organisation Theme: United for Dignity

Padma Awards 2022

Padma Vibhushan

1. Art: Ms. Prabha Atre
2. Literature and Education: Shri Radheyshyam Khemka (Posthumous)
3. Civil Service :General Bipin Rawat (Posthumous)
4. Public Affairs :Shri Kalyan Singh (Posthumous)

Padma Bhushan

1. Public Affairs: Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad
2. Art: Shri Victor Banerjee
3. Art: Ms. Gurmeet Bawa (Posthumous)
4. Public Affairs: Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee
5. Trade and Industry: Shri Natarajan Chandrasekaran
6. Trade and Industry: Shri Krishna Ella and Smt. Suchitra Ella* (Duo)
7. Others-Culinary: Ms. Madhur Jaffery
8. Sports: Shri Devendra Jhajharia
9. Art: Shri Rashid Khan
10. Civil Service: Shri Rajiv Mehrishi
11. Trade and Industry: Shri Satya Narayana Nadella
12. Trade and Industry: Shri Sundararajan Pichai
13. Trade and Industry: Shri Cyrus Poonawalla
14. Science and Engineering: Shri Sanjaya Rajaram(Posthumous)
15. Literature and Education: Ms. Pratibha Ray
16. Literature and Education: Swami Sachidanand

17. Literature and Education: Shri Vashishth Tripathi

Padma Shri

Art

1. Ms. Kamalini Asthana and Ms. Nalini Asthana* (Duo)
2. Ms. Madhuri Barthwal
3. Shri S Balleash Bhajantri
4. Shri Khandu Wangchuk Bhutia
5. Ms. Sulochana Chavan
6. Ms. Lourebam Bino Devi
7. Ms. Shyamamani Devi
8. Shri Arjun Singh Dhurve
9. Shri Chandraprakash Dwivedi
10. Shri Gosaveedu Shaik Hassan (Posthumous)
11. Ms. Sowcar Janaki
12. Shri H R Keshavamurthy
13. Shri Shivnath Mishra
14. Shri Darshanam Mogilaiah
15. Shri Thavil Kongampattu A V Murugaiyan
16. Ms. R Muthukannammal
17. Shri Tsering Namgyal
18. Shri A K C Natarajan
19. Shri Sonu Nigam
20. Shri Ram Sahay Panday
21. Shri Sheesh Ram
22. Shri Ramachandraiah
23. Ms. Padmaja Reddy
24. Shri Ram Dayal Sharma
25. Shri Kaajee Singh
26. Shri Konsam Ibomcha Singh
27. Ms. Ajita Srivastava
28. Ms. Lalita Vakil
29. Ms. Durga Bai Vyam

Literature & Education

1. Prof. Najma Akhtar
2. Shri T Senka Ao
3. Shri J K Bajaj
4. Shri Sirpi Balasubramaniam
5. Shri Akhone Asgar Ali Basharat

6. Shri Harmohinder Singh Bedi
7. Shri Maria Christopher Byrski
8. Shri Khalil Dhantejvi (Posthumous)
9. Shri Dhaneswar Engti
10. Shri Narasimha Rao Garikapati
11. Shri Girdhari Ram Ghonju (Posthumous)
12. Shri Shaibal Gupta (Posthumous)
13. Shri Narasingha Prasad Guru
14. Shri Avadh Kishore Jadia
15. Ms. Tara Jauhar
16. Shri Rutger Kortenhorst
17. Shri P Narayana Kurup
18. Shri V L Nghaka
19. Shri Chirapat Prapandavidya
20. Shri Vidyanand Sarek
21. Shri Kali Pada Saren
22. Shri Dilip Shahani
23. Shri Vishwamurti Shastri
24. Ms. Tatiana Lvovna Shaumyan
25. Shri Siddhalingaiah (Posthumous)
26. Ms. Vidya Vindu Singh
27. Shri Raghuvendra Tanwar
28. Ms. Badaplin War

Medicine

1. Dr. Himmatrao Bawaskar
2. Dr. Prokar Dasgupta
3. Dr. Lata Desai
4. Dr. Vijaykumar Vinayak Dongre
5. Dr. Narendra Prasad Misra (Posthumous)
6. Dr. Sunkara Venkata Adinarayana Rao
7. Dr. Veeraswamy Seshiah
8. Dr. Bhimsen Singhal
9. Dr. Balaji Tambe(Posthumous)
10. Dr. Kamlakar Tripathi

Others

1. Shri Amai Mahalinga Naik (Agriculture)
2. Shri Seth Pal Singh (Agriculture)
3. Ms. Sosamma Iype (Animal Husbandry)
4. Shri Abdul Khader Nadakattin (Grassroots Innovation)

5. Guru Tulku Rinpoche (Spiritualism)
6. Sadguru Brahmeshanand Acharya Swami (Spiritualism)
7. Shri Sivananda (Yoga)

Public Affairs

1. Shri Malji bhai Desai

Science and Engineering

1. Shri Subbanna Ayyappan
2. Ms. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay
3. Shri Aditya Prasad Dash
4. Shri Moti Lal Madan
5. Shri Anil Kumar Rajvanshi
6. Shri Ajay Kumar Sonkar
7. Shri Jyantkumar Maganlal Vyas

Social Work

1. Srimad Baba Balia
2. Acharya Chandanaji
3. Ms. Shakuntala Choudhary
4. Shri S Damodaran
5. Ms. Basanti Devi
6. Shri Savaji Bhai Dholakia
7. Shri Om Prakash Gandhi
8. Ms. K V Rabiya
9. Ms. Gamit Ramilaben Raysingbhai
10. Ms. Prabhaben Shah
11. Shri Prem Singh
12. Baba Iqbal Singh Ji

Trade and Industry

1. Shri Prahlad Rai Agarwala
2. Shri Jagjit Singh Dardi
3. Ms. Muktamani Devi
4. Shri Ryuko Hira

Sports

5. Shri Sumit Antil
6. Shri Pramod Bhagat
7. Shri Neeraj Chopra

8. Shri Sankaranarayana Menon Chundayil
9. Shri Faisal Ali Dar
10. Ms. Vandana Kataria
11. Ms. Avani Lekhara
12. Shri Brahmanand Sankhwalkar

Civil Service

1. Shri Guruprasad Mohapatra (Posthumous)

Monumental National Flag

Important Features

1. Made of : 4500 meters of hand-spun, hand-woven Khadi
2. Size: 225 feet long by 150 feet wide
3. Weight: 1400 kg
4. Took 49 days for 70 artisans to prepare this flag
5. **First** displayed at: Leh on 02.10.21
6. **Second** display at: Hindon Air Force Station on 08.10.21 (Air Force Day)
7. **Third** display at: Red Fort on 21.10.21 (100 crore vaccinations)
8. **Fourth** display at: Naval Dockyard, Mumbai on 04.12.21 (Navy Day)
9. **Fifth** display at Longewala, Jaisalmer on 15.01.22 (Army Day)

79th Golden Globe Awards

Best Motion Picture (Drama): The Power of the Dog directed by Jane Campion

Best Motion Picture (Musical or Comedy): West Side Story directed by Steven Spielberg

Henley Passport Index 2022

Rank	Countries
1.	Japan, Singapore
2.	Germany, South Korea
3.	Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain
4.	Austria, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Sweden
5.	Ireland, Portugal
64.	China, Oman
84.	India , Mauritania, Tajikistan
102.	Sri Lanka
108.	Pakistan
111.	Afghanistan