

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF NOVEMBER 2021

Awards

The Indian author who has been awarded the JCB Prize for Literature 2021 for his novel Delhi: A Soliloquy – **M. Mukundam**

Defence

The new Chief of Naval Staff who has taken over from Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC – **Admiral R Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC**

The stealth guided-missile destroyers manufactured at Mazagaon Dock Ltd which was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Mumbai on 21 November 2021 is named – **INS Visakhapatnam**

The trilateral maritime exercise conducted by the navies of India, Thailand and Singapore from 15 to 16 Nov 2021 in Andaman Sea is named – **SITMEX 2021**

The biennial training exercise jointly carried out by the armies of India and France from 15 to 26 Nov 2021 in Frejus, France – **Ex Shakti 2021**

The Chief of Army Staff of Nepal Army who has been conferred the Honorary Rank of General of the Indian Army by the President Shri Ramnath Kovind – **General Prabhu Ram Sharma**

Persons

The Indian-American technology executive who has been appointed the new CEO of Twitter Inc – **Parag Agrawal**

The Indian historian and theatre personality known for his writings on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj who passed away on 15 Nov 2021 aged 99 years – **Babasaheb Moreshwar Purandare**

The well-known Hindi author who passed away on 15 Nov 2021 at the age of 90 years – **Smt Mannu Bhandari**

The new Secretary General of Rajya Sabha who has replaced Shri PPK Ramacharyulu – **Shri PC Mody**

The Indian industrialist who has topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2021 with a donation of Rs. 9713 crores – **Aziz Premji**

Sports

The Argentinian footballer who has been awarded the Ballon d'Or 2021 (his seventh Ballon d'Or in career) – **Lionel Messi**

The Indian batsman who has become the second in the world to hit 150 sixes in T20 internationals (1st was Martin Guptil of New Zealand) – **Rohit Sharma**

The South African cricketer who has announced retirement from all forms of cricket after having played 114 tests and 228 ODIs – **AB de Villiers**

Places

The place in Uttar Pradesh where the foundation stone of Noida International Greenfield Airport was laid by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Jewar**

The place at which Food Corporation of India (FCI) has launched India's First Food Museum depicting the foodgrain production scenario in India and across the globe – **Thanjavur**

The place at which a three-day Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv was held from 17 to 19 Nov 2021 – **Jhansi**

Purvanchal Expressway which was inaugurated by the PM Shri Narendra Modi at Sultanpur connected – **Lucknow to Gazipur**

The Indian state which has approved Kaiser-i-hind (Teinopalpus imperialis) as its State Butterfly – **Arunachal Pradesh**

The village in Telangana State which has been chosen as one of the best Tourism Villages by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) – **Pochampally**

The place which (भगवान बिरसा मुंडा स्मृति उद्यान सह स्वतंत्रता सेनानी संग्रहालय) Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Park cum Freedom Fighter Museum was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Ranchi**

The country in which Yahoo Inc has stopped its services from 01 Nov 2021 – **China**

The country which has become the 101st member of the International Solar Alliance – **USA**

Miscellaneous

The operation launched by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence to check smuggling of gold from Hong Kong using air cargo route was code named – **Operation Molten Metal**

The day in November which has been approved to be observed as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas by the Union Cabinet – **November 15**

The new name of Habibganj railway station in Madhya Pradesh – **Rani Kamlapati Railway Station**

The word which has been chosen as the Word of the Year 2021 by Oxford English Dictionary – **Vax**

The motto of G-20 Summit held in Rome, Italy from 30 - 31 Oct 2021 – **People, Planet and Prosperity**

National Sports Awards 2021

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2021

S.No.	Name of the Sports person	Discipline
1.	Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
2.	Ravi Kumar	Wrestling
3.	Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing
4.	Sreejesh P.R	Hockey
5.	Avani Lekhara	Para Shooting
6.	Sumit Antil	Para Athletics
7.	Pramod Bhagat	Para Badminton
8.	Krishna Nagar	Para Badminton
9.	Manish Narwal	Para Shooting
10.	Mithali Raj	Cricket
11.	Sunil Chhetri	Football
12.	Manpreet Singh	Hockey

Ariyuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2021

S.No.	Name of the Sports person	Discipline
1.	Arpinder Singh	Athletics
2.	Simranjit Kaur	Boxing
3.	Shikhar Dhawan	Cricket
4.	Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman	Fencing
5.	Monika	Hockey
6.	Vandana Katariya	Hockey
7.	Sandeep Narwal	Kabaddi
8.	Himani Uttam Parab	Mallakhamb
9.	Abhishek Verma	Shooting
10.	Ankita Raina	Tennis
11.	Deepak Punia	Wrestling

12.	Dilpreet Singh	Hockey
13.	Harman Preet Singh	Hockey
14.	Rupinder Pal Singh	Hockey
15.	Surender Kumar	Hockey
16.	Amit Rohidas	Hockey
17.	Birendra Lakra	Hockey
18.	Sumit	Hockey
19.	Nilakanta Sharma	Hockey
20.	Hardik Singh	Hockey
21.	Vivek Sagar Prasad	Hockey
22.	Gurjant Singh	Hockey
23.	Mandeep Singh	Hockey
24.	Shamsher Singh	Hockey
25.	Lalit Kumar Upadhyay	Hockey
26.	Varun Kumar	Hockey
27.	Simranjeet Singh	Hockey
28.	YogeshKathuniya	Para Athletics
29.	Nishad Kumar	Para Athletics
30.	Praveen Kumar	Para Athletics
31.	Suhash Yathiraj	Para Badminton
32.	Singhraj Adhana	Para Shooting
33.	Bhavina Patel	Para Table Tennis
34.	Harvinder Singh	Para Archery
35.	Sharad Kumar	Para Athletics

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2021

Life-Time Category:

S.No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	T. P. Ouseph	Athletics
2.	SarkarTalwar	Cricket
3.	Sarpal Singh	Hockey
4.	Ashan Kumar	Kabaddi
5.	Tapan Kumar Panigrahi	Swimming

Regular Category

S.No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	Radhakrishnan Nair P	Athletics
2.	Sandhya Gurung	Boxing
3.	Pritam Siwach	Hockey
4.	Jai Prakash Nautiyal	Para Shooting
5.	Subramanian Raman	Table Tennis

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports and Games 2021

S.No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Lekha K.C.	Boxing
2.	Abhijeet Kunte	Chess
3.	Davinder Singh Garcha	Hockey
4.	Vikas Kumar	Kabaddi
5.	Sajjan Singh	Wrestling

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2021

S.No.	Category	Entity recommended for Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2021
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent	Manav Rachna Educational Institution
2.	Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2021 : Panjab University - Chandigarh

Important Days of November

World Tsunami Awareness Day: 05 November Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2016
World Science Day for Peace and Development: 10 November Designated by : UNESCO Theme: Building Climate-Ready Communities First Observed in: 2001
World Pneumonia Day: 12 November Designated by : WHO First Observed in: 2009
World Diabetes Day: 14 November Designated by : International Diabetes Federation Theme: Access to Diabetes Care First Observed in: 1991 by IDF, adopted by UN in 2006
International Day for Tolerance: 16 November Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First observed in : 1995

<p>World Philosophy Day: (3rd Thursday of Nov) 18 November Designated by : UNESCO First Observed in: 2002</p>
<p>World Toilet Day: 19 November Designated by : World Toilet Organisation Theme: Valuing Toilets First Observed in: 2001 by World Toilet Organisation and accepted by UN in 2013</p>
<p>World Childrens' Day: 20 November Designated by : UN General Assembly Theme: A Better Future for Every Child Day established in: 1954</p>
<p>World Television Day: 21 November Designated by : UN General Assembly Day established in: 1997</p>
<p>World Fisheries Day: 21 November Designated by : World Fisheries Forum First Observed in: 1997</p>
<p>International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women: 25 November Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now! First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>National Milk Day: 26 November Designated by : Indian Dairy Association Occasion: Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien First Observed in: 2014</p>

52nd International Film Festival of India

Held in: **Goa**

Held from: **20 to 28 Nov 2021**

- Opening Film: Carlos Saura's **The King of All the World**.
- Opening Film of Indian section: **SEMKHOR** (Dimasa) (Feature film) and **Ved...the Visionary** (Non-feature film)
(Dimasa is an ethnolinguistic community of Assam and Nagaland)
- Indian film personality of the year 2021: **Prasoon Joshi** (Lyricist) and **Hema Malini** (Actress)
- Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award: **Mr. István Szabó** and **Mr. Martin Scorsese**

(To commemorate 100 years of the veteran filmmaker, the late Satyajit Ray, IFFI's Lifetime Achievement Award will henceforth be called the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award)

- Golden Peacock (Best Film): Japanese Film '**Ring Wandering**'
- Silver Peacock (Best Director): Czech Director Václav Kadrnka for '**Saving One Who Was Dead**'
- Silver Peacock (Best Actor-Male): **Jitendra Bhikulal Joshi** in 'Godavari'
- Silver Peacock (Best Actor-Female): **Angela Molina** in 'Charlotte'
- Silver Peacock (Special Jury Award): **Godavari** directed by Nikhil Mahajan and Brazilian Actress **Renata Carvalho** for her role in Director Rodrigo de Oliveira's 'The First Fallen'
- Special Tribute: Sir Sean Connery, the first actor to portray fictional British secret agent James Bond
- ICFT-UNESCO Medal: Lingui, The Sacred Bonds

Sixth BRICS Film Festival awards announced at closing ceremony of IFFI 52

- Best Film Award: South African film **Barakat** and Russian film **The Sun above Me Never Sets**
- Best Director: Brazilian filmmaker **Lúcia Murat** for her riveting documentary 'Ana'
- Best Actor (Male): **Dhanush** for 'Asuran'
- Best Actor (Female): Brazilian actor **Lara Boldorini** for her role in 'On Wheels'
- Special Jury Mention: Director **Yan Han** from China for 'A Little Red Flower'

Most Polluted Cities

Report released by Swiss-based air quality technology company IQAir

1. Hotan (China)
2. Ghaziabad (India)
3. Bulandshahr (India)
4. Birsakh Jalalpur (India)
5. Bhiwadi (India)
6. Noida (India)
7. Greater Noida (India)
8. Kanpur (India)
9. Lucknow (India)
10. Delhi (India)

Swachh Survekshan 2021

India's Cleanest City (> 1 lakh population category): **1. Indore; 2. Surat; 3. Vijayawada**

India's Cleanest City (< 1 lakh population category): **1. Vita; 2. Lonavla; 3. Sasvad**

Best Ganga Town: **Varanasi**

India's cleanest cantonment: **1. Ahmedabad Cantonment; 2. Meerut; 3. Delhi Cantonment**

Fastest Mover: **Hoshangabad**

Cleanest State (>100 ULBs): **Chhattisgarh**

Cleanest State (<100 ULBs): **Jharkhand**

Fastest Mover (>100 ULBs): **Karnataka**

Fastest Mover (<100 ULBs): **Mizoram**

Booker Prize 2021

Shortlist and Winner

S.No.	Name	Book	Country
1.	Damon Galgut (Winner)	The Promise	South Africa
2.	Anuk Arudpragasam	A Passage North	Sri Lanka
3.	Patricia Lockwood	No One is Talking About This	USA
4.	Nadifa Mohamed	The Fortune Men	Somalia
5.	Richard Powers	Bewilderment	USA
6.	Maggie Shipstead	Great Circle	USA

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021

- Hosts: **UAE and Oman**
- Held from: 17.10.21 to 14.11.21
- No of teams: **16**
- Winners: **Australia**
- Runners-up: **New Zealand**
- Most runs: **Babar Azam**
- Most wickets: **Wanindu Hasaranga**
- Player of the series: **David Warner**
- Venue of the final match: **Dubai**