

Weekly One Liners 18th to 24th of October 2021

IPL 2021 won by Chennai Super Kings

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) has defeated **Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)** in the finals to win the **2021 Indian Premier League (IPL)** title. This was the 14th edition of IPL which is an India-based Cricket league in 20-20 format. This was the 4th win of **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** in IPL, having previously won the tournament in **2010, 2011, and 2018**.

Here are some important points from exam point of view:

- **M.S. Dhoni** is the captain of CSK the winning team.
- **Eoin Morgan** is the captain of the Runner up team i.e Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR). He is from England
- The first half of IPL was played in India, while the second half was played in UAE. The finals were held at **Dubai International Stadium**.
- Player of the Tournament: **Harshal Patel (RCB)**
- Highest Run Scorer (Orange Cap): **Ruturaj Gaikwad (CSK)** (635 runs)
- Highest Wicket Taker (Purple Cap): **Harshal Patel (RCB)** (32 wickets)
- Mumbai Indians team has won the IPL title highest number of times, i.e 5 times.

Overview of 2021 BNP Paribas Open held at Indian Wells

The **2021 BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament**, also known as the 2021 Indian Wells Masters, was held from October 04 to 18, 2021 at **Indian Wells, California, US**. This marks the 47th edition of the men's BNP Paribas Open (ATP Masters) and the **32nd Edition** of the women's BNP Paribas Open (WTA Masters).

The list of winners is given below:

- **Cameron Norrie** won his maiden ATP Masters 1000 by winning the Men's singles title at the 2021 BNP Paribas Open
- **Paula Badosa** defeats Victoria Azarenka to win the Women's Singles Title
- **Elise Mertens and Su Wei Hsieh** won the Women's Doubles title
- **John Peers and Filip Polasek** won the Men's Doubles title

About BNP Paribas Open:

- The BNP Paribas Open is the largest combined ATP Tour Masters 1000 and WTA 1000 tennis event.
- It is annually held at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California, the USA.

India ranks 71st on 2021 Global Food Security Index

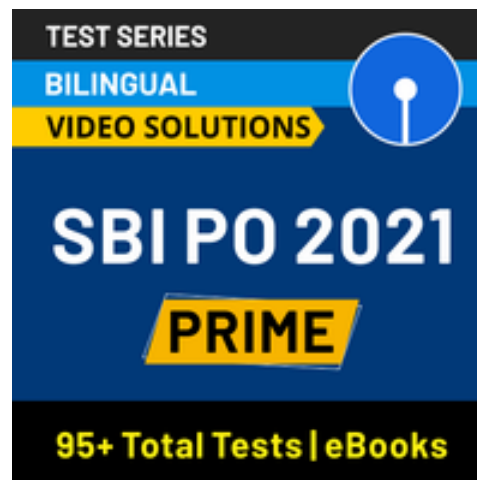
India has achieved the **71st position** in the **Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021** from among a list of 113 countries. The GFS Index is designed and constructed by London-based Economist Impact and is sponsored by **Corteva Agriscience**. The overall score of India is 57.2 points on the GFS Index 2021.

According to the report, India held 71st position with an overall score of 57.2 points on the GFS Index 2021 of 113 countries, fared better than **Pakistan (75th position)**, Sri Lanka (77th Position), Nepal (79th position) and Bangladesh (84th position). But the country was way behind **China (34th position)**. However, over the past 10 years, India's incremental gains in overall food security score were lagging behind that of Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

Globally:

Ireland, Australia, the UK, Finland, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, Japan, France and the US shared the top rank. Their overall GFS score were in the range of 77.8 and 80 points on the index.

About the Index: The GFS Index measures the factors affecting food insecurity around the world based on 4 main factors and 58 unique food security indicators. The factors include affordability, availability, quality and safety, and natural resources and resilience.



National Affairs

- **India** has been re-elected to the **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** for a sixth term on October 14, 2021, with an overwhelming majority. The new three-year term of India will be effective from **January 2022 to December 2024**. India received **184 votes** of the 193 votes cast in the election.
- The Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has flagged off **"Five Mobile Medical Vans"** dubbed as Modi Van on October 19, 2021, in the **Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh**. These vans have been launched under the **'Seva Hi Sangathan'** programme of BJP to commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi completing 20 years as the Head of Government.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Kushinagar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh**. The airport has been built at an estimated cost of **Rs. 260 crore**, by the Airport Authority of India. Besides, it has the longest runway in Uttar Pradesh. It will facilitate domestic & international pilgrims to visit the **Mahaparinirvanasthal of Lord Buddha in Kushinagar**.
- **India** completed **100 crore doses** of **COVID-19 vaccines** on **21st October**, in about 9 months since the drive began. PM Modi called the achievement "the triumph of Indian science, enterprise and collective spirit of 130 crore Indians". The Prime Minister visited the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital here and interacted with healthcare workers and people receiving the vaccine.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the Infosys Foundation made **806-bedded Vishram Sadan** at National Cancer Institute (NCI) in **Jhajjar Campus of AIIMS New Delhi**. The 806 bedded Vishram Sadan is a part of Infosys' Corporate Social Responsibility to provide air-conditioned accommodation facilities to the accompanying attendants of the Cancer Patients.

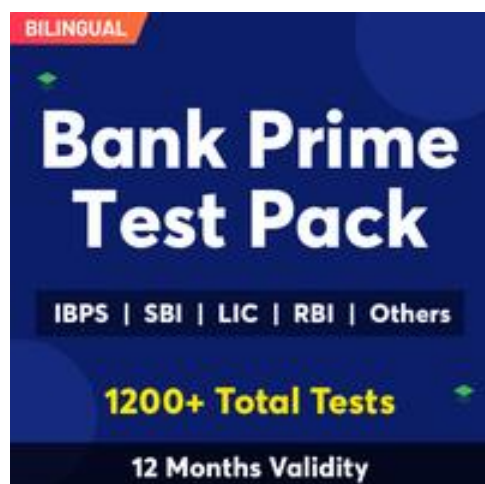
States in the News

- In **Punjab**, Chief Minister **Charanjit Channi** launched a new scheme titled **'Mera Ghar Mere Naam'**, which aims to confer proprietary rights on the people living in the houses within the 'Lal Lakir' of villages and the cities. The land area which is a part of the village habitation and is used for non-agriculture purposes only is known as Lal Lakir.
- **Rajasthan Government** has launched a mega campaign named **'Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang'** till December 17, 2021, to provide local access to government services in the remotest villages of the state. Officials from **22 Departments** of the local administration will reach out to the rural parts of every gram panchayat to offer on-spot solutions to the applicants.
- The **government of Madhya Pradesh (MP)** has announced the implementation of the scheme **"Mukhyamantri Ration Apke Dwar Yojana"**, which will start from November 2021. Under this scheme, the ration will be provided at the doorstep of the villagers where there are no **Fair Price Shops (FPS)**.
- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** has virtually launched a new scheme named **'Shri Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store scheme'** to provide low-cost generic medicines and enable seamless healthcare services to the vulnerable people of the state. The scheme will be implemented by the **Urban Administration and Development Department (UADD)**.

International Affairs

- **Jonas Gahr Store**, the Leader of the **Labour Party in Norway**, has assumed the charge of the Prime Minister of Norway with effect from October 14, 2021.
- The **Russia and China** joint naval exercises **"Joint Sea 2021"** has kicked off at **Russia's Peter the Great Gulf**, in the **Sea of Japan**, on October 14, 2021. The exercises will culminate on October 17, 2021.
- The **Government of Sri Lanka** has sought a **USD 500 million** credit line from India to pay for its crude oil purchases, as the country is facing a severe foreign exchange crisis in the island nation after the pandemic hit the nation's earnings from tourism and remittances.

- Ecuador's President **Guillermo Lasso** has declared a 60-day state of emergency in the **South American country**, due to the rise in violent drug crimes. President Lasso has pointed to drug trafficking and consumption as the main drivers behind an increase in murders, home burglary, thefts of vehicles and goods, and muggings.
- India, Israel, United Arab Emirates and the United States** have decided to launch a new quadrilateral economic forum. Quadrilateral builds on ongoing cooperation between U.S., Israel and UAE after the **Abraham Accords** last year. This QUAD grouping had decided to establish an international forum for economic cooperation and discussed possibilities for joint infrastructure projects expanding economic and political cooperation in the Middle East and Asia.
- Donald Trump** has announced plans to launch a social media platform called **TRUTH Social** that will be rolled out early next year. Truth social will be a product of a new venture called the **Trump Media & Technology Group**. He wants to create a platform that rivals Twitter or Facebook, but that simply won't happen.
- Barbados** has elected its first-ever president as it prepares to become a republic, removing Queen Elizabeth as head of state. **Dame Sandra Mason, 72**, is set to be sworn in on 30 November, which will mark the country's **55th anniversary** of independence from Britain.
- Global terror financing watchdog **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has retained **Pakistan** on its 'Grey List' of countries. In a briefing, FATF president Marcus Pleyer also said that three new countries **Turkey, Jordan, and Mali** have also been added to the Grey List. In June this year, the FATF had retained Pakistan on its 'Grey List' for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing.



Agreements/MoUs Signed

- NITI Aayog** has launched the **Geospatial Energy Map of India** which will provide a holistic picture of all energy resources of the country. The map has been developed by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** and the **Energy Ministries of the Government of India**.
- RailTel Corporation** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)** to work together in several areas to help expand telecom in the country. RailTel works under the Ministry of Railways while the C-DoT is a research centre that operates under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- The J&K government** signed an MoU with **Dubai** for real estate development, industrial parks and super-speciality hospitals. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for real estate development, industrial parks, IT towers, multi-purpose towers, logistics, medical college, super-speciality hospitals.
- Agri-fintech firm **Dvara E-Dairy Solutions Pvt Ltd** has entered into a partnership with **Jana Small Finance Bank (Jana SFB)** to service small dairy farmers. Dvara E-Dairy hopes to use digital technology to assist small and medium dairy farmers with financial and livestock management solutions. Jana SFB has a large branch network in India's rural and agricultural areas.

Books and Authors

- Legendary Indian poet-lyricist-director **Gulzar** has come out with his new book title "**Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir**".
- Sahitya Akademi awardee Professor **Shafey Kidwai** has authored a new book titled "**Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Reason, Religion And Nation**".
- National Award-winning actress **Divya Dutta** has come up with her second book titled, "**The Stars in My Sky: Those Who Brightened My Film Journey**".
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** launched the book titled "**Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition**" authored by **Uday Mahurkar and Chirayu Pandit** at Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

- The book titled 'The Origin Story of India's States' is written by **Venkataraghavan Subha Srinivasan** and published by **Penguin Random House India (PRHI)**.
- **The Contrarian: Peter Thiel and Silicon Valley's Pursuit of Power** book by **Max Chafkin**. In the first major biography of Thiel, **Max Chafkin** traces the trajectory of the innovator's singular life and worldview, from his upbringing as the child of immigrant parents and years at Stanford as a burgeoning conservative thought leader to his founding of PayPal and Palantir, early investment in Facebook and SpaceX.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 1 crore** on India's largest public lender **State Bank of India (SBI)**. The penalty has been imposed for non-compliance with the directions contained in "**RBI (Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs) directions 2016**".
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has authorised **Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)** to collect direct taxes on behalf of the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**. After obtaining the approval, KVB has started the integration process with the CBDT to collect direct taxes.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** imposed a fine of **Rs 1.95 crore** on the **Standard Chartered Bank** for failing to report a cyber security incident within the prescribed time period, and failure to credit the amount involved in unauthorised electronic transactions, among other reasons. Standard Chartered Bank was penalised also for its non-compliance of RBI's directions on customer protection.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has launched the **NPCI Tokenization system (NTS)** to further enhance the safety of customers and provide a seamless shopping experience to consumers. The NPCI Tokenization System (NTS) will support the tokenisation of RuPay cards, to provide an alternate for storing card details with merchants.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a penalty of **Rs 1 crore** on **Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)** over certain specified violations, as referred in Section 26 (2) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**, has constituted a four-member "**high powered advisory committee on settlement orders and compounding of offences**". The Chairman of the committee will be **Vijay C Daga**, retired judge of the High Court of Bombay. The terms of reference of the Committee will be as per "Securities and Exchange Board of India (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018".
- **IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IndiaFirst Life)**, a joint venture of Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India introduced "**IndiaFirst Life Saral Bachat Bima Plan**". It is a savings and protection cover plan for the entire family.
- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has announced the creation of an **Rs. 1,000 crore** Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for FPOs (CGFTFPO), a dedicated fund for providing credit guarantees to FPOs. The fund has been launched under the trusteeship of NABSanrakshan Trustee Pvt Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NABARD.
- **Reliance Industries Ltd's Reliance Brands Ltd (RBL)** and famous designer **Manish Malhotra** have announced a strategic partnership to acquire a **40 per cent** stake in Malhotra's MM Styles Pvt Ltd. According to a Reliance Brands statement, this "strategic partnership" is the first "external investment" for MM Styles Pvt Ltd.
- **HDFC Bank, Mastercard, United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and US Agency for International Development (USAID)** launched a **\$100 million** credit facility for **MSMEs (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises)** in India. The credit facility is part of USAID's global Women Economic Empowerment Fund initiative and its COVID-19 response in India.
- **Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited (Bharti AXA Life)** has entered into a bancassurance partnership with **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank** to ensure distribution of life insurance products through the bank's network across India. This partnership will enable the Bharti AXA life to reach Tier II and Tier III markets with insurance solutions and increase the reach of insurance in India.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Navrang Saini** has been given the additional charge as the **Chairperson** of the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)**. The post fell vacant after M.S. Sahoo retired after a five-year tenure on September 30. Saini is a Whole Time Member of IBBI.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has approved the appointment of **Pradeep Kumar Panja** as the Chairman of **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** approved the re-appointment of **Amitabh Chaudhry** as **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** of private lender **Axis Bank** for a period of three years.
- **Sahdev Yadav**, former Secretary-General of IWLFF, was unanimously elected as the **President** of the **Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLFF)**.
- Commodore **Amit Rastogi (Retd)** has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the **National Research Development Corporation (NRDC)**.
- **Ayushmann Khurrana** has become the latest celebrity to venture into the cryptocurrency space through his association with **CoinDCX's 'Future Yahi Hai'** campaign.
- **A Balasubramanian** has been elected as the new Chairman of the **Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)**.
- Director-producer **Imtiaz Ali** has been roped in as the ambassador of the **Russian Film Festival in India**. As part of the festival, ten notable Russian films of various genres are being premiered for Indian audiences on Disney+ Hotstar from October 16 to November 27.



- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has appointed Captain **Alok Mishra** as the Managing Director of **India Ports Global Limited (IPGL)**.
- The **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** appointed Commodore **PK Garg** as the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** at the Mission Olympic Cell meeting.

Defence News

- The **National Security Guard (NSG)** force, popularly known as Black Cats, observes its Raising Day on October 16, every year. The year 2021 marks the **37th anniversary** of the establishment of the NSG. NSG is an elite counter-terrorism unit under the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs.

Science and Technology News

- A **Russian film crew** are back on Earth after wrapping up scenes for the first movie shot in space. **Klim Shipenko** and actor **Yulia Peresild** left the **International Space Station** and landed in **Kazakhstan** - to be met by a crew filming touchdown scenes. The movie has been in its own kind of space race - with Tom Cruise. He is apparently part of a Hollywood filming-in-space project involving Nasa and Elon Musk's SpaceX.
- The US space agency **NASA** has launched a first-of-its-kind mission called '**Lucy Mission**' to study **Jupiter's Trojan** asteroids. The mission life of Lucy is 12-year, during which the spacecraft will fly by a total of eight ancient asteroids to study about solar system's evolution. These will include one main-belt asteroid and seven Jupiter Trojan asteroids.
- **China** has successfully launched its 1st solar exploration satellite into space from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center** in northern Shanxi Province aboard a **Long March-2D rocket**.
- **Microsoft** recently announced the launch of **Microsoft AI Innovate**, a 10-week initiative that will support startups in **India** leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies, helping them scale operations, drive innovation, & build industry expertise. The program will also enable startups to reach out to newer customers and geographies with Microsoft's sales and partners.

Awards and Recognitions

- A team from **5th Battalion-4 (5/4) Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force)** representing the Indian Army won the **gold medal** at the **prestigious Cambrian Patrol Exercise** which was held in the **United Kingdom**. The team was praised for their excellent navigation skills, overall physical endurance and delivery of patrol orders.
- **Vidyut Mohan** is among the five global winners for the inaugural '**Earthshot Prize**', also known as the '**Eco-Oscars**', that honours people trying to save the planet. Vidyut has been awarded in the Clean our Air category, for his technology called '**Takachar**', a small and portable device that uses crop residue to convert it into bio-products like fuel and fertilisers to reduce smoke emissions and combat air pollution.
- The well known **Kung Fu Nuns** of the **Drukpa order of Buddhism** has won the inaugural **UNESCO's Martial Arts Education Prize 2021**, for their brave and heroic acts of service and championing of gender equality across the Himalayas. The Nuns empower young girls through martial arts, to defend themselves, build confidence, and take on leadership roles in their communities.
- The **European Parliament** has awarded the European Union's top human rights prize, Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought for 2021, to the imprisoned Russian opposition leader **Alexei Navalny**.
- The **Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation** has bagged the **Earth Guardian Award** instituted by the NatWest Group. The eight winners of the award were felicitated by the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora secretary-general Iivonne Higuero through a virtual ceremony.
- Hollywood veteran **Martin Scorsese** and celebrated Hungarian filmmaker **Istevan Szabo** will be honoured with the **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award** at this year's **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**. The **52nd edition** of the film festival will be held from **November 20 to 28 in Goa**.

Summit and Conference

- The **Fourth General Assembly** of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** has been organised virtually between October 18 and 21, 2021. The Assembly will be presided over by President of the ISA Assembly **RK Singh**, who is also the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy.
- The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** has organised an International Conference and Exhibition on Digital technologies, "**Future Tech 2021- a Journey of digital transformation to technology adoption and acceleration**" from October 19 to 27, 2021. The focus theme of the International conference is "**Driving technologies for building the future, we all can trust**".
- Government agency **UIDAI** is hosting a Hackathon titled "**Aadhaar Hackathon 2021**". The hackathon is starting on 28 Oct 21 and would continue till 31 Oct 21. With new challenged and themes, the Hackathon 2021 will have two topics. The first theme is around "**Enrolment and Update**", which essentially covers some of the real-life challenges being faced by the residents while updating their address. The second theme of the Hackathon is around the "**Identity and Authentication**" solution offered by UIDAI.
- The **Ministry of Food Processing Industries**, under **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme** organised the **Food Tech Summit**. The Food Tech Summit 2021 is aimed at setting the stage for all food-tech stakeholders to impart, discuss and acquaint micro enterprises on the new emerging trends in food processing and technological innovation.

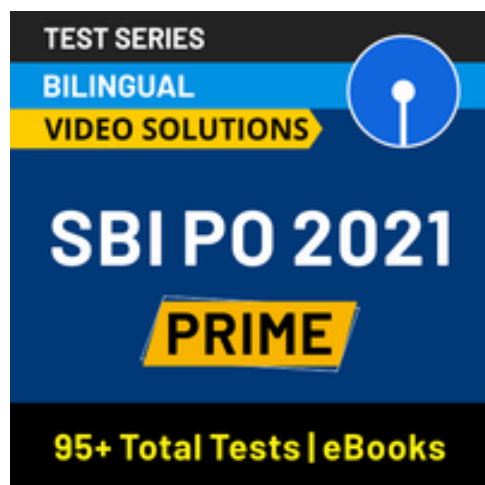
Ranks and Reports

- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** has released the '**Global TB report for 2021**, where it highlighted the effects of COVID-19 which led to a huge reversal in the progress of Tuberculosis (TB) elimination. The report also mentioned **India** as the **worst-hit country** in TB elimination, where the detection of new TB cases saw a huge impact in 2020.

- Mercer Consulting, a leading global management consulting firm, has released the **13th edition** of the **Mercer Global Pension Index (2021 MCGPI)**. India has been ranked at **40th** position out of **43 countries** in the 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey. In 2020, India was ranked at 34th position out of 39 pension systems. **Iceland** has topped this ranking with an index value of 84.2 followed by the **Netherlands** with 83.5 and **Norway** with 82.0. India had an overall index value of 43.3. **Thailand** had the lowest overall index value at 40.6.
- **India** has ranked **79** out of **139 countries** and jurisdictions in the **World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021**. The WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 ranks the countries based on scores ranging from 0 to 1, with 1 indicating the strongest adherence to the rule of law. **Denmark, Norway and Finland** topped the World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021.

Sports News

- **India** beat **Nepal**, 3-0, to win the **2021 SAFF Championship final title**, held on October 16, 2021, at the **National Football Stadium in Male, Maldives**.
- **Divya Deshmukh** became **India's 21st Woman Grand Master (WGM)** after achieving her 2nd International Master (IM) at Grand Master (GM) in **Budapest, Hungary**.
- Former Indian batter, **Rahul Dravid** has been appointed as **Team India's head coach** and he will be succeeding **Ravi Shastri**, whose tenure at the helm ends after the **2021 edition of the T20 World Cup in the UAE**.



- Ahead of the **2021 men's T20 World Cup** in the **UAE and Oman**, the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** and **UNICEF** have that they would partner to help break the stigma around mental health by raising awareness about the issue amongst children and adolescents.
- Fencer **Bhavani Devi**, who made history at the Tokyo Olympics by becoming the first Indian to compete in the sport at the Games, has won the **Charlellville National Competition** in France in the individual women's sabre event. She is currently ranked **50th** in the world and is the top-ranked fencer from India.
- **China** beat **Japan** 3-1 in a thrilling Uber Cup final in **Aarhus, Denmark**, to reclaim the **Uber Cup title**.
- **Indonesia** lifted the **Thomas Cup trophy** for the first time since **2002** after defeating the defending champions **China** 3-0 in the final match held in **Aarhus, Denmark**.
- Australian fast bowler **James Pattinson** has retired from international cricket after realising that he won't be in the reckoning for the Ashes series due to fitness issues. The 31-year-old, who has played **21 Tests and 15 ODIs**, though will continue to play domestic cricket.

Important Days

- The **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** is observed every year on **17 October** across the globe. The day aims to raise awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution around the world, particularly in developing countries. 2021 Theme: **Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet**.
- The **World Osteoporosis Day (WOD)** is observed annually on **October 20**. The day aims to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. WOD is organized by the **International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF)**, by launch of a year-long campaign with a specific theme. In 2021 the Global WOD Campaign theme is **"Serve Up Bone Strength"**.
- **International Chefs Day** is observed every year on **20 October**. The day aims to celebrate and honour the noble profession and educate people around the world about eating healthy. The theme of the International Chefs Day 2021 campaign is **Healthy Food for the Future**.

- **World Statistics Day** is celebrated around the globe every year on **20 October** to highlight the achievements of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. The celebration of World Statistics Day 2021 is a global collaborative endeavour, organized under the guidance of the United Nations Statistical Commission.
- In India, the **Police Commemoration Day** is observed on **October 21** every year. The day is marked to remember and honour the brave policemen who have laid down their lives in the line of duty.
- Every year **October 22** is observed as **International Stuttering Awareness Day**, since 1998. The day is intended to raise public awareness of the millions of people who have a speech disorder of stuttering or stammering. Theme 2021: **"Speak the change you wish to see"**.
- Every year, **October 23** is observed as **International Snow Leopard Day** since 2014. The day commemorates the anniversary of the **Bishkek Declaration** and to celebrate this endangered cat and raise awareness for its conservation and protection.
- On **23rd October** every year mole day is celebrated which is popular amongst all chemistry enthusiasts. This day is marked to commemorate and honour the Avogadro's number. The theme for the occasion, inspired by the mascot - A Mole. This year the theme is **Dispicamole Me**.

Obituaries

- **Sri Lanka's** first-ever Test captain **Bandula Warnapura** passed away, following a brief illness. A right-handed batsman, he led his country when it faced **England** in its first-ever Test match in 1982 and played three more Tests, scoring 96 runs overall at an average of 12. He also played 12 ODI matches, scoring 180 runs at an average of 15.
- **Colin Powell**, the trailblazing soldier and diplomat whose sterling reputation of service to Republican and Democratic presidents was stained by his faulty claims to justify the 2003 US war in Iraq, died of Covid-19 complications.

- Former hockey international **Saranjeet Singh** has passed away. The former State Bank of India hockey player, who played for Coronation Club in the local league, represented Hyderabad juniors and seniors for many years in the late 70s and 80s and also played for India, which toured Germany in 1983.

Miscellaneous News

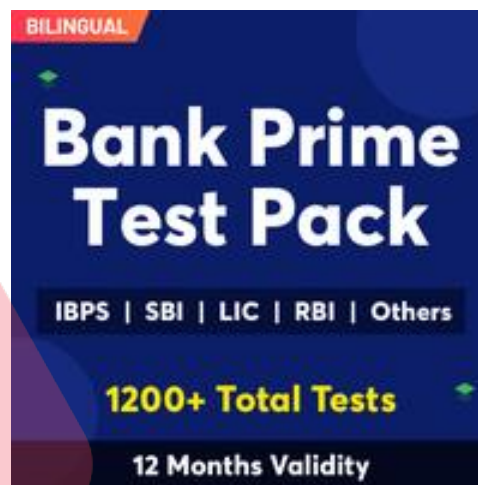
- The **International Monetary Fund's** Chief Economist and Director of the Research Department, **Gita Gopinath** will leave the organisation in **January 2022**. She will return to **Harvard University's economics department**. She was on public service leave during her tenure at the organisation, and the leave will end in January 2022.
- Aviation regulator **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** has temporarily suspended **SpiceJet's** licence for the transportation of **'dangerous goods'** for alleged violations. The suspension is for 30 days, and during this period, SpiceJet will not be allowed to carry dangerous goods, including lithium-ion batteries, on its domestic as well as international flights.
- The **131st** death anniversary of the legendary Sufi saint of Bangladesh **Lalon Fakir** was observed in the country. A programme 'Lalon Smaran Utsab' was organised at the **Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA)** to pay tribute to Lalon on this occasion. During the programme a discussion on life and philosophy of Lalon Fakir was organised at the BSA.
- **Microsoft, Facebook, Netflix** form Merchants Alliance to address Financial Regulation Disparity in India Online merchants that are dependent on fintech and other financial institutions for subscription and revenue models have formed a **Merchants Payments Alliance of India (MPAI)** to address the financial regulation disparity as well as promote financial literacy among consumers. The group's purpose is to be a collaborator to the digital payments policy discourse.

Static Takeaways

- United Nations Human Rights Council President: Nazhat Shameem;
- United Nations Human Rights Council Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- United Nations Human Rights Council Founded: 15 March 2006.
- Governor of Punjab: Banwarilal Purohit.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot; Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Madhya Pradesh Capital: Bhopal;
- Madhya Pradesh Governor: Mangubhai C. Patel;
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.
- Sri Lanka Prime Minister: Mahinda Rajapaksa; Sri Lanka President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- Ecuador Capital: Quito;
- Ecuador Currency: United States Dollar.
- Prime Minister of Barbados: Mia Mottley;
- Barbados Capital: Bridgetown;
- Barbados Currency: Barbados Dollar;
- Barbados Continent: North America.
- NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015;
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi;
- NITI Aayog Chairperson: Narendra Modi;
- NITI Aayog CEO: Amitabh Kant.
- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- Karur Vysya Bank Establishment: 1916;
- Karur Vysya Bank Headquarters: Karur, Tamil Nadu;
- Karur Vysya Bank MD & CEO: B. Ramesh Babu;
- Karur Vysya Bank Tagline: Smart Way to Bank.
- Standard Chartered Bank CEO: Bill Winters;
- Standard Chartered Bank Founded: 1969, London, United Kingdom.
- National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe;
- National Payments Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- National Payments Corporation of India Founded: 2008.

- Chairman of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd: Vijay Shekhar Sharma;
- MD and CEO of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd: Satish Kumar Gupta;
- Paytm Payments Bank Ltd Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India Founder: Parliament of India;
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India Founded: 1 October 2016.
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangalore;
- Karnataka Bank Founded: 18 February 1924.
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Axis Bank Founded: 3 December 1993, Ahmedabad.
- Indian Weightlifting Federation Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Association of Mutual Funds in India Founded: 22 August 1995;
- Association of Mutual Funds in India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Sports Authority of India Founded: 1984.
- National Security Guard Headquarters: New Delhi;
- DG of National Security Guard: M A Ganapathy;
- The motto of the National Security Guard: Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha.
- Confederation of Indian Industry President: T. V. Narendran;
- Confederation of Indian Industry Founded: 1895;
- Confederation of Indian Industry Director-General: Chandrajit Banerjee;
- Confederation of Indian Industry Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- WHO Established: 7 April 1948;
- WHO Director General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- International Osteoporosis Foundation Headquarters location: Nyon, Switzerland;
- International Osteoporosis Foundation President: Cyrus Cooper;
- International Osteoporosis Foundation Founded: 1998.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Nations Statistical Commission Founded: 1947; • United Nations Statistical Commission Parent organization: United Nations Economic and Social Council; • United Nations Statistical Commission Chair: Shigeru Kawasaki (Japan). • ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates; • ICC Founded: 15 June 1909; • ICC Deputy Chairman: Imran Khwaja; • ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay; • UNICEF Headquarters: New York, United States of America; • UNICEF Executive Director: Henrietta H. Fore; • UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946. • Badminton World Federation Founded: 5 July 1934; • Badminton World Federation President: Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen; • Badminton World Federation Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. • IndiaFirst Life MD & CEO: M. Vishakha; • IndiaFirst Life Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; • IndiaFirst Life Founded: 16 November 2009. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of NABARD: G R Chintala; • NABARD Founded: 12 July 1982; • NABARD Headquarters: Mumbai. • International Space Station Launch date: 20 November 1998. • NASA administrator: Bill Nelson. • Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States. • NASA Founded: 1 October 1958. • China Capital: Beijing; • China Currency: Renminbi; • China President: Xi Jinping. |
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