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Government launched 7th edition of Swachh Survekshan (SS); Theme- 'People First'



Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has launched the 7th consecutive edition of Swachh Survekshan (SS) with 'People First' as its driving philosophy. Swachh Survekshan is the world's largest urban cleanliness survey and is conducted by Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U).

The launch of the 7th edition i.e. Swachh Survekshan 2022 was done by **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in New Delhi. A revamped version of the **Swachhata App**, the digital sanitation grievance redressal platform by MoHUA introduced in 2016 was also launched by the minister.

PM Narendra Modi chairs 38th PRAGATI Meeting



Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** chaired the 38th PRAGATI meeting on September 29, 2021 to review multiple projects, grievances and programmes of central and state government. PRAGATI stands for **Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation**. In the meeting **eight projects** were taken for review having a cumulative cost of around **Rs 50,000 crore**. 297 projects worth Rs. 14.39 lakh crore have been reviewed so far in the previous 37 PRAGATI meetings.

Padmaja Chundururu appointed MD, CEO of NSDL



Padmaja Chundururu has been appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of **National Securities Depositories (NSDL)**. She has replaced **GV Nageswara Rao** as the MD & CEO of NSDL. In **India, there are two depositories** namely National Securities Depositories Ltd (NSDL) and Central Securities Depositories Ltd (CDSL). Both the depositories hold our financial securities.

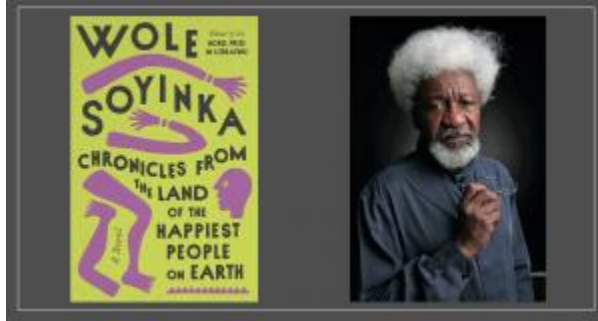
Mukesh Ambani tops Hurun India Rich List 2021 for 10th straight year

The Reliance Industries' Chairman **Mukesh Ambani** has topped the **IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List** for the **10th consecutive year**. In 2021, his total net worth was recorded at Rs 7,18,000 crore. Meanwhile, Adani Group Chairman **Gautam Adani** is at second spot with net worth of Rs. 5,05,900 crore. **Shiv Nadar & family** of HCL technologies are third in the list with net worth of Rs 2,36,600 crore. The Hurun India Rich list 2021 has named the richest individuals in the country with a wealth of Rs 1,000 crore or more as on September 15, 2021. **The Hurun India Rich List 2021**, features as many as 1,007 individuals across 119 cities with net worth of Rs 1,000 crore.

Novel 'Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth' by Wole Soyinka released

A novel titled "**Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth**" authored by **Wole Soyinka** has been released. **Wole Soyinka** is **Africa's first Nobel laureate in Literature**. He wrote his last novel "Season of Anomy" in 1973. He is from Nigeria.

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Tokyo Olympic bronze medalist Rupinder Pal Singh announces retirement from international hockey



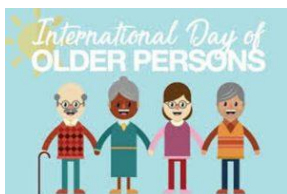
The Olympic bronze medal-winning Indian hockey player **Rupinder Pal Singh** has announced his retirement from **international hockey** with immediate effect on September 30, 2021 to make way for young and talented players. The 30-year-old Rupinder represented Indian hockey team in 223 matches in his 13 years hockey career. Rupinder was part of the Indian hockey team that won **bronze medal in the 2020 Summer Tokyo Olympics**, held in July – August 2021.

World Maritime Day 2021: 30 September (Last Thursday of September)



Every year the International Maritime Organization (IMO) observes **World Maritime Day** to celebrate the international maritime industry's contribution towards the world's economy, especially in shipping. The exact date is left to individual Governments but it is usually celebrated on the **last Thursday of September month**. In 2021, World Maritime Day was observed on **September 30, 2021**. The 2021 theme for WMD is **"Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future."**

International Day of Older Persons: 01 October



The **International Day of Older Persons** is observed each year on **1st October** since 1991. The day aims to raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse, and appreciate the contributions that older people make to society. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the day on December 14, 1990. **Theme 2021: Digital Equity for All Ages**

World Vegetarian Day: 01 October

World Vegetarian Day is observed annually on **October 1** globally to raise awareness about the ethical, environmental, health, and humanitarian benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle. The day was initiated by the **North American Vegetarian Society in Scotland in 1977** during the World Vegetarian Congress. The full week between **October 1–7** is observed as the **International Vegetarian Week (IVW)**.

International Coffee Day: 01 October



International Coffee Day is celebrated on **October 01** every year to celebrate millions of people across the world who do hard work to create and serve the beverage in the consumable form such as farmers, roasters, baristas, and coffee shop owners etc. The first ICD was launched in 2015 by the **International Coffee Organization** in Milan.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the second phase of the two flagship missions, namely, **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U)** and **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)** on October 01, 2021, from Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. The SBM-U 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 have been designed to realise the aspiration of making all cities ‘garbage free’ and ‘water secure’.

Outlay of the missions

- The outlay of SBM-U 2.0 is around Rs 1.41 lakh crore.
- The outlay of AMRUT 2.0 is around Rs 2.87 lakh crore

Kiren Rijju Inaugurates India’s First Sports Arbitration Centre in Ahmedabad



The Union Minister of Law and Justice, Shri **Kiren Rijju** has inaugurated the first **Sports Arbitration Centre of India** at **Ahmedabad in Gujarat**. This Sports Arbitration Centre of India (SACI) will serve as an independent body to fast track disputes in the sports sector and serve as a mechanism to redress issues related to sports. The SACI will be promoted by **Ahmedabad-based SE TransStadia Pvt Ltd.** and all legal backing will be provided by the Ministry of Law and Justice.

Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari takes over as “The Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)”



The Air Chief Marshal **Vivek Ram Chaudhari** assumed charge as the new **“The Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)”** on September 30, 2021. He is the **27th CAS**. He succeeds Air Chief Marshal **Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria**. Prior to this appointment he served as the 45th Vice Chief of the Air Staff since July 01, 2021, succeeding Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora. Meanwhile, **Air Marshal Sandeep Singh** has been appointed as the new and **46th Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS)** of the Indian Air Force (IAF) with effect from October 01, 2021.

Shiv Nadar, Mallika Srinivasan to be awarded 2021 Global Leadership Award

The **US India Business Council (USIBC)** has chosen **Shiv Nadar and Mallika Srinivasan** as the recipient of its **2021 Global Leadership Award**. **Shiv Nadar** is the founder and chairman emeritus of **HCL Technologies Limited**. **Mallika Srinivasan** is the chair and managing director, **Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE)**. Both will be honoured at the **2021 India Ideas Summit** to be held on October 6-7, 2021. **Nisha Desai Biswal is the President of USIBC.**

Indian Organisation LIFE among 4 to receive 2021 Right Livelihood Award (Sweden’s Alternative Nobel)

Delhi-based environmental organisation **“Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)”** has been felicitated with the **2021 Right Livelihood Award**, an international honour, also known as **Sweden’s alternative Nobel Prize**. The Award was established in 1980 by

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Right Livelihood AWARD 2021

German-Swedish philanthropist Jakob von Uexkull to “honour and support those who offer practical and exemplary contribution in such fields as environmental protection, human rights, sustainable development, health, education, which are not included in Nobel Prize list.

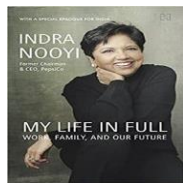
LIFE has been selected for the award for its “grassroots approach of empowering vulnerable communities to protect their livelihoods and claim their right to a clean environment.”

The Right Livelihood Award comes with a cash prize of 1 million Swedish crowns (\$115,000) and long-term support to highlight and expand Laureates’

Apart from this, three other three awardees who were also honored include:

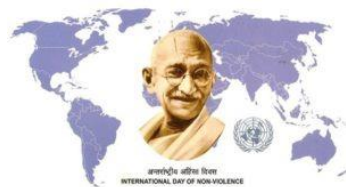
1. Cameroonian women rights activist Marthe Wandou
2. Russian environmental activist Vladimir Sliviyak
3. Canadian Indigenous rights defender Freda Huson

Indra Nooyi launches her memoir “My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future”



Indra Nooyi, the former CEO of PepsiCo, has come out with her memoir titled “**My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future**”. The book has been published by Hachette India. The book is all about the journey of Nooyi’s life from a middle-class girl from Chennai to becoming the global chief executive of PepsiCo in 2006, and her success in the corporate world.

International Day of Non-Violence: 02 October



Every year, **02 October** is celebrated as the **International Day of Non-Violence**, to mark the **birth anniversary** of the Father of the Nation, **Mahatma Gandhi**. This day is referred to as *Gandhi Jayanti in India*. On 15 June 2007 the United Nations General Assembly, voted to establish 2 October as the International Day of Non-Violence. The day aims to “spread the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness. The year **2021 marks 152nd birth anniversary** of the global peace icon who was born on 2 October 1869, in Porbandar in Gujarat.

World’s largest Khadi National Flag hoisted in Leh, Ladakh

The world’s **largest national flag, made up of Khadi cloth**, has been installed in **Leh, Ladakh**, on the occasion of 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 02, 2021.

The Khadi national flag was inaugurated by Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur. The tricolor is **225-feet long and 150-feet wide**. It weighs around **1,000 kg**. The flag has been prepared by the 57 Engineer Regiment of the Indian Army.

Government Declares Chacha Chaudhary as official Mascot of ‘Namami Gange’ Mission

The iconic Indian comic book cartoon character, **Chacha Chaudhary**, whose brain works faster than a computer, has been declared as the official mascot for the centrally-sponsored **Namami Gange Programme**.

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An outlay of **Rs. 2.26 crore** has been dedicated to the project. The comics will initially be launched in **Hindi, English and Bengali languages**. The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has tied up with Diamond Toons, the publisher of the Chacha Chaudhary comics, to conceptualize, develop and distribute the new comics, e-comics and animated videos featuring the cartoon character. Chacha Chaudhary has been chosen to especially connect children with the

campaign of river cleanliness.

PM Modi launches Jal Jeevan Mission App and Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi virtually launched the **Jal Jeevan Mission App** and **Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh**, on October 02, 2021, as a part of the flagship Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), launched in 2019. The Jal Jeevan Mission App has been launched to improve awareness among stakeholders and for greater transparency and accountability of schemes under the Mission. All details about the mission, including how many households received water, quality of water, among other things, will be available in one place on the mobile application. Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh (RJJK) will enable individual, institution, corporation, or philanthropist, either in India or abroad, to contribute/donate to provide tap water connection in every rural household, school, Anganwadi centre, ashram shala, and other public institutions. The RJJK has been launched as a registered public charitable trust, set up by department of drinking water and sanitation, under the ministry of Jal Shakti.

Union Minister Anurag Thakur launches month-long nationwide 'Clean India Programme' in October 2021

The **Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** has launched a **month-long Clean India Programme** from October 01 to 31, 2021, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration. The nation-wide cleanliness drive was inaugurated by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Thakur**, from Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology **Prayagraj** in Uttar Pradesh on October 01, 2021. The aim of the programme is to create awareness, mobilize people and ensure their involvement in cleaning waste mainly Single Use Plastic waste throughout the country. This cleanliness drive aims to propagate the mantra of **"Clean India: Safe India"**. The initiative is seen to be the largest cleanliness drive of the world in which over 75 lakh tonnes of waste, mainly plastic waste, from different parts of the country will be collected and processed in a 'Waste to Wealth' model.

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organises VAYO NAMAN Programme for senior citizens

To mark the occasion of International Day of Older Persons, the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** organised **VAYO NAMAN Programme** in New Delhi on October 01, 2021. The Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu presented Vayoshreshtha Samman-2021 to senior citizens as a part of the occasion and dedicated Elderly Line 14567 to the Nation. Shri M. Venkaiah also launched two portals of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, namely **SAGE (Seniorcare Aging Growth Engine)** and **SACRED (Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity)**. The SAGE portal aims to encourage entrepreneurs and start-ups in the area of elderly care. The portal will act as a "one-stop access" of elderly care products and services.

- The SACRED portal will connect the senior citizens with job providers in the private sector.

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Union Minister Amit Shah flags off 'Sudarshan Bharat Parikrama' car rally of NSG from Red Fort

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah flagged off All India Car Rally 'Sudarshan Bharat Parikrama' of the National Security Guard (NSG) on October 02, 2021, as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', to celebrate 75th years of India's Independence. The NSG's car rally was flagged off from the historic Red Fort in Delhi. It will end on October 30, 2021 at the Police Memorial in New Delhi. The month long campaign will cover 7,500 kms long journey through 18 cities in 12 states, passing through important and historical places associated with the Freedom Movement and Freedom Fighters of the country. The rally has been organized under the aegis of the Union Home Ministry.

DAY-NRLM dedicates 50,000 Women SHG members as Business Correspondents to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development is commemorating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav from September 24 to 30, 2021. As a part of the celebration, DAY-NRLM has launched an initiative named "One GP one B C Sakhi" mission, under which 50,000 women SHG members are dedicated to the nation as Business Correspondents (BC) Sakhi in the rural areas for providing basic banking services in the rural areas of the country, for a week. These BC Sakhi will provide doorstep services in every Gram Panchayat (GP). It is proposed that at least one B C Sakhi will be deployed in the rural areas by the end of 2023-24.

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath names Kangana Ranaut as Brand Ambassador for its "One District-One Product" Scheme

The Uttar Pradesh government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has named veteran Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut as the brand ambassador of the ambitious "One District One Product (ODOP) scheme" of the state. The UP government has launched the one district-one product (ODOP) programme with the aim to create product-specific traditional industrial hubs across 75 districts of the state. The scheme encourage such indigenous and specialized products and crafts of UP that are not found anywhere else.

AIIB approves \$356 mn loan for Phase II of Chennai Metro Rail



The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a loan worth US \$356.67 million to support the expansion of Chennai Metro Rail (CMRL). The fund will be used for the construction of a new metro corridor as part of CMRL's Phase-II development project. With this investment, the Beijing-based financial institution's total financing in India for various projects has reached to \$6.7 billion, making India its largest beneficiary, in terms of getting approvals for many projects. AIIB has approved funding for 28 projects in India, with the energy and transport sectors receiving the highest amount of AIIB's financing.

8th India-Sri Lanka Joint Exercise – Mitra Shakti 21

The 8th edition of the India – Sri Lanka bilateral joint Exercise "Mitra Shakti-21" is scheduled to take place at Combat Training School, Ampara in Sri Lanka from October 4 to 15, 2021.

The aim of the exercise is to enhance inter-operability and sharing best practices in counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations between Armies of both countries and further strengthen the relationship between both the South Asian Nations.

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The 7th Edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti was held in 2019, at Foreign Training Node (FTN), Pune, Maharashtra.



Birendra Lakra and SV Sunil announces retirement from International Hockey

S V Sunil, the veteran forward and star striker of India men's field hockey team and Olympic bronze medal-winning Indian hockey star defender **Birendra Lakra** have announced their retirement from **international hockey**. The 31-year-old Lakra was part of bronze medal-winning Indian side in the Tokyo Olympics 2020 as vice-captain. He has represented India in 197 games with 10 goals. The 32-year-old Sunil has scored 72 goals in 264 appearances for the national team.



67th National Wildlife Week : 02 to 08 October 2021

Ever year, the **Wildlife Week** is celebrated in India from **October 02 to 08**, to conserve and protect the fauna or animal life of the country. In 2021, we are celebrating **67th Wildlife Week**.

Wildlife Week was conceptualized in 1952 to raise awareness of safeguarding the lives of wildlife through critical action. Theme 2021- **“Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet”**.