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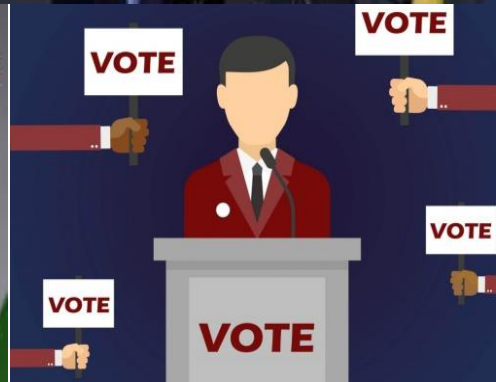


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DESH BIDESH



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PRINCIPAL DESK

It gives me immense pleasure to note that 'Desh Bidesh' an e- magazine from the Department of Political Science, Surendranath College will be published shortly.



'Desh Bidesh' is an important feature which highlights important national and international events in the year 2021.

This e- magazine will help in giving important insights into various issues regarding the current events in India and around the world.

I extend my best wishes to students who have contributed in this e- magazine. I also congratulate the Department of Political Science for their endeavor and wish 'Desh Bidesh' an immense success.

Dr. Indranil Kar

Principal

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FROM IQAC DESK

I am glad to know that after successful publication of the departmental e-magazine 'Rajniti', Department of Political Science, Surendranath College is going to publish another e- magazine 'Desh Bidesh', an annual round up of the political news in India and around the world.



I heartily congratulate all the faculty members and students of that department for their contribution and sincere efforts in publishing this wonderful issue and extend my best wishes to them.

Hope all the readers will enjoy going through this volume.

Happy reading to all!

Dr. Suchandra Chatterjee

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From The Faculty Desk

After the successful publication of the departmental e-magazine 'RAJNITI', our students have brought a new presentation in front of you- an annual news based e-magazine 'DESH-BIDESH'.

'DESH-BIDESH' is an endeavour of our students to remind us all the important news of 2021. Beside this it is a very rich source for national and international current affairs.

We are very grateful to our Principal Sir, IQAC Coordinator Ma'am for their inspiration. A special thanks to our respected colleagues and all the members of our college for their support; and our beloved students for their tireless efforts. We cordially request our readers to read the volume and give us your valuable feedback. Last but not the least on behalf of the department of Political Science we wish all of you a very happy, prosperous and healthy new year.



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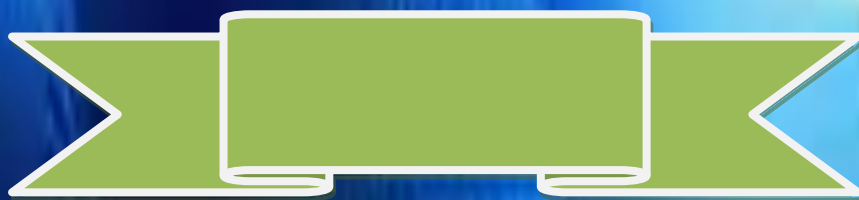


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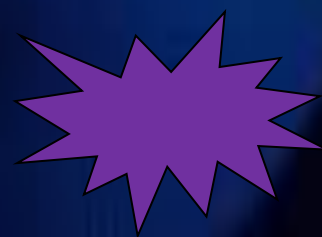
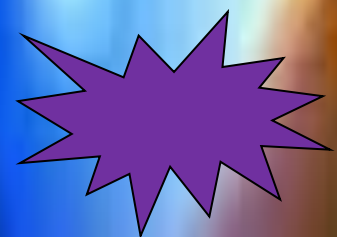


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NATIONAL NEWS



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January, 2021

- 1 January – India begins its two-year tenure (2021–22) as a non-permanent member of the UNSC.
- 2 January – India approves two coronavirus vaccines, Bharat Biotech's "Covaxin" and the Oxford/AstraZeneca "Covishield", for emergency use. Experts raised questions over the efficacy of Covaxin and a lack of transparency in trials.
- 3 January - Former Indian national cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly suffered a mild cardiac arrest. Social media criticism rose against Adani Wilmar Group's Fortune Edible Oil brand's healthy heart advertisement campaign of which Ganguly is a brand ambassador. The company pulled down the advertisements featuring Ganguly following the criticism and trolls.
- 4 January - Instant messaging app WhatsApp announced a new amendment in their privacy policies and data sharing norms. This led to massive outrage against the app and an exodus to alternative applications by users in India. The announcement that WhatsApp will share data with their parent company Facebook led to a surge in the user bases of applications like Signal.
- 12 January - The Supreme Court issues a stay order thereby suspending the implementation of the three new farm laws in the wake of the ongoing farmer protests.
- 14 January - Former NDTV journalist Nidhi Razdan announced that she fell prey to a serious phishing attack in 2020 that came as a job offer for a teaching position at Harvard University.
- 16 January -
 - The Indian Government begins a mass vaccination campaign for COVID-19. The vaccine for preventing COVID-19 is prepared by Bharat Biotech.
 - A 500-page transcript of WhatsApp chat between Arnab Goswami and former Broadcast Audience Research Council CEO Partho Dasgupta was leaked to media. The transcripts revealed that Arnab Goswami was privy to top secret information regarding 2019 Balakot airstrike and 2019 Pulwama attack. It also carried derogatory remarks made by Arnab Goswami on political activists, opposition

leaders, media persons like Navika Kumar, celebrity like Kangana Ranaut etc.

➤ 21 January

- Five people are killed in a fire at the Serum Institute of India Building, Pune.
- 2021 Shivamogga explosion

➤ 24 January - Believing in the superstition of rebirth, a couple in Madanapalle, Andhra Pradesh murdered their two daughters.

➤ 26 January - The 72nd Republic Day Parade took place in New Delhi. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, no foreign head of state served as the chief guest. The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Boris Johnson, cancelled his appearance due to the pandemic.^[19] The event took place with a smaller spectator size than usual and there were an air show by Rafale jets. A massive tractor rally took place in Delhi as part of the farmers' protest against new farm bills. There was ensuing violence and a serious law and order situation that followed the rally, and the Delhi Police alleged that an illegal flag hoisting took place at Red Fort by Deep Sidhu. There were massive crack down by security agencies on farmers, journalists, etc. followed by internet shutdowns in Delhi.



February, 2021

- 7 February - 2021 Uttarakhand flood.
- 13 February - A 6.3 magnitude earthquake occurred in Tajikistan. Tremors were felt in parts of North India, including Delhi.
- 14 February - A 22 year old Indian environmentalist from Bangalore, Disha Ravi, was arrested by the Delhi Police on sedition charges. The police alleged that Ravi edited and circulated a document (toolkit) tweeted by Greta Thunberg relating to the 2020–2021 Indian farmers' protest.
- 23 February - A Delhi court granted bail to Disha Ravi, citing the toolkit she shared as 'innocuous'.
- 24 February - The Motera cricket stadium in Ahmedabad was renamed as Narendra Modi Stadium. It is the world largest cricket stadium with a seating capacity of 132,000.



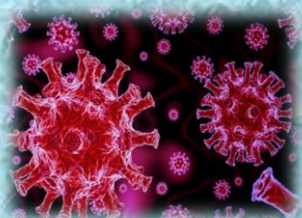
March, 2021

- 20 March - Dattatreya Hosabale is elected as the General Secretary of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.
- 26 March - 2021 Mumbai hospital fire.



April, 2021

- 1 April - The Gujarat Assembly amends the Freedom of Religion Act, 2003, bringing in stringent provisions against forcible conversion through marriage or allurement, with the intention of targeting "love jihad". Gujarat became the 3rd state to do so, after Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh passed similar bills in 2020.
- 3 April - 2021 Sukma-Bijapur attack.
- 8 April - A French online journal Mediapart came out with an investigative journalism piece on the Rafale deal controversy, based on an investigation by the French anti-corruption agency Agence Francaise Anticorruption (AFA). In the report, Mediapart alleged that the jet manufacturer had paid nearly one million Euros to an Indian middleman.
- 15 April - Adani Ports & SEZ removed from S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices due to links and shared financial interests that group have with Tatmadaw that carried out 2021 Myanmar coup d'état.
- 23 April -
 - Virar hospital fire.
 - A viral video emerged from Madhya Pradesh's Vidisha, showing a dead body falling off a running ambulance draws criticism.
- 24 April - 25 Covid-19 patients die in Jaipur Golden Hospital, Delhi after the hospital runs out of their oxygen supply.
- 27 April - The total number of deaths due to Covid-19 in the country cross 2 lakh. However, this is the official figure, with gross amounts of under-reporting suspected.
- 28 April - 2021 Assam earthquake.
- 29 April - A Supreme Court of India bench presided by Justice Uday U. Lalit refused a Central Bureau of Investigation probe on the controversial death of Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Kalikho Pul.
- 30 April - A Special Bench of Justices Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud, L. Nageswara Rao and Shripathi Ravindra Bhat warned State governments and police against clamping down on the spread of information or calls for help through social media from citizens affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in India. The bench also questioned *lack of equity* in vaccine pricing in India.

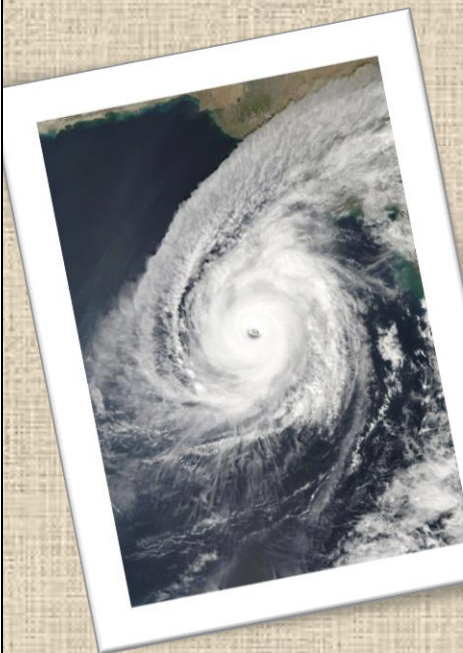


May, 2021

- 1 May -Bharuch hospital fire.
- 2 May - In a joint statement, opposition party leaders asked the Union government to focus all its attention on ensuring uninterrupted oxygen supply to hospitals across the country.
- 4 May -
 - Twitter permanently suspends the account of Kangana Ranaut for hateful posts about the post poll violence in West Bengal.
 - Delhi High Court issues show cause notice for contempt of court to Government of India on grounds of not meeting court's direction to supply requisite Oxygen for hospitals in Delhi.
- 5 May - Supreme Court of India strikes down the Maharashtra State *Reservation for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, 2018* which extends reservation to the Maratha community in public education and employment and upheld the Indra Sawhney & Others v. Union of India verdict and One Hundred and Second Amendment of the Constitution of India.
- 6 May - Union Minister V. Muraleedharan's convoy attacked at West Bengal.
- 10 May - Nearly 150 decomposed and bloated Human Dead bodies were found floating in River Ganges at Chausa, Buxar district, Bihar. It is believed that these bodies belonged to under-reported death cases of COVID-19 pandemic from neighboring state of Uttar Pradesh.
- 12 May -
 - Thousands of dead bodies are found floating or washing up the shore of the river Ganges. The corpses also include people that died due to Covid-19.
 - In a joint letter to Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, twelve opposition parties urged the government to start a free universal mass vaccination program in India. The letter also urged Modi to repeal the farm bills, scrap the Central Vista Redevelopment Project and provide food grains to people.
- 17 May -
 - Cyclone Tauktae hits India, resulting in at least 90 deaths.
 - More than 70 people die due to the capsizing of two barges, P-305 and Gal Contractor, housing crew involved in works at the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's Mumbai High Field. The accident happened because the barge contractor ignored Cyclone Tauktae warnings issued by the India Meteorological Department.
- 21 May

- It was reported that Air India was subjected to a cyberattack whereas the personal details of about 4.5 million customers around the world were compromised, including passports, credit card details, birth dates, names and ticket information.
- 13 Maoists killed in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra in an operation carried out by C-60 commandos.

- 23 May - Fugitive Indian diamond trader Mehul Choksi, who committed the Punjab National Bank Scam, is arrested in Dominica.
- 25 May - Protests in Lakshadweep against Union territory administrator Praful Khoda Patel by the Save Lakshadweep campaign intensified following controversial decisions and laws passed by Patel. His decision to shut all dairy farms on the island, ban beef on the Muslim majority island, remove non-vegetarian food items from Midday Meals provided in schools, implement the Goonda act (Anti-social Activities Regulation Bill, 2021) in islands with 'zero criminal cases' to crack down dissent against the Citizenship Amendment Act, shift the islands logistics from Cochin Port and Beypore port to New Mangalore Port, violation of COVID-19 protocols etc. raised sentiments against the administrator on the island.
- 26 May - Very Severe Cyclonic Storm Yaas affects Odisha and West Bengal.
- 28 May - Lakshadweep administration issues an order to deploy govt. officials in fishing boats. The decision invited huge outcry and criticism.
- 29 May - An audio clip of a telephone conversation between social activist H.M. Santhosh and staff of A.V. Hospital Basavanagudi surfaces in the media. In light of the audio clip, the Karnataka Congress alleged a "vaccine selling scam" against L. A. Ravi Subramanya, Member of the Legislative Assembly from Basavanagudi (Vidhana Sabha constituency) who is the uncle of Tejasvi Surya.
- 31 May - West Bengal Chief secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay, who was trapped in an appointment tussle between the Union government and the Government of West Bengal, resigned.



June, 2021

➤ 1 June -

- Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal was admitted to AIIMS, Delhi due to post-Covid complications.
- Amul vice chairman Valamji R Humbal urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ban Non-governmental organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in India alleging conspiracy following remarks made by PETA to promote Milk substitute in country.

➤ 4 June - Delhi High Court dismissed a lawsuit filed by Juhi Chawla against setting up of 5G Cellular network in India and imposed a Rs. 20 Lakh fine for abusing the process of law.

➤ 7 June - June 2021 Pune fire.

➤ 11 June - Media reports that Government of India may not allow 4 Kerala women who have joined Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant – Khorasan Province to return to India.

➤ 13 June - Aam Aadmi Party Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Sanjay Singh and Pawan Pandey from Samajwadi Party alleged that there were financial irregularities that occurred in the purchase of land for the Ram Mandir, Ayodhya by Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. The politicians alleged that on March 18, 2021, the trust purchased two different plots on same day at two different rates; one transaction appeared manipulated and intended to divert funds.

➤ 14 June - Following a tweet by Journalist Sucheta Dalal made on June 12 and decision by National Securities Depository Limited to freeze three Foreign portfolio investment funds based in Port Louis, Mauritius shares of Adani Group companies fell by 5 - 25%.

➤ 17 June -

- Student activists from Pinjra Tod Natasha Narwal and Devangana Kalita, along with Asif Iqbal Tanha from Jamia Millia Islamia were released from Tihar Jail on Thursday, hours after a trial court ordered their immediate release. They were in custody since May 2020, in relation to a case related to the violence in 2020 Delhi riots following the Citizenship Amendment Act protests. The trial court order came because the activists who were granted bail by Delhi High Court on June 15 were not released even after 36 hours.
- Press Trust of India reports on the basis of data compiled from Swiss National Bank that, funds parked by Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks rose to a 13 year high of 2.55 billion Swiss franc (over Rs 20,700 crore INR) in 2020. Interestingly amidst this spike, customer account deposits witnessed a dip

while money deposited through bonds, securities and other financial instruments rose sharply.

➤ 22 June

- A meeting of opposition leaders under the banner of *Rashtra Manch (National Forum)* met in the residence of Sharad Pawar in Delhi. The group put forward an alternate vision of anti - BJP third front in India for 2021 elections in India. There were leaders from All India Trinamool Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, Rashtriya Lok Dal, Nationalist Congress Party who were present in the event. There were no leaders from Indian National Congress, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam or Communist Party of India (Marxist). The veteran BJP leader and Trinamool leader Yashwant Sinha who was present in the event said that Manch will remain as a non political action group for the moment. The meeting of leaders took place after meetings between Prashant Kishor and Sharad Pawar earlier this month.
- Kerala High Court issued an interim stay on two controversial orders of Lakshadweep administration on Animal husbandry (closure of dairy farms) and Midday Meal Scheme (exclusion of Non-vegetarian items from menu).

➤ 23 June - Enforcement Directorate transferred assets worth ₹8,441.50 crore to public sector banks. The banks suffered losses to the tune of ₹22,585.83 crore due to frauds committed by Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi. Thus the total assets transferred to the bank worth Rs 9,041.5 crore, representing 40% of the total loss to the banks. The total attachments and assets seized by Enforcement Directorate amounts to Rs 18,170.02 crore which included assets of Rs 969 crore located in foreign countries. The quantum of the attached and seized assets represents 80.45% of the total bank loss of Rs. 22,585.83 crore.

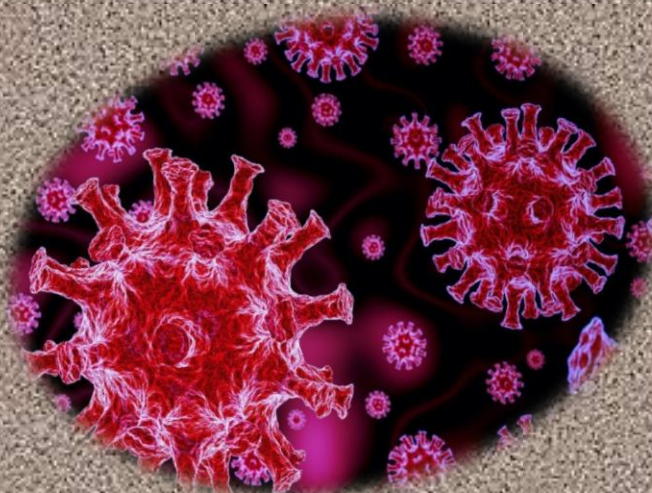
➤ 24 June - Narendra Modi and Amit Shah meets political leaders from Jammu and Kashmir all main leaders from People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration attended the meeting. PM Modi gives signals regarding elections and restoration of statehood.

➤ 25 June

- M. C. Josephine, Kerala Women's Commission chairperson, resigned following public backlash on her remarks to a woman complaining of domestic violence on June 23 in a live TV show telecasted on Manorama News.
- Kerala High Court issued Anticipatory bail to Lakshadweep based film maker, Aisha Sultana, against whom sedition charges were imposed on 10 June following a remark made by her against Union territory administrator Praful Khoda Patel, by calling him 'Bio weapon' in a news debate that happened in a Malayalam news channel, MediaOne TV.

➤ 27 June - European Union excludes anti-COVID-19 vaccine Covishield from 'Green Pass' list.

- 28 June - Qatar's Special Envoy of the State of Qatar for Counterterrorism and Mediation of Conflict Resolution, Mutlaq bin Majed Al Qahtani made a statement in a web conference that Indian officials have entered into talks with Taliban political leadership based in Doha.



July, 2021

- 1 July - Nine European countries which includes Switzerland, Estonia and 7 European Union member states such as Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Greece, Iceland, Ireland & Spain have given recognition to the Covishield vaccine produced by the Serum Institute of India as EU started 'Green Pass' facility. In the meantime EU member Germany however has a travel ban in place for Indians as India has been recognized as a "virus variant country".
- 4 July - Pushkar Singh Dhami is elected as the 11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. He is the youngest chief Minister of the state and is the third chief Minister within the 4th Uttarakhand Assembly.
- 5 July - Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist, Stan Swamy who was arrested in connection with 2018 Bhima Koregaon violence in October 2020, died in custody at Mumbai. He was the oldest political prisoner in India.
- 6 July - Government of India creates new ministry named Ministry of Co-operation to strengthen the Cooperative movement in India.
- 7 July - massive reshuffle in the Union Council of Ministers of Second Modi ministry. Twelve existing ministers including Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad, Prakash Javadekar, D. V. Sadananda Gowda resigns. There are 43 new faces inducted into the ministry including Ashwini Vaishnaw, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Sarbananda Sonowal etc. There was elevation in ranks to few existing ministers such as Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Kiren Rijiju, Anurag Thakur etc.
- 8 July - violence erupts in 12 districts of Uttar Pradesh during filing of the nominations for elections to Panchayat Samiti (Kshethra Panchayats). A video of a woman Samajwadi Party member being assaulted in Lakhimpur Kheri district becomes viral in social media and invited criticism.
- 9 July - External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar handed over a relic belonging to Ketevan the Martyr, a royal from the 17th-century, that was preserved in Church of St. Augustine, Goa to the Government of Georgia as part of his two-day visit to the country.
- 11 July - An unconfirmed report in a Tamil daily about the Union government's plan to divide Tamil Nadu and create Kongu Nadu as a Union territory sparked row in Tamil Nadu. The report draw cue from a list of newly appointed ministers published by BJP, where L. Murugan, was mentioned as hailing from Kongu Nadu. All major political party except Bharatiya Janata Party denounced the idea of splitting Tamil Nadu.
- 14 July - The Supreme Court of India takes *suo moto* case on Uttar Pradesh's decision to go ahead with Kanwar Yatra despite apprehensions about a third wave of COVID-19 pandemic in India.

➤ 15 July - as part of hearings on Public interest litigation challenging the constitutional validity of Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code, Supreme Court of India expressed concern over its widespread misuse and lack of accountability of invoking sedition law. The court sought center's response regarding necessity to retain this colonial law.

➤ 18 July

- 2021 Mumbai landslide
- A leaked database of an Israeli surveillance technology firm NSO Group that sells a spyware called Pegasus (spyware) was accessed by a Paris-based media nonprofit Forbidden Stories and Amnesty International. The database contained data of government clients of Pegasus (spyware) since 2016. The non profit group worked on this data through an international collaborative journalism of 17 media groups from 10 countries including The Wire (India) , Le Monde, The Guardian, The Washington Post, Süddeutsche Zeitung etc. The Indian media partner in the group, The Wire reveals that the data contains more than 300 Indians who were under surveillance through Pegasus. This includes 40 journalists, opposition politicians, a supreme court judge, activists, two ministers of Modi ministry, an Election Commissioner etc. The prominent people who figured in Pegasus surveillance according to the data were Rahul Gandhi, Prashant Kishor, Ashok Lavasa, Ranjan Gogoi, Ashwini Vaishnaw etc. The Prime Minister's Office denied the allegations citing they are baseless and lack concrete evidence.

➤ 19 July - Raj Kundra, the spouse of Shilpa Shetty arrested by Mumbai Police on charges of making pornographic content and publishing it through mobile application named Hotshot.^[143]

➤ 20 July - In an answer to the Rajya Sabha, to an unstarred question raised by K. C. Venugopal, Bharati Pawar, Minister of State of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said, that there were no deaths due to lack of oxygen in India during the second wave.

➤ 22 July

- Income Tax Department conducted raids on Dainik Bhaskar media group.
- 2021 Maharashtra floods begin

➤ 23 July - Indian Food delivery company Zomato Initial public offering list in stock market at a premium of 53% over issue price.

➤ 24 July - Indian weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won Olympic silver medal in 2020 Summer Olympics held at Tokyo.

➤ 25 July - Ramappa Temple in Telangana gets UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.

➤ 26 July

- B. S. Yediyurappa resigns as chief minister of Karnataka.

- Almost five Assam Police personnel at Cachar district killed as a result of violent clashes between Mizoram Police and Assam Police along the state border following a border dispute.

➤ 28 July - Basavaraj Bommai, Lingayat leader and son of former chief minister S. R. Bommai takes oath as chief minister of Karnataka.



August, 2021

➤ 1 Aug -

- Indian player P. V. Sindhu won Olympic bronze medal in 2020 Summer Olympics held at Tokyo. Becoming the first women athlete and second athlete after Sushil Kumar to win two Olympic medals in Olympics for India.
- a 9 year old Dalit girl was allegedly raped by four men including a Hindu priest and crematorium workers on her way to fetch water. The girl's corpse was forcefully cremated at a crematorium in South West Delhi district by the miscreants.

➤ 4 Aug -

- Indian Boxer Lovlina Borgohain, won Olympic bronze medal in 2020 Summer Olympics held at Tokyo in Welterweight category.
- Indian Women Hockey team player Vandana Katariya's family was abused with caste slurs by upper caste men in Haridwar following the team losing game with Argentina.
- Flood like situation in Sindh River and Chambal River basin areas in Kota division, Rajasthan and North western Madhya Pradesh.
- Heavy rains combined with release of water from Maithon Dam, Damodar Valley Corporation results in floods in 300 villages in Hooghly district, West Bengal claiming 23 lives.

➤ 5 Aug -

- India men's national field hockey team won Olympic bronze medal in 2020 Summer Olympics held at Tokyo.
- Indian Wrestler, Ravi Kumar Dahiya won Olympic silver medal in 2020 Summer Olympics held at Tokyo.

➤ 6 Aug -

- Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award by Prime Minister of India.
- Indian Women Hockey team lost the bronze medal match against United Kingdom in 2020 Summer Olympics held at Tokyo.

- 7 Aug - Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra won Olympic gold medal in Javelin throw and Indian Wrestler Bajrang Punia won Olympic

bronze medal in 2020 Summer Olympics held at Tokyo and India made its highest medal tally in an Olympics with 7 medals.

➤ 10 Aug - Lok Sabha passes the 127th Constitutional amendment bill, which restores states power to make their own Other Backward Class lists and reverses Supreme Court of India's May 5, 2021 verdict on Maratha quota.

➤ 11 Aug -

- Twitter locked official page of Indian National Congress and its five major leaders such as Ajay Maken, Randeep Surjewala etc. following the gag on Rahul Gandhi's official handle.
- The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha ended their monsoon sessions sine die ahead of the scheduled date. There was rumpus in Rajya Sabha between Members of Parliament and marshals following oppositions protests for passing key bills such as General Insurance bill without debate or discussion. The monsoon session was less productive with Lok Sabha working just 19% of its scheduled time and Rajya Sabha working 26%. The lack of consensus between opposition and ruling party resulted in passing of twenty crucial bills (law) without discussion and parliament evading discussion over important issues such as COVID-19 pandemic in India, farm laws, Pegasus (spyware), Ladakh etc.

➤ 21 Aug - All Tribal Students Union Manipur (ATSUM) calls for 24 hour shutdown in hill districts of Manipur for protesting against Manipur Legislative Assembly which did not bring Manipur (Hill areas) Autonomous District Council Bill, 2021 in its monsoon session.

➤ 23 Aug - Finance minister of India announced **National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)** to sell assets worth Rs. 6 trillion in next four years. This includes Indian Railways assets worth Rs. 1.52 trillion, National highways assets worth Rs. 1.6 trillion, power transmission assets worth Rs. 45,000 crores, warehousing assets worth Rs. 28,900 crores etc.

➤ 24 Aug - An MBA student from University of Mysore aged 23 years gang raped near Chamundi Hills, Mysore.

➤ 27 Aug - Bharatiya Janata Party politician and former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, La. Ganesan appointed as Governor of Manipur.

➤ 28 Aug -

- Haryana Police's baton charge on farmers who protested at Karnal in a BJP meeting venue as part of 2020–2021 Indian farmers' protest left ten protesters seriously injured. A video of SDM of district instructing police to break head of protesters invites criticism.
- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways introduced new **Bharat (BH) series vehicle registration** in India.

➤ 29 Aug - In 2020 Summer Paralympics held at Tokyo, Indian Parathlete Bhavina Patel won silver medal in Table tennis, N.K. Nishad Kumar won silver in High jump and V.K. Vinod Kumar won bronze medal in Discus throw.

➤ 30 Aug -

- In 2020 Summer Paralympics held at Tokyo, Indian Parathlete Avani Lekhara and Sumit Antil won gold medal in women's 10m air rifle standing and men's javelin throw (F64). Avani Lekhara became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Paralympics. In javelin throw F46 Devendra Jhajharia won silver medal and Sundar Singh Gurjar won bronze medal. IN F56 discus throw Yogesh Kathuniya won silver medal.
- V.K. Vinod Kumar stripped of bronze medal in F52 discus throw by a panel after he was found not meeting the Paralympics criteria.



September, 2021

➤ 11 Sept - Chief Minister of Gujarat, Vijay Rupani announces resignation from the post.

➤ 18 Sept -

- Sanjay Pugalia joins Adani Group to lead groups media initiatives.
- Amarinder Singh resigns as Chief Minister of Punjab (India).

➤ 19 Sept - Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has impounded two containers carrying about 2,988.22 kg of Heroin heading from Afghanistan at Mundra Port port in Gujarat. It is deemed as one of the largest drug seizures by an enforcement agency in world till date.

➤ 20 Sept -

- An eviction drive by Government of Assam as part of *Garukhuthi Project* at Sipajhar, Darrang district turns violent. The videos of policemen firing on unarmed persons and a government-appointed photographer attacking an injured person surfaces and invites criticism.
- Charanjit Singh Channi assumes office as List of chief ministers of Punjab. He is the first dalit chief minister of the state.



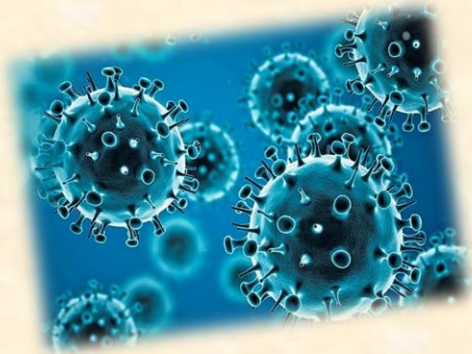
October, 2021

- 2 Oct - Eight people including Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan arrested by Narcotics Control Bureau following a drug bust and raid conducted on a cruise vessel named Cordelia chartered between Mumbai and Goa.
- 3 Oct - International Consortium of Investigative Journalists began publishing Pandora Papers and around 380 Indians named in the leaks and it includes Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Ambani, Satish Sharma, Niira Radia, Jackie Shroff, Jackie Shroff, Harish Salve, Nirav Modi-Purvi Modi etc.
- 4 Oct - In the Lakhimpur Kheri massacre, eight people including four farmers killed in Lakhimpur Kheri district as Union Minister Ajay Kumar Mishra's son's car runs over protesters who were part of 2020–2021 Indian farmers' protest.
- 8 Oct - Tata Group gets nod to acquire 100% stakes of Air India from Government of India through its subsidiary *Talace Private Ltd*, as part of Disinvestment of Public Sector Units in India.
- 10 Oct - Almost eight states in India expects power outage due to reduced stocks of Coal as fuel to power the thermal power stations.
- 16 Oct -
 - Indian men's football team wins eighth SAFF Championship by beating Nepal with 3–0 margin.
 - Flash floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in High Range area of Kerala causes 42 deaths and loss of property worth over ₹200 crores.
- 19 Oct - Heavy rains and landslides along Kumaon division of Uttarakhand claims at least 64 lives.
- 21 Oct - India breaches 1 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses administered mark.
- 26 Oct -
 - Central Bureau of Investigation arrests two retired Indian Navy officers in information leak case.
 - Tripura riots - A Mosque vandalised in North Tripura district of Tripura following a Vishva Hindu Parishad rally organized in protest of attacks against Hindus in Bangladesh during Durga Puja.
- 27 Oct - The Supreme Court of India orders to constitute an independent panel to make a comprehensive probe into Pegasus (spyware) snooping scandal.
- 29 Oct - Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation share prices made an unprecedented fluctuation. The share prices plunged 29% in the morning after Ministry of Railways asked IRCTC to share half of its convenience fee

collections. However, the stock registered recovery of all losses in the same day after Department of Investment and Public Asset Management announced roll back of this decision.

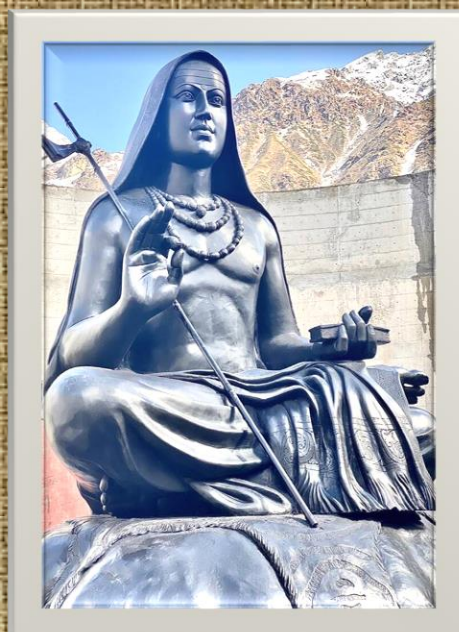
➤ 30 Oct -

- Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan released from Mumbai Central Prison after 22 days custody following bail order from Bombay High Court. The court cited in its order that there is no proof for alleged conspiracy charges that were filed against Aryan Khan.
- Malayalam cinema actor Bineesh Kodiyeri, who is also son of Kerala based Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Kodiyeri Balakrishnan who was jailed at Central Prison, Bangalore in October 2020 in connection with Prevention of Money Laundering Act violations and 2020 Bengaluru drug case released following bail order from Karnataka High Court.



November, 2021

- 5 Nov - PM Modi unveiled Adi Shankaracharya's statue in a temple of Shiva, Kedarnath, Uttarakhand. Which was previously destroyed in 2013 flash floods.
- 18 Nov - Share prices of Fintech company Paytm, which done India's biggest Initial public offering worth Rs. 18,300 crores fell by 27.4% on its day of listing thereby marking one of the biggest listing day loss in the history of Indian Stock market.
- 19 Nov -
 - In a televised address to the nation, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi apologized to the farmers and announces repealing of three Farm Bills following a year long farmers' protest in borders of Delhi.
 - Heavy rains and flash floods hit Rayalaseema claiming at least 29 lives.
- 24 Nov - The prices of Tomato breaches Rs.100 mark in many Indian states.



December, 2021

- **2 to 6 Dec** - Cyclone Jawad devastated the regions of Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Odisha.
- **4 Dec** - a special unit of the Indian Army mistakenly opens fire against civilians in Mon district of Nagaland and resultant clashes between civilian protestors and forces leaves 15 civilians and one soldier killed.
- **7 Dec** - A Catholic missionary school in the Central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh is attacked and vandalized by a mob of some 500 Hindu extremists, despite school authorities requesting police protection prior to the attack. School principal Brother Anthony Pynumkal told The Indian Express that the mob was armed with iron rods and stones, and chanted Jai Shri Ram while damaging school property.
- **8 Dec** - The Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat and 12 others are killed in a chopper crash near Coonoor, Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu.
- **9 Dec** - The 2020–2021 Indian farmers' protest called off as govt agrees to the demands of the farmers.
- **12 Dec** - India's Omicron tally jumps to 38 as Chandigarh, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh record their first cases of new variant.
- **22 Dec** - India has reported 213 Omicron Cases.
- **27 Dec** - The number of cases of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of Coronavirus stands at 578 in India.
- **29 Dec** - At least five more persons in West Bengal tested positive for Omicron on Wednesday, taking the total number of patients infected by the new variant of coronavirus in the state to 11, a senior health department official said.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS



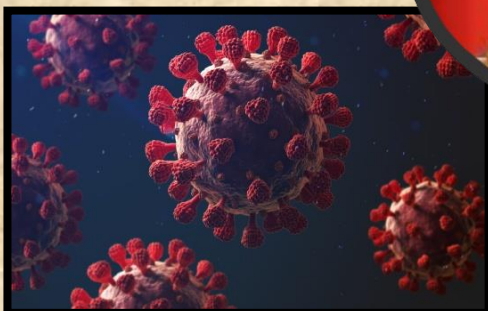
INTERNATIONAL NEWS



January, 2021

- **January 1** – The African Continental Free Trade Area comes into effect.
 - **January 4** - A British judge blocks the extradition of Julian Assange to the United States, while Mexico offers him political asylum. The border between Qatar and Saudi Arabia reopens.
 - **January 6** – Supporters of Donald Trump attack the United States Capitol, disrupting certification of the 2020 presidential election and forcing Congress to evacuate. Five people died during the riot, including a police officer and a woman who was shot and killed inside the Capitol building.^[9] The event is classified as a domestic terrorist attack and drew international condemnation.
 - **January 10** – Kim Jong-un is elected as the General Secretary of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea, inheriting the title from his father Kim Jong-il, who died in 2011.
 - **January 13** – In Lyon, France, the first transplant of both arms and shoulders is performed on an Icelandic patient at the Édouard Herriot Hospital.
 - **January 14** – The 2021 Ugandan general election is held.
 - **January 15** - The Lao People's Revolutionary Party elects Thongloun Sisoulith as its new General Secretary, replacing retiring chief Bounnhang Vorachith. Sisoulith is elected for a five-year term as top leader in Laos.
- COVID-19 pandemic: The global death toll from COVID-19 passes 2 million.

- **January 20** – Joe Biden is inaugurated as the 46th President of the United States.
- **January 22** – The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons, comes into effect.
- **January 24** – 2021 Portuguese presidential election: Incumbent president Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa is reelected.
- **January 26** – COVID-19 pandemic: The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases exceeds 100 million worldwide.
- **January 29** – COVID-19 pandemic: The European Union invokes Article 16 of the Northern Ireland Protocol following a row over COVID-19 vaccine supplies before reversing the decision.
- **January 31** – Nguyễn Phú Trọng is re-elected for a third five-year term as the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam.



February, 2021

➤ February 1

- A coup d'état in Myanmar removes Aung San Suu Kyi from power and restores military rule leading to widespread demonstrations across the country.
- Kosovo officially establishes diplomatic ties with Israel and announces plans to open an embassy in Jerusalem.
- COVID-19 pandemic: The number of vaccinations administered worldwide exceeds 100 million.

➤ February 4 – President Joe Biden announces that the United States will cease providing weapons to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for use in the Yemeni Civil War.

➤ February 9

- COVID-19 pandemic: A joint WHO–China investigation into the source of the outbreak concludes. Investigators deem a Wuhan laboratory leak to be "extremely unlikely", with a "natural reservoir" in bats being a more likely origin.
- The UAE's uncrewed *Hope* spacecraft becomes the first Arabian mission to successfully enter orbit around Mars.

➤ February 13–17 – A major winter storm kills at least 136 people and causes over 9.9 million power outages in the U.S.¹

➤ February 18 – NASA's Mars 2020 mission (containing the *Perseverance* rover and *Ingenuity* helicopter drone) lands on Mars at Jezero Crater, after seven months of travel.

➤ February 19 – The United States officially rejoins the Paris Agreement, 107 days after leaving.

➤ February 20 – 2020–21 H5N8 outbreaks: 7 people test positive for H5N8 bird flu at a poultry farm in southern Russia, becoming the first known human cases.

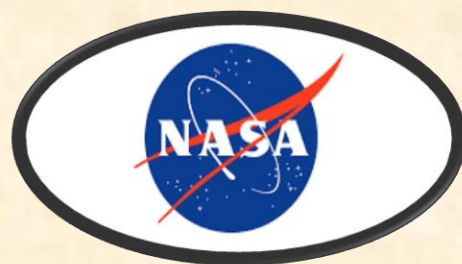
➤ February 22

- COVID-19 pandemic: The United States becomes the first country to surpass 500,000 deaths from the virus.
- Luca Attanasio, the Italian Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is murdered near Goma.

➤ February 24 – COVID-19 pandemic: the COVAX vaccine-sharing initiative delivers its first vaccines, delivering 600,000 doses for health-care workers in Ghana.

➤ February 25

- COVID-19 pandemic: The global death toll from COVID-19 surpasses 2.5 million.
- The Armenian military calls for prime minister Nikol Pashinyan to resign. Pashinyan accuses the military of attempting a coup d'état.

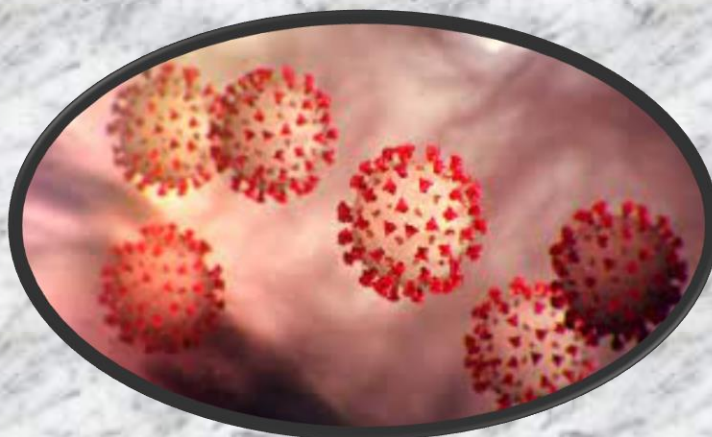
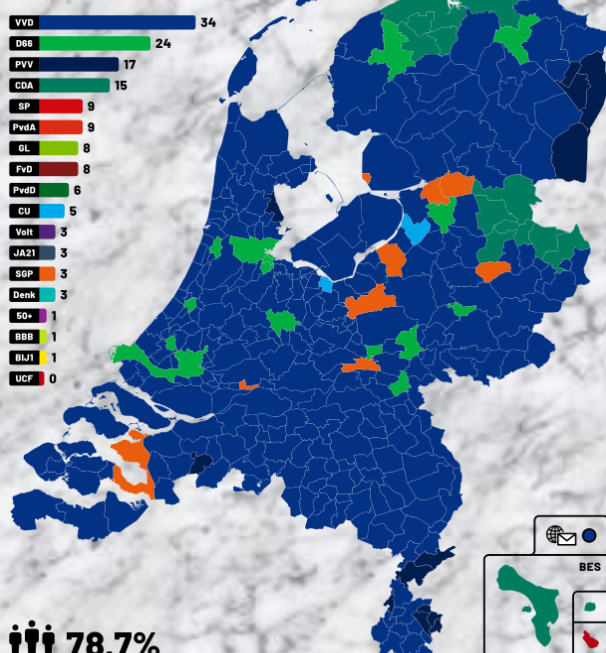


March, 2021

- **March 6** – Pope Francis meets with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani in Najaf, Iraq. It is the first ever meeting between a pope and a grand ayatollah.
- **March 17** – The Dutch general elections for the House of Representatives of the Netherlands take place.
- **March 19** – North Korea severs diplomatic ties with Malaysia due to its citizens being extradited to the United States to face money-laundering charges. Malaysian authorities order North Korean officials to leave the country in 48 hours.
- **March 20** – Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan announces his country's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, the first country to do so.
- **March 21** – Clashes in Apure between Colombian FARC dissidents and the Venezuelan Armed Forces cause at least eight casualties, as well as displacing 4,000 Venezuelans.
- **March 23**
 - The Israeli general elections take place, the fourth Knesset election in two years.
 - *Ever Given*, one of the largest container ships in the world, runs aground and obstructs the Suez Canal, disrupting global trade. The ship is freed on March 29.
- **March 25** – COVID-19 pandemic: The number of vaccinations administered worldwide exceeds 500 million.

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April, 2021

- **April 2** – Russia warns NATO against sending any troops to aid Ukraine, amid reports of a large Russian military build-up on its borders.

➤ **April 4**

- The 2021 Bulgarian parliamentary election takes place.
- More than 270 people are killed in Indonesia and East Timor after Cyclone Seroja strikes East Nusa Tenggara and the island of Timor.

- April 9 – Roscosmos launches the Soyuz MS-18 mission, carrying three Expedition 65 crewmembers to the International Space Station.

➤ **April 11**

- Peru holds a general election with Pedro Castillo and the left-wing Free Peru party winning an incredibly close election.
- Iran accuses Israel of "nuclear terrorism" and vows revenge after a large explosion destroys the internal power system of the Natanz uranium enrichment plant.
- Hideki Matsuyama wins the 2021 Masters Tournament, becoming the first man from Japan to win a major golf championship.

➤ **April 13**

- Japan's government approves the dumping of radioactive water of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant into the Pacific Ocean over the course of 30 years, with full support of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The decision is opposed by China, South Korea, and Taiwan.
- The Janssen COVID-19 vaccine is paused over causing rare blood clots.

- **April 15** – Scientists announce they successfully injected human stem cells into the embryos of monkeys, creating chimera-embryos.

➤ **April 17**

- COVID-19 pandemic: The global death toll from COVID-19 surpasses 3 million.
- The Czech government concludes that the Russian GRU was responsible for the blast of two ammo warehouses in Vrbětice in 2014. 18 Russian diplomats and alleged spies are subsequently expelled.
- The Soyuz MS-17 mission concludes, returning three crewmembers of Expedition 64 to Earth from the International Space Station.

➤ **April 18**

- Twelve football clubs, including three from La Liga and leading clubs from the Premier League and Serie A, agree to join a new breakaway European Super League, prompting international condemnation. Two days later, following major protests from supporters, other clubs and politicians, Manchester City withdraw from the league; this prompts all the remaining Premier League clubs and three others to do the same.
- The 2021 Cape Verdean parliamentary election takes place.

➤ **April 19**

- NASA's *Ingenuity* helicopter, part of the Mars 2020 mission, performs the first powered flight on another planet in history.

- Raúl Castro resigns as First Secretary of the Cuban Communist Party, ending more than 62 years of rule by the Castro brothers in Cuba.

➤ **April 20** – Idriss Déby, President of Chad, is killed in clashes with rebel forces after 30 years in office. The constitution is suspended and a Transitional Military Council is established to govern the country for 18 months.

➤ **April 21** – COVID-19 pandemic: With global case numbers approaching a second peak, India reports 315,000 infections within 24 hours, the highest one-day tally recorded anywhere in the world to date.

➤ **April 22** – World leaders mark Earth Day by hosting a virtual summit on climate change, during which more ambitious targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions are proposed, including a 40% cut by 2030 for the United States.



➤ **April 23**

- SpaceX launches the Crew-2 mission, carrying four crew members of Expedition 65 and 66 to the International Space Station aboard Crew Dragon *Endeavour*.
- UEFA announces that due to a lack of guarantees regarding spectators caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland would be removed as a tournament host for the UEFA Euro 2020.

➤ **April 24**

- Following an international search and rescue effort, the Indonesian navy reports the sinking of KRI *Nanggala* with 53 crew members, the largest loss of life aboard a submarine since 2003.
- COVID-19 pandemic: The number of vaccinations administered worldwide exceeds 1 billion. Half of these doses have been administered in just three countries (the United States, China and India).

➤ **April 25** – Albania holds parliamentary elections.

➤ **April 28**

- At least 55 people are killed and nearly 50,000 more are displaced in one of the most serious clashes in Central Asia following border disputes between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.
- The European Union approves the EU–UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement, governing the relationship between the EU and UK after Brexit.
- Protestors rally in major Colombian cities against increased taxes and healthcare reforms proposed by President Iván Duque Márquez, resulting in police violence and the deaths of dozens of protestors, which is condemned by the United Nations and Human Rights Watch.

➤ **April 29**

- COVID-19 pandemic: The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases exceeds 150 million worldwide.
- The China National Space Administration launches the first module of its *Tiangong* space station, named *Tianhe*, beginning a two-year effort to build the station in orbit.

➤ **April 30** – In Israel, 45 people are killed and another 150 injured in a crowd crush at a religious festival on Mount Meron.



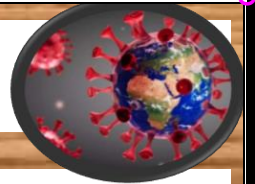
May, 2021

- **May 2** – The SpaceX Crew-1 mission ends, returning four crew members of Expedition 64 and 65 to Earth from the International Space Station aboard Crew Dragon *Resilience*.
- **May 5** – SpaceX successfully flies, lands, and recovers a Starship prototype for the first time, after four unsuccessful previous attempts.
- **May 7** – COVID-19 pandemic: The World Health Organization gives emergency use listing to the Sinopharm BIBP COVID-19 vaccine, the first non-Western vaccine to be authorized.
- **May 11** – 2021 Israel–Palestine crisis: Israel hits the Gaza Strip with airstrikes as Hamas increases rocket fire. This occurred after Israel began displacing Palestinians in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of East Jerusalem.
- **May 14** – The China National Space Administration lands its *Zhurong* rover at Utopia Planitia on Mars, making China the fourth country to land a spacecraft on the planet and only the second to land a rover.
- **May 15** – Fighting between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants continues to escalate, as the death toll exceeds 150. An Israeli airstrike destroys a high-rise office building in Gaza occupied by Associated Press, Al Jazeera, and other media outlets.
- **May 17** – Discovery, Inc. agrees to buy media conglomerate WarnerMedia and all of its subsidiaries, from AT&T for US\$43 billion. The merger is set to be complete the following year.
- **May 18–22** – The Eurovision Song Contest 2021 is held in Rotterdam, Netherlands, after the cancellation of the 2020 contest due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 contest is won by Italian entrants Måneskin with the song "Zitti e buoni".
- **May 20** – Following international pressure, and nearly 250+ deaths, Israel agrees to a ceasefire deal to end the conflict with Gaza militants, effective the next day at 2:00 AM local time.
- **May 23** – Ryanair Flight 4978 is forced to land by Belarusian authorities to detain dissident journalist Roman Protasevich.
- **May 24** – A coup d'état in Mali removes interim President Bah Ndaw and the acting Prime Minister, Moctar Ouane, from power and restores military rule leading to the country being suspended from the Economic Community of West African States and the African Union, as well as France suspending its military operations in the country.
- **May 26**
 - Shell becomes the first company to be legally mandated to align its carbon emissions with the Paris climate accord, following a landmark court ruling in the Netherlands.
 - The 2021 Syrian presidential election is held.
- **May 29** – Chelsea beats fellow English club Manchester City in the final 1–0 to win the UEFA Champions League for the second time.





June, 2021



- **June 1** – COVID-19 pandemic: The World Health Organization gives emergency use listing to the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine, the second non-Western vaccine to be authorized.
- **June 2** – The 2021 Israeli presidential election is held, and won by Isaac Herzog. In order to remove Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from power, Naftali Bennett agrees to form a coalition with the Israeli opposition as a rotation government that will come to take effect after eleven days.
- **June 5** – The G7 agrees on a global minimum corporate tax rate of 15% intended to prevent tax avoidance by some of the world's biggest multinationals.
- **June 7** – The *Juno* spacecraft performs its only flyby of Jupiter's moon Ganymede, the first flyby of the moon by any spacecraft in over 20 years.
- **June 9**

- The 2021 Mongolian presidential election is held.
- The Legislative Assembly of El Salvador passes legislation to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender in the country, becoming the first country to adopt the cryptocurrency alongside the U.S. dollar.



- **June 10** – An annular solar eclipse is visible from Canada, Greenland, the North Pole, and the Russian Far East.
- **June 11 – July 11** – The UEFA Euro 2020, hosted by 11 different countries, is held, and is won by Italy after beating England on penalties.
- **June 11 – June 13** – World leaders meet at the 47th G7 summit, hosted by the United Kingdom, with topics of discussion including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and the corporate taxation of multinationals.
- **June 13 – July 10** – The 2021 Copa América, hosted behind closed doors by Brazil, is held, and is won by Argentina.
- **June 13** – Benjamin Netanyahu, the longest-serving prime minister of Israel, is voted out of office; Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid are sworn in as Prime Minister of Israel and as Alternate Prime Minister of Israel, respectively.
- **June 14** – COVID-19 pandemic: Novavax announces 90.4% overall efficacy in its Phase 3 U.S. and Mexico trial.
- **June 17** – The China National Space Administration sends its first three astronauts to occupy the Tiangong Space Station, the country's first space station.
- **June 20**

- COVID-19 pandemic: Brazil becomes the second country to surpass half a million deaths from the virus.
- 2021 Armenian parliamentary election: Acting PM Nikol Pashinyan wins the country's snap election, with his Civil Contract party gaining 54% of the vote.

- **June 23** – 2021 ICC World Test Championship Final: New Zealand wins the 2019–2021 ICC World Test Championship.
- **June 24** – Surfside condominium collapse: A portion of the Champlain South Towers condominium building collapses in Surfside, Florida, and leaving 98 people dead. One survivor was pulled from the wreckage while 35 others were evacuated from the uncollapsed section of the building.
- **June 28** – Tigray War: The Tigray Defense Force seizes the Tigrayan capital Mekelle shortly after the Ethiopian government declares a ceasefire.

July, 2021

- **July 3** – Over 130 wildfires, fuelled by lightning strikes, burn through Western Canada following a record-breaking heatwave in North America that results in over 600 deaths.
- **July 5** – More than 1,000 Afghan soldiers flee to neighbouring Tajikistan after clashing with **Taliban militants**.
- **July 7** – Assassination of Jovenel Moïse: Haitian President Jovenel Moïse is shot to death at 1:00 am local time in his home. First Lady Martine Moïse is injured and hospitalized.
- **July 8** – COVID-19 pandemic: The number of deaths from COVID-19 surpasses 4 million.
- **July 10–August 1** – The 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup is held in, and is won by, the United States.
- **July 11**

- Thousands of Cubans, most of them young, attend a rare anti-government protest in San Antonio de los Baños to protest the increased food and medicine shortages brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Moldova holds a parliamentary election, with the Party of Action and Solidarity (PAS) obtaining a majority of seats.
- Bulgaria holds a parliamentary election, with the party There Is Such a People (ITN) leading.

- **July 12** – 2021 European floods: Heavy rain causes flooding in the border region of Germany and Belgium, resulting in 229 deaths, including 184 in Germany, 42 in Belgium with 1 person still missing there, and 2 in Romania. The event is attributed to a slowed jetstream caused by climate change.
- **July 13** – After the Supreme Court declares his incumbency unconstitutional, KP Oli is succeeded by Sher Bahadur Deuba as 43rd Prime Minister of Nepal.
- **July 18** – An international investigation reveals that spyware sold by Israel's NSO Group to different governments is being used to target heads of state, along with thousands of activists, journalists and dissidents around the world.
- **July 19**– Blue Origin successfully conducts its first human test flight, with a reusable New Shepard rocket delivering four crew members into space: its founder Jeff Bezos, Bezos' brother Mark, 18-year-old Oliver Daemen (who becomes the youngest person to go into space), and 82-year-old aviator and Mercury 13 member Wally Funk (who becomes the oldest person to go into space).

- Leftist schoolteacher Pedro Castillo is confirmed as President of Peru over a month after the 2021 Peruvian general election.
- Day of Hajj: Women are permitted to attend without a male guardian (*mehrem*) provided they go in a trustworthy group.

- **July 21** – The International Olympic Committee awards Brisbane the right to host the 2032 Summer Olympics.
- **July 23**–August 8 – The 2020 Summer Olympics were held in Tokyo, Japan. They were originally scheduled for 24 July–9 August 2020, but were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **July 23** – The Court of Appeal of Samoa deemed the swearing-in of Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa and her government as constitutional, ending a three-month constitutional crisis.
- **July 25** – Tunisian president Kais Saied formally takes power in the country, suspending the parliament and sacking the prime minister.
- July 28 – The first direct observation of light from behind a black hole is reported, confirming Einstein's theory of general relativity.
- **July 29**
 - Roscosmos' *Nauka* laboratory docks with the International Space Station following a protracted seventeen-year development and launch on 21 July. Hours after docking, a malfunction of its thrusters causes a temporary loss of control of the station, spinning it up to 45 degrees from its normal orbital attitude.
 - The oil tanker *Mercer Street* is attacked off the coast of Oman.



August, 2021

➤ August 3

- The oil tanker *Asphalt Princess* is hijacked off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.
- Wildfires in Greece begin.

➤ August 4

- 2020 Summer Olympics: Belarusian sprinter Krystsina Tsimanouskaya is given political asylum in Poland through a humanitarian visa after attempts by the Belarus Olympic Committee to repatriate her against her will.
- COVID-19 pandemic: The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases surpasses 200 million worldwide.

➤ August 5 – Tigray War: The Tigray Defense Forces seize the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lalibela.

➤ August 9 – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change releases the first part of its Sixth Assessment Report, which concludes that the effects of human-caused climate change are now "widespread, rapid, and intensifying".

➤ August 12 – The 2021 Zambian general election is held.

➤ August 14 – A 7.2-magnitude earthquake strikes Haiti, killing more than 2,100 people.

➤ August 15 – 2021 Taliban offensive: The Taliban capture Kabul; the **Afghan government surrenders to the Taliban.**

➤ August 24–September 5 – The 2020 Summer Paralympics were held in Tokyo, Japan. They were originally scheduled for 25 August–6 September 2020, but were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

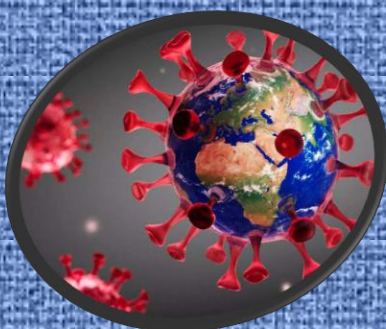
➤ August 26 – 2021 Kabul airport attack: At least 182 people are killed, including 13 U.S. service members, in a suicide bomb attack at Kabul airport.

➤ August 27 – The United States launches an airstrike killing the Islamic State member who is believed to have planned the Kabul airport bombings.

➤ August 29 – Hurricane Ida strikes New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

➤ August 30- The UN Environment Programme announces that leaded petrol in road vehicles has been phased out globally, a hundred years after its introduction.

- The United States withdraws its last remaining troops from Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, ending 20 years of operations in Afghanistan.



September, 2021

- **September 1** – 2021 Romanian political crisis: USR PLUS boycotts a Romanian government meeting organized to approve the so-called Anghel Saligny investment program and threatens a motion of no confidence, starting a political crisis in the country.
- **September 5** – 2021 Guinean coup d'état: Guinea's President Alpha Condé is detained by an elite military unit led by a former French legionnaire, Lt. Col. Mamady Doumbouya, claiming to have seized power.
- **September 7** – El Salvador becomes the first country in the world to accept Bitcoin as an official currency.
- **September 13**

- Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob and Anwar Ibrahim, the leader of the main Malaysian opposition coalition Pakatan Harapan, sign a confidence and supply agreement ending the 18-month political crisis that has led to the fall of two successive governments in Malaysia.
- The 2021 Norwegian parliamentary election is held.

➤ **September 14**

- North Korea demonstrates two short-range ballistic missiles that land just outside Japan's territorial waters; and then only hours later South Korea demonstrates its first submarine-launched ballistic missile.
- The inaugural season of the UEFA Europa Conference League, the third tier of European club football, kicks off with Israeli club Maccabi Tel Aviv winning 4–1 against Armenian club FC Alashkert.

➤ **September 15**

- AUKUS: A trilateral security pact between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States is formed, to counter the influence of China. This includes enabling Australia to build its first nuclear-powered submarine fleet.
- Several ministers of the Argentine president Alberto Fernández's cabinet resign after the government's defeat in the primary elections, triggering a political crisis in the country.

➤ **September 16** – Inspiration4 launched by SpaceX becomes the first all-civilian spaceflight, carrying a four-person crew on a three-day orbit of the Earth.

➤ **September 19** – The 2021 Russian legislative election is held, with the United Russia party winning nearly 50% of the vote.

➤ **September 20** – The 2021 Canadian federal election is held, with Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party retaining a minority government.

➤ **September 25** – The 2021 Icelandic parliamentary election is held.

➤ September 26 – The 2021 German federal election is held, with the Social Democratic Party beating out the CDU/CSU coalition.



October, 2021

- **October 1** – The 2020 World Expo in Dubai begins. Its opening was originally scheduled for 20 October 2020 but was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **October 3** – The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and assorted media partners publish a set of 11.9 million documents leaked from 14 financial services companies known as the Pandora Papers, revealing offshore financial activities that involve multiple current and former world leaders.
- **October 4** – Fumio Kishida becomes the 100th Prime Minister of Japan, succeeding Yoshihide Suga.
- **October 5** – Roscosmos launches the Soyuz MS-19 mission, which carries an Expedition 66 crewmember and two Channel One Russia personnel to the International Space Station. The two Channel One crew will perform principal photography on the film Vyzov aboard the station.
- **October 6–10** – The 2021 UEFA Nations League Finals is held in Italy, and is won by France. They were originally scheduled for 2–6 June 2021, but were moved following the rescheduling of UEFA Euro 2020 to June and July 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **October 6** – The World Health Organization endorses the first malaria vaccine.
- **October 8–9** – The 2021 Czech legislative election is held, with the main opposition coalition alliance of SPOLU and Pirates and Mayors gaining a legislative majority.
- **October 9** – Sebastian Kurz announces his resignation as Chancellor of Austria as a result of a corruption probe launched against him.^[216]
- **October 16** – The Lucy spacecraft is launched by NASA, the first mission to explore the Trojan asteroids.
- **October 17** – November 14 – The 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup is held in the United Arab Emirates and Oman, and is won by Australia.
- **October 23** – Colombia's most wanted drug lord, Dario Antonio Úsuga, whose Gulf Clan controls many smuggling routes into the US and other countries, is captured by Colombia's armed forces.
- **October 24** – The 2021 Uzbek presidential election is held.
- **October 25** – The Sudanese military launches a coup against the government. Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok is placed under house arrest. President Abdel Fattah al-Burhan declares a state of emergency and announces the dissolution of the government.
- **October 31**



- The 2021 Japanese general election is held, with Fumio Kishida and the Liberal Democratic Party along with its coalition partner Komeito retaining a majority government.
- October 31 – November 13 – The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference is held, after being postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19. A deal is agreed by world leaders, which includes a "phasedown" of unabated coal power, a 30% cut in methane emissions by 2030, plans for a halt to deforestation by 2030, and increased financial support for developing countries.



November, 2021

- **November 1** – COVID-19 pandemic: The number of recorded deaths from COVID-19 surpasses 5 million.
- **November 3** – COVID-19 pandemic: The World Health Organization gives emergency use listing to the Covaxin COVID-19 vaccine, the third non-Western vaccine to be authorized.
- **November 6** – Floods in South India caused by *Depression BOB 05* kill at least 41 people in India and Sri Lanka.
- **November 11** – SpaceX launches the Crew-3 mission, carrying four Expedition 66 crew members to the International Space Station.
- **November 14**
 - Unprecedented rain caused by an atmospheric river bring a series of floods to the Pacific Northwest.
 - The 2021 Argentine legislative election is held.
 - The 2021 Bulgarian general election is held.
- **November 16** – Russia draws international condemnation following an anti-satellite weapon test that creates a cloud of space debris, threatening the International Space Station.
- **November 21** – The 2021 Chilean general election is held.
- **November 24**
 - NASA launches the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART), the first attempt to deflect an asteroid for the purpose of learning how to protect Earth.
 - Magdalena Andersson resigns as Prime Minister-elect of Sweden hours after the Riksdag voted her in as Sweden's first female Prime Minister. She was due to take office on 26 November. Instead, she takes office on 30 November.
- **November 25** – COVID-19 pandemic: The United Kingdom becomes the fourth country to surpass 10 million COVID-19 cases after the United States, India and Brazil.
- **November 26** – COVID-19 pandemic: The World Health Organization convenes an emergency meeting in Geneva amid concerns over Omicron, a highly mutated variant of COVID-19 first identified by scientists in South Africa that appears more infectious than Delta.
- **November 30**
 - Barbados becomes a republic on its 55th anniversary of independence while remaining a member of the Commonwealth of Nations.
 - November 30 – December 18 – The 2021 FIFA Arab Cup is being held in Qatar.



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- The United States announces a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing in response to China's human rights record. Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia join shortly after.
- COVID-19 pandemic: The United States becomes the first country to surpass 50 million COVID-19 cases.

➤ **December 9–10** – The Summit for Democracy, a virtual summit, was hosted by the United States "to renew democracy at home and confront autocracies abroad".

➤ **December 12-** The 2021 New Caledonian independence referendum is held.

➤ **December 27-** Australia's New South Wales state reported its first death from the omicron variant on Monday.

➤ **December 28 -** China expands lockdowns as Covid cases climb.

- As New Year celebrations approach, the omicron variant is casting more gloom. Several countries are considering more restrictions to add to the patchwork of lockdowns and other measures already in place around Europe.



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