

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JANUARY 2021**

### **Awards**

The renowned santoor player who has been conferred the Tansen Samman 2020 by Madhya Pradesh government – **Satish Vyas**

### **Defence**

The bilateral air exercise by Indian Air Force and French Air and Space Force conducted at Air Force Station, Jodhpur from 20.01.21 to 24.01.21 – **Ex Desert Knight-21**

India's first indigenous 9mm machine pistol jointly developed by DRDO and Indian Army in a record time of 4 months is named – **Asmi**

The second edition of biennial pan-India coastal defence exercise conducted on 12 and 13 January 2021 involving 13 coastal states and UTs was named – **Sea Vigil-21**

### **Persons**

The well known playback singer and singer of religious songs and hymns who passed away on 22.02.2021 – **Narendra Chanchal**

The permanent representative of Fiji to the United Nations who has been elected as the President of the UN Human Rights Council for 2021 – **Nazhat Shameem Khan**

The veteran Congress leader and former Chief Minister of Gujarat and Union External Affairs Minister who passed away on 09.01.2021 – **Shri Madhav Singh Solanki**

The former Home Minister of India, Governor of Bihar and veteran Congress leader who passed away on 02.01.2021 – **Shri Buta Singh**

The new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Railway Board who has taken over from Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav – **Shri Suneet Sharma**

The legendary mountaineer and decorated army officer (nicknamed Bull) who passed away on 31.12.2020 – **Colonel Narendra Kumar**

### **Places**

The city in which Elon Musk owned electric vehicle company Tesla has opened its first centre in India – **Bengaluru**

The place in Haryana from where the world's first double stack long-haul container train to New Kishanganj in Rajasthan – **New Ateli**

The place in Uttarakhand where India's first pollinator park was inaugurated by renowned butterfly expert Peter Smetacek – **Haldwani**

### **Sports**

The Secretary of BCCI who has been selected as the Asian Cricket Council succeeding Nazmul Hasan of Bangladesh – **Jay Shah**

The place in Jammu and Kashmir where Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament being held from 06.01.2021 – **Chiktan**

The former Indian hockey player and part of 1975 World Cup winning team who passed away on 31.12.2020 – **Michael Kindo**

### **Miscellaneous**

The train running between Howrah and Kalka which has been renamed Netaji Express as a tribute to freedom fighter Subhash Chandra Bose – **Howrah-Kalka Mail**

In order to honour Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Govt of India has decided to observe his birth anniversary on 23rd January every year as – **Parakram Diwas**

The bike-based casualty vehicle developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences of DRDO and handed over to CRPF is named – **Rakshita**

The rank of India in the Henley Passport Index 2021, which is topped by Japan and Singapore – **85**

The theme of National Youth Day observed on 12.01.2021 (Birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda) – **Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building**

India's first cow dung paint with anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties launched by Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari is named – **Khadi Prakritik Paint**

The theme of 16th Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas observed in virtual format on 09 Jan 2021 – **Contributing to Atmanirbhar Bharat**

The Russian ice-breaking cargo vessel which has been chartered to take the 40th Indian expedition team to Antarctica on 05 Jan 2021 from Goa – **MV Vasiliy Golovnin**

### **New President and Vice-President of the USA**

**President : Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. (born 20.11.1942)**

**46th** President of United States of America

**Sworn in by:** Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts

Political party: Democratic Party

Served as Vice-President from 2009 to 2017 under **President Barack Obama**

**Oldest** sitting President of the USA

**Vice-President:** Kamala Harris (born 20.10.1964)

49th Vice-President of the USA

First female, first African-American and first Asian-American to become the Vice-President

### Republic Day Celebrations

#### Highlights

1. Lt Gen Vijay Kumar Mishra led the RD parade as Parade Commander.
2. Vintage aircraft Dakota and the latest addition the Rafale featured in the flypast during the RD parade.
3. Flt Lt Bhawna Kanth became the first female fighter pilot to be a part of RD parade.
4. Marching contingent and band of Bangladesh Army participated in the RD parade.
5. Jat Regimental Centre Marching Contingent has been adjudged as the best marching contingent among the three services.
6. Delhi Police Marching Contingent has been chosen as the best marching contingent among Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and other auxiliary forces.
7. Among the tableaux of States/Union Territories (UTs) Uttar Pradesh, Tripura and Uttarakhand were chosen 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.
8. Department of Biotechnology was chosen the best tableau among the Central Ministries/Departments/CAPFs/other auxiliary forces.
9. Special prize was given to the tableau of Central Public Works Department (CPWD).
10. Combined performance of Mount Abu Public School and Vidya Bharti School has been adjudged best school performance while the consolation prize went to Delhi Tamil Education Association Schools.

### 51st International Film Festival of India

Venue: **Goa**

Opening Film: **Another Round** by Thomas Vinterberg

Closing Film: **Wife of a Spy** by Kiyoshi Kurosawa

Best Film (Golden Peacock) Award: **Into the Darkness** directed by Anders Refn

Best Director Award (Silver Peacock): **Chen-Nien Ko** for 'The Silent Forest'

Best Actor (Male) (Silver Peacock): **Tzu-Chuan Liu** for The Silent Forest

Best Actor (Female) (Silver Peacock): **Zofia Stafiej** for I Never Cry

Special Jury Award (Silver Peacock): **Kamin Kalev** for February

The ICFT –UNESCO Gandhi Medal: **200 Meters** by Ameen Nayfeh

Lifetime Achievement award: **Vittorio Stonraro** (Italian cinematographer)

Country in focus: **Bangladesh**

Indian Personality of the Year: **Biswajeet Chatterjee**

IFFI 51 Special Mention Award: **Kripal Kalita** for Assamese film Bridge.

Best Debut Director: Brazilian Director **Cássio Pereira dos Santos**, for Valentina

### **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2021**

**Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society**: Institutional category

**Dr. Rajendra Kumar Bhandari** : Individual category

### **Dr. Vishwanathan Shanta**

Born :11.03.1927; Death : 19.01.2021

Renowned Oncologist and Chairperson of **Adyar Cancer Institute**

#### **Awards**

1. Ramon Magsaysay Award (2005)
2. Padma Vibhushan (2016)
3. Padma Bhushan (2006)
4. Padma Shri (1986)

### **India Innovation Index 2020**

Released by **NITI Aayog**

Edition: Second

| Rank                      | State            |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Major States</b>       |                  |
| 1.                        | Karnataka        |
| 2.                        | Maharashtra      |
| <b>UT and City States</b> |                  |
| 1.                        | Delhi            |
| 2.                        | Chandigarh       |
| <b>NE and Hill States</b> |                  |
| 1.                        | Himachal Pradesh |
| 2.                        | Uttarakhand      |

## **Padma Awards 2020**

### **Padma Vibhushan**

1. Public Affairs: Shri Shinzo Abe
2. Art: Shri SP Balasubramaniam (Posthumous)
3. Medicine: Dr. Belle Monappa Hegde
4. Science and Engineering: Shri Narinder Singh Kapany (Posthumous)
5. Others-Spiritualism: Maulana Wahiduddin Khan
6. Others-Archaeology: Shri B.B. Lal
7. Art: Shri Sudarshan Sahoo

### **Padma Bhushan**

1. Art: Ms. Krishnan Nair Shantakumari Chithra
2. Public Affairs: Shri Tarun Gogoi (Posthumous)
3. Literature and Education: Shri Chandrashekhar Kambara
4. Public Affairs: Ms. Sumitra Mahajan
5. Civil Service: Shri Nripendra Misra
6. Public Affairs: Shri Ram Vilas Paswan (Posthumous)
7. Public Affairs: Shri Keshubhai Patel (Posthumous)
8. Others-Spiritualism: Shri Kalbe Sadiq (Posthumous)
9. Trade and Industry: Shri Rajnikant Devidas Shroff
10. Public Affairs: Shri Tarlochan Singh

### **Padma Shri**

#### **Art**

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| 1. Shri Gulfam Ahmed                 | 18. Shri K Kesavasamy                        |
| 2. Shri Rama Swamy Annavarapu        | 19. Shri Ghulam Rasool Khan                  |
| 3. Shri Subbu Arumugam               | 20. Shri Lakha Khan                          |
| 4. Ms. Bhuri Bai                     | 21. Ms. Sanjida Khatun                       |
| 5. Shri Radhe Shyam Barle            | 22. Shri Vinayak Vishnu Khedekar             |
| 6. Shri Biren Kumar Basak            | 23. Ms. Lajwanti                             |
| 7. Shri Peter Brook                  | 24. Shri Ramachandra Manjhi                  |
| 8. Shri Gopiram Bargayn Burabhakat   | 25. Shri Dulal Manki1. Shri Rewben Mashangva |
| 9. Shri Narayan Debnath              | 26. Shri KK Ramachandra Pulavar              |
| 10. Ms. Dulari Devi                  | 27. Shri Kanaka Raju                         |
| 11. Ms. Radhe Devi                   | 28. Ms. Bombay Jayashri Ramnath              |
| 12. Shri Wayan Dibia                 | 29. Shri Satyaram Reang                      |
| 13. Shri Parshuram Atmaram Gangavane | 30. Shri Kartar Paras Ram Singh              |
| 14. Ms. Purnamasi Jani               | 31. Shri Kartar Singh                        |
| 15. Matha B. Manjamma Jogati         | 32. Shri KC Sivasankar (Posthumous)          |
| 16. Shri Damodaran Kaithapram        | 33. Ms. Nidumolu Sumathi                     |

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| 17. Shri Maheshbhai & Shri Nareshbhai Kanodia (Duo)<br>(Posthumous) | 34. Shri K Kesavasamy |
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### Literature and Education

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| 1. Shri Prakasrao Asavadi                  | 13. Shri Chandrakant Mehta             |
| 2. Shri Dharma Narayan Barma               | 14. Shri Solomon Pappaiah              |
| 3. Shri Sujit Chattopadhyay                | 15. Shri Nanda Prusty                  |
| 4. Shri Srikant Datar                      | 16. Shri Balan Putheri                 |
| 5. Shri Dadudan Gadhavi                    | 17. Shri Chaman Lal Sapru (Posthumous) |
| 6. Shri Jai Bhagwan Goyal                  | 18. Shri Roman Sarmah                  |
| 7. Shri Jagadish Chandra Halder            | 19. Shri Arjun Singh Shekhawat         |
| 8. Shri Mangal Singh Hazowary              | 20. Shri Ram Yatna Shukla              |
| 9. Shri Namdeo C Kamble                    | 21. Ms. Mridula Sinha (Posthumous)     |
| 10. Shri Rajat Kumar Kar                   | 22. Shri Kapil Tiwari                  |
| 11. Shri Rangasami Lakshminarayana Kashyap | 23. Father Valles (Posthumous)         |
| 12. Shri Nicholas Kazanas                  | 24. Ms. Usha Yadav                     |

### Medicine

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Dr. Rattan Lal Mittal           | 6. Shri Ashok Kumar Sahu                        |
| 2. Dr. Chandrakant Sambhaji Pandav | 7. Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Singh Sanjay             |
| 3. Dr. JN Pande (Posthumous)       | 8. Dr. Dilip Kumar Singh                        |
| 4. Dr. Krishna Mohan Pathi         | 1. Dr. Thiruvengadam Veeraraghavan (Posthumous) |
| 5. Dr. Dhananjay Diwakar Sagdeo    |   |

### Others

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| 1. Shri Ali Manikfan (Grassroots Innovation) | 4. Shri Prem Chand Sharma (Agriculture)     |
| 2. Shri Nanadro B Marak (Agriculture)        | 5. Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh (Agriculture) |
| 3. Ms. Pappammal (Agriculture)               |   |

### Public Affairs

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| 1. Ms. Bijoya Chakravarty | 2. Col Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir |
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### Science and Engineering

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| 1. Shri Rattan Lal | 2. Shri Sujoy K. Guha |
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### Social Work

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| 1. Ms. Lakhimi Baruah                  | 9. Shri Shyam Sundar Paliwal   |
| 2. Ms. Sangkhumi Bualchhuak            | 10. Shri Girish Prabhune       |
| 3. Shri Jagdish Chaudhary (Posthumous) | 11. Ms. Birubala Rabha         |
| 4. Shri Tsultrim Chonjor               | 12. Ms. Sindhutai Sapkal       |
| 5. Ms. Chutni Devi                     | 13. Shri Jitender Singh Shunty |
| 6. Ms. Shanti Devi                     | 14. Guru Maa Kamali Soren      |
| 7. Ms. Prakash Kaur                    | 16. Shri Marachi Subburaman    |
| 8. Ms. Niru Kumar                      |                                |

### Sports

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Ms P Anitha           | 5. Ms. Sudha Hari Narayan Singh |
| 2. Ms. Mouma Das         | 6. Shri Virender Singh          |
| 3. Ms. Anshu Jamsenpa    | 7. Shri KY Venkatesh            |
| 4. Shri Madhavan Nambiar |                                 |

### Trade and Industry

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| 1. Ms. Rajni Bector               | 3. Shri P Subramanian (Posthumous) |
| 2. Ms. Jaswantiben Jamnadas Popat | 4. Shri Sridhar Vembu              |

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