

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF OCTOBER 2021**

### **Awards**

The jailed Russian opposition leader who has been chosen to be awarded the European Union's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2021 – **Alexei Navalny**

The director of AIIMS, New Delhi who has been conferred the 22nd Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence by the Vice-President Shri Venkaiah Naidu – **Dr. Randeep Guleria**

### **Defence**

The maiden India-UK Tri-Services exercise held off the west coast of India from 21 to 27 Oct 2021 is named – **Ex Konkan Shakti**

The 17th edition of Indo-US Joint Military Exercise conducted at Joint Base Elmendorf – Richardson, Alaska (USA) from 15.10.21 to 29.10.21 is named – **Ex. Yudh Abhyas**

The Multilateral Maritime Exercise conducted by Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the United States Navy (USN) in the Bay of Bengal from 12 – 15 Oct 2021 – **Exercise Malabar**

The 6th edition of India - UK Joint Company Level Military Training held at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand from 07 to 20 Oct 2021 is named – **AJEYA WARRIOR**

The fifth edition of India–Japan Maritime held in Arabian Sea from 06 to 08 October 2021 is named – **JIMEX-21**

The 8th edition of India-Sri Lanka bilateral exercise conducted at Combat Training School, Ampara in Sri Lanka from 4 to 15 October 2021 is named – **Mitra Shakti**

### **Persons**

The well-known Kannada actor, playback singer, television presenter and producer who passed away on 29.10.2021 – **Puneeth Rajkumar**

The Pakistani scientist known as the Father of Pakistan's Nuclear Programme who passed away on 10.10.2021 – **Abdul Qadeer Khan**

The TV personality well-known for his role as Ravana in the tele-serial Ramayana who passed away on 06.10.21 – **Arvind Trivedi**

The president of Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, who has succeeded Mr. Yoshihide Suga as new Prime Minister of Japan on 4 October 2021 – **Mr. Fumio Kishida**

### Places

The venue of 16th G-20 Summit held from 30 to 31.10.2021, with the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi representing India – **Rome, Italy**

The country which has chosen its Governor General Dame Sandra Mason as its first ever President in its preparation to become a Republic (by removing Queen of England as its head of state) – **Barbados**

The place at which the world's largest flag (Indian tricolour) measuring 225 feet long, 150 feet wide and weighing (approx.) 1400 kg made by KVIC was unveiled by the Lt Gov of Ladakh Shri RK Mathur – **Leh**

### Sports

The country which has won the 2020 Thomas Cup badminton championship (for men) defeating China in the finals in Aarhus, Denmark – **Indonesia**

The country which has won the 2020 Uber Cup badminton championship (for women) defeating Japan in the finals in Aarhus, Denmark – **China**

The team which has won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship defeating Nepal in the finals at Male in Maldives – **India**

The team which has won the Durand Cup football trophy defeating Mohammadan Sporting in the finals in Kolkata – **FC Goa**

### Themes

The theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2021 observed from 26.10.21 to 01.11.21 – **Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance and Integrity**

The theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2021 observed on 09 Oct 2021 (Second Saturday of October) – **Sing, Fly, Soar - Like a Bird**

The theme of National Wildlife Week being observed in India from 2 to 8 Oct 2021 – **Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet**

## Miscellaneous

The 5-year project for deep sea exploration of rare minerals launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt of India is named – **Samudrayaan**

The new corporate name of Facebook Inc, the parent organisation of Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, Whatsapp, Workplace etc. – **Meta Platforms Inc**

The Tamil film directed by Vinothraj, which has been chosen to be India's official entry at the 2022 Academy Awards – **Koozhangal**

The audio-visual song "Tike se bacha hai desh" launched by the Govt of India to promote Covid19 vaccination across the country has been sung by – **Kailash Kher**

The Govt owned enterprise which has been conferred the status of Maharatna by the Dept of Public Enterprises under Ministry of Finance, GoI – **Power Finance Corporation**

The portal for senior citizens seeking employment opportunities launched by the Vice-President Shri Venkaiah Naidu is named – **SACRED**

The comic book character created by Pran Kishore Sharma who has been chosen to be the mascot of Namami Gange programme – **Chacha Chaudhary**

## Right Livelihood Awards 2021

#	Name	Country	Citation
1.	Marthe Wando	Cameroon	For building a model of community-based child protection in the face of terrorist insurgency and gender-based violence in the Lake Chad region of Cameroon.
2.	Vladimir Sliviyak	Russia	For his defence of the environment and for helping to ignite grassroots opposition to the coal and nuclear industries in Russia
3.	Freda Huson	Canada	For her fearless dedication to reclaiming her people's culture and defending their land against disastrous pipeline projects
4.	Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)	India	For their innovative legal work empowering communities to protect their resources in the pursuit of environmental democracy in India.

## **Global Food Security Index 2021**

#	Country	#	Country
1.	Ireland	34.	China
2.	Austria	71.	India
3.	United Kingdom	75.	Pakistan
4.	Finland	77.	Sri Lanka
5.	Switzerland	79.	Nepal

## **7 New Defence Companies carved out of Ordnance Factory Board**

Dedicated to the nation on Vijayadashmi day

1. Munitions India Limited (MIL)
2. Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVANI)
3. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWE India)
4. Troop Comforts Limited (TCL)
5. Yantra India Limited (YIL)
6. India Optel Limited (IOL) and
7. Gliders India Limited (GIL)

## **Global Hunger Index 2021**

India and its neighbouring countries

#	Country
65.	Sri Lanka
71.	Myanmar
76.	Bangladesh & Nepal
92.	Pakistan
101.	India
103.	Afghanistan

Note: Somalia ranked 116 is at the bottom of the index

## Henley Passport Index 2021

#	Country	#	Country
1.	Singapore	90.	Tajikistan
1.	Japan	90.	India
2.	Germany	90.	Burkina Faso
2.	South Korea	72.	China
3.	Finland, Italy, Spain & Luxembourg	113.	Pakistan

## Important Days of October

<p><b>International Day of Older Persons:</b> 01 October Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 1991 Theme: <b>Digital Equity for All Ages</b></p>
<p><b>International Day of Non-Violence:</b> 02 October Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p><b>World Teachers' Day:</b> 05 October Established by : UNESCO Theme: <b>Teachers at the heart of education recovery</b> First Observed in: 1994</p>
<p><b>World Habitat Day:</b> 1st Monday of October (04 October) Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1986 Theme: <b>Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world</b></p>
<p><b>World Post Day:</b> 09 October Designated by : Universal Postal Union First Observed in: 1969 Theme: <b>Innovate to Recover</b></p>
<p><b>World Mental Health Day:</b> 10 October Designated by : World Health Organisation Theme: <b>Mental Health for All: Let's make it a reality</b> First Observed in: 1992</p>
<p><b>International Day of the Girl Child:</b> 11 October Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: <b>Digital Generation, Our Generation</b> First Observed in: 2012</p>

<p><b>International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction:</b> 13 October  Designated by : United Nations General Assembly  Theme: <b>International cooperation for developing countries to reduce their disaster risk and disaster losses</b>  First Observed in: 1989</p>
<p><b>World Sight Day:</b> 14 October (2nd Thursday of October)  Designated by : International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness  Theme: <b>#Love Your Eyes</b>  First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p><b>International Day of Rural Women:</b> 15 October  Designated by : United Nations General Assembly  Theme: <b>Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All</b>  First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p>World Food Day: 16 October  Designated by : Food and Agricultural Organisation  Theme: <b>Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life</b>  First Observed in: 1980</p>
<p><b>International Day for Eradication of Poverty:</b> 17 October  Designated by : United Nations General Assembly  Theme: <b>Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting All People and Our Planet</b>  First Observed in: 1993</p>
<p><b>World Development Information Day:</b> 24 October  Designated by : United Nations General Assembly  First Observed in: 1972</p>
<p><b>United Nations Day:</b> 24 October  The day marks the coming into effect of the UN Charter (the founding document of UNO) in 1945.  This year's UN Day Concert followed a hybrid format with part live and part pre-recorded performances, with a small audience following physical distancing protocols.  Held on Thursday, 21 October 2021, under the theme “Building Back Together for Peace and Prosperity”, the concert was sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations.</p>
<p><b>World Day for Audiovisual Heritage:</b> 27 October  Designated by : UNESCO  Theme: <b>Your window to the world</b>  First Observed in: 2005</p>
<p><b>World Cities Day:</b> 31 October  Designated by : UN General Assembly  Theme: <b>Better City, Better Life</b>  First Observed in: 2014</p>

## Nobel Prizes 2021

#	Field	Winners	Contribution
1.	Medicine	David Julius	For the discovery of receptors for temperature and touch
		Ardem Patapoutian	
2.	Chemistry	Benjamin List	For the development asymmetric organocatalysis
		David W.C. MacMillan	
3.	Physics	Syukuro Manabe	For the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliable predicting global warming
		Klaus Hasselmann	
		Giorgio Parisi	For the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales.
4.	Peace	Maria Ressa	For their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace.
		Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov	
5.	Economic Sciences	David Card	For his empirical contributions to labour economics.
		Joshua D. Angrist	For their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships
		Guido W. Imbens	
6.	Literature	Abdulrazak Gurnah	For his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents.

## GI Tags

- **White Onion** from **Alibaug**, Maharashtra
- **Wada Kolam Rice** or Jhini Rice from **Palghar**, Maharashtra
- **Kanyakumar Clove** from **Kanyakumari**, Tamil Nadu
- **Karuppur Kalamkari** paintings from **Karuppur**, Tamil Nadu
- **Kalukurruchi Wood** carvings from **Kalukurruchi**, Tamil Nadu

## Books in News

**My Life in Full** by Indra Nooyi

**The Custodian of Trust - A Banker's Memoir** by Rajnish Kumar (former SBI Chairman)

## Abbreviations in News

**SACRED**: Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity