

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **Awards**

The international organisation which has been awarded the Africa Food Prize 2021 for improving food security in sub-Saharan Africa – **ICRISAT**

### **Defence**

The 6th Edition of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Exercise hosted by Russia at Orenburg Region of South West Russia is named – **Peaceful Mission: 2021**

The 3rd edition of bilateral exercise by Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy in Sunda Strait from 20 Sep to 22 Sep 21 is named – **Samudra Shakti**

The 15th edition of Indo - Nepal Joint Military Training Exercise held from 20 September 2021 at Pithoragarh (UK) is named – **Surya Kiran**

The bilateral maritime exercise conducted by the India and Australian Navy from 6 to 10.09.2021 in Australia is named – **AUSINDEX 2021**

The 28th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise conducted from 02 to 04 Sep 21 in South China Sea was named – **SIMBEX**

The multi-nation military exercise being conducted by Russia at Nizhniy from 03 to 16.09.2021 with participation of several countries including India is named – **ZAPAD 2021**

The 5th edition of India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise which commenced at Aisha Bibi in Kazakhstan on 01.09.2021 is named – **KAZIND-21**

### **Persons**

The Indian developmental feminist activist, poet, author and social scientist who passed away on 25.09.2021 – **Kamla Bhasin**

The present Vice Chief of Air Staff who has been chosen to be the next Chief of Air Staff after retirement of Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC – **Air Marshal VR Chaudhari, PVSM, AVSM, VM**

The new Chief Minister of Punjab who has taken over following the resignation of Capt Amrinder Singh Retd – **Shri S. Charanjit Singh Channi**

The new Chief Minister of Gujarat who has taken over following the resignation of Shri Vijay Rupani – **Shri Bhupendra Patel**

The Chairperson of National Commission for Minorities who has taken over from Shri Ghayurul Hasan – **Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura**

The senior Indian National Congress leader and former Union Cabinet Minister for Transport, Road and Highways and Labour and Employment, who passed away on 13.09.2021 – **Shri Oscar Fernandes**

The Indian engineer from Ladakh who has become the first and only Indian to be inducted as an Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union – **Dorje Angchuk**

The new Secretary General of Rajya Sabha appointed by the Vice-President Shri Venkaiah Naidu to succeed Shri Desh Dipak Verma – **Dr. Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu**

The former editor and managing director of The Pioneer newspaper and former Member of Parliament who passed away on 01.09.2021 – **Shri Chandan Mitra**

The Indian spiritual teacher and the founder-acharya (preceptor) of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), on whose 125th birth anniversary, a special commemorative coin of Rs. 125 denomination was released by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Ji**

### Places

The venue of 1st ever Himalayan Film Festival organised from 24 to 28 Sep 2021 – **Leh**

The country which has been granted the full member status (9th member) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) – **Iran**

The place in Uttar Pradesh where the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap University was laid by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Aligarh**

The State which has passed a bill to dispense with NEET exam and allow admission to MBBS courses based on Class 12 marks – **Tamil Nadu**

The venue of the 6th Eastern Economic Forum summit addressed virtually by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Vladivostok**

### Sports

The Indian chess player who has become the latest Indian to win the Chess Grandmaster title – **R. Raja Rithvik**

### Themes

The theme of World Heart Day observed on 29 September 2021 – **Use Heart to Connect**

The theme of 13th BRICS Summit chaired by the Indian PM Shri Narendra Modi virtually with participation of Presidents of Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa – **BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus**

The theme of Shikshak Parv-2021 launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 07.09.2021 – **Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India**

### **Miscellaneous**

The Bay of Bengal cyclone which hit the coasts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha causing widespread rains in the coastal areas was named – **Gulab**

The asset management company (AMC) set up by Gol to work in tandem with the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) to clean up bad loans is named – **India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL)**

The variety of fish which has been declared as the State Fish by the state of Sikkim – **Copper Mahseer (Kately)**

The TV Channel launched by the LS Speaker, the Vice-President and the Prime Minister by combining Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha channels on the International Day of Democracy is named – **Sansad TV**

India's first good news channel launched by India Today Group with the motto, Acchi Khabar, Sachhi Khabar is named – **Good News Today**

The bird and animal adopted as State Bird and State Animal of Union Territory of Ladakh – **Black-necked Crane and Snow Leopard**

The new name of Rajiv Gandhi National Park located in Assam – **Orang National Park**

### **NIRF Rankings for Indian Educational Institutions**

<b>Top 3 in Overall category</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Institution</b>
1.	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
2.	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
3.	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
<b>Top 3 in Research category</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Institution</b>
1.	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
2.	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
3.	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
<b>Top 3 Universities</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Institution</b>
1.	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
2.	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
3.	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Top 3 Engineering Institutes	
Rank	Institution
1.	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
2.	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
3.	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
Top 3 Management Institutes	
Rank	Institution
1.	Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
2.	Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
3.	Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta
Top 3 Medical Colleges	
Rank	Institution
1.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
2.	Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh
3.	Christian Medical College, Vellore

### Important Days of September 2021

<p><b>International Day of Charity:</b> 05 September 2021            Designated by: United Nations General Assembly            First observed: 2013</p>
<p><b>International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies:</b> 07 September 2021            Designated by: United Nations General Assembly            First observed: 2020            Theme: <b>Healthy Air, Healthy Planet</b></p>
<p><b>International Literacy Day:</b> 08 September 2021            Designated by: UNESCO            First observed: 1966            Theme: <b>Literacy for a human-centered recovery: Narrowing the digital divide</b></p>
<p><b>World Suicide Prevention Day:</b> 10 September 2021            Designated by: International Association for Suicide Prevention            First observed: 2003            Theme: <b>Creating Hope through Action</b></p>
<p><b>International Day of Democracy:</b> 15 September 2021            Designated by: UN General Assembly            First observed: 2008            Theme: <b>Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises</b></p>
<p><b>International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer:</b> 16 September 2021            Designated by: UN General Assembly            First observed: 1995</p>
<p><b>World Patient Safety Day:</b> 17 September 2021            Designated by: WHO            First observed: 2019            Theme: <b>Safe maternal and new-born care</b></p>

<p><b>International Day of Peace:</b> 21 September 2021  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First observed: 1982  Theme: <b>Recovering better for an Equitable and Sustainable World</b></p>
<p><b>International Day of Sign Languages:</b> 23 September 2021  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First observed: 2020  Theme: <b>We Sign for Human Rights</b></p>
<p><b>International Day for total elimination of Nuclear Weapons:</b> 26 September 2021  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First observed: 2014</p>
<p><b>World Tourism Day:</b> 27 September 2021  Designated by: UNWTO General Assembly  First observed: 1980  Theme: <b>Tourism for Inclusive Growth</b></p>
<p><b>World Rabies Day:</b> 28 September 2021  Designated by: Global Alliance for Rabies Control  First observed: 1980  Theme: <b>Rabies - Facts, not Fear</b></p>
<p><b>International Day for Universal Access to Information:</b> 28 September 2021  Designated by: UNESCO  First observed: 2016  Theme: <b>The Right to Know - Building Better Access with Access to Information</b></p>
<p><b>World Maritime Day:</b> 30 September 2021  Designated by: International Maritime Organisation  First observed: 1978  Theme: <b>Seafarers at the core of shipping's future</b></p>
<p><b>International Translation Day:</b> 30 September 2021  Designated by: Federation of International Translators and UN General Assembly  First observed: 1953 (By FIT) and 2020 (by UN)  Theme: <b>United in Translation</b></p>

### Latest Geographical Indication Tags

1. Sweet cucumber of Nagaland
2. Hathei chilli of Ukul, Manipur
3. Mandarin orange of Tamenglong, Manipur
4. Judima, rice wine of Dimasa tribe Assam
5. Sojat Mehendi of Rajasthan

### New Governors

- Tamil Nadu: **Shri R.N. Ravi**
- Uttarkhand: **Lt Gen Gurmit Singh Retd**
- Punjab: **Shri Banwarilal Purohit**

- Nagaland: **Shri Jagdish Mukhi**

### Global Innovation Index 2021

#	Country	#	Country
1.	Switzerland	12.	China
2.	Sweden	46.	India
3.	U.S.A.	95.	Sri Lanka
4.	U.K.	99.	Pakistan
5.	South Korea	111.	Nepal

### US Open 2021

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Women's Singles	Emma Raducanu (U.K.)	Leylah Fernandez (Canada)
Men's Doubles	Rajeev Ram (U.S.A.) and Joe Salisbury (U.K.)	Jamie Murray (U.K.) and Bruno Soares (Brazil)
Women's Doubles	Samantha Stosur (Australia) and Zhang Shuai (China)	Coco Gauff and Caty McNally (USA)
Mixed Doubles	Desirae Krawczyk (Australia) and Joe Salisbury (U.K.)	Guiliana Olmos (Mexico) and Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador)

### Summer Paralympics 2020 (XVI Paralympiad)

Held in: **Tokyo**

Held from **24.08.2021 to 05.09.2021**

Declared open by : **Japanese Emperor Naruhito**

Motto: **United by Emotion**

Mascot: **Someity**, a fictional character named after someiyoshino, a type of cherry blossom

Indian flag bearer at the Opening ceremony: **Tek Chand**, shot put thrower

Indian flag bearer at the Closing ceremony: **Avani Lekhara**, shooter

### Medals tally

#	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	China	96	60	51	207
2.	Great Britain	41	38	45	124
3.	United States	37	36	31	104
4.	RPC	36	33	49	118
24.	India	5	8	6	19

\*RPC Russian Paralympic Committee

### Indian Gold Medal Winners

#	Athlete	Event, Class
1.	Sumit Antil	Javelin throw, F64
2.	Krishna Nagar	Badminton Men's Singles, SH6
3.	Pramod Bhagat	Badminton Men's Singles, SL3
4.	Manish Narwal	Shooting, SH1
5.	Avani Lekhara	Shooting, SH1

### Books in News

**Know your rights and claim them:** Jointly authored by Amnesty International and Angelina Jolie

### Abbreviations in News

**PRANA:** Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-attainment cities

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