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1. Under Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojna, senior citizens of Delhi can go on pilgrimages at the government's expense. Kartarpur Sahib and Velankanni Church in Tamil Nadu have been recently added to the Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojna'. The programme could not be held in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic outbreak.
2. Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) introduced a major national initiative, "System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research" known as "SAFAR". It enables greater metropolitan cities of India to provide location specific information on air quality. As per SAFAR, the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) in the national capital stood at 372 in the 'very poor' category. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.
3. Merriam-Webster is an American company which publishes reference, especially dictionaries and is one of the oldest dictionary publishers in the USA. Merriam-Webster has chosen the word "vaccine" as the 2021 word of the year, since it was the word that was extremely high in its data every single day in 2021.
4. Magdalena Andersson, leader of the centre-left Social Democratic Party, became Sweden's first female prime minister. But she resigned within hours of taking the job, after her budget was rejected in favour of one proposed by the opposition. Now Magdalena Andersson has been reappointed Prime Minister of the country.
5. Indian tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan won his maiden Challenger level singles title, in the final clash of the ATP80 Manama event. The 27-year-old Ramkumar, seeded sixth and ranked 222 in the world, beat his Russian rival 6-1 6-4 in 68 minutes. The Indian player had lost six Challenger finals in his career before.
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7. National Cadet Corps (NCC) is the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces with its headquarters in New Delhi, India. NCC is the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world. It recently observed its 73rd anniversary of its raising on November 28. NCC is open to school and college students on a voluntary basis as a 'tri-services organisation', comprising the army, the naval, and the air wings.
8. The Centre has constituted a Central Vista Oversight Committee to directly oversee the Rs 20,000 crore project for a period of two years. As per the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal has been appointed the Chairman of the five-member Central Vista Oversight Committee. Joint Secretary, MoHUA will be Convenor of the committee.
9. Madhya Pradesh launched the 'Kranti Surya Gaurav Kalash Yatra' from the birthplace of freedom fighter Jannayak Tantya Mama, Barod Ahir village. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has called upon the citizens to participate in this yatra. The state has also announced a programme to be organised on death Anniversary of Jannayak Tantya Mama at Indore on December 4.
10. Skyroot Aerospace, a Hyderabad-based space technology startup, has test fired India's first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine. The engine has been named as Dhawan-1, in honour of Indian rocket scientist Satish Dhawan. It was developed using 3D printing technology and is fuelled by liquefied natural gas and liquid oxygen. The engine successfully demonstrated the technology to power its Vikram-2 orbital launch vehicle.
11. The Governor of Georgia, Brian P. Kemp, has announced that November 1 will be observed as 'Kannada Language and Rajyotsava Day'. Georgia had become the first state in the U.S. to issue such a

proclamation for Kannada. Karnataka is set to celebrate Kannada Rajyotsava. Georgia houses one of the biggest Indian diaspora in the U.S. Kannada is one of the longest-surviving classical languages, with a rich literature and inscriptions dating back to 450 BCE.

12. Sitting Bull was a legendary Hunkpapa Lakota leader who led his people during years of resistance against United States government policies. Recently, Scientists have confirmed a South Dakota man- Ernie LaPointe- as the great-grand son of the 19th century Native American leader Sitting Bull, by checking a sample of hair belonging to the leader. Scientists took DNA from a tiny sample of Sitting Bull's hair which was stored in Washington DC.

13. Kushagra Rawat of Delhi and Srihari Nataraj of Karnataka are Indian Aquatic champions, who have created new national records in 400m freestyle and 100 backstroke events respectively at the 74th Senior National Aquatic Championships held in Bengaluru. Kushagra Rawat has created a new record of 3:53.68 seconds, which is 1.25 seconds lower than the previous record on 400 m freestyle, while Srihari Nataraj finished in 55.10 seconds in 100 m back stroke, thereby beating his own national record created in 2019.

14. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was established in the year 1997 with its headquarters in Vienna, Austria. The institution is in news recently, as it has launched Data Disclosure Framework (DDF) in association with the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate. The DDF is a tool which describes the practices developed to handle and respond to the data requests from foreign criminal justice authorities for counter-terrorism investigations.

15. Food Processing Industries Minister Prashupati Kumar Paras launched a bakery brand Dilli Bakes, under the One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative. Whole wheat rusk is the first product launched under the Dilli Bakes brand. The Government is promoting one product from one district under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. The product has been launched in association with cooperative NAFED.

16. The United States has issued its first passport with an "X" gender designation. The country would also offer the option to non-binary, intersex and gender-nonconforming people early next year. This is regarded as a milestone in the recognition of the rights of people who don't identify themselves as male or female. The department now also allows applicants to self-select their gender as male or female, not requiring them to provide medical certification.

17. Japan's former foreign minister Fumio Kishida has replaced Yoshihide Suga as the Prime minister.

18. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0. The schemes would be implemented by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, like their previous versions. SBM-U 2.0 envisions to make all cities 'Garbage Free' and ensure grey and black water management in all cities. The outlay of SBM-U 2.0 is around ₹1.41 lakh crore. AMRUT 2.0 aims to provide 100% coverage of water supply to all households in around 4,700 urban local bodies and 100% coverage of sewerage and septage in 500 AMRUT cities.

19. The President of Ecuador has recently declared a state of emergency in the prison system of the country. This decision is followed by a prison massacre event in which more than 115 prison inmates are reported dead.

20. Kilauea – one of the most active volcanoes on earth is located in the Hawaii islands. The volcano has recently started to erupt, raising the alert level to "warning" and the aviation code being changed to "red" in the region.

21. The birth anniversary of India's 'Father of Nation' Mahatma Gandhi is observed as the 'International Day of Non-Violence' every year, on October 2.

22. The World Space Week was declared by the United Nations (UN) since 1999. In 1957, the first human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik, was launched on October 4.

23. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has recently inaugurated the Mahabahu Brahmaputra River Heritage Centre in the state of Assam.

24. A Business Summit on National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm for North East was held recently at Guwahati, which was presided over by Narendra Singh Tomar – the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
25. SBI Cap is the fund manager of the 'Special Window for Affordable & Mid-Income Housing' (SWAMIH) Fund.
26. The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has recently recommended that the National Fund to Control Drug Abuse may be used to carry out de-addiction programmes
27. The USA has announced that it would provide USD 144 million assistance to the people of Afghanistan who have been facing hardships and humanitarian crisis under the Taliban regime.
28. According to a release issued by the Union Health Ministry of India, "Har Ghar Dastak" (Knock Every Door) campaign is scheduled to start soon in districts with low vaccination rates.
29. CAATSA-Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act is a 2017 law, which intends punish countries that did business with some countries including Russia.
30. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet reappointed Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for three years beyond 10.12.2021 or until further orders.
31. Punjab is set to commence the census of the Indus river dolphin (*Platanista gangetica minor*). It is a freshwater dolphin that is found in river Beas.
32. A study led by IIT Kharagpur researchers have found the presence of mineral bridgmanite, which is the most abundant mineral in the interior of the Earth, within the Katol L6 Chondrite meteorite.
33. Ganges River Dolphins is the National Aquatic Animal of India and is listed as 'Endangered' under IUCN Red List.
34. South Korean lawmakers passed the world's first law to force tech giants such as Google and Apple to offer alternative payment systems on their app stores.
- The country is set to amend the 'Telecommunications Business Act', the nation's primary telecommunications law.
35. In Uttar Pradesh, many children have been diagnosed with a new mystery fever identified as Scrub Typhus.
36. The C.1.2 variant of the Coronavirus disease was first reported from South Africa.
- The variant has now spread to at least six countries, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).
37. The Tamil Nadu government has announced plans to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast of the state.
38. The Union AYUSH Ministry has launched a campaign named AYUSH AAPKE DWAR. This campaign aims to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households in one year.
39. Indian Navy's Offshore Patrol Vessel INS Savitri arrived Chattogram harbour, Bangladesh, carrying two 960 LPM (Litres Per Minute) Medical Oxygen Plants (MOP) to support the ongoing efforts of the Bangladesh in tackling Covid-19.
40. The National Level Exhibition and Project Competition for INSPIRE Awards – MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) has commended, under the aegis of Dept. of Science and Technology – Union Ministry of Science and Technology.
41. "The Indian Navy's fourth stealth Scorpene class submarine, **INS Vela**, got commissioned on 25th November 2021," the Navy said in a statement. The submarine has been built by Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in collaboration with M/s Naval Group of France.