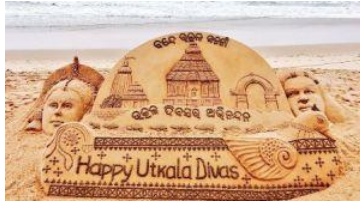


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Odisha celebrates 86th statehood day dubbed as 'Utkala Dibasa'



Every year, **Odisha Day**, also called as **Utkala Dibasa**, is celebrated all over the state of Odisha on April 01 to commemorate the formation of the state as a separate state on **1 April 1936**. In 2021, Odisha is celebrating its **86th statehood day**. Odisha Day is also called Orissa Foundation Day and Vishuva Milan. Odisha was carved out as a politically separate state under British rule on a linguistic basis, comprising Odia-speaking districts of Bihar and Orissa Province with addition of Koraput and Ganjam from the Madras Presidency. The newly formed Odisha consisted of six districts. As of 1 April 2019, Odisha has 30 districts.

Cabinet Approves Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry worth Rs 10,900 crore



The Union Cabinet has approved the Central Sector Scheme called "**Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)**" with an outlay of **Rs.10900 crore**. The scheme will be implemented over a **six year period from 2021-22 to 2026-27**. The **Project Management Agency (PMA)** shall implement the scheme. PMA will be responsible for appraisal of applications/ proposals, verification of eligibility for support, scrutiny of claims eligible for disbursement of incentive. The PLI scheme will support creation of global food manufacturing champions and support Indian brands of food products in the international markets.

Interest Rates on Small Savings Schemes for Q1 of FY 2021-22 (April-June)



The rate of interest on **Small Savings Schemes for the first quarter (April-June) of 2021-22** will remain unchanged as the last quarter (January-March) of 2020-2021. Earlier on March 31, 2021, the Government had announced a cut in interest rates on various small savings schemes **sharply by 40-110 basis points**. However, the

orders issued were withdrawn by the government on April 01, 2021. This marks the fourth consecutive quarter that the government has maintained the rates on such schemes that is effective from April 1 and remain in effect till June 30, 2021.

Deadline for Linking PAN-Aadhaar Extended till June, 30 2021



The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the last date for the mandatory linking of the **Permanent Account Number (PAN)** with **Aadhaar number** till **June, 30 2021**. Earlier this deadline was March, 31 2021. The extension has been done keeping in mind the difficulties arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indian Army to participate in Multinational Military Exercise SHANTIR OGROSHENA 2021 in Bangladesh



A multinational Military Exercise named ‘**SHANTIR OGROSHENA**’ 2021 (Front Runner of the Peace) is scheduled to be held in **Bangladesh** from April 04 to 12, 2021. The theme of the exercise is “**Robust Peace Keeping Operations**”. The exercise is being held to commemorate

the birth centenary of **Bangladesh ‘Father of the Nation’ Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** and mark glorious 50 years of liberation of the country. The Indian Army is also participating in this multinational exercise, along with contingent of Royal Bhutan Army, Sri Lankan Army and Bangladesh Army. The Indian contingent will comprise of 30 personnel including Officers, JCOs and Jawans of a Battalion from The DOGRA Regiment. USA, UK, Turkey, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Singapore will also attend the exercise as Military observers.

India ranks 140 among 156 nations in WEF’s gender gap index 2021



India has slipped 28 places to rank **140 among 156 countries** in the **Global Gender Gap Report 2021**, by **World Economic Forum**. In 2020, India ranked 112th among 153 countries. India emerged as the third-worst performing country in South Asia. **Iceland** has topped the index as the most gender-equal country in the world for 12th time. **Afghanistan** is the worst-performing country in the report.

Top 10 gender-equal country

- Iceland, Finland, Norway, New Zealand, Rwanda, Sweden, Ireland and Switzerland.

Global Gender Gap Report

The Global Gender Gap Report 2021 is **15th edition** of the annual publication by WEF. The Global Gender Gap Index was first introduced by the World Economic Forum in **2006** to compare countries’ gender gaps across four dimensions: economic opportunities, education, health and political leadership

Legendary Actor Rajinikanth to be honoured with 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award



The legendary actor **Rajinikanth** has been selected to be honored with the **51st Dadasaheb Phalke Awards**, the highest film honour in India. The iconic actor Rajinikanth will receive the **Dadasaheb Phalke award for 2019** for his stupendous contribution to Indian cinema. Rajinikanth will receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award on May 3, 2021.

Subhash Kumar takes additional charge as CMD of ONGC

Subhash Kumar has assumed the additional charge as **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** on April 01, 2021. He is serving as Director (Finance) at ONGC.

Kumar succeeds incumbent CMD, Shashi Shanker, who superannuated on March 31, 2021.

Lewis Hamilton Wins 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix

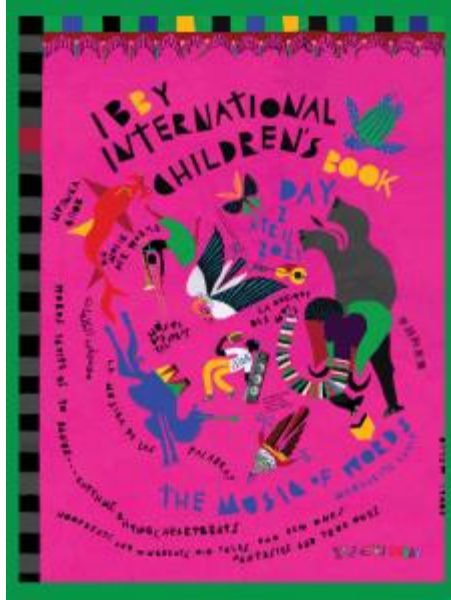
Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the **2021 Bahrain Grand Prix**, held on 28 March 2021. It was the opening race of the season of the 2021 Formula One World Championship. This win is first win of the season for Hamilton who now holds the records for the most wins (**96**), in Formula One history. Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing-Netherlands) came second and Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) was third.

International Children's Book Day: 02 April

International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is organised annually on 2nd April since 1967, by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), an international non-profit organization, to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books. Each year a different National Section of IBBY has the opportunity to be the international sponsor of ICBD and decide upon a theme.

- **IBBY United States** is the sponsor for International Children's Book Day 2021.
- Theme 2021: **"The Music of Words."**

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World Autism Awareness Day: 02 April

- The **World Autism Awareness Day** is observed internationally on **2 April** every year, to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) throughout the world.
- Theme 2021: **“Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World”**.
- It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 18 December 2007.
- World Autism Day is one of only seven official health-specific UN Days.

