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## NATIONAL

- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind presented Gallantry Awards and Distinguished Service Decorations in Defence Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Gallantry Awards have been instituted by the Government of India to honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of the officers/personnel of the Armed Forces as well as other lawfully constituted forces and civilians. The order of precedence of these awards is Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra.

### Vir Chakra:

Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman was accorded the Vir Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind for his role in pushing back Pakistan's fighter jets in February 2019. Abhinandan Varthaman was Wing Commander then. In the ensuing aerial dogfight, he shot down a Pakistani F-16 fighter aircraft on February 27, 2019.

### Kirti Chakra:

President Kovind accorded the second-highest peacetime gallantry award Kirti Chakra (posthumously) to Sapper Prakash Jadhav for neutralising terrorists in an operation in Jammu and Kashmir. His wife and mother received the award.

### Shaurya Chakra:

Major Vibhuti Shankar Dhoundiyal was accorded the Shaurya Chakra (posthumously) for his role in an operation where five terrorists were eliminated and 200 kg explosive material was recovered. His wife Lt Nitika Kaul and mother received the award.

Naib Subedar Sombir was accorded the Shaurya Chakra posthumously for killing an A++ category terrorist during an operation in Jammu and Kashmir. His wife Suman Devi and mother Rajendra Devi received the honour.

The President also conferred the Shaurya Chakra to Major Maheshkumar Bhure who is an alumnus of Sainik School Satara. According to the citation, Major Bhure led an operation in which six top terrorist commanders were killed.

- According to the 6th edition of the Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021) report by the Public Affairs Centre (PAC), a Bengaluru-based non-profit

think tank, the top three slots have been taken by Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana among 18 large states. PAI 2021 highlights the state government's quality governance and especially the state's government involvement over the curb of Covid-19.

### Toppers among large states

- Kerala (1.618)
- Tamil Nadu (0.857)
- Telangana (0.891)

### Toppers among small states

- Sikkim (1.617)
- Meghalaya (1.144)
- Mizoram (1.123)

### Toppers among Union Territories

- Puducherry (1.182)
- Jammu and Kashmir (0.705)
- Chandigarh (0.628)

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Kedarnath in Uttarakhand on November 05, 2021, to inaugurate key infrastructure projects related to the redevelopment of Kedarnath. PM inaugurated the reconstructed Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi (final resting place) at the premises of the Kedarnath Temple in Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand and unveiled the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya at the Samadhi. The Samadhi was damaged in the 2013 Kedarnath flood. The 12-feet long statue weighing around 35 tonnes (35,000kg) has been constructed by Mysore-based sculptor Arjun Yogiraj. During the visit, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several reconstruction projects worth over Rs 400 crore at Kedarpuri.

- In India, the National Education Day is celebrated on 11 November every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India. The day was announced by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on 11 September 2008. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad served as education minister from 15 August 1947 to 2 February 1958. On 11 September 2008, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has announced to commemorate the birthday of the great person by recalling the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the



field of education by celebrating 11 November as National Education Day. Since 2008, every year in India, National Education Day is celebrated without declaring it a holiday.

- ⊙ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that his government will repeal the three contentious agricultural laws and requested protesting farmers to go back to their fields and homes. The announcement came on the Gurupurab/Prakash Utsav festival, when Sikhism founder Guru Nanak's birthday is celebrated in the country. The decision comes just ahead of state polls in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh where the farm protests were predicted to dent the BJP's electoral fortunes. Last year, in September, President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent for the three bills passed by the Parliament. Since the three farm bills have already been passed into law, the government will have to formally bring three new bills to repeal them and get them passed in both Houses.

The three contentious bills are:

- The Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020
  - The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020
  - The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill.
- ⊙ On November 25, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for Noida International Airport (NIA) in Gautam Buddh Nagar. PM Modi arrived at Jewar, the place accompanied by Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath and Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia, to lay down the foundation. Airport at Jewar is being developed by Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL), which is a 100 per cent subsidiary of project's Swiss concessionaire Zurich International Airport AG.
  - ⊙ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Purvanchal Expressway on November 16, 2021. Purvanchal Expressway is a stretch of about 341-kms. It is more like an extension of the Greater Noida Expressway, Taj Expressway, and Agra-Lucknow Expressway.

## ECONOMY

- ⊙ India1 Payments has crossed a milestone on deploying 10000 white-label ATMs, which was called as "India1ATMs". India1 Payments is IPO-bound and is promoted by the Banktech Group of Australia. It was formerly known as BTI Payments. With the deployment of 10000 ATMs, India1 Payments has become the largest player in this segment. India1 ATM has become the second largest white label ATM brand on semi-urban and rural areas.
- ⊙ Recently, Ministry of Labour released a new series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) with base year 2016. The Wage Rate Index (WRI) is being compiled and maintained by the Labour Bureau. New series of WRI with base 2016=100 is going to replace old series with base 1963-65. Central government periodically revises base year for major economic indicators for reflecting the changes in economy and for capturing wage pattern of workers. This time, the WRI base year has been revised on the recommendations of National Statistical Commission, International Labour Organization etc. in order to enhance the coverage and to make index more representative.
- ⊙ Stock exchanges, BSE and NSE launched the celebrations of globally popular event "World Investor Week 2021". Under the event, they will conduct several educational activities. Key Points Central Depository Services (India) Ltd (CDSL) is also celebrating the World Investor Week (WIW) during November 21-28, 2021 under the aegis of SEBI and International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).
- ⊙ State-level environmental impact assessment committee in Uttar Pradesh (UP) has given Environmental Clearance (EC) for construction of ambitious Ganga Expressway project of UP government. According to a 2006 notification of Union Ministry of Environment, environment clearance for these projects covered under the schedule was mandatory. UPEIDA obtained the EC for Ganga Expressway Project was based on the 2006 notification.
- ⊙ Government of Tamil Nadu has constituted a FinTech Governing Council in a bid to become a global fintech hub. FinTech Governing Council was set up under the chairmanship of Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu. Chief Secretary

V Irai Anbu will act as the Vice Chairman of Governing Council. Managing Director and CEO of Guidance Tamil Nadu, Pooja Kulkarni will be the convenor of Governing Councils.

- ⊙ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched two customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for investors on November 12, 2021. The two initiatives are- RBI Retail Direct Scheme and Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme. With the launch of these scheme, India has opened up Government bond market for retails investors. RBI Retail Direct Scheme will act as a safe medium of investment for small investors in government securities. Both the innovative customer-centric initiatives will help in increasing investment avenues and thus make accessing capital market easier & safer.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ⊙ Google parent company Alphabet Inc. has launched a new company in London called Isomorphic Labs. The company aims to use AI (artificial intelligence) for drug discovery and medicine to find cures for some of humanity's most devastating diseases. Demis Hassabis will be the CEO of Isomorphic Labs. Hassabis is the CEO and co-founder of DeepMind, another Alphabet subsidiary that used AI to predict the 3D structure of a protein directly from its amino acid sequence.
- ⊙ IBM Corp. launched a client innovation centre in Mysuru with support from the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) to attract companies to set up operations in cities beyond Bengaluru. This initiative aims at supporting the rapid, high-tech driven economic growth in tier-2 and -3 regions while providing comprehensive hybrid cloud and AI technology consulting capabilities.
- ⊙ Alphabet Inc's Google has invested \$1 billion in CME Group and has struck a separate deal to move the futures exchange operator's trading systems to the cloud. Under the terms of the 10-year partnership between Google and CME, the Chicago-based exchange operator will begin moving its technology infrastructure to Google Cloud next year.
- ⊙ Home-grown mobile phone company Lava International has become the first Indian brand to launch 5G smartphones for domestic

consumers. The smartphone launched under the brand name 'Agni' has been developed by Lava in India and is getting manufactured at its plant in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

- ⊙ The US space agency NASA has launched a first-of-its-kind mission named DART to change the path of an asteroid by intentionally crashing a spacecraft into it. DART stands for Double Asteroid Redirection Test. The \$325 million DART mission was launched into orbit on November 24, 2021, from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
- ⊙ Science and Technology Minister, Jitendra Singh has launched India's first Virtual Science Lab for Children under CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) Jigyasa Programme. These labs will connect students with scientists across the country. To provide quality research exposure and innovative pedagogy for school students based on an online interactive medium.

## SPORTS

- ⊙ Australia won their maiden T20 World Cup title as they defeated New Zealand in the final by 8 wickets. A target of 173 in a global final is never easy but Marsh with his power and reach made it look like a walk in the park in the company of David Warner (53 off 38 balls), who also turned the wheels of fortune for himself and his team during a victory, achieved in 18.5 overs. Mitchell Marsh was named as the player of the match. ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 had begun on 17th October 2021 at the Oman Cricket Academy Ground, the final match was commenced on 14th November in Dubai when the tournament's two best teams Australia and New Zealand met in a decider. The event which was to be held in India shifted to UAE and Oman due to the COVID-19 situation in India. BCCI, however, will continue to be the host of the event.
- ⊙ On November 1, 2021, Sports Ministry physically handed over trophies to the winners of National Sports Awards 2020. Winners of the Awards had already received the cash rewards but were unable to collect their trophies and citations during 2020 event because the Sports Awards ceremony was held virtually amid Covid-19 pandemic.



Sports Ministry had handed over a total of 74 National Sports Awards, including 27 Arjuna Awards & 5 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards, on August 29, 2020.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2020 presented to Rohit Sharma (Cricket), Manika Batra (Table Tennis) Mariyappan Thangavelu (Para-Athletics), Rani Rampal (Hockey) and Vinesh Phogat (Wrestling).

Arjuna Award 2020 presented to Atanu Das (Archery), Chirag Chandrasekhar Shetty (Badminton), Dutee Chand (Athletics), Ishant Sharma (Cricket), Deepti Sharma (Cricket), Divya Kakran (Wrestling) et al.

Dronacharya Award (Life-Time Category) 2020 presented to Naresh Kumar (Tennis), Romesh Pathania (Hockey), Dharmendra Tiwary (Archery), Om Parkash Dahiya (Wrestling) et al.

Dhyan Chand Award 2020 presented to Kuldeep Singh Bhullar (Athletics), Lakha Singh (Boxing), Trupti Murgunde (Badminton), N Usha (Boxing), Manpreet Singh (Kabaddi), Nandan Bal (Tennis) et al.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar:

- Identification and Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent category- given to Lakshya Institute & Army Sports Institute.
- Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility category- presented to Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Ltd.
- Employment of sportspersons & sports welfare measures category- presented to Air Force Sports Control Board.

- © The Jammu & Kashmir team for deaf clinched 1st position in World Deaf Judo Championship held at Paris Versailles, France. Rakshanda Mehak who is part of the Indian team for the deaf clinched the bronze medal by defeating the South Korean team in the semifinal. The championship was

held at Versailles, France. The championship is organised by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf.

- © Indian Grandmaster (GM) P Iniyar has won the 5th Rujna Zora chess tournament held at Serbia.



International Master (IM) Makarian Rudik of Russia finished 2nd and another Indian Player V S Raaghul finished 3rd and IM S. Nitin placed 4th. P Iniyar is the 16th Indian Grand Master from Erode, Tamil Nadu. His current International Chess Federation (FIDE) ratings is 2556.

- © Indian batter Rohit Sharma has completed 3000 T20I runs and became the third cricketer in the world to achieve this feat.



Rohit reached the 3000 run mark in the ICC men's T20 World Cup match against Namibia. Virat Kohli is at the top of the tally with 3227 runs, which is followed by New Zealand's Martin Guptill & India's Rohit Sharma with 3115 and 3008 runs, respectively.

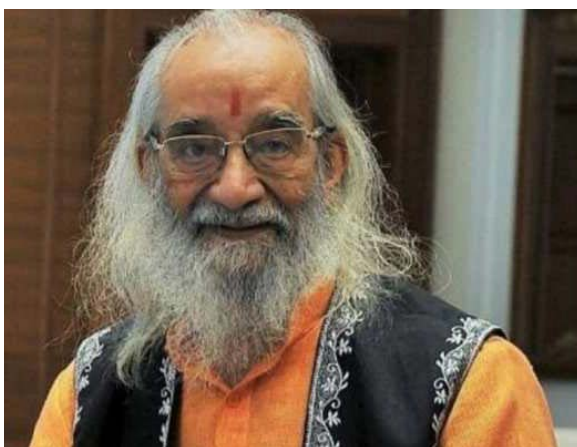
## PERSONS IN NEWS

- Senior bureaucrat Vivek Johri was appointed as the chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on November 28, 2021.



Vivek Johri is a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) officer. He is currently working as the member in the CBIC. His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. He was appointed as tenure of former chairman M Ajit Kumar ends in the month of November 2021.

- Padma Vibhushan Babasaheb Purandare took his last breath on November 15, 2021 at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune. His full name was Balwant Moreshwar Purandare. He was 99 years old and on life support.



His last rites were performed Vaikunth crematorium in Pune. He was a celebrated historian, author, and theatre personality. He was famous for his work on Chhatrapati Shivaji

Maharaj. The author wrote several books on Shivaji Maharaj, his administration as well the forts from Shivaji's era. He also directed 'Jaanta Raja', which is a popular play on Chhatrapati's life. His works are mostly related to Shivaji, as a result he was often called as Shiv-Shahir.

- The Centre has appointed former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ashok Bhushan as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), for a period of four years or until he attains the age of 70 years, whichever is the earliest. He was the former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court. NCLAT was formed by the government under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- Board member of Reliance Jio Infocomm, Reliance Retail and Reliance Foundation, Isha Ambani was appointed on the Board of Trustees of the prestigious Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art. The appointment is for 4 years. Apart from Isha Ambani, Carolyn Brehm, founder and CEO of the consulting firm Brehm Global Ventures LLC and lecturer, and Peter Kimmelman, also joined the board. Antoine van Agtmael is the chair of the museum's board of trustees.
- Industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) named Arun Chawla as its new director-general. He will assume charge with immediate effect. He joined FICCI in 2011 and is currently the deputy secretary-general of the chamber. He joined the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry in 2011 and is currently the deputy secretary-general of the chamber.

## PLANS AND POLICIES

- The Union Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has launched the "Dairy Sahakar" scheme at Anand, Gujarat during a function organised by Amul to celebrate the 75th Foundation Year of Amul. The total outlay of the Dairy Sahakar scheme is Rs 5000 crore. The scheme will be implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under the Ministry of Cooperation.
- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences Dr Jitendra Singh officially

launched India's First Manned Ocean Mission called the "Samudrayan project" at Chennai. The Unique Ocean Mission aims to have deep underwater manned vehicles for carrying out subsea activities. With this technology, India joins the elite club of nations such as the USA, Russia, Japan, France and China to have such underwater vehicles.

- ⊙ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced that the Central government has extended the benefits of the "Ayushman CAPF healthcare scheme" to the personnel of all Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). The scheme was launched in line with the commitment of the Modi govt to ensure healthcare facilities of CAPF personnel so that they can discharge their duties with full concentration.
- ⊙ Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman has launched two schemes named 'Tejasvini & Hausala schemes' of J&K Bank for girls. Under 18-35 years of age to start their businesses and 'Shikhar & Shikara' schemes of Punjab National Bank (PNB) for development of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- ⊙ Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) for another four months. The Phase V of the PMGKAY scheme will be operational from December 2021 till March 2022. Under the scheme, all the beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) receives food grains @ 5 kg per person per month.

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

- ⊙ The National Sports Awards for the year 2021 were announced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. President of India Shri Ramnath Kovind will felicitate the awardees on November 13, 2021. The National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. Given below is the list of selected sportsperson who will receive these awards this year.

### Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2021:

Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
Ravi Kumar	Wrestling
Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing
Sreejesh P.R	Hockey
Avani Lekhara	Para Shooting
Sumit Antil	Para Athletics
Pramod Bhagat	Para-Badminton
Krishna Nagar	Para-Badminton
Manish Narwal	Para Shooting
Mithali Raj	Cricket
Sunil Chhetri	Football
Manpreet Singh	Hockey

### Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2021:

Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
Arpinder Singh	Athletics
Simranjit Kaur	Boxing
Shikhar Dhawan	Cricket
Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman	Fencing
Monika	Hockey
Vandana Katariya	Hockey
Sandeep Narwal	Kabaddi
Himani Uttam Parab	Mallakhamb
Abhishek Verma	Shooting
Ankita Raina	Tennis
Deepak Punia	Wrestling
Dilpreet Singh	Hockey
Harman Preet Singh	Hockey
Rupinder Pal Singh	Hockey
Surender Kumar	Hockey
Amit Rohidas	Hockey
Birendra Lakra	Hockey
Sumit	Hockey



Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
Nilakanta Sharma	Hockey
Hardik Singh	Hockey
Vivek Sagar Prasad	Hockey
Gurjant Singh	Hockey
Mandeep Singh	Hockey
Shamsher Singh	Hockey
Lalit Kumar Upadhyay	Hockey
Varun Kumar	Hockey
Simranjeet Singh	Hockey
YogeshKathuniya	Para Athletics
Nishad Kumar	Para Athletics
Praveen Kumar	Para Athletics
Suhash Yathiraj	Para-Badminton
Singhraj Adhana	Para Shooting
Bhavina Patel	Para Table Tennis
Harvinder Singh	Para Archery
Sharad Kumar	Para Athletics

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2021 (Life-Time Category):

Name of the Coach	Discipline
T. P. Ouseph	Athletics
SarkarTalwar	Cricket
Sarpal Singh	Hockey
Ashan Kumar	Kabaddi
Tapan Kumar Panigrahi	Swimming

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2021 (Regular Category):

Name of the Coach	Discipline
Radhakrishnan Nair P	Athletics
Sandhya Gurung	Boxing
Pritam Siwach	Hockey
Jai Prakash Nautiyal	Para Shooting
Subramanian Raman	Table Tennis

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games 2021:

Name	Discipline
Lekha K.C.	Boxing
Abhijeet Kunte	Chess
Davinder Singh Garcha	Hockey
Vikas Kumar	Kabaddi
Sajjan Singh	Wrestling

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2021:

Category	Entity recommended for Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar, 2021
Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent	Manav Rachna Educational Institution
Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2021: Panjab University: Chandigarh.

- © President of India, Ram Nath Kovind presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2021 at the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in New Delhi. 2021 is the 6th edition of Swachh Survekshan awards in which as many as 4,320 cities were surveyed. The cities are ranked based on three parameters, which are Service Level Progress (SLP), certifications and citizen's voice. Once again, Indore has been adjudged as the cleanest city of India for the fifth consecutive year. Indore is followed by Surat in Gujarat at second place and Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh in the third position.

Here is the complete List of Award-Winning Cities:

- Cleanest City: Indore
- Cleanest Ganga town: Varanasi
- Cleanest State (with more than 100 urban local bodies): Chhattisgarh
- Cleanest State (with less than 100 urban local bodies): Jharkhand



- Cleanest City (with less than one lakh population): Vita city of Maharashtra
- Cleanest small city (1-3 lakh population): New Delhi Municipal Council
- Cleanest medium city (3-10 lakh population): Noida
- Cleanest big city' (10-40 lakh population): Navi Mumbai
- Cleanest cantonment board: Ahmedabad cantonment
- Cleanest District: Surat
- Fastest Mover small city: Hoshangawad, Madhya Pradesh
- Best Small City in Citizens' Feedback: Triputi, Maharashtra
- Top city in Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge: Navi Mumbai

- © The 72nd edition of the National Book Award was organized as a virtual event by the National Book Foundation. Jason Mott won the 2021 National Book Award for fiction for his novel "Hell of a Book", a narrative about a black author's adventure while travelling around in a book tour.

Winners of 2021 National Book Awards:

Category	Book	Author
Fiction	Hell of a Book	Jason Mott
Non-Fiction	All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake	Tiya Miles
Young People's Literature	Last Night at the Telegraph Club	Malinda Lo
Poetry	Floaters	Martín Espada
Best Translated Literature	Winter in Sokcho	Elisa Shua Dusapin and translator Aneesa Abbas Higgins (translated from French)

- © The 2021 International Emmy Awards was the 49th edition of the annual ceremony held in New York City. The award recognised excellence

in television programs produced and aired originally outside the U.S., and non-English language US primetime programs between the dates of January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020.

From India, Nawazuddin Siddiqui was nominated for Best Actor for his performance in *Serious Men*, Sushmita Sen-led *Aarya* was nominated for Best Drama and comedian Vir Das was nominated for Best Comedy. However, India could not register a win in any of the above categories. Till date, the only Indian show to bag an Emmy is *Delhi Crime* which won Best Drama in 2020.

List of Winners of 2021 International Emmy Awards:

- *Best Actor*: David Tennant for *Des* (UK)
  - *Best Actress*: Hayley Squires for *Adult Material* (UK)
  - *Best Drama Series*: *Tehran* (Israel)
  - *Best Comedy Series*: *Call My Agent Season 4* (France)
  - *Best Documentary*: *Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice* (Thailand)
  - *Best Telenovela*: *The Song Of Glory* (China)
  - *Best TV Movie / Mini-Series*: *Atlantic Crossing* (Norway)
  - *Best Arts Programming*: *Kubrick By Kubrick* (France)
  - *Best Short-Form Series*: *INSiDE* (New Zealand)
  - *Best Non-Scripted Entertainment*: *The Masked Singer* (UK)
  - *Best Non-English Language U.S. Primetime Program*: 21st Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards (USA)
- © Pratham NGO has been awarded with the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2021 for its work on expanding the scope for education in India. The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament & Development for 2021 was awarded to Pratham NGO for its pioneering work for more than a quarter century in ensuring that every child has access to quality education, its innovative use of digital technology to deliver education, its regular evaluation of quality of education and its timely response in making children to learn amid Covid-19 restrictions.