

**Today's Event – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

- 475 – Romulus Augustulus is proclaimed Western Roman Emperor.
- 683 – During the Siege of Mecca, the Kaaba catches fire and is burned down.
- 802 – Empress Irene is deposed and banished to Lesbos. Conspirators place Nikephoros, the minister of finance, on the Byzantine throne.
- 932 – Abbasid caliph al-Muqtadir is killed while fighting against the forces of general Mu'nis al-Muzaffar. Al-Muqtadir's brother al-Qahir is chosen to succeed him.
- 1517 – Protestant Reformation: Martin Luther posts his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.
- 1587 – Leiden University Library opens its doors after its founding in 1575.
- 1822 – Emperor Agustín de Iturbide attempts to dissolve the Congress of the Mexican Empire.
- 1863 – The New Zealand Wars resume as British forces in New Zealand led by General Duncan Cameron begins their Invasion of the Waikato.
- 1864 – Nevada is admitted as the 36th U.S. state.
- 1903 – The Purdue Wreck, a railroad train collision in Indianapolis, kills 17 people, including 14 players of the Purdue University football team.
- 1907 – The Parliament of Finland approved the Prohibition Act, but the law was not implemented because it was not ratified by Tsar Nicholas II of Russia
- 1913 – Dedication of the Lincoln Highway, the first automobile highway across United States.
- 1913 – The Indianapolis Streetcar Strike and subsequent riot begins.
- 1922 – Benito Mussolini is made Prime Minister of Italy
- 1923 – The first of 160 consecutive days of 100° Fahrenheit at Marble Bar, Western Australia.
- 1924 – World Savings Day is announced in Milan, Italy by the Members of the Association at the 1st International Savings Bank Congress (World Society of Savings Banks).
- 1938 – Great Depression: In an effort to restore investor confidence, the New York Stock Exchange unveils a fifteen-point program aimed to upgrade protection for the investing public.
- 1941 – After 14 years of work, Mount Rushmore is completed.
- 1956 – Suez Crisis: The United Kingdom and France begin bombing Egypt to force the reopening of the Suez Canal.
- 1956 – Hungarian Revolution of 1956: A Revolutionary Headquarters is established in Hungary. Following Imre Nagy's announcement of October 30, banned non-Communist political parties are reformed, and the MDP is replaced by the MSZMP. József Mindszenty is released from prison. The Soviet Politburo makes the decision to crush the Revolution.
- 1961 – In the Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin's body is removed from the Lenin's Mausoleum, also known as the Lenin Tomb.

- 1963 – A propane tank explosion at the Indiana State Fair Coliseum (now the Indiana Farmers Coliseum) in Indianapolis kills 74 people and injures another 400 during an ice-skating show.
- 1984 – Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by two Sikh security guards. Riots break out in New Delhi and other cities and around 3,000 Sikhs are killed.
- 1998 – Iraq disarmament crisis begins: Iraq announces it would no longer cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors.
- 1999 – Yachtsman Jesse Martin returns to Melbourne after 11 months of circumnavigating the world, solo, non-stop and unassisted.
- 1999 – EgyptAir Flight 990 crashes into the Atlantic Ocean near Nantucket, killing all 217 people on board.
- 2000 – Soyuz TM-31 launches, carrying the first resident crew to the International Space Station. The ISS has been crewed continuously since then.
- 2000 – Singapore Airlines Flight 006 crashes on take-off from Taipei, killing 83.
- 2002 – A federal grand jury in Houston, Texas indicts former Enron chief financial officer Andrew Fastow on 78 counts of wire fraud, money laundering, conspiracy and obstruction of justice related to the collapse of his ex-employer.
- 2003 – Mahathir bin Mohamad resigns as Prime Minister of Malaysia and is replaced by Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, marking an end to Mahathir's 22 years in power.
- 2011 – The global population of humans reaches seven billion. This day is now recognized by the United Nations as the Day of Seven Billion.
- 2014 – During a test flight, the VSS *Enterprise*, a Virgin Galactic experimental spaceflight test vehicle, suffers a catastrophic in-flight breakup and crashes in the Mojave Desert, California,
- 2015 – Metro jet Flight 9268 is bombed over the northern Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 people on board.
- 2017 – A truck drives into a crowd in Lower Manhattan, New York City, killing eight people.
- 2020 – Berlin Brandenburg Airport opens its doors after nearly 10 years of delays due to construction issues and project corruption.

#### **National Events-**

- An estimated 49.60 per cent of 5,84,395 voters exercised their franchise in the by-elections to two assembly constituencies in Bihar till the end of polling at 4 pm on Saturday, the Election Commission said.
- Two Indian Army personnel, including one officer, succumbed to their fatal injuries in a mysterious blast along the line of control in Kalal area of Nowshera in frontier Rajouri district of Jammu division on Saturday.
- The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached two Immovable properties worth ` 2.62 crore situated at Ranchi, Jharkhand belonging to Pataliputra Builders Limited under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

- The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said it has attached land worth Rs74 crore situated at Dehradun owned by former Uttar Pradesh BSP MLC Mohammad. Iqbal and his family members under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act
- Children who are exposed to a certain type of environmental air pollution are more likely to contract community-acquired pneumonia or CAP, and to be hospitalised for longer periods of time, said a new study led by researchers in the Louisiana State University Superfund Research Program.

#### **International Events-**

- The United Nations and the United States urged Sudan's top generals to allow pro-democracy protests and avoid confrontations in the wake of a military coup earlier this week.
- The UN humanitarian chief had a dire message for leaders of the world's 20 largest economies meeting this weekend: Worry about Afghanistan because its economy is collapsing and half the population risks not having enough food to eat as the snows have already started to fall.
- President Joe Biden and a trio of European allies strategised on Saturday over ways to achieve a diplomatic solution as Iran continues to make troubling advances with its nuclear programme.
- For years, Zebulon Simentov branded himself as the "last Jew of Afghanistan," the sole remnant of a centuries-old community. He charged reporters for interviews and held court in Kabul's only remaining synagogue. He left the country last month for Istanbul after the Taliban seized power.
- Sudanese security forces shot dead two people on Saturday during mass protests against the country's recent military coup, a doctors' union said. The shootings came despite repeated appeals by the West to Sudan's new military rulers to show restraint and allow peaceful protests.

#### **Job alerts-**

- Balmer Lawrie Jobs for Junior Officer Grade "B" and other posts. Last date 12th November 2021
- National Book Trust (NBT) India Jobs for Marketing Executive in North East India and other posts. Last date 17.11.2021
- Food Corporation of India (FCI) Jobs for Watchman and other posts. Last date 10th November 2021

#### **Sports-**

- New Zealand opener Martin Guptill, who had suffered a toe injury, has regained fitness and available for selection for the T20 World Cup match against India here. India takes on the Black Caps on Sunday.
- Virat Kohli will be facing the most defining test of his captaincy career as he expects his men to be the proverbial "phoenix rising from the ashes" when India takes on a street-smart New Zealand in a 'do-or-die' ICC T20 World Cup Super-12 game here on Sunday.
- Fast bowler Tim Southee feels coming off losses in their respective tournament openers, both India and New Zealand would be desperate to outwit each other in what promises to be an exciting T20 World Cup Super-12 game between the two "very good sides."
- David Miller's two last-over sixes powered South Africa to a four-wicket victory over Sri Lanka despite a hat-trick by Wanindu Hasaranga in a thrilling Super 12 match of the ICC T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

- Jos Buttler hammered a brutal 32-ball 71 not out to complement a superlative performance from the bowlers as England crushed Australia by eight wickets in their Super 12 match to inch closer to a semifinal spot at the T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

#### **Economy –**

- The combined market valuation of nine of the top-10 most valued companies fell by Rs 2,48,542.3 crore last week in line with a weak broader market trend, with Reliance Industries and HDFC Bank emerging as the biggest laggards.
- Healthy demand has restored India Inc's business confidence in Q3 of 2021, according to the Global Economic Conditions Survey (GECS) report. This is the largest regular economic survey of accountants and finance professionals around the world jointly carried out quarterly by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). According to the survey report, outlook for the South Asian region has risen mainly due to better prospects in India.
- Italy's Premier Mario Draghi opened a conference of the world's powerhouse economies with a sharp call to pick up the pace in getting vaccines to poor countries, calling the gaping global Covid-19 vaccine gap "morally unacceptable." Draghi, the host for the two-day Group of 20 summit in Rome, said Saturday that only 3% of people in the world's poorest countries are vaccinated, while 70% in rich countries have had at least one shot.
- Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India in association with Hotel and Restaurant Association of North India has announced the launch of a scholarship programme for students interested in pursuing a 3-year B.Sc in hospitality and hotel administration from the FHRAI Institute of Hospitality Management Greater Noida.
- Innovation is more than just a buzzword for the Indian incense industry. With this in mind, Mysore Deep Perfumery House's Zed Black has launched charcoal-free agarbatti Aromix - 'Fusion Incense Sticks. "This is a next level of innovation," said Anshul Agrawal, Director, Zed Black.

#### **Local –**

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has sanctioned a Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU) and five research rural health research projects in Chhattisgarh. MRHRU will be set up at Jhinh in Patan block of Durg district, the funds for which will be provided by ICMR.
- The Cabinet Minister Rekha Arya and Khanpur MLA Pranav Singh 'Champion' were reportedly upset with the arrangements during the Union Home minister Amit Shah's visit.
- A satellite centre of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh will be established in Udham Singh Nagar district on land provided by the state government. This satellite centre of AIIMS Rishikesh will provide all necessary medical treatment facilities for patients of the Kumaon region.
- Former Chief Minister and head of election campaign committee of Congress in Uttarakhand, Harish Rawat was at the target of an assault by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah. In his speech Shah challenged Rawat for a debate on the development.
- Cautioning against voting Congress to power the Union Home Minister Amit Shah has sought five more years from the people of Uttarakhand for Bharatiya Janata Party.

**GK –**

**Fumio Kishida, who was seen in the news recently, is the next Prime Minister of which country?**

- [A] Japan
- [B] North Korea
- [C] Thailand
- [D] Vietnam

**Which Union Ministry has approved a “Dispute Avoidance Mechanism” through ‘Independent Engineer’ (IE)?**

- [A] Ministry of Power
- [B] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Electronics and IT
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

**‘Central Institute of Fisheries Technology’ is located in which state/UT?**

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

**Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award is associated with which field?**

- [A] Sports
- [B] Science
- [C] Social Service
- [D] Literature

**SAGE and SACRED, which were seen in the news, are new portals associated with which segment of the population?**

- [A] Old Age People
- [B] Children
- [C] Women
- [D] Trans Gender People