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Persons

- ▶ Adani Group Chairman **Gautam Adani** overtook China's Zhong Shanshan as second richest Asian. He now ranks 14th spot Globally on Bloomberg Billionaires Index, with net worth of \$67 Billion. Top 5 -

Rank	Name	Net Worth	Country
1	Jeff Bezos	\$189B	US
2	Elon Musk	\$163B	US
3	Bernard Arnault	\$162B	France
4	Bill Gates	\$142B	US
5	Mark Zuckerberg	\$119B	US

- ▶ Amazon founder Jeff Bezos topped Forbes' annual world's billionaires list for fourth consecutive year.

Top 5 -

- ▶ Jeff Bezos (177 billion)
- ▶ Elon Musk (151 billion)
- ▶ Bernard Arnault (150 billion)

 Bill Gates (124 billion)

 Mark Zuckerberg (97 billion)

 India's Mukesh Ambani ranked 10th globally, with net worth USD 84.5 billion.

3. ▶ Mountaineer **Priyanka Mohite** became first Indian woman to scale 10th highest mountain in world, Mt Annapurna (8091 Metres).

 She also holds record of being first Indian woman to scale Mt Makalu, 5th highest mountain in world (8485 meters).


4. ▶ Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa created world record by scaling world's highest peak Mt. Everest, twice in shortest span of time (4 days). He climbed everest on May 7 and again on May 11, 2021.

5. ▶ Obituaries (April 2021) -

 Digvijaysinh Jhala - Former Deputy Union Environment Minister in Indira Gandhi Govt (1982-84).

 Shashikala Saigal - Noted Indian actress.

 P. Balachandran - Noted Malayalam screenwriter and actor.

 Isamu Akasaki - Noted Japanese Physicist and a co-winner of 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics. He was recognized for invention which contributed to bright and energy-saving white light sources, known as LED lamps.


 Prince Philip (Duke of Edinburgh) - Member of British royal family, as husband of Elizabeth II (UK Queen).

 Fatima Rafiq Zakaria - Padma Shri awardee Noted journalist.

 Chandra Naidu - India's first female cricket commentator. She was daughter of India's first Test captain CK Naidu.

 Satish Kaul - Noted Hindi and Punjabi actor, best known for his role in Mahabharat.

 Sanjay Chakravarty - Noted shooting coach, who trained some of finest Indian shooters including Abhinav Bindra, Gagan Narang and many others.

 Kakarla Subba Rao - Noted Radiologist and Padma Shri Awardee. He served as first director of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (Hyderabad).

 GVG Krishnamurty - Former election commissioner.

 Balbir Singh Junior - Former Indian hockey Player.

 Yogesh Praveen - Noted historian and Padma Shri Awardee.

 Ibn Abdur Rehman - Noted Pakistani peace and human rights Activist.

 Ganjam Venkatasubbiah - Noted Kannada writer and awardee of Padma Shri and Sahitya Akademi Award.

 Vivek - Noted Tamil Actor.

 Narendra Kohli - Noted Hindi Writer. He was winner of Vyas Samman and Padma Shri.

 Sumitra Bhawe - Noted National award-winning film director, known for her work in Marathi cinema.

- ✍️ Bachi Singh Rawat - BJP leader from Uttarakhand and former Union Minister. He had served as Minister of State for Science and Technology in Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.
- ✍️ Ahmed Hussain - Former Indian Footballer.
- ✍️ Charles Geschke - American Computer Scientist, co-founder of Adobe and co-developer of Portable Document Format (PDF) technology.
- ✍️ Ranjit Sinha - Former CBI Chief.
- ✍️ Bhumidhar Barman - Former Assam Chief Minister.
- ✍️ Maulana Wahiduddin Khan - Noted Indian Islamic scholar and peace activist. In 1993, he asked Muslims to relinquish claims over Babri Masjid site.
- ✍️ Shankha Ghosh - Noted poet and critic from West Bengal, and awardee of Padma Bhushan, Jnanpith Award and Sahitya Akademi Award.
- ✍️ Kishore Nandlaskar - Noted Hindi and Marathi actor.
- ✍️ Maidavolu Narasimham - Former (13th) RBI Governor. He is Considered father of Indian banking reforms, as he headed two committees in 1991 and 1998, that had critical influence on country's banking reforms.
- ✍️ Walter Frederick Mondale - Former (42nd) vice president of USA.
- ✍️ Suhas Kulkarni - Former Indian international Table Tennis player.
- ✍️ Rajan Mishra - Noted singer of khyal style of Indian classical music, belonging to Brother duo Rajan and Sajjan Misra.
- ✍️ Amit Mistry - Gujarati and Hindi film actor.
- ✍️ Mohan M Shantanagoudar - Supreme Court judge.
- ✍️ Shravan Rathod - Noted music composer and part of duo Nadeem-Shravan.
- ✍️ Manoj Das - Noted writer, who wrote in Odia and English. He was an awardee of Saraswati Samman, Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan.
- ✍️ Dadudan Gadhvi (also known as Kavi Dad) - Noted Gujarati poet and folk singer, and an awardee of Padma Shri (2021).
- ✍️ Rohit Sardana - Noted Journalist.
- ✍️ Soli Sorabjee - Noted Indian jurist, who served as Attorney-General for India. He was an Awardee of Padma Vibhushan.
- ✍️ Jagdish Khattar - Noted businessman, credited for steering Maruti Udyog as a leader in Automobile sector.
- ✍️ Krishnamurthy Santhanam - Noted Nuclear Scientist, and Padma Bhushan awardee.
- ✍️ Michael Collins - Noted American astronaut, who was part of Apollo 11 Program to Moon in 1969, while his crewmates Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin made first landing on Moon surface.
- ✍️ John Konrads - Noted Australian Olympian swimmer.

Manzoor Ahtesham - Noted Hindi writer and Padma Shri Awardee.

6. ▶ Obituaries (August 2021) -

Steven Weinberg - Noted American physicist and Nobel laureate in physics (1979).

Kalyani Menon - Noted playback singer from Kerala.

Man Kaur - Noted track-and-field athlete. She held world records in Over-100 years old categories for a variety of events.

Padma Sachdev - Noted author and Padma Shri awardee. She was first modern woman poet of Dogri language.

Anupam Shyam Ojha - Noted film and television actor.

Kasargod Patnashetti Gopal Rao - Noted 1971 war hero and recipient of Mahavir Chakra. He played key role in 1971 war with Pakistan to liberate East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

SS 'Babu' Nayaran - Olympian Indian footballer. He represented India as a goalkeeper at 1956 and 1960 Olympic Games.

P.S. Banarji - Noted Kerala Cartoonist and sculptor.

Balaji Tambe - Noted Ayurveda practitioner and proponent of Yoga.

Chinmoy Chatterjee - Noted Indian footballer.

Gerd Müller - Noted German footballer (Played for West Germany).

Saranya Sasi - Noted Malayalam Actress.

Gopal Bhengra - Former Indian Hockey Player.

Maki Kaji - Noted Japanese businessman and president of puzzle manufacturer *Nikoli*, known *father of Sudoku*.

Mian Bashir Ahmed Larvi - Padma Bhushan Awardee Gujjar leader and founder of Gujjar-Jat Conference (1932).

Kalyan Singh - Noted BJP politician, who served as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh twice and also served as Governor of Rajasthan and Governor of Himachal Pradesh (Addl. Charge).

O.M. Nambiar - Noted Athletics Coach, who coached P.T. Usha.

Syed Shahid Hakim - Former Indian footballer, played as member of Indian football team in 1960 Rome Olympics.

Sean Lock - Noted English comedian and actor.

Chinmoy Chatterjee - Former India footballer.

Buddhadeb Guha - Noted writer in Bengali language.

Vasoo Paranjape - Former India cricketer and noted coach.

Ted Dexter - Former England Cricketer.

O Chandrasekharan - Former Indian footballer.

B V Nimbkar - Noted Padma Shri Awardee Agriculture Scientist.

7. ▶ Obituaries (July 2021) -

- ✍ Donald Rumsfeld -Former two-time US defense secretary.
- ✍ M Prasanna - Former Indian footballer.
- ✍ Raj Kaushal - Noted Bollywood director and producer.
- ✍ Mir Hazar Khan Khoso - Former Pakistani Caretaker Prime Minister.
- ✍ Parassala B. Ponnammal - Noted Carnatic musician from Kerala. She was honored with many awards including Padma Shri and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards.
- ✍ Dilip Kumar - Noted Actor. He was born in Pakistan, as Mohammed Yusuf Khan, better known by his stage name Dilip Kumar. He received several prestigious awards, including Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Pakistan).
- ✍ Virbhadra Singh - Former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✍ Jovenel Moïse - Incumbent President of Haiti, till his assassination.
- ✍ Keshav Datt - Two Time Olympic gold-winning Indian hockey Player.
- ✍ Richard Donner - Noted American filmmaker, most known for Superman (1978).
- ✍ Yashpal Sharma - Former Indian cricketer and a member of 1983 World Cup-winning squad.
- ✍ P K Warriar - Noted Ayurveda practitioner and receiver of Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri and Dhanvantari Award.
- ✍ Danish Siddiqui - Pulitzer-winning Indian photojournalist. He was killed while covering clashes between Afghan Special Forces and Taliban insurgents in Spin Buldak, Kandahar.
- ✍ Surekha Sikri - Noted National Award Winning Bollywood actress.
- ✍ Mamnoon Hussain - Former Pakistan president.
- ✍ Shirley Fry Irvin - Noted American Female Tennis Player. She had won singles title at all four Grand Slam events, and was ranked world No. 1 in 1956.
- ✍ Gautam Benegal - National Award Winning Filmmaker and Cartoonist. He won National Award for best animation film *The Prince and the Crown of Stone* in 2010.
- ✍ Fakir Alamgir - Bangladesh's Noted folk singer.
- ✍ Bhageerathi Amma - Oldest woman in India to take equivalency exams, passed away at age of 107-years. She decided to continue her education at age of 105.
- ✍ Sikkil R Bhaskaran - Noted Carnatic Classical Violinist from Tamil Nadu.
- ✍ Gira Sarabhai - Pioneer in Design Education and co-founder of National Institute of Design.

- ✍ Urmil Kumar Thapliyal - Noted theatre personality from Uttar Pradesh.
- ✍ Satish Kalsekar - Marathi poet and essayist, and Sahitya Akademi Awardee.
- ✍ Nandu M. Natekar - Noted Badminton Player. He won over 100 national and international titles.
- ✍ Mike Hendrick - Former England Cricketer.
- ✍ Jayanthi - Noted actress, who acted in films in 5 languages - Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi.

8. ▶ Obituaries (June 2021) -

- ✍ Anerood Jugnauth - Former President and Prime Minister of Mauritius. He was conferred Second Highest Civilian Award Padma Vibhushan by Indian Government in 2020.
- ✍ Poul Schlueter - Former Denmark prime minister.
- ✍ T.M. Kalliannan Gounder - the last surviving former member of Indian Constituent Assembly. He was reportedly youngest member in Constituent Assembly then and also a member of India's first provisional parliament.
- ✍ Lakshmi Nandan Bora - Noted Assamese Litterateur and Padma Shri Awardee.
- ✍ Prof Radhamohan - Noted Economist, Environmentalist and Organic Agriculture Proponent.
- ✍ Ashok Panagariya - Noted Indian Neurologist and Receptient of several notable awards including Padma Shri, Dr. B. C. Roy Award and UNESCO Award.
- ✍ Siddalingaia - Noted Kannada writer.
- ✍ Dingko Singh - Noted Indian boxer, who won gold medal at 1998 Asian Games in Bangkok, and was a Padma Shri Awardee.
- ✍ Buddhadeb Dasgupta - Noted Bengali poet and filmmaker.
- ✍ Surat Mathur - Indian long-distance runner. He competed in marathon at 1952 Summer Olympics.
- ✍ Sanchari Vijay - National Award-winning Kannada actor.
- ✍ Gottfried Bohm - First German architect to be awarded Pritzker Prize.
- ✍ Nirmal Milkha Kaur - Former Indian volleyball Player and wife of sprint legend Milkha Singh (Flying Sikh).
- ✍ Kenneth David Kaunda - First president of Zambia, who was at forefront of struggle for independence from British rule.
- ✍ Guruprasad Mohapatra - Incumbent secretary in Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- ✍ Milkha Singh - Noted Athlete, also known as The Flying Sikh. He is the only athlete to win gold at 400 metres at Asian Games as well as Commonwealth Games. He was awarded Padma Shri.
- ✍ Markis Kido - Noted Indonesian badminton player and Olympic gold medallist.
- ✍ KV Sampath Kumar - Noted Journalist and editor for Sanskrit newspaper "Sudharma" from Mysuru. He was also a Padma Shri Awardee.

 Sivan - Noted Malayalam cinematographer and director, and National Film Awardee.

9. ▶ Obituaries (March 2021) -

 Vernon Jordan Jr. - Noted American civil rights activist.

 Anshuman Singh- former Governor of Rajasthan & Gujarat.

 Ishar Singh Deol - Dhyana Chand National Sports Award winning Noted Athlete.


 NS Lakshminarayana Bhatta - Noted Kannada poet and translator.

 Dadi Hriday Mohini - Noted Social Worker and Brahma Kumaris' chief.


 Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair - Noted Kathakali actor and Padma Shri Awardee.

 Laxman Pai - Noted Padma Bhushan awardee artist and Painter from Goa.

 Marvelous Marvin Hagler - Noted American professional boxer and actor.

 Shrikant Moghe - Noted Marathi Actor.


 Moudud Ahmed - Former Bangladesh Prime Minister and Vice President.

 Lou Ottens - Dutch inventor, known for his invention of audio cassette tapes. In 1963, he presented first cassette tape at Berlin Radio Show electronics fair.

 Sagar Sarhadi - Noted Indian writer and director.

 G.V. Ramakrishna - Former SEBI Chairman. He was first chairman of SEBI, after it became a statutorily empowered markets regulator.

 Nawal Saadawi - Noted Egyptian feminist and novelist, who has been a fierce advocate of women rights in Egypt and Arab world.

 Adam Zagajewski - Noted Polish poet.

 Laxmipriya Mohapatra - Noted Odissi dancer, and wife of Noted classical dancer Kelucharan Mohapatra.


 Beverly Cleary - Noted American children's author.

 KC Chakrabarty - Former RBI Deputy Governor.

 Anil Dharker - Noted journalist and author.

10. ▶ Obituaries (May 2021) -

 Bikramjeet Kanwarpal - Hindi Film and television actor.

 Pandit Debu Chaudhuri - Noted Sitar maestro, and an awardee of Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri.

 K V Anand - Noted cinematographer and Tamil film director.

 Chaudhary Ajit Singh - Noted Farmers' leader and Former Union Minister. He was founder and chief of Rashtriya Lok Dal, and son of former PM Chaudhary Charan Singh.

- 🏆 Jagmohan Malhotra - Former Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and Goa and Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 🏆 Chandro Tomar - Noted Indian sharpshooter from Bagpat (Uttar Pradesh), also known as Shooter Daadi. She won over 30 national championships.
- 🏆 Parul Debi Das - Assam's first female IAS officer.
- 🏆 V. Kalyanam - Freedom fighter and M K Gandhi's personal secretary during last his few years.
- 🏆 Manas Bihari Verma - Noted aeronautical scientist, who was instrumental in development of light combat aircraft Tejas.
- 🏆 Olympia Dukakis - Noted American actress.
- 🏆 G.M. Khan - Indian equestrian (Horse Rider) and Asian gold medalist (1982).
- 🏆 Shesh Narayan Singh - Noted Journalist.
- 🏆 Abhilasha Patil - Marathi and Hindi Actress.
- 🏆 Vanraj Bhatia - Noted Music Composer and Padma Shri Awardee.
- 🏆 Raghunath Mohapatra - Noted sculptor, former MP and Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan Awardee.
- 🏆 Ravinder Pal Singh - Former National hockey player.
- 🏆 Gutta Muniratnam - Noted social worker, founder of Rashtriya Seva Samithi and Padma Shri Awardee.
- 🏆 Homen Borgohain - Noted Assamese author and journalist. He won 1978 Sahitya Akademi Award in Assamese language for his novel *Pita Putra*.
- 🏆 Indu Jain - Noted media executive (Times Group chairperson).
- 🏆 KR Gouri Amma - first Revenue Minister of Kerala.
- 🏆 V. Chandrasekar - Former Noted table tennis player and Arjuna Award winner.
- 🏆 Anup Bhattacharya - Freedom fighter and Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra musician.
- 🏆 Fortunato Franco - Former Indian footballer.
- 🏆 MK Kaushik - Former Indian Hockey Player and coach.
- 🏆 M S Narasimhan - Noted mathematician and recipient of Padma Bhushan, Ordre national du Mérite (France), Fellowship of Royal Society, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize and only Indian to receive King Faisal International Prize in field of science.
- 🏆 Sunil Jain - Noted financial journalist.
- 🏆 Jagannath Pahadia - Former Governor of Haryana, Bihar and former CM of his home state Rajasthan.
- 🏆 Chaman Lal Gupta - Former union minister of state of defence (2002 to 2004), hailing from Jammu and Kashmir.
- 🏆 K K Aggarwal - Noted cardiologist, and former President of Confederation of Medical Association of Asia and Oceania (CMAAO) and Indian Medical Association. He was also a Padma Shri Awardee.

- ✍️ Ki. Rajanarayanan -Noted Tamil writer.
- ✍️ Rajendrasinh Jadeja - Former Indian cricketer and former BCCI referee.
- ✍️ R L Bhatia - Former Governor of Kerala, Bihar.
- ✍️ Rewa Prasad Dwivedi - Noted Sanskrit scholar, poet and writer.
- ✍️ Sunderlal Bahuguna - Noted environmentalist and Chipko movement leader.
- ✍️ Srikumar Banerjee - Noted Indian Atomic Scientist and Former chairman of Atomic Energy Commission of India.
- ✍️ Vijay Patil - Noted Music Composer, better known as Raamlaxman.
 - ✍️ Raamlaxman is *Laxman* of duo composers Raam-Laxman. "Raam" (his partner Surendra) passed away after signing film Agent Vinod (1977).
 - ✍️ Laxman continued to retain Raam's name in Marathi as well as Hindi films.
- ✍️ Om Prakash Bhardwaj - Noted boxing coach and India's first Dronacharya awardee coach for boxing.
- ✍️ Yuan Longping - Noted Chinese scientist, also called *father of hybrid rice*. He developed a hybrid rice strain that vastly improved Rice output in China.
- ✍️ Lee Evans - Noted American sprinter. He won two gold medals in the 1968 Summer Olympics, setting world records in the 400 meters and the 4 × 400 meters relay, both of which stood for 20 and 24 years respectively.
- ✍️ H S Doreswamy - Noted Freedom fighter, known for his participation in the Quit India movement and Vinoba Bhave's Bhoodan movement.
- ✍️ Alka Raghuvanshi - Noted Author And Art Curator. She was India's first trained art curator, having trained at Goldsmiths College London.
- ✍️ Sakti Mazumdar - Indian Boxer. He competed in men's flyweight event at 1952 Summer Olympics.
- ✍️ Babagouda Patil - Former union minister. He was Minister of state for Rural Areas & Employment, under PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

11. ▶ Persons Resigned / Retired (April 2021) -

- ✍️ RBI deputy governor B.P. Kanungo retired after completing his term. Other in-service RBI Deputy Governors - T. Rabi Sankar, M. Rajeshwar Rao and M. D. Patra.

12. ▶ Persons Resigned / Retired (Mar 2021) -

- ✍️ PK Sinha resigned as Principal Advisor in Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

13. ▶ TATA Group Founder **Jamsetji Tata** has been named biggest philanthropist globally in last century, who donated \$102 billion, as per Report by *Hurun and EdelGive Foundation*.

- ✍️ Wipro Founder Azim Premji is only other Indian among top 50 (at 12th position).

✍ Others in Top 5 - Bill & Melinda Gates (\$74.6 billion), Henry Wellcome (\$56.7 Billion), Howard Hughes (\$38.6 Billion), Warren Buffett (\$37.4 Billion)

14. ▶ Visits from India (April 2021) -

✍ Air Force Chief RKS Bhadauria Visited France.

✍ Army Chief MM Naravane Visited Bangladesh.

15. ▶ Visits from India (July 2021) -

✍ Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh visited Dushanbe (Tajikistan), to attend annual meeting of Defence Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states (China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan).

✍ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Visited European Nations Georgia, Greece and Italy.

✍ During his Visit, Greece become an official signatory to International Solar Alliance (ISA) that is led by India.

✍ He Visited Italy to Participate in G20 Ministerial Meetings.

✍ Air Force Chief RKS Bhadauria visited UAE.

✍ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Visited Central Asian Nations Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

✍ In Uzbekistan, he participated in *Central-South Asia conference* hosted in Tashkent.

✍ Indian Army chief General MM Naravane visited UK and Italy.

✍ Notably, He inaugurated Indian Army Memorial in Cassino (Italy). In Battle of Monte Cassino during World War II, over 5000 Indian soldiers laid down their lives while fighting to save Italy from fascist forces.

16. ▶ Visits from India (June 2021) -

✍ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Kuwait and Kenya.

✍ India and Kuwait signed MoU to bring Indian domestic workers in Kuwait within ambit of a legal framework that streamlines their recruitment and provides them with legal protection.

✍ He inaugurated renovated M K Gandhi Library at Nairobi University (Kenya).

17. ▶ Visits from India (March 2021) -

✍ PM Narendra Modi Visited Bangladesh -


✍ He attended twin celebrations of Bangladeshi Founding Father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's birth centenary and golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence in 1971. He attended National Day programme of Bangladesh (March 26), as guest of honour.

✍ He also inaugurated Digital exhibition on Bapu and Bangabandhu, two exemplary personalities from South Asia.

✍ PM Narendra Modi and Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina virtually inaugurated -

- ✍ **Mitali Express** passenger train between Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal).
 - ✍ Construction of five transmission lines at a cost of \$442.11 million.
 - ✍ Notably, Indian companies Larsen and Toubro (L&T) and Transrail Lighting are among those awarded contracts for construction of power infrastructure related to Rooppur nuclear power project in Bangladesh.
 - ✍ 1200 MW Rooppur power plant is being constructed by Russia and Bangladesh, with help from India.
 - ✍ India and Bangladesh signed 5 MoUs -
 - ✍ Co-operation in Disaster Management, Resilience and Mitigation
 - ✍ MOU Between *National Cadet Corps* Organizations in India and Bangladesh.
 - ✍ Supply of ICT Equipment and Courseware for Bangladesh-Bharat Digital Service and Employment Training Centre.
 - ✍ Establishment of Sports Facilities at Rajshahi College Field and Surrounding Areas (Bangladesh).
 - ✍ Cooperation in Trade Remedial Measures.
 - ✍ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Visited Bangladesh. He inaugurated new Cultural Centre of High Commission of India in Dhaka.
 - ✍ Air Force Chief RKS Bhaduria Visited Sri Lanka.
 - ✍ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Tajikistan, to attend Heart of Asia Conference.
18. ▶ Visits from India (May 2021) -
- ✍ External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar Visited London (UK), to attend a meeting of foreign ministers of G7 countries, in which India was invited as a guest.
19. ▶ Visits to India (April 2021) -
- ✍ John Kerry, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, visited India.
 - ✍ Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov Visited India.
 - ✍ Kazakhstan Defence Minister Nurlan Yermekbayev visited India.
 - ✍ Foreign Minister of Bahrain, Abdullatif bin Rashid AlZayani visited India.
 - ✍ French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian visited India -
 - ✍ To assist India in its First human spaceflight mission Called *Gaganyaan*, French space agency CNES signed agreement with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). ISRO will also be using French expertise in setting up its own space station.
20. ▶ Visits to India (August 2021) -
- ✍ Abdulla Shahid, President-elect of 76th session of the UN General Assembly and foreign minister of Maldives, Visited India.
 - ✍ Former Australian PM Tony Abbott Visited India.

 UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) president Alok Sharma Visited India.

 COP26 (26th United Nations Climate Change conference) will be held in Glasgow (Scotland) between 31 October and 12 November 2021, under presidency of United Kingdom.

 Alok Sharma is India-Born British politician serving as President for COP26 and Minister of State at Cabinet Office.

21. ▶ Visits to India (July 2021) -

 US Secretary of State Antony Blinken Visited India. During his visit -


 US announced additional \$25 million aid to India, through USAID, to support India's COVID-19 vaccination programme.

 India and US renewed a global development partnership agreement to work together in African and Asian countries on key issues, for 5 years.

22. ▶ Visits to India (March 2021) -


 Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Visited India.

 South Korean Defence Minister **Suh Wook** Visited India.

 India's First Indo-Korean Friendship Park jointly inaugurated by Indian Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Visiting South Korean Defence Minister Suh Wook, at Delhi Cantonment. It commemorates India's contributions as part of 21 countries which participated in Korean War of 1950-53.

 National Security Adviser of Nigeria Babagana Monguno visited India for First Strategic and Counter-Terrorism Dialogue between India and Nigeria.

 Kuwait Foreign Minister *Sheikh Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah* Visited India.

 India and Kuwait will establish a Joint Ministerial Commission, to formulate framework for strengthening ties in Various sectors.

 US Secretary of Defence Lloyd J. Austin Visited India.

 Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) President Duarte Pacheco visited India.

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