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1. Desmond Tutu no more (Dec. 27, 2021)

- South African anti-apartheid icon Archbishop Desmond Tutu, described as the country's moral compass, died on 26th December 2021 aged 90.
- A tireless activist, Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for combating white-minority rule in his country.
- He coined the term "Rainbow Nation" to describe South Africa when Nelson Mandela became the country's first black President in 1994.

2. Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla's 2-day visit to Myanmar (Dec. 22, 2021)

- Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla flew for a two day visit to **Naypyitaw and Yangon, in Myanmar** to meet the **State Administration Council (SAC) chaired by General Min Aung Hlaing**.
- Shringla is expected to speak to the **Tatmadaw (military)** about India's growing security concerns over insurgent groups based along the **1,600km India-Myanmar border** which have carried out attacks in recent months
- This visit along with appointment of **Mr. Vinay Kumar as the new Ambassador to Myanmar** last November is an official acknowledgment of India's recognition of the coup in Myanmar.
- **State Administration Council", is an 11 member group of military officials and civilians set up by Min Aung Hlaing, who toppled the elected National Unity Government of Aung San Suu Kyi last February and subsequently named himself "Prime Minister".**

Myanmar (Burma)

Capital - Naypyidaw

Currency - Kyat

Legislature - Assembly of the Union

Prime Minister - Min Aung Hlaing

Nobel Laureate - **Aung San Suu Kyi** of the **National League of Democracy (NLD) party**, was awarded **Nobel Peace Prize in 1991**, for her non-violent struggle for democracy and human rights.

3. Tigray rebels retake Ethiopian world heritage Lalibela (Dec. 13, 2021)

Tigray rebels on 12th December recaptured the north Ethiopian town of Lalibela, home to a UNESCO world heritage site from the Ethiopian government forces..

Ethiopian Civil War

The conflict started on 4 November, when the Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed ordered a military offensive against the northern regional forces in Tigray.

The escalation came after months of feuding between Mr Abiy's government and leaders of Tigray's dominant political party, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) .

For almost three decades, the party was at the centre of power, before it was sidelined by Mr Abiy, who took office in 2018 after anti-government protests.

Mr Abiy pursued reforms, but when Tigray resisted, the political crisis erupted into war.

Lalibela

Lalibela is a town in the Amhara Region of Ethiopia. **It is famous for its rock-cut monolithic churches. It is a holy pilgrimage site for Christians. The Rock-Hewn Churches were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978**

Ethiopia (Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia) -

- A landlocked country in the **horn of Africa**.
- **Capital - Addis Ababa**
- **Currency - Birr**
- **Lake Tana in the North is the source of Blue Nile**

Abiy Ahmed - He is the **present prime minister of Ethiopia**. As the first Ethiopian and the first African head of state, **he won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for his work in ending the 20-year post-war territorial stalemate between Ethiopia and Eritrea.**

Horn of Africa

- The Horn of Africa takes its name from the horn-shaped land formation that forms the easternmost point of the African continent, projecting into the Indian Ocean south of the Arabian Peninsula.
- The term is also used to refer to the greater region of adjacent countries located at the southern end of the Red Sea and on the Gulf of Aden: the Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia and the landlocked Ethiopia.
- Located on the main shipping route for the transport of oil from the Persian Gulf to Europe and the United States, the Horn of Africa is considered one of the most strategically important regions in the world.

4. Awards (Dec. 12, 2021)

1. Assam's highest civilian award for Ratan Tata

On the occasion of **Asom Divas or Assam Day**, the state Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced to confer the most prestigious 'Asom Baibhav' award to the industrialist Ratan Tata.

2. U.S. maths prize for Nikhil Srivastava

Eminent Indian-American mathematician Nikhil Srivastava has been jointly selected for the inaugural \$5,000 Ciprian Foias Prize awarded by the American Mathematical Society (AMS) for “highly original work” in Operator Theory.

3. Balkrishna Doshi receives U.K Royal Gold Medal 2022.

Acclaimed Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi has been selected for the Royal Gold Medal 2022, one of the world’s highest honours for architecture.

Nobel Prize 2021

Nobel prize 2021 winners were conferred with the prize on 10 December on the birth anniversary of Alfred Nobel.

Nobel Prize Winner 2021.

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Chemistry

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Medicine/Physiology

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Peace

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5. Nobel Prize 2021 (Dec. 11, 2021)

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NOBEL PRIZE

- The Nobel Prize are five separate prizes awarded annually, that, according to **Alfred Nobel's will of 1895**, are awarded to **"those who, during the preceding year, have conferred the greatest benefit to Mankind."**
- Nobel Prizes are awarded in the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace
- **In 1968, Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) funded the establishment of the Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, to also be administered by the Nobel Foundation**
- **Nobel Prizes are not awarded posthumously**, but if a person is awarded a prize and dies before receiving it, the prize is presented.
- The prize money is given in Swedish Krona , SEK.

The Nobel Prizes, begun in 1901, and the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, begun in 1969.

TRIVIA

- **The youngest Nobel laureate is Ms Malala Yousafzai who was awarded the Peace Prize 2014 when she was 17 years old.**
- **The oldest Nobel laureate is John B. Goodenough who was awarded the Prize in Chemistry in 2019 when he was 97 years old.**
- **Laureates who have received Multiple Nobel Prizes:**
- **Marie Curie received the prize twice. Nobel Prize in Physics (1903) and Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1911).**
- **The International Committee of the Red Cross received the prize three times. Nobel Peace Prize (1917, 1944, 1963).**
- **Linus Pauling received the prize twice. Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1954) and Nobel Peace Prize (1962).**
- **John Bardeen received the prize twice. Nobel Prize in Physics (1956, 1972).**
- **Frederick Sanger received the prize twice. Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1958, 1980).**
- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; received the prize twice. Nobel Peace Prize (1954, 1981).**

List of Nobel Prize winners from India -

- Rabindranath Tagore (1913) - Literature
- CV Raman (1930) - Physics
- Har Gobind Khurana (1968) - Medicine
- Mother Teresa (1979) - Peace
- Subhramanyan Chandrashekhara (1983) - Physics
- Amartya Sen (1998) - Economics
- Venkatraman Ramakrishnan (2009) - Chemistry.
- Kailash Satyarthi (2014) - Peace
- Abhijit Banerjee (2019) - Economics

6. Suu Kyi sentenced to four years in prison (Dec. 7, 2021)

The military junta ruling Myanmar has sentenced the deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi for four years for incitement against the military and breaching COVID-19 rules,

Ms. Suu Kyi, 76, has been detained since the Generals staged a coup and ousted her Government on February 1, ending the Southeast Asian country's brief period of democracy.

U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet on Monday denounced a four-year jail term handed down to Myanmar's ousted leader Suu Kyi after a "sham trial" and called for her immediate release.

Western countries have demanded Ms. Suu Kyi's release and condemned the violence since the coup in which some 1,300 people have been killed,

Myanmar was earlier called **Burma**.

Capital : **Naypyidaw**

Currency : **Myanmar Kyat**

President : **Military leader Min Aung Hlaing**

Aung San Suu Kyi

She is the youngest daughter of the Burmese Father of the Nation Aung Sang.

She studied in Delhi University and she rose to prominence for leading a democracy movement against the army rule in Myanmar.

Her Party **National League for Democracy(NLD)** won the 1990 election but she was jailed and put in house arrest for almost 15 years

She became the face of the Pro democracy movement in the world

She got the Nobel Peace Prize 1991.

Her Party won the 2015 General election and she became the State Counsellor(Prime Minister).

On 1 February 2021, Aung San Suu Kyi was arrested and deposed by the Myanmar military, along with other leaders of her National League for Democracy (NLD) party, after the Myanmar military declared the November 2020 general election results fraudulent.