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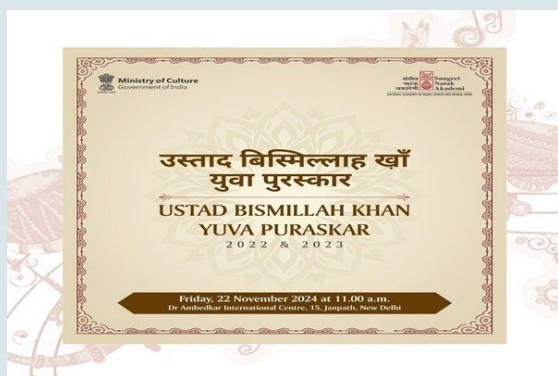
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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS (1 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2024)

ART AND CULTURE CURRENT AFFAIRS



82 young artists conferred with Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar

23/11/2024

On **22 November 2024**, **82 young artists** were honored with the **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar** in New Delhi for the years **2022 and 2023**. The awards, presented by Culture Ministry Secretary **Arunish Chawla**, recognize young talents in **music, dance, drama, and folk and tribal art forms**.

Recipients, all under the age of 40, receive a cash prize of **₹25,000**.

Awardee **Yusuf Khan Mewati** from Rajasthan shared his delight, while **Padma Dolker** expressed pride in becoming the first young artist from **Ladakh** to receive this prestigious honor.



55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) from 20 to 28 November 2024 in Goa

22/11/2024

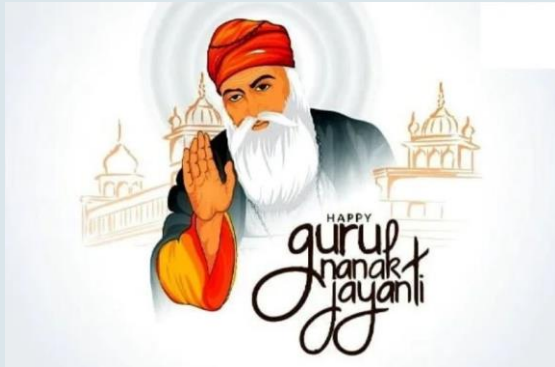
The **55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** kicked off with a star-studded opening ceremony at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Panaji, Goa, on November 20, 2024. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju, and festival director Shekhar Kapur were among the dignitaries present.

The festival, which runs from November 20 to November 28, 2024, will showcase over 180 international titles from 81 countries, including 16 world premieres, 3 international premieres, 43 Asian premieres, and 109 Indian films. This year, the festival has a special segment dedicated to Goan films, with 14 films being screened.

One of the highlights of the festival is the world premiere of Prime Video's first-ever celebrity chat show, "**The Rana Daggubati Show**," which will feature a dazzling line-up of guests, including Nani, Dulquer Salmaan, and S.S. Rajamouli. The festival will also host the Asia premiere of the internationally

acclaimed movie **“The Mehta Boys,”** directed by Boman Irani].

The 55th IFFI aims to celebrate global cinema and connect filmmakers with cinephiles to explore the art of filmmaking.



Guru Nanak Jayanti or Gurpurab on 15 November 2024

15/11/2024

Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurpurab, is one of the most sacred festivals in Sikhism. It commemorates the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism and the first of the ten Sikh Gurus. Observed on the full moon day in the month of Kartik (October-November), it holds immense religious and cultural significance for Sikhs and is celebrated with great devotion around the world. This year Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated on 15 November 2024.

Significance

Guru Nanak Dev Ji was born in 1469 in Talwandi, now known as Nankana Sahib in Pakistan. He is revered as a spiritual leader who taught principles of equality, compassion, and devotion to God. His teachings emphasized love, selflessness, and unity. Guru Nanak's message, captured in the sacred text Guru Granth Sahib, promotes “Naam Japna” (meditation on God's name), “Kirat Karni” (honest

work), and “Vand Chakna” (sharing with others).



Indian musicians Ricky Kej and Anoushka Shankar nominated for the 67th Grammy Awards

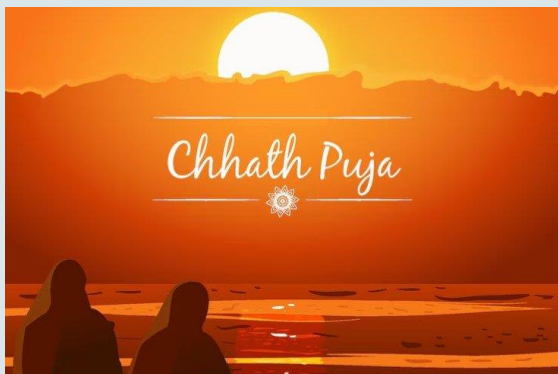
11/11/2024

Indian musicians Ricky Kej and Anoushka Shankar have received Grammy nominations for the 67th Grammy Awards. Ricky Kej, a three-time Grammy winner, earned his fourth nomination for his album *Break of Dawn* in the Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album category.

Anoushka Shankar was nominated in the same category for her album *Chapter II: How Dark It Is Before Dawn*, showcasing her blend of traditional and modern music.

Other nominees in this category include *Warriors of Light* by Radhika Vekaria and *Triveni* by Chandrika Tandon, featuring flautist Wouter Kellerman and cellist Eru Matsumoto.

The Grammy Awards will be held on February 2, 2025, at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles.

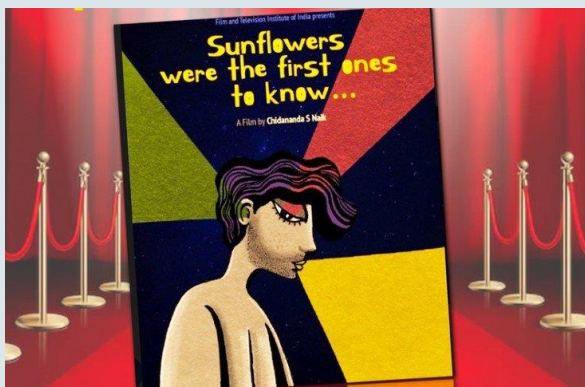


Four-day Chhath Puja festival began on November 5, 2024

06/11/2024

The four-day Chhath Puja festival began on November 5, 2024, with the ritual of Nahay-Khay. Devotees started the festival by taking holy dips in rivers and performing puja to the Sun God, consuming offerings like Arwa rice and Chana dal. In Bihar, large gatherings formed along the Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, and other rivers.

On November 6, the Kharna ritual will be observed, followed by a strict 36-hour fast without water. The First Arghya, offerings to the setting Sun, will be given on November 7, and the festival will conclude on November 8 with a final Arghya to the rising Sun. Devotees will gather at riverbanks and famous Sun temples across Bihar. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar extended greetings for Chhath Puja.



'Sunflowers Were The First Ones To Know' qualifies for 2025 Oscars Short Film category

05/11/2024

The Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) student film *Sunflowers Were The First Ones To Know* has qualified for the 2025 Oscars in the Live Action Short Film category. Directed by FTII student Chidananda S Naik, this Kannada short film is inspired by Indian folk stories and traditions. Earlier, it won first prize at the Cannes Film Festival's La Cinef Selection, where the jury praised its storytelling and direction.

The film follows the story of an elderly woman who steals the village rooster, causing sunlight to disappear and bringing chaos to the community. A prophecy then forces her family into exile to retrieve the rooster and restore peace.

Sunflowers will have special screenings and events to connect with global audiences, showcasing India's storytelling traditions and universal themes that resonate worldwide.



Ningol Chakkouba festival celebrated in Manipur

04/11/2024

The Ningol Chakkouba festival, one of Manipur's biggest, was celebrated on November 3, 2024. It is a special festival for the Meitei community but is

now enjoyed by other communities too.

Ningol Chakkouba happens each year on the second day of the Meitei lunar month called Hiyangei. On this day, married sisters come to their maternal homes for a big feast and happy reunion, where gifts are exchanged. Traditionally, the brother invites his sister a week before the festival. Many Manipuris celebrate this festival even when they are living outside Manipur.

AWARDS AND HONORS



Saule Biluvaite's Film 'Toxic' Wins Golden Peacock Award at 55th IFFI 2024

29/11/2024

The closing ceremony of 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024, was held on 28 November in Panaji, Goa. Saule Biluvaite's *Toxic* won the prestigious Golden Peacock Award, receiving a ₹40 lakh cash prize, a trophy, and a certificate.

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Clement Faveau won Best Actor Male, while Vesta Matulyte and Leva Repuikaite shared the Best Actor Female award for their performances in *Toxic*.

In the Indian section, Navjot Bandiwadkar was honored as Best Debut Director for *Gharat Ganpati*, and *Lampam* received the Best Web Series OTT award. Vikrant Massey was celebrated as the Indian Film Personality of the Year.

The ceremony featured cultural performances by Mame Khan and Amaal Malik and was attended by dignitaries like Goa CM Dr. Pramod Sawant, I&B Secretary Sanjay Jaju, and Bollywood icons such as Madhur Bhandarkar, Rashmika Mandanna, and Jayaprada.



PM Modi conferred with the Dominica Award of Honour, the highest national award of the Commonwealth of Dominica

21/11/2024

On 20 November 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Dominica Award of Honour, the highest national award of the Commonwealth of Dominica. President Sylvanie Burton presented the award in recognition of PM Modi's contributions during the COVID-19

pandemic and his efforts to strengthen ties between India and Dominica.

PM Modi dedicated the award to the 140 crore people of India, highlighting their values and traditions. He emphasized the strong partnership between the two democracies and their role as models of women's empowerment.



[Nigeria honours PM Modi with Grand Commander of The Order of the Niger award](#)

18/11/2024

On November 17, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honored with Nigeria's 'Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger' award. In his speech, he humbly dedicated the award to the people of India.

He announced India's support for Nigeria with 20 tonnes of humanitarian aid for flood relief and congratulated Nigeria on becoming a BRICS partner country. Modi expressed confidence in India and Nigeria collaborating to address issues of the Global South.

Several MoUs were signed in the presence of Modi and Nigerian President Bola Tinubu. Earlier, PM Modi was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the Presidential Villa in Abuja.



[Nobel Prize 2024 in Economics awarded to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson](#)

18/10/2024

On October 14, 2024, the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel was awarded to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson for their research on how institutions are formed and their impact on a nation's prosperity. Their work demonstrates that societal institutions, especially those introduced during European colonization, play a crucial role in determining a country's long-term economic success or stagnation.

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They found that inclusive institutions, which benefit society as a whole, promote growth, while extractive institutions, which exploit the population for the benefit of those in power, hinder development. The laureates' research also explains why reforms are often difficult to implement in countries with extractive institutions and why, in some cases, democratization occurs as a solution to this problem. Their work sheds light on the challenge of reducing global income disparities by emphasizing the critical role of institutions.

ECONOMY CURRENT AFFAIRS



43rd Edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 14 to 27 November

14/11/2024

The **43rd Edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF)** is set to take place at **Pragati Maidan in New Delhi** from **November 14 to November 27, 2024**. This annual event is one of the most prominent trade fairs in India, attracting businesses, exhibitors, and visitors from across the country and around the world.

The theme of this year's fair is **Viksit Bharat in 2047**. The focus state this year is **Jharkhand** while **Bihar** and **Uttar Pradesh** are the partner states.

The fair is divided into two parts:

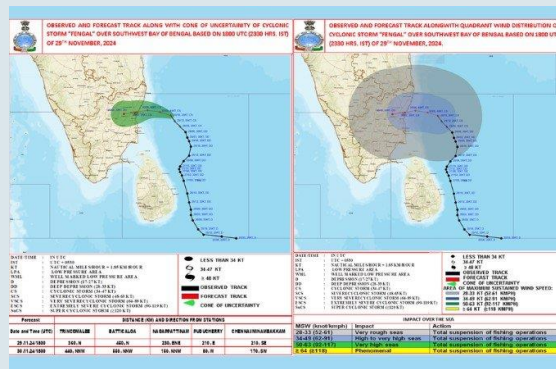
Business Days: November 14-18, exclusively for business visitors.

Public Days: November 19-27, when the fair opens to the general public.

The fair will be open daily from **9:30 AM to 7:30 PM**.

Entry points are through **Gates 3 and 4 (Bhairon Marg)** and **Gates 6 and 10 (Mathura Road)**.

ENVIRONMENT CURRENT AFFAIRS



Cyclonic Storm Fengal Makes Landfall Between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram

30/11/2024

Cyclonic storm Fengal, made landfall between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram near Puducherry on **30 November 2024**, bring heavy rainfall and strong winds gusting up to **90 km/h**. The Puducherry administration and Tamil Nadu authorities are on high alert, implementing extensive disaster management measures.

Emergency Preparations: The **Disaster Management Emergency Operations Center** is monitoring the situation. Officials, including District Collector A. Kulothungan, inspected low-lying areas and issued instructions to address challenges swiftly. NDRF trained personnel on portable lighting systems for power outages, while awareness campaigns urge residents to avoid unnecessary travel.



CoP29 UN Climate Change Conference, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from November 11 to 22, 2024

24/11/2024

The **29th session of the Conference of the Parties (CoP29)** to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in **Baku, Azerbaijan**, from **November 11 to November 22, 2024**. This significant global event brought together world leaders, negotiators, business leaders, young people, climate scientists, Indigenous Peoples, and civil society to discuss and advance collective climate action.

One of the key priorities of CoP29 was to **secure a new goal on climate finance**. The conference aimed to ensure that every country has the means to take stronger climate action, slash greenhouse gas emissions, and build resilient communities. A notable outcome was the agreement to **triple public finance to developing countries**, increasing it from USD 100 billion annually to USD 300 billion annually by 2035.

Despite the progress made, the conference faced challenges, including tense disagreements over climate finance and walkouts by some parties. The final deal was criticized for not fully addressing the scale, urgency, and inequity of the climate

emergency. However, the conference laid the groundwork for future negotiations and highlighted the importance of continued global cooperation to tackle climate change.



GRAP Stage-4 implemented in Delhi-NCR from Nov 18 as Air Quality turns 'Severe'

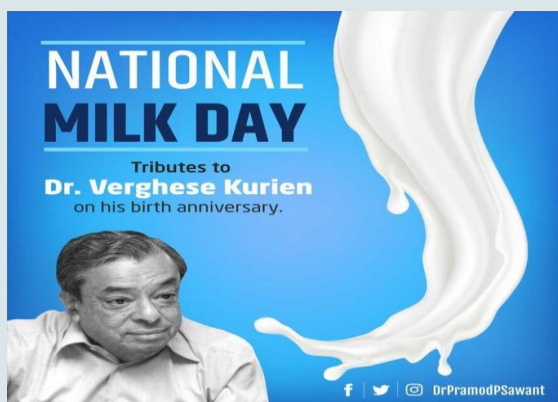
18/11/2024

Due to severe air quality in Delhi-NCR, GRAP Stage-4 restrictions were implemented from 8 AM on November 18, 2024. The entry of heavy vehicles from other states is banned, except for trucks carrying essential commodities or services, and CNG, electric, and BS-VI diesel trucks.

The decision was made during a meeting of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM). The Air Quality Index (AQI) in Delhi reached 452 by 6 PM, with most areas recording AQI levels above 450, as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

IMPORTANT DAYS

CURRENT AFFAIRS



National Milk Day (26 November): Honoring Dr. Verghese Kurien, the Father of the White Revolution in India

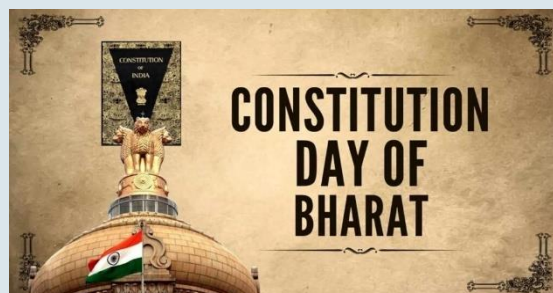
27/11/2024

National Milk Day was celebrated on **26 November 2024** to honor the **103rd birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien**, known as the **Father of the White Revolution in India**. This day highlights the remarkable growth in milk production, especially in **Gujarat**, the heart of India's White Revolution.

Over the past **22 years**, Gujarat's milk production has increased by **119.63 lakh metric tons**, with an average growth rate of **10.23%**—outpacing the national growth rate. The state now contributes **7.49%** of India's total milk production. There has also been an unprecedented rise in the **per capita availability of milk** in Gujarat during this period.

The **Amul Federation**, which started with **6 member unions** and a turnover of **Rs. 49 crore**, now includes **18 member unions**. It collects over **3 crore liters of milk** daily, producing and distributing dairy products not only

across India but also in about **50 countries**. The **Amul model** has become a globally recognized example of a self-reliant dairy development model, benefiting livestock farmers' socio-economic growth.



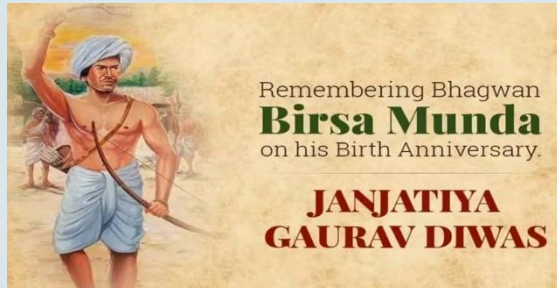
75th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Indian Constitution: Campaign Tagline 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan'

26/11/2024

The Government of India has announced year-long celebrations, beginning November 26, 2024, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution. These celebrations, under the campaign tagline "*Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan*" (Our Constitution, Our Pride), will run until November 26, 2025, honoring the Constitution adopted on November 26, 1949, which came into effect on January 26, 1950.

A grand event will be held at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, where President Droupadi Murmu will address both Houses of Parliament. Activities will be organized nationwide, including at village and district levels, focusing on the core values of the Constitution and the contributions of its makers. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju emphasized the celebration as a collective national effort, while

Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal highlighted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's significant role and the contributions of 15 women in the Drafting Committee.



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda

16/11/2024

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, also known as **Tribal Pride Day**, is celebrated annually on **November 15th** in India. This day was officially designated in 2021 to honor the contributions and sacrifices of India's tribal communities, especially their role in the country's freedom struggle.

The day marks the birth anniversary of **Birsa Munda**, a revered tribal leader and freedom fighter who led a significant uprising against British colonial rule in the late 19th century. His efforts and those of other tribal leaders like the Santhals, Tamars, Kols, Bhils, Khasis, and Mizos, are commemorated on this day.

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas aims to celebrate the rich cultural heritage, history, and contributions of tribal communities to India's development. Various events and activities are organized across the country to foster unity, pride, and recognition of their significant contributions.

In recent years, the day has also been used to launch development projects and initiatives aimed at improving the

lives of tribal communities, such as the **PM Janman Yojana**, which focuses on the development of settlements for the most backward tribes.

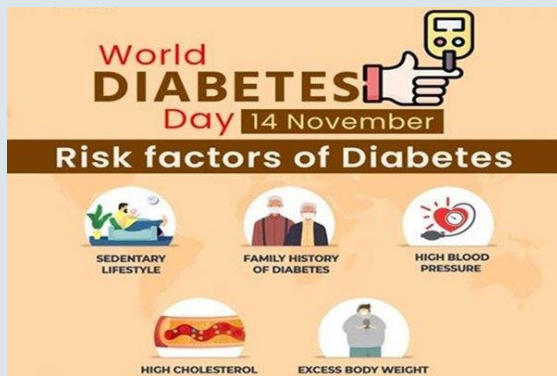


Children's Day in India is celebrated on November 14th each year

14/11/2024

Children's Day in India is celebrated on November 14th each year. This special day is dedicated to celebrating children and recognizing their importance in society. The date was chosen to honor the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, who was born on November 14, 1889. Nehru was known for his deep affection for children and his belief that they are the future of the nation. He was often referred to as "Chacha Nehru" by children, which means "Uncle Nehru."

The significance of Children's Day lies in promoting the rights, care, and education of children. It serves as a reminder of the importance of providing children with a nurturing environment in which they can grow, learn, and thrive. On this day, various programs and activities are organized across the country in schools, colleges, and communities to celebrate the joy and innocence of childhood. These activities often include cultural performances, competitions, and recreational events.

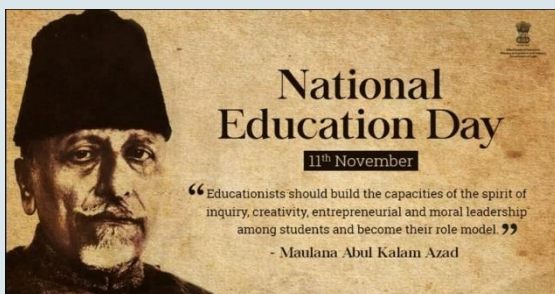


World Diabetes Day is observed every year on November 14th

14/11/2024

World Diabetes Day is observed every year on November 14th. It was established in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in response to the growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. The day aims to raise awareness of diabetes, its prevention, and the care needed to manage it.

The date was chosen to mark the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922. Insulin is a crucial treatment for diabetes, transforming the lives of millions of people around the world.



National Education Day is celebrated in India on November 11

12/11/2024

National Education Day is celebrated in India on November 11 each year to emphasize the importance of education and recognize efforts toward making quality education accessible to all. This day honors the legacy of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister, born on November 18, 1888, and posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1992 for his significant contributions to the nation.

Azad was a freedom fighter, scholar, and visionary who laid the foundation for India's modern education system. He was instrumental in establishing key institutions, including the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the University Grants Commission (UGC), and India's first Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kharagpur, supporting advancements in higher and technical education.

Under his leadership, various cultural and educational institutions, such as the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Sahitya Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi, and Sangeet Natak Akademi, were founded to promote Indian culture and research. Azad's vision extended to inclusive education, focusing on universal primary education, adult literacy, and education for the rural poor, particularly girls.

Azad saw education as a fundamental right and a vehicle for social progress, advocating for it as a tool for national empowerment. His contributions continue to influence India's education policy, emphasizing inclusivity and progress.



National Cancer Awareness Day: November 7

08/11/2024

National Cancer Awareness Day is observed annually on November 7, aiming to raise awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment. Established in 2014, this day highlights the importance of public education on cancer and emphasizes early intervention to improve survival rates.

It coincides with the birth anniversary of Marie Curie, whose discoveries of radium and polonium have significantly contributed to cancer treatment. On this day, free screenings are offered at municipal clinics, government hospitals, and CGHS facilities to encourage early detection.

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS



Masato Kanda elected as President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)

29/11/2024

Masato Kanda has been unanimously elected as the 11th President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) by its Board of Governors. Currently serving as Special Advisor to Japan's Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Kanda will assume office in February 2025, succeeding Masatsugu Asakawa. His term will conclude on 23 November 2026.

ADB, founded in 1966 and headquartered in Manila, Philippines, focuses on social and economic development in Asia. It started with 31 members and now has 68, including members of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and non-regional developed countries.



Ceasefire deal between Israel and Hezbollah

27/11/2024

The Israeli government has approved a US- and France-brokered **ceasefire deal with Hezbollah in Lebanon**, as announced by Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu's office** on **26 November 2024**.

The ceasefire aims to end the year-long conflict that has killed **3,800 people** and injured **16,000** in Lebanon. Under the agreement, both **Israeli forces** and **Hezbollah** will withdraw from south Lebanon within **60 days**, with Hezbollah repositioning north of the **Litani River**. The **Lebanese national army** and **UN peacekeeping forces** will secure the vacated areas.

While Lebanon's foreign minister supports the agreement, Netanyahu highlighted Israel's "full freedom of military action" and warned of immediate responses to violations. He also cited three strategic reasons for the ceasefire:

Countering Iranian threats,

Resupplying Israeli forces amid delays in advanced weaponry deliveries, and

Isolating Hamas by preventing a multi-front conflict.

The deal has received international backing, with **French President Emmanuel Macron** and **US President Joe Biden** committing to its enforcement.



[Yamandú Orsi wins Presidential Election in Uruguay](#)

26/11/2024

Yamandú Orsi of the **Broad Front alliance** has emerged victorious as Uruguay's next president. Orsi, a former history teacher and mayor,

secured **49.8% of the votes** in a closely contested run-off election held on **November 24, 2024**. He defeated **Álvaro Delgado** of the center-right National Party, who garnered **45.9% support**.

Orsi's victory marks the return of a center-left government to Uruguay after five years of conservative administration. He is considered the political heir of former President **José Mujica**, who supported him throughout his campaign. Orsi has pledged to promote a "modern left" approach, focusing on tackling homelessness, poverty, and crime.



[Russia has launched an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile \(ICBM\) targeting Ukraine](#)

22/11/2024

In a significant escalation of the ongoing conflict, Russia has launched an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) targeting Ukraine on 21 November 2024. This marks the first time such a weapon has been used in the conflict, highlighting the increasing intensity of the situation.

The missile was launched from the Astrakhan region in Russia and targeted the city of Dnipro in central-eastern Ukraine. The attack also involved the launch of six Kh-101 cruise missiles, five of which were intercepted by Ukrainian air defenses. The use of an ICBM, which typically has a range

exceeding 5,500 kilometers and can carry nuclear or conventional warheads, represents a major escalation in the conflict.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky condemned the attack, stating that it demonstrates Russia's use of Ukraine as a testing ground for its advanced weaponry. The European Union has also expressed concern, calling the attack a "clear escalation" and a significant change in the nature of the conflict.

This development follows recent updates to Russia's nuclear doctrine, which now considers aggression from a non-nuclear state supported by a nuclear power as a direct threat to its sovereignty. The situation remains tense, with international observers closely monitoring the developments.



19th G20 Summit Concludes; Next Summit in 2025 in South Africa

20/11/2024

The **19th G20 Summit** concluded on **19 November 2024**, with Brazil's President **Lula Da Silva** handing over the presidency to South Africa's President **Cyril Ramaphosa**. President Lula highlighted key initiatives during Brazil's presidency, including:

Launching the **Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty**.

Introducing a debate on taxing and integrating **climate change** into the agendas of Finance Ministries and Central Banks.

Approving the first multilateral document on the **bioeconomy**.

Establishing a **Women's Empowerment Working Group** and proposing a new **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)** to promote racial equality.

Committing to triple global **renewable energy capacity** by 2030 and forming a coalition for **local production of vaccines and medicines**.

Advocating reforms to make **global governance more representative** and engaging society through the **G20 Social** platform.

The summit also focused on addressing health challenges through **WHO investment rounds**, fostering cooperation in **open innovation**, and creating a task force for the **governance of artificial intelligence**.

President Lula noted that South Africa's presidency would mark the completion of a leadership cycle in which all G20 member countries will have led the group at least once. The event represented the penultimate stage of a four-year sequence of G20 leadership by developing countries: **Indonesia, India, Brazil, and South Africa**.



19th G20 Summit, leaders adopt Rio de Janeiro Declaration

19/11/2024

At the 19th G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, leaders adopted the **Rio de Janeiro Declaration** on November 18, 2024. The declaration emphasized addressing global challenges such as **climate change**, conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia, and promoting **sustainable and inclusive growth**. Key highlights include:

UN Security Council Reforms: A call to expand its composition to improve representation of underrepresented regions and groups.

Condemnation of Terrorism: Firm opposition to all forms of terrorism.

Humanitarian Concerns: Urged increased humanitarian aid and civilian protection in the **Gaza Strip** and **Lebanon**.

Conflict Resolution: Advocated for peaceful resolutions and diplomatic solutions to crises.

Climate Commitments: Reaffirmed dedication to **multilateralism**, progress under the **UNFCCC**, and the **Paris Agreement**.

The declaration highlights the G20's role in fostering global cooperation and addressing pressing crises.



Sri Lanka's ruling National People's Power (NPP) party, secured a landslide victory in Parliamentary Elections

16/11/2024

Sri Lanka's ruling **National People's Power (NPP)** party, led by President **Anura Kumara Dissanayake**, secured a landslide victory in the parliamentary elections, winning **159 out of 225 seats** (approximately 63% of the votes). This marks a dramatic shift in Sri Lankan politics, as the NPP previously held only three seats.

The main opposition **Samagi Jana Balawegaya**, led by Sajith Premadasa, won 40 seats, while **Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi** secured 8 seats. The **New Democratic Front**, aligned with former President Ranil Wickremasinghe, faced a major setback with only 5 seats.

This victory, following the 2022 economic crisis and the ousting of Gotabaya Rajapaksa, is seen as a strong mandate for President Dissanayake's promises to combat corruption, recover stolen assets, and implement reforms to address poverty and economic challenges. The NPP's leftist coalition has gained significant support, including from minority communities.



PM Modi is on a six-day visit to Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana from November 16 to 21, 2024

16/11/2024

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a six-day visit to Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana from November 16 to 21, 2024, strengthening India's bilateral and multilateral relations.

Nigeria (Nov 16–17):

PM Modi's visit marks the first by an Indian Prime Minister in 17 years. He will hold talks with Nigerian leadership to review the strategic partnership, focusing on economic, energy, and defense collaboration. India and Nigeria have been strategic partners since 2007, with over 200 Indian companies investing \$27 billion in Nigeria. He will also engage with the Indian diaspora in Nigeria.

Brazil (Nov 18):

PM Modi will attend the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, hosted by Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. As part of the G20 Troika with Brazil and South Africa, he will discuss global issues, build on India's leadership in the G20, and hold bilateral meetings with world leaders.

Guyana (Nov 19–21):

PM Modi's visit is the first by an Indian Prime Minister since 1968. He will meet Guyana's President Dr. Mohamed

Irfaan Ali, address the Guyanese Parliament, and interact with the Indian diaspora. He will also participate in the Second CARICOM-India Summit in Georgetown to deepen ties with the 15-member Caribbean Community (CARICOM), focusing on economic integration and cooperation.



Inauguration of first trilateral power transaction between Nepal, India, and Bangladesh

16/11/2024

The first trilateral power transaction between Nepal, India, and Bangladesh was inaugurated on November 15, 2024, via the Indian power grid. The event was virtually inaugurated by India's Power Minister Manohar Lal, Bangladesh's Power Adviser Fouzul Kabir Khan, and Nepal's Energy Minister Dipak Khadka. This historic power flow of up to 40 MW from Nepal to Bangladesh marks a significant milestone in sub-regional energy cooperation.

The initiative, initially announced during Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal's visit to India last year, highlights a commitment to enhancing sub-regional connectivity and mutual economic benefits. The foundation was laid with a tripartite agreement between NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam, Nepal Electricity Authority, and

Bangladesh Power Development Board, signed on October 3, 2024. This collaboration is expected to strengthen power sector interlinkages in the region.



Dr. Navin Ramgoolam return as Prime Minister in Mauritius

12/11/2024

On **November 11, 2024**, **Dr. Navin Ramgoolam** secured a historic electoral victory in Mauritius, marking his return as the Prime Minister for the third time. This victory came after the incumbent Prime Minister **Pravind Jugnauth** conceded defeat in the parliamentary elections held on **November 10, 2024**.

Dr. Ramgoolam, who previously served as Prime Minister from 1995 to 2000 and from 2005 to 2014, is the son of Mauritius' first Prime Minister, **Seewoosagur Ramgoolam**. His win is seen as a significant shift in the political landscape of Mauritius, with his party, the **Alliance of Change**, gaining a majority in the parliament.



29th annual UN COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan from 11 to 22 November

11/11/2024

The 29th UN Climate Change Conference, or COP29, began in Baku, Azerbaijan, on November 11, 2024. This year, known as the "Finance COP," the main focus is on setting a new financial target to help countries most affected by climate change. Over two weeks, delegates from almost 200 countries, including India, will work to advance the Paris Agreement goals—limiting global warming, boosting climate resilience, and supporting developing nations.

The success of COP29 will depend largely on whether countries can agree on a strong new climate finance goal that meets the needs of developing countries. For India and other Global South countries, access to finance, technology, and energy resources is crucial for achieving climate goals and protecting vulnerable communities. India has been active in shaping the global climate finance system to ensure funding is available for both reducing emissions and adapting to climate impacts.



Donald Trump won the U.S. presidential election

07/11/2024

On November 6, 2024, Donald Trump won the U.S. presidential election, securing 277 electoral votes, surpassing the required 270 and defeating Democrat Kamala Harris. His victory, clinched with a key win in Wisconsin and other swing states like Pennsylvania, Georgia, and North Carolina, sparked celebrations among Republicans as Trump became the 47th U.S. President.

In his victory speech from Palm Beach, Florida, Trump pledged to focus on ending global conflicts, emphasizing a commitment to "stop wars, not start them." He also reiterated his immigration policy stance, advocating for stricter border control and legal immigration pathways, and expressed gratitude to his supporters, including immigrant communities. His running mate, JD Vance, praised Trump's win as a historic political comeback.

World leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, French President Emmanuel Macron, and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, congratulated Trump on his win through social media platform X. Italian President Giorgia Meloni and NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte also extended congratulations.

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UGC Introduces Accelerated and Extended Degree Programmes for UG Students

30/11/2024

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved Standard Operating Procedures for introducing **Accelerated Degree Programmes** and **Extended Degree Programmes** for undergraduate students. The Accelerated Degree Programme allows students to complete three-year or four-year degrees in a shorter time by earning additional credits per semester. In contrast, the Extended Degree Programme provides flexibility to extend degree completion by up to two semesters with reduced credits per semester.

Students will still earn the same total credits as in the standard-duration programmes, ensuring their degrees are treated equally for employment and academic purposes. Higher Education Institutions will evaluate eligibility through dedicated committees and may allocate up to 10% of sanctioned seats for the Accelerated Programme. Degrees will be awarded based on the opted

timeline rather than the standard duration.



India's Mineral Production Shows Strong Growth in FY 2024-25

29/11/2024

India's mineral production showed strong growth in the first half of FY 2024-25 (April-October), continuing momentum from record levels in FY 2023-24.

Iron Ore: Accounting for 69% of total mineral production by value, iron ore output rose by 4.1% to 158.4 million metric tonnes (MMT) in April-October 2024, compared to 152.1 MMT in the same period last year.

Manganese Ore: Production increased by 11.1% to 2.0 MMT.

Bauxite: Output grew by 11.3%, reaching 13.8 MMT.

Primary Aluminium: Production rose modestly by 1.2% to 24.46 lakh tonnes (LT).

Refined Copper: Output saw significant growth of 6%, climbing to 3.00 LT.

India remains a key player globally, ranking as the second-largest Aluminium producer, among the top ten in refined copper, and the fourth-largest iron ore producer. The growth

reflects strong domestic demand from sectors such as steel, energy, infrastructure, and automotive, reinforcing India's economic resilience and its role in the global minerals supply chain.



India climbs 11 places in the Network Readiness Index 2024 (NRI 2024), securing the 49th rank globally

28/11/2024

India has climbed **11 places** in the **Network Readiness Index 2024 (NRI 2024)**, securing the **49th rank globally**, as announced on **27 November 2024**. Published by the Portulans Institute, the index evaluates 133 economies across four pillars—**technology, people, governance, and impact**—using 54 variables. India's score improved significantly from **49.93 in 2023** to **53.63 in 2024**.

India leads globally in several indicators:

1st place: AI scientific publications, AI talent concentration, and ICT services exports.

2nd place: FTTH/Building Internet subscriptions and mobile broadband internet traffic.

3rd place: Domestic market scale.

4th place: Annual investment in telecommunication services.

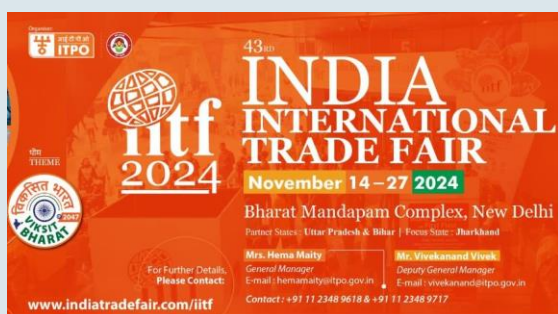
Key achievements include:

Rising teledensity from **75.2% to 84.69%** over the past decade.

Increasing internet subscribers from **25.1 crore to 94.4 crore**, largely driven by the **Digital India initiative**.

Boosting global mobile broadband speed rankings from **118th to 15th**, following the **launch of 5G in 2022**.

India is now focusing on next-gen technologies with the **Bharat 6G Vision**, aiming to solidify its leadership in telecom innovation.



43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) concluded on 27 November 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

28/11/2024

The 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) concluded on **27 November 2024** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The theme for this year's fair was **"Viksit Bharat at 2047"**. An award ceremony was held on the final day, recognizing achievements in various categories:

Partner States: Bihar and Uttar Pradesh won gold.

Focus State: Jharkhand secured gold.

Ministries and Departments: The Ministry of Mines received gold, while the Ayush Ministry earned silver.

States and UTs: Puducherry won gold, Meghalaya got silver, and Karnataka was awarded bronze.

Pradeep Singh Kharola, Managing Director of ITPO, shared that **over 10 lakh visitors** attended the fair. Executive Director Premjit Lal highlighted the fair's role as a global platform for traders to exchange ideas and grow their businesses. The event saw a significant response from visitors and exhibitors, showcasing diverse regional products.



Prasar Bharati launches its OTT platform- WAVES

21/11/2024

On 20 November 2024, Prasar Bharati launched its OTT platform, **WAVES**, during the opening ceremony of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. WAVES combines nostalgia with modern digital trends, featuring iconic shows like *Ramayan*, *Mahabharat*, *Shaktimaan*, and *Hum Log*.

Online movie streaming services

It offers clean, family-oriented entertainment alongside news, documentaries, and diverse content in over 12 languages and 10+ genres, including regional, women-centric, and animation content. WAVES also streams live events like *Prabhu Shriram Lalla Aarti* from Ayodhya, *Mann ki Baat*, and sports events like the US

Premier League Cricket Tournament. With 65 live channels, video-on-demand, gaming, radio streaming, and e-commerce integration, WAVES aims to connect audiences with India's cultural heritage while embracing inclusivity and innovation.



India's domestic air traffic crosses 5 lakh passengers in a single day, marking aviation milestone

20/11/2024

India's aviation sector achieved a historic milestone on **17 November 2024** (Sunday), with over **505,412 domestic passengers** flying in a single day, surpassing the **5 lakh mark** for the first time. The Ministry of Civil Aviation celebrated the achievement, describing it as a reflection of India's growing aviation potential.

Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu credited this success to key policies such as the **Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN)**, which was launched in 2017 to improve connectivity to underserved regions, advancements in airport infrastructure, and the adoption of digital technologies. The number of operational airports in India has doubled over the past decade, supporting rapid growth in the sector.



K Sanjay Murthy appointed as Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India

20/11/2024

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed **K Sanjay Murthy**, an IAS officer of the 1989 batch (Andhra Pradesh cadre), as the new **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India**. Murthy, currently the Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, will assume the role once he takes charge, replacing **Girish Chandra Murmu**, who held office since August 8, 2020.

The **CAG of India**:

Audits all Union and State government departments, including railways, defense, India Post, and telecommunications.

Oversees over 1500 public enterprises, 400 non-commercial bodies, and other entities funded by the government.

Is empowered by **Article 148** of the Constitution and governed by the **CAG's Duties, Powers and Conditions Act, 1971**.

The office is supported by the **Indian Audit and Accounts Department (IA&AD)**, comprising around 600 managerial officers and a subordinate cadre of approximately 47,000 personnel. The CAG's mandate extends to inspecting records,

transactions, and financial documents to ensure accountability and transparency in public spending.



DRDO successfully conducted a flight trial of India's first long-range hypersonic missile

18/11/2024

On November 16, 2024, DRDO successfully conducted a flight trial of India's first long-range hypersonic missile from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha. The missile, capable of carrying various payloads over distances greater than 1,500 km, represents a significant technological advancement for the Armed Forces.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hailed the achievement as historic, positioning India among a select group of nations with advanced hypersonic military technology. The missile's performance was tracked using multiple range systems, and data from down-range ship stations confirmed accurate terminal maneuvers and impact. The Defence Minister congratulated DRDO, the Armed Forces, and the industry on this milestone.



DRDO completes Flight Tests of Guided Pinaka Weapon System

15/11/2024

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed the flight tests of the Guided Pinaka Weapon System as part of the Provisional Staff Qualitative Requirements (PSQR) Validation Trials. According to a statement from the Defence Ministry, these flight tests were conducted across three phases at various field firing ranges.

During the trials, PSQR parameters such as range, accuracy, consistency, and rate of fire in salvo mode for multiple target engagements were thoroughly assessed through extensive testing of rockets. A total of twelve rockets from each production agency were tested using two in-service Pinaka launchers, which had been upgraded by the launcher production agencies.



Dominica to confer highest national award, the 'Dominica Award of Honour', to PM Modi

15/11/2024

Dominica has announced it will confer its highest national honor, the Dominica Award of Honour, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This award recognizes his support for Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the donation of 70,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine in February 2021, and his contributions to strengthening ties between India and Dominica in healthcare, education, information technology, and sustainable development. The award will be presented by Dominica's President Sylvanie Burton at the India-CARICOM Summit in Georgetown, Guyana, from November 19-21, 2024.

Dominica's Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit expressed gratitude for Modi's solidarity, particularly during the global health crisis, and acknowledged Modi's role in promoting a shared vision of resilience and progress. Prime Minister Modi accepted the award offer, emphasizing India's commitment to collaborating on global challenges like climate change and regional conflicts alongside Dominica and the Caribbean.



India in Global top 10 for Patents, Trademarks, and Industrial Designs

13/11/2024

India has entered the top 10 countries globally in Patents, Trademarks, and Industrial Designs, as per the World Intellectual Property Indicators 2024 report. The report highlights India's significant growth in intellectual property (IP) activity, showing progress in patent, trademark, and industrial design applications. India ranks sixth globally for patents, with 64,480 applications, more than half from residents.

4th in Trademarks (+6.1%) with 90% resident filings.

6th in Patents (+15.7%), driven by 55.2% resident filings.

10th in Industrial Designs (+36.4%), Moving up 1 spot.

The patent office granted 149.4% more patents in 2023 than the previous year, demonstrating a rapidly evolving IP ecosystem. Industrial design applications rose by 36.4%, driven by sectors like Textiles and Accessories, Tools and Machines, and Health and Cosmetics, which contributed to nearly half of all design filings.



DRDO successfully conducts maiden flight test of Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM)

13/11/2024

On 12 November 2024, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the first flight test of its Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha, using a mobile launcher. The test met all primary mission objectives, with sub-systems performing as expected.

The missile's performance was monitored by multiple range sensors, including radar, optical tracking, and telemetry systems. Equipped with advanced avionics and software, the LRLACM was developed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Establishment in Bengaluru, with support from other labs and Indian industries.



Justice Sanjiv Khanna sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India (CJI)

13/11/2024

Justice Sanjiv Khanna was sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India (CJI) on November 11, 2024, in a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, where President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath. Key dignitaries, including Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and other Union Cabinet members, attended the event. Justice Khanna, who joined the Supreme Court in 2019, has contributed to significant rulings, such as upholding the abrogation of Article 370 and overturning the electoral bonds scheme.

Beginning his career in 1983 under the Delhi Bar Council, Justice Khanna has expertise in constitutional law, taxation, arbitration, and environmental law. His judicial experience includes appointments at the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court, where he handled influential cases.

The ceremony highlighted respect for judicial continuity, with retired Chief Justices and legal figures in attendance. Justice Khanna succeeds former CJI DY Chandrachud, who reflected on his tenure in a heartfelt farewell. Justice Khanna will serve a six-month term, focusing on key

national issues, as outlined by the government's recent appointment notification under Article 124 of the Indian Constitution.



3rd India-Australia joint military exercise 'AUSTRAHIND' from 8 to 21 November in Maharashtra

11/11/2024

The third edition of the India-Australia joint military exercise, AUSTRAHIND, began on November 8 at the Foreign Training Node in Pune and will continue until November 21. This exercise aims to strengthen defense cooperation and interoperability between the Indian and Australian armed forces. Started in 2022 in Rajasthan, AUSTRAHIND has become an annual event, alternating between both countries.

This year, the focus is on enhancing joint capabilities for sub-conventional operations in semi-urban and semi-desert environments under a UN mandate. The exercise includes 140 Indian personnel, mainly from the DOGRA Regiment, and 120 Australian soldiers from the 13th Light Horse Regiment. It will be conducted in two phases: combat conditioning/tactical training and a validation phase, featuring counter-terrorism tactics, joint operations, search and destroy missions, and heli-borne operations.

India and Australia's defense ties also include other exercises like AUSINDEX

(maritime) and PITCHBLACK (air force) and regular policy dialogues. The start of AUSTRAHIND follows External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's recent visit to Australia, further strengthening their diplomatic and strategic relationship.



New Centralised Pension Payments System (CPPS) completes pilot run

09/11/2024

On November 8, 2024, Union Minister of Labour and Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced the successful pilot of the new Centralised Pension Payments System (CPPS) under the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) 1995. Conducted on October 29-30, the pilot disbursed approximately Rs 11 crore to over 49,000 EPS pensioners across Jammu, Srinagar, and Karnal.

The CPPS enables pensioners to receive payments from any bank branch nationwide, eliminating the need for regional transfers and streamlining disbursements. Expected to fully launch by January 2025 as part of EPFO's Centralised IT Enabled System (CITES 2.01), the CPPS will benefit over 78 lakh pensioners, enhancing the EPFO's modernization and efficiency in pension services.



Second Indian Military Heritage Festival commenced in New Delhi on November 8, 2024

09/11/2024

The second annual Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) commenced in New Delhi on November 8, 2024. This two-day event aims to engage global and Indian think tanks, corporations, public and private sector organizations, non-profits, academicians, and research scholars focused on India's national security, foreign policy, military history, and heritage.

The festival was inaugurated by Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Anil Chauhan alongside three Service Chiefs. During the inauguration, Project '**Shaurya Gatha**' was launched, an initiative by the Department of Military Affairs and the United Service Institution (USI) of India to conserve and promote India's military heritage through education and tourism.



President Droupadi Murmu visited the Indian Navy's indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant

08/11/2024

On November 7, 2024, President Droupadi Murmu visited the Indian Navy's indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, marking her first time aboard Navy vessels at sea. After arriving at INS Hansa in Goa, she was greeted by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and Vice Admiral Sanjay J Singh, with a ceremonial Guard of Honour in her honor. Aboard INS Vikrant, the President observed a series of naval demonstrations, including deck-based fighter operations, missile drills, submarine maneuvers, and a flypast involving over 30 aircraft.

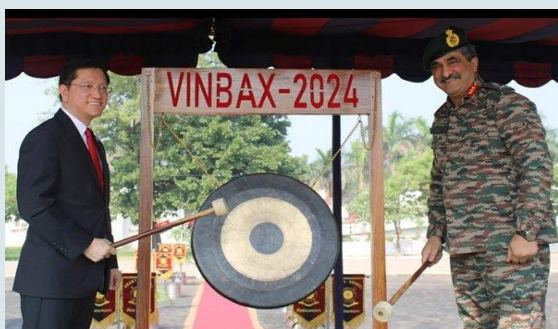


India reduces tuberculosis (TB) cases with a 17.7% drop from 2015 to 2023

06/11/2024

India's progress in reducing tuberculosis (TB) has gained global recognition, with a 17.7% drop in TB cases from 2015 to 2023. This decline is more than twice the global average of 8.3%, according to the World Health Organization's Global Tuberculosis Report 2024.

India committed to achieving the United Nations' "End TB" targets by 2025, five years before the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) deadline. This progress reflects the success of India's National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, which has led to an 80% decrease in TB cases and a 90% reduction in TB deaths since 2015.



5th edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise from 4 to 23 November at Ambala

05/11/2024

The fifth Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX) 2024 began on November 4, 2024, in Ambala, Haryana. The goal of VINBAX-2024 is to strengthen the joint military abilities of India and Vietnam.

This year's exercise is special because, for the first time, it includes personnel from both the Army and Air Force of each country. The Indian Army has sent 47 personnel, including a Regiment of the Corps of Engineers and members from other units. VINBAX-2024 will end on November 23.



15th India-US joint Special Forces exercise, VAJRA PRAHAR, at Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, USA

04/11/2024

The 15th India-US joint Special Forces exercise, VAJRA PRAHAR, began on September 2, 2024, at Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, USA, and will end on September 22. The previous VAJRA PRAHAR was held in December 2023 in Umroi, Meghalaya. This is the second India-US Army exercise of the year, following YUDH ABHYAS 2024, which took place in Rajasthan in September.

In VAJRA PRAHAR, each country's contingent includes 45 personnel: Special Forces units from India and Green Berets from the US. The goal is to improve military cooperation, focusing on interoperability, joint operations, and tactical skills in desert and semi-desert environments, with emphasis on physical fitness and joint planning.



Rajesh Kumar Singh, IAS became the Defence Secretary

02/11/2024

Rajesh Kumar Singh, an IAS officer from the 1989 Kerala cadre, became the Defence Secretary on November 1, 2024. He replaced Giridhar Aramane, a 1988 Andhra Pradesh cadre IAS officer, who retired the day before. Before starting his new role, Mr. Singh paid respects at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.

Previously, he was the Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He has held various key roles in the Union Government and also served as Secretary for Urban Development and Finance in Kerala.



Deepotsav 2024: Ayodhya sets Guinness World Records with over 25 lakh diyas

01/11/2024

Ayodhya set two Guinness World Records on October 30, 2024, during Deepotsav. Over 2.5 million diyas were

lit on the Saryu River banks, and the most people performed a simultaneous 'diya' rotation.

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath received the Guinness certificates, joined by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak.

Festivities Highlights:

The riverbanks and ghats were adorned with diyas, and the night included laser shows, Ram Leela reenactments, a drone show, and fireworks.

This Deepotsav was especially significant, being the first after the 'Pran Pratishtha' of Ram Lala at Ayodhya temple.

A procession led by CM Yogi featured Lord Ram, Sita, and Lakshman, symbolizing their return to Ayodhya.

Eighteen tableaux showcased key events from Lord Ram's life, organized by the Information and Tourism Departments.

POLITY CURRENT AFFAIRS



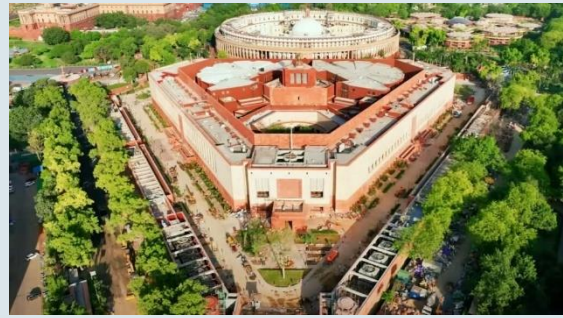
JMM Leader Hemant Soren Becomes Chief Minister of Jharkhand for the Fourth Time

28/11/2024

Hemant Soren, the leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), is set to take the oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for the fourth time on 28 November 2024. This follows the recent state elections where his JMM-led coalition secured a decisive victory, winning 56 out of the 81 Assembly seats. The swearing-in ceremony will take place at 4 pm at the Morabadi Ground in Ranchi, with Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar administering the oath.

Soren's victory marks a significant moment in Jharkhand's political history, as it is the first time an incumbent government has returned to power after completing a full five-year term. The JMM achieved its highest-ever tally, winning 34 of the 43 seats it contested, while its allies, the Congress and RJD, secured 16 and four seats respectively.

The ceremony is expected to be attended by several prominent leaders from the INDIA bloc, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. In his victory speech, Soren expressed gratitude to the people of Jharkhand for their continued trust and emphasized the importance of unity and social justice.



Winter session of Parliament commence on 25 November 2024

25/11/2024

The Winter session of Parliament will commence on **25 November 2024**, featuring **19 sittings over 26 days**. There will be no session on **26 November** to commemorate **Constitution Day**, with the main celebration at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan.

The session will continue until **20 December 2024**, with **16 bills** listed for legislative business, including the **Bhartiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024**, the **Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2024**, the **Railways (Amendment) Bill**, the **Waaf (Amendment) Bill**, and the **Indian Ports Bill, 2024**. Additionally, discussions and voting on **Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2024-25** will be addressed.

An all-party meeting was held to ensure smooth functioning, with **Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju** urging cooperation from opposition parties. **42 leaders from 30 political parties** participated, providing suggestions to be discussed in the business advisory committee.

Congress MP Pramod

Tiwari highlighted issues for discussion, including an alleged bribery scam, the Manipur situation, unemployment, and pollution in North India. The meeting

was presided over by **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh**, with attendance from various Union Ministers and MPs.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla urged members to follow parliamentary decorum, inspired by the Constituent Assembly debates and discussions.



BJP-led Mahayuti alliance in Maharashtra and JMM-led INDIA bloc in Jharkhand retained power in Assembly Elections

25/11/2024

The BJP-led Mahayuti alliance achieved a decisive victory in the Maharashtra Assembly Elections, while the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led INDIA bloc retained power in Jharkhand.

Maharashtra:

Total seats: 288

BJP: 132 seats

Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde): 57 seats

NCP (Ajit Pawar): 41 seats

Congress: 16 seats

NCP (Sharad Pawar group): 10 seats

Shiv Sena (UBT): 20 seats

Others: 12 seats

The Mahayuti coalition includes BJP, Shiv Sena, and NCP.

Jharkhand:

Total seats: 81

JMM: 34 seats

Congress: 16 seats

RJD: 4 seats

BJP: 21 seats

Others: 6 seats

The INDIA bloc includes JMM, Congress, RJD, and CPI(ML).

Polling dates:

Maharashtra: October 20.

Jharkhand: Two phases on October 13 and 20.

Counting Date : 22 November 2024



Formation Day of 8 States And 5 Union Territories on November 1

02/11/2024

On November 1, eight states and five Union Territories celebrate their Foundation Day. These include Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, along with the UTs of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry. Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his wishes, recognizing their contributions to the nation.

Andhra Pradesh was the first state created based on language, formed

on November 1, 1956, after the split of Hyderabad State.

Karnataka, previously called Mysore, was restructured on November 1, 1956, uniting Kannada-speaking regions. It celebrates "Rajyotsava Day" with parades and cultural programs.

Kerala was also formed on November 1, 1956, by merging Malabar, Cochin, and Travancore, celebrating its rich heritage and literacy achievements.

Madhya Pradesh, known as India's "heart," was reorganized on November 1, 1956, with celebrations including traditional performances and awards.

Chhattisgarh became India's 26th state on November 1, 2000, and is renowned as the "rice bowl of India."

Haryana was carved out from Punjab on November 1, 1966, due to linguistic distinctions, honoring its legacy in agriculture and sports.

Punjab was restructured on the same day in 1966 to establish a state for Punjabi speakers, highlighting its vibrant culture and history.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CURRENT AFFAIRS



Shukrayaan Mission: ISRO's Venus Orbiting Satellite Scheduled for Launch in 2028

27/11/2024

ISRO has received approval from the Indian government for the **Shukrayaan** mission, a Venus Orbiting Satellite set to launch in **2028**. Announced by ISRO Director Nitesh Desai, the mission will enhance India's planetary exploration capabilities.

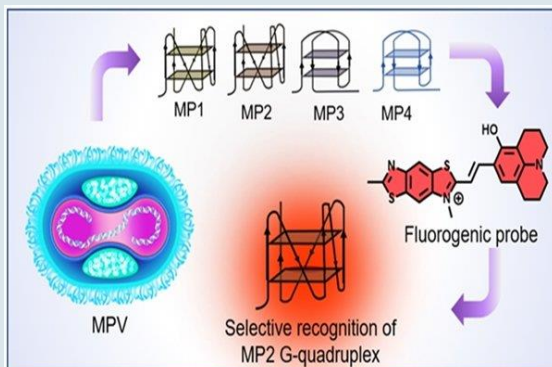
Desai also revealed plans for **Chandrayaan 4**, a collaborative mission with Japan, aiming for a precise landing at the Moon's south pole by **2030**, pending approval. This mission will feature a heavier rover weighing **350 kg**, significantly larger than Chandrayaan 3's.

ISRO is advancing its **INSAT 4 series** for improved weather forecasting and communication, incorporating advanced sensors and satellites to match global technological standards in meteorology and oceanography.

Future plans include a **Mars mission** with both orbital and surface exploration goals, and the **Gaganyaan** human spaceflight program, with an unmanned flight

expected in two years, followed by a manned mission.

The Indian government has also approved the construction of a **space station**, with the first module set for **2028** and full completion by **2035**. The space station will serve as a transit hub for future lunar missions, aligning with India's goal to land on the Moon by **2040**.



Scientists at JNCASR identify new pathway for Monkeypox detection and diagnostics

23/11/2024

Scientists at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)** have discovered a novel method to detect and develop diagnostic tools for the **Monkeypox virus (MPV)**. They identified and characterized **G-quadruplex sequences (GQs)** within the MPV genome, which are unique nucleic acid structures absent in other pox viruses, pathogens, or the human genome.

This discovery holds potential for creating **diagnostic tools** and **antiviral therapies**, as these GQs can be targeted using small-molecule fluorescent probes. The Ministry of Science and Technology emphasized that this work is significant given the global concerns about MPV's

unanticipated spread, unclear transmission modes, and symptoms. The research offers valuable insights into MPV virology and aids in developing diagnostic and therapeutic interventions.



India Launches First Indigenous Antibiotic, Nafithromycin, to Combat Drug-Resistant Infections

21/11/2024

On 20 November 2024, Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, launched **Nafithromycin**, India's first indigenous antibiotic, to combat drug-resistant infections. Speaking at the launch event in New Delhi, he highlighted that the three-day treatment regimen of Nafithromycin is a breakthrough in addressing drug-resistant pneumonia, a condition causing over two million deaths annually.

Developed with support from the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), under the Department of Biotechnology, the drug is marketed under the trade name **Miqnaf**. This Made-in-India antibiotic is a significant step in tackling Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), marking a milestone in India's pharmaceutical innovation.



ISRO Launches GSAT-20 via SpaceX's Falcon 9 from Cape Canaveral, USA

19/11/2024

ISRO successfully launched its advanced communications satellite **GSAT-20** aboard SpaceX's **Falcon 9 rocket** from Cape Canaveral, USA, on **18 November 2024**. The satellite, weighing **4,700 kg**, is one of India's heaviest and will provide **broadband services in remote areas** and **in-flight Internet on passenger aircraft**.

First-time collaboration with SpaceX: ISRO launched GSAT-20 through its commercial arm, **New Space India Limited (NSIL)**.

Reason for choosing SpaceX: India's LVM-3 rocket, or "Bahubali," cannot carry such a heavy payload, and French provider Arianespace lacks operational rockets currently. SpaceX's Falcon-9, capable of launching up to **8.3 tonnes** to geostationary transfer orbit, was chosen.

Operational Lifespan: GSAT-20 will operate for **14 years**.

Satellite status: It is healthy, and its **solar panels have been deployed**.

This marks a significant milestone in ISRO's efforts to enhance satellite-based broadband connectivity.

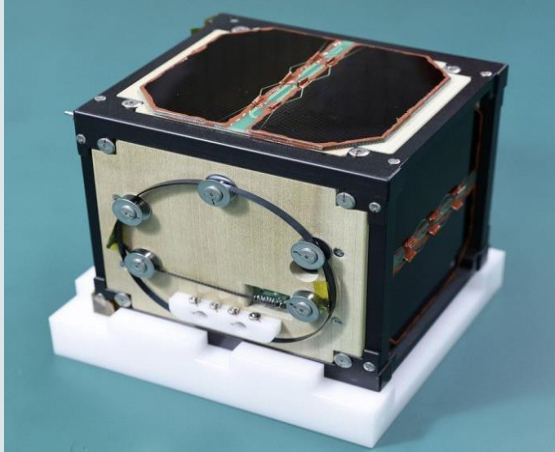


World's first CO₂-to-methanol conversion plant at NTPC Vindhyachal

09/11/2024

On November 8, 2024, NTPC, India's largest power producer, marked its 50th anniversary by inaugurating the world's first CO₂-to-methanol conversion plant at its Vindhyachal facility. NTPC Chairman Gurdeep Singh called this a "historic step" in carbon management and sustainable fuel production.

The company is advancing various green technologies, including Gen-4 ethanol, green urea, and sustainable aviation fuel. Additionally, NTPC has developed the first indigenous catalyst for methanol synthesis and is progressing in hydrogen and carbon capture innovations. At the event, NTPC also introduced hydrogen-fueled buses in Leh and launched new IT applications.



World's first wooden satellite, LignoSat was launched into space by Japan

06/11/2024

On November 5, 2024, Japan launched LignoSat, the world's first wooden satellite, into space to test wood's viability as a space-grade material. Developed by Kyoto University researchers, LignoSat is made from honoki wood, traditionally used for sword sheaths.

After a 10-month experiment on the ISS, honoki was found to be the most suitable timber for space applications. Constructed using a traditional Japanese technique without screws or glue, LignoSat will orbit Earth for six months, testing wood's resilience to extreme temperatures (-100 to 100°C) and its potential to shield semiconductors from space radiation.



ISRO launch India's first analog space mission in Leh, Ladakh

04/11/2024

ISRO has launched India's first analog space mission in Leh, Ladakh, simulating life in an interplanetary habitat to advance India's lunar and interplanetary mission goals. Analog missions are conducted in Earth locations with conditions that mimic space environments, helping to test and solve challenges for space research. Ladakh's dry, cold climate and high-altitude terrain resemble Martian and lunar landscapes, making it ideal for such a mission.

The month-long mission includes a compact, inflatable habitat named Hab-1, equipped with a hydroponics farm, kitchen, and sanitation, creating a self-sustaining environment. This setup offers insights into sustaining human life for long-term space missions to the Moon and Mars. Collaboratively organized by ISRO's Human Spaceflight Centre, AAKA Space Studio, University of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, and the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, the mission also leverages Ladakh's low-oxygen, low-pressure conditions to evaluate life support systems, essential for future interplanetary missions.

SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS



Jay Shah takes charge as Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)

02/12/2024

Jay Shah became the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on December 1, 2024, marking him as the fifth Indian to head the global cricket body. Shah, was unanimously elected by the ICC Board of Directors, succeeding New Zealand's Greg Barclay. 36-year-old Jay Shah, has been the secretary of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the last five years

In his inaugural statement, Shah highlighted his vision to use cricket's inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics as a transformative opportunity and emphasized the growth of women's cricket as a key priority.



Syed Modi International Tournament 2024: PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen emerged as Singles champions

02/12/2024

At the Syed Modi International Tournament 2024 in Lucknow, PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen emerged as Singles champions. Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, won the Women's Singles title by defeating China's Wu Luo Yu 21-14, 21-16. Lakshya Sen

claimed the Men's Singles title with a commanding victory over Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh 21-6, 21-7.

In Women's Doubles, the Indian duo Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand won the title, beating China's Bao Li Jing and Li Qian 21-18, 21-11. However, Indian teams in Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles finished as runner-ups. Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy and Sai Pratheek K lost a close Men's Doubles final to China's Huang Di and Liu Yang (14-21, 21-19, 17-21), while Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto were defeated by Thailand's Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Supissara Paewsampran (21-18, 14-21, 8-21) in the Mixed Doubles final.



World Chess Championship: Gukesh and Liren Tie in 4th Game

30/11/2024

The fourth game of the FIDE Chess World Championship between D. Gukesh and defending champion Ding Liren ended in a draw on 29 November 2024 in Singapore, leaving both players with 2 points each. Gukesh had leveled the score in Game 3 by defeating Liren.

Best video game consoles

The championship consists of 14 games, with the first player to reach 7.5 points being crowned champion.

This historic tournament, featuring two Asian players for the first time in 138 years, has a prize pool of \$2.5 million. A win earns 1 point, a draw 0.5 points, and a loss 0 points.



[Vaibhav Suryavanshi, 13, Becomes Youngest Cricket Player to Secure IPL Contract](#)

27/11/2024

Vaibhav Suryavanshi, at just 13 years old, made history as the youngest cricket player to secure an IPL contract during the **IPL 2025 Auction**. He was signed by the **Rajasthan Royals**, led by **Rahul Dravid**, for **₹1.10 crore**. Bihar Cricket Association President **Rakesh Tiwari** praised Vaibhav's achievement and expressed confidence in his potential.

Vaibhav gained attention by becoming the youngest batter to score an international century, hitting a **104 off 62 balls** in a Youth Test for India Under-19 against Australia Under-19 in Chennai. His **58-ball century** was the fastest by an Indian in Youth Tests and the second-fastest globally. Earlier this year, Vaibhav debuted in the **Ranji Trophy** for Bihar at the age of 12, becoming the youngest player in India's premier First-Class tournament.



[Divith Reddy won the gold medal at the Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship](#)

27/11/2024

Eight-year-old Divith Reddy from Telangana won the **gold medal** at the **Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship** in Montesilvano, Italy, on **26 November 2024**.

Divith scored **9 points out of 11**, tying with fellow Indian **Sattwik Swain** but securing gold due to a superior tiebreak score. Sattwik earned the silver medal, while **Ziming Guo** of China claimed bronze.

With a **FIDE rating of 1784**, Divith started strong with four consecutive wins, faced setbacks with two losses, but made a remarkable comeback by winning the final five rounds to clinch the title.



[IPL 2025 Mega Auction : Rishabh Pant became the most expensive player in IPL history](#)

26/11/2024

The IPL 2025 Mega Auction, held at the Abadi Al-Johar Arena in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, witnessed record-breaking bids and intense team strategies over two days.

Day 1 Highlights (24th November 2024):

Record Bids:

Rishabh Pant became the most expensive player in IPL history, sold to Lucknow Super Giants for ₹27 crore.

Punjab Kings secured Shreyas Iyer for ₹26.75 crore and Yuzvendra Chahal for ₹18 crore, setting a record for an Indian spinner.

Venkatesh Iyer went to Kolkata Knight Riders for ₹23.75 crore.

Punjab also acquired Arshdeep Singh for ₹18 crore.

Day 2 Highlights (25th November 2024):

The day began with 33 capped players going under the hammer, followed by an accelerated auction for capped and uncapped players.

Notable Buys:

Mumbai Indians: Secured Will Jacks for ₹5.25 crore and Deepak Chahar for ₹9.25 crore.

RCB: Acquired Bhuvneshwar Kumar for ₹10.75 crore and Tim David for ₹3 crore.

Lucknow Super Giants: Bought Akash Deep for ₹8 crore.

Rajasthan Royals: Signed Tushar Deshpande for ₹6.5 crore.

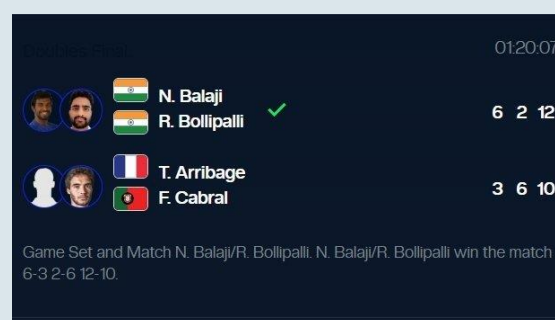
Uncapped Players:

CSK signed Anshul Kamboj for ₹3.4 crore and Mukesh Choudhary for ₹30 lakh.

Gujarat Titans brought back Gurnoor Singh Brar for ₹1.3 crore.

Punjab Kings added Azmatullah Omarzai for ₹2.4 crore.

The auction showcased fierce competition as teams strengthened their squads with both marquee and emerging players, setting the stage for an exciting IPL 2025 season.



[N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bollipalli won the Men's Doubles Tennis title at the ATP Challenger Tour in Italy](#)

25/11/2024

N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bollipalli won the Men's Doubles title at the ATP Challenger Tour in Italy. They defeated the second-seeded duo of French tennis player Theo Arribage and his Portuguese partner Francisco Cabral in the final held on November 23, 2024.

This victory marked Rithvik Bollipalli's second ATP Challenger Tour title, having previously won the Almaty Open in Kazakhstan with Arjun Kadhe last month. For the 34-year-old Balaji, it was his first title on the ATP Challenger Tour.



North East United Football Club Becomes Champion of the 40th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2024

25/11/2024

North East United Football Club emerged as the champion of the **40th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2024**, held at **Paljor Stadium, Gangtok** on **24 November 2024**. In a thrilling final match, they defeated the home team, **Gangtok Himalayan Sporting Club**, in a tie-breaker.

The match, attended by **Governor Om Prakash Mathur** and **Chief Minister PS Tamang**, ended goalless in regular time and proceeded to a penalty shoot-out. North East United FC successfully converted all four of their penalty shots, while Gangtok Himalayan SC managed to score only three out of five.

The tournament, organized by the **Sikkim Football Association**, featured **16 teams** and included four international clubs from **Nepal, Bhutan, Dubai, and Malaysia**. This prestigious event returned after a five-year hiatus, with the last edition held in 2019.



Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025 will be held in Bihar in April 2025

22/11/2024

The **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025** will be held in **Bihar** in **April 2025**, followed by the Khelo India Para Games after a 10-15 day gap, adopting a format similar to the Summer Olympics. This event will host over **10,000 young athletes**, showcasing their talents across various sports.

The announcement was made by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, who praised Bihar for its capability to host Women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey championship. The games align with **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision** to expand Khelo India Games nationwide, strengthening sports infrastructure and grassroots talent development, and contributing to building a stronger nation through sports.



India won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 in hockey

21/11/2024

India won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in hockey on 20 November 2024 at Rajgir Hockey Stadium, Bihar, defeating China 1-0 in the final. This marked India's second consecutive and third overall title, equalling South Korea's record.

Deepika scored the decisive goal in the 31st minute from a penalty corner and emerged as the tournament's leading scorer with 11 goals, earning the Player of the Tournament award.

India had earlier defeated China 3-0 in the league phase. Japan secured the bronze medal by defeating Malaysia 4-1.



India Reaches the Final of the Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024

20/11/2024

India advanced to the final of the **Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024** by defeating Japan 2-0 in the semi-final held on **19 November 2024** at Rajgir Hockey Stadium, Bihar. India entered the semi-finals as favorites, having won all their group-stage matches, including a 3-0 victory over Japan.

China also secured a spot in the final by beating Malaysia 3-1 in the other semi-final, marking their fifth win in six games. Malaysia, with 2 wins and 4 losses, will now compete against Japan for the bronze medal.

The **final match between India and China** will take place on **20 November 2024, at 4:45 PM**, while the **bronze medal match** between Malaysia and Japan is scheduled for **2:15 PM** on the same day at Rajgir Hockey Stadium.



Magnus Carlsen wins Tata Steel Chess India Blitz event

18/11/2024

At the Tata Steel Chess India tournament in Kolkata, Magnus Carlsen, World No. 1, secured the blitz title on November 17, 2024. Carlsen staged a crucial comeback against India's Arjun Erigaisi in the penultimate round, ensuring an unassailable lead with 12 points. He concluded the tournament by defeating Vidit

Gujrathi, achieving 13 points and clinching the blitz crown. This marks Carlsen's second double victory in Kolkata, having achieved the same in 2019.

Indian players also performed well: Arjun Erigaisi finished third with 10.5 points, R Praggnanandhaa placed fourth with 9.5, and Vidit Gujrathi secured fifth with 9 points.



Pankaj Advani won the 2024 World Billiards Championship

13/11/2024

Veteran Indian billiards player Pankaj Advani won the 2024 World Billiards Championship, achieving his 28th world title and his seventh consecutive win. The championship, held by the International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF) in Doha, Qatar, saw Advani, 39, defeat England's Robert Hall in a thrilling 4-2 final match on November 9, 2024. Advani's career also includes two Asian Games gold medals, won in 2006 and 2010.



GM Aravindh Chithambaram wins Chennai Grand Masters Chess Tournament 2024

12/11/2024

In the Chennai Grand Masters Chess Tournament on November 11, 2024, GM Aravindh Chithambaram won the Masters title after a challenging final against American GM Levon Aronian. Aravindh secured victory by winning the first blitz play-off and drawing the second match with the black pieces.

Meanwhile, GM V Pranav remained unbeaten to win the Challengers title. The tournament, organized by MGD1 and sponsored by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, included two categories: Masters and Challengers.



Mandeep Jangra won the World Boxing Federation's Super Featherweight world title

07/11/2024

Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra won the World Boxing Federation's (WBF) Super Featherweight world title in the Cayman Islands, defeating Britain's Conor McIntosh with a unanimous 10-0 decision on November 5, 2024. This victory makes Mandeep the first Indian to achieve a world champion title in any professional boxing category.

A Commonwealth Games silver medalist from 2014, Mandeep has had an impressive professional record, winning 11 out of 12 fights, including seven knockouts, with only one loss in his career.



Mansi Ahlawat won a bronze medal in the women's 59kg category at the Seniors World Wrestling Championships

01/11/2024

India's Mansi Ahlawat won a bronze medal in the women's 59kg category at the Seniors World Wrestling Championships in Tirana, Albania. She defeated Canada's Laurence Beauregard with a score of 5-0 in the bronze medal match.

Japan's Risako Kinjo claimed the gold medal, Mongolia's Tserenchimed Sukhee took the silver, and Germany's Elena Heike Brugger shared the bronze with Mansi.

STATES CURRENT AFFAIRS



First Banana Export Train from Andhra's Tadipatri

23/11/2024

The **South Central Railway (SCR)**, in collaboration with the **Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)**, launched the **first Banana Export Train of the season** on **November 22, 2024** from **Tadipatri, Andhra Pradesh**. This initiative marks a significant milestone in India's agricultural export sector.

The train, carrying a load of **980 metric tonnes of locally grown bananas**, is headed to the **Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai**, from where the consignment will be exported to international markets. This move is expected to save both time and fuel, as transporting such a large consignment by road would have required around 150 trucks.

The bananas are being exported under the brand name "**Happy Bananas**", and the initiative aims to enhance the productivity, quality of produce, post-harvest treatment, and packing. Farmers from the Putlur region in Anantapur and Pulivendula in Kadapa district are exporting **Green Cavendish bananas** to many international markets.

This development is part of a broader effort to boost fruit exports from Andhra Pradesh, with the government targeting exports of **30,000 metric tonnes of fruits** from the state. The collaboration with six major corporate companies aims to provide market linkage and ensure higher prices for local farmers.



Meluri becomes 17th district of Nagaland

05/11/2024

Meluri, home to the Pochury Naga tribe, has been officially declared the 17th district of Nagaland. The state government announced that Meluri, previously a sub-division of Phek District, is now a full district.

An official notice from Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam on November 2, 2024, confirmed that the new district will include the area that was part of Meluri Sub-Division. This decision, approved by the Cabinet on November 1, is intended to enhance governance and development in the region.

MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS (1 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2024)

Q.: Who is the defending champion in the FIDE Chess World Championship 2024?

- a) Magnus Carlsen
- b) D. Gukesh
- c) Ding Liren
- d) Viswanathan Anand

Answer: c) Ding Liren

The fourth game of the FIDE Chess World Championship between D. Gukesh and defending champion Ding Liren ended in a draw on 29 November 2024 in Singapore.

Q.: What is the purpose of UGC's Accelerated Degree Programme?

- a) To reduce the total credits required for a degree
- b) To allow students to complete a degree in a shorter time
- c) To increase the duration of degree courses
- d) To provide vocational training alongside degree courses

Answer: b) To allow students to complete a degree in a shorter time

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved Standard Operating Procedures for introducing **Accelerated Degree Programmes** and **Extended Degree Programmes** for undergraduate students.

Q.: What is the name of the cyclonic storm that made landfall between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram on 30 November 2024?

- A) Nivar
- B) Vardah
- C) Fengal
- D) Amphan

Answer: C) Fengal

Cyclonic storm Fengal, made landfall between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram near Puducherry on **30 November 2024**, bring heavy rainfall and strong winds gusting up to **90 km/h**.

Q.: Who has been elected as the 11th President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- a) Masatsugu Asakawa
- b) Masato Kanda
- c) Shaktikanta Das
- d) Kristalina Georgieva

Answer: b) Masato Kanda

Masato Kanda has been unanimously elected as the 11th President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) by its Board of Governors. He will assume office in February 2025.

Q.: Which film won the Golden Peacock Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024?

- a) Gharat Ganpati
- b) Toxic
- c) Lampan
- d) Pushpa 2

Answer: b) Toxic

The closing ceremony of 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024, was held on 28 November in Panaji, Goa. Saule Biluvaite's *Toxic* won the prestigious Golden Peacock Award.

Q.: What is India's rank globally in Aluminium production?

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Fourth
- d) Fifth

Answer: b) Second

India remains a key player globally, ranking as the second-largest Aluminium producer, among the top ten in refined copper, and the fourth-largest iron ore producer.

Q.: What was the theme of the 43rd India International Trade Fair 2024?

- A) Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- B) Digital India
- C) Viksit Bharat at 2047
- D) Make in India

Answer: C) Viksit Bharat at 2047

The 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) concluded on **27 November 2024** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The theme for this year's fair was "**Viksit Bharat at 2047**".

Q.: Who take the oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand after Assembly Election in November 2024?

- A) Raghubar Das
- B) Hemant Soren
- C) Babulal Marandi
- D) Arjun Munda

Ans: B) Hemant Soren

Hemant Soren, the leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), is set to take the oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for the fourth time on 28 November 2024.

Q.: What is India's rank in the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2024?

- A) 59th
- B) 49th
- C) 39th
- D) 45th

Answer: B) 49th

India has climbed **11 places** in the **Network Readiness Index 2024 (NRI 2024)**, securing the **49th rank globally**, as announced on **27 November 2024**.

Q.: What is the name of ISRO's upcoming Venus mission set to launch in 2028?

- A. Chandrayaan
- B. Mangalyaan
- C. Shukrayaan
- D. Adityayaan

Answer: C. Shukrayaan

ISRO has received approval from the Indian government for the **Shukrayaan** mission, a Venus Orbiting Satellite set to launch in **2028**.

Q. Chandrayaan 4 is planned as a collaborative mission between India and which country?

- A. USA
- B. Japan
- C. Russia
- D. France

Answer: B. Japan

Chandrayaan 4, a collaborative mission with Japan, aiming for a precise landing at the Moon's south pole by **2030**.

Q.: Who won the gold medal at the Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship 2024?

- A. Sattwik Swain
- B. Divith Reddy
- C. Ziming Guo
- D. Magnus Carlsen

Answer: B. Divith Reddy

Eight-year-old Divith Reddy from Telangana won the **gold medal** at the **Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship** in Montesilvano, Italy, on **26 November 2024**.

Q. Who is the youngest cricket player to secure an IPL contract in the league's history?

- A. Riyan Parag
- B. Prithvi Shaw
- C. Vaibhav Suryavanshi
- D. Sarfaraz Khan

Answer: C. Vaibhav Suryavanshi

Vaibhav Suryavanshi, at just 13 years old, made history as the youngest player to secure an IPL contract during the IPL 2025 Auction.

Q.: Who brokered the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hezbollah in November 2024?

- A. Russia and Iran
- B. US and France
- C. Germany and Egypt
- D. India and Saudi Arabia

Answer: B. US and France

The Israeli government has approved a US- and France-brokered **ceasefire deal with Hezbollah in Lebanon**, on **26 November 2024**.

Q.: What is the expected outcome of the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hezbollah?

- A. An immediate peace treaty between the two countries
- B. A halt to the war and the withdrawal of forces from south Lebanon
- C. The establishment of a joint military base
- D. A long-term alliance between Israel and Lebanon

Answer: B. A halt to the war and the withdrawal of forces from south Lebanon

Under the agreement, both **Israeli forces** and **Hezbollah** will withdraw from south Lebanon within **60 days**, with Hezbollah repositioning north of the **Litani River**. The **Lebanese national army** and **UN peacekeeping forces** will secure the vacated areas.

Q.: Who is known as the Father of the White Revolution in India?

- A. Dr. Manohar Bapat
- B. Dr. Verghese Kurien
- C. Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- D. Dr. Rajendra Prasad

Answer: B. Dr. Verghese Kurien

National Milk Day was celebrated on **26 November 2024** to honor the **103rd birth**

anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, known as the Father of the White Revolution in India.

Q.: When did the Constituent Assembly adopt the Constitution of India?

- (A) 26th January 1950
- (B) 15th August 1947
- (C) 26th November 1949
- (D) 2nd October 1947

Answer: (C) 26th November 1949

The Government of India has announced year-long celebrations, beginning November 26, 2024, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution.

Q.: Under which campaign tagline are the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution being conducted?

- (A) "Samvidhan Diwas, Bharat Ka Swabhimaan"
- (B) "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan"
- (C) "Samvidhan Ke 75 Saal"
- (D) "Bharatiya Samvidhan Ki Virasat"

Answer: (B) "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan"

These celebrations, under the campaign tagline "*Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan*" (Our Constitution, Our Pride), will run until November 26, 2025, honoring the Constitution adopted on November 26, 1949, which came into effect on January 26, 1950.

Q.: Which player became the most expensive in IPL history during the 2025 auction?

- (A) Shreyas Iyer
- (B) Rishabh Pant
- (C) Yuzvendra Chahal
- (D) Venkatesh Iyer

Answer: (B) Rishabh Pant

Rishabh Pant became the most expensive player in IPL history, sold to Lucknow Super Giants for ₹27 crore.

Q.: Who emerged victorious as Uruguay's next president in the recent election in November 2024?

- A) Álvaro Delgado
- B) José Mujica
- C) Yamandú Orsi
- D) Luis Lacalle Pou

Ans: C) Yamandú Orsi

Yamandú Orsi of the **Broad Front alliance** has emerged victorious as Uruguay's next president. Orsi, secured **49.8% of the votes** in a closely contested run-off election held on **November 24, 2024**.

Q.: Where was the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (CoP29) to the UNFCCC held from November 11 to November 22, 2024?

- A) Paris, France
- B) Madrid, Spain
- C) Baku, Azerbaijan
- D) New York, USA

Ans: C) Baku, Azerbaijan

The **29th session of the Conference of the Parties (CoP29)** to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in **Baku, Azerbaijan**, from **November 11 to November 22, 2024**.

Q.: Which political alliance won the Maharashtra Assembly Elections with a majority in 2024?

- A) INDIA bloc
- B) Mahayuti alliance
- C) Third Front
- D) Rashtriya Janata Dal

Answer: B) Mahayuti alliance

The BJP-led Mahayuti alliance achieved a decisive victory in the Maharashtra Assembly Elections. The Mahayuti coalition includes BJP, Shiv Sena, and NCP.

Q.: Which political alliance retained power in Jharkhand in the 2024 elections?

- A) Mahayuti alliance
- B) INDIA bloc
- C) BJP coalition
- D) NCP coalition

Answer: B) INDIA bloc

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led INDIA bloc retained power in Jharkhand. The INDIA bloc includes JMM, Congress, RJD, and CPI(ML).

Q.: Who became the champion of the 40th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2024?

- A) Gangtok Himalayan Sporting Club
- B) Mumbai City FC
- C) North East United Football Club
- D) Kerala Blasters FC

Ans: C) North East United Football Club

North East United Football Club emerged as the champion of the **40th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2024**, held at **Paljor Stadium, Gangtok** on **24 November 2024**.

Q.: Who won the Men's Doubles Tennis title at the ATP Challenger Tour in Italy in November 2024?

- A) N Sriram Balaji and Arjun Kadhe
- B) N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bollipalli
- C) Theo Arribage and Francisco Cabral
- D) Arjun Kadhe and Rithvik Bollipalli

Ans: B) N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bollipalli

N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bollipalli won the Men's Doubles title at the ATP Challenger Tour in Italy. They defeated the second-seeded duo of French tennis player Theo Arribage and his Portuguese partner Francisco Cabral in the final held on November 23, 2024

Q.: On which date is Constitution Day commemorated?

- A) November 25, 2024
- B) November 26, 2024
- C) November 27, 2024
- D) November 28, 2024

Ans: B) November 26, 2024

The Winter session of Parliament will commence on **25 November 2024**, featuring **19 sittings over 26 days**. There will be no session on **26 November** to commemorate **Constitution Day**

Q. Which art forms are recognized by the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar?

- A. Painting and sculpture
- B. Music, dance, drama, and folk and tribal art forms
- C. Literature and poetry
- D. Film and digital media

Answer: B. Music, dance, drama, and folk and tribal art forms

On **22 November 2024**, **82 young artists** were honored with the **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar** in New Delhi for the years **2022 and 2023**.

Q. Which research institute has identified a new route to detect the Monkeypox virus (MPV) in November 2024?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)
- C. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)
- D. National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)

Answer: B. Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) Scientists at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)** have discovered a novel method to detect and develop diagnostic tools for the **Monkeypox virus (MPV)**.

Q.: Which organizations collaborated to launch the first Banana Export Train?

- A) Indian Railways and Ministry of Agriculture
- B) South Central Railway (SCR) and Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)
- C) Andhra Pradesh State Government and Indian Railways
- D) South Central Railway (SCR) and Ministry of Commerce

Ans: B) South Central Railway (SCR) and Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) The **South Central Railway (SCR)**, in collaboration with the **Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)**, launched the **first Banana Export Train of the season on November 22, 2024** from **Tadipatri, Andhra Pradesh**.

Q.: In which state will the Khelo India Youth Games 2025 be held?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Karnataka
- C) Bihar
- D) Punjab

Ans: C) Bihar

The **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025** will be held in **Bihar** in **April 2025**.

Q.: Which Ukrainian city was targeted by the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) launched by Russia on 21 November 2024?

- A) Kyiv
- B) Lviv
- C) Dnipro
- D) Odessa

Ans: C) Dnipro

Russia has launched an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) targeting Ukraine on 21 November 2024. This marks the first time such a weapon has been used in the conflict.

Q.: Where is the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) being held from 20 to 28 November 2024?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Panaji,
- C) Goa
- D) New Delhi

Ans: C) Goa

The **55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** kicked off with a star-studded opening ceremony at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Panaji, Goa, on November 20, 2024.

Q.: Which team did India defeat to win the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in November 2024?

- (A) Japan
- (B) South Korea
- (C) Malaysia
- (D) China

Answer: (D) China

India won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in hockey on 20 November 2024 at Rajgir Hockey Stadium, Bihar, defeating China 1-0 in the final.

Q.: What is the name of the award conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Dominica?

- (A) Dominica Award of Honour
- (B) Order of Caribbean Unity
- (C) Global Leader of Excellence Award
- (D) Order of the Republic of Dominica

Answer: (A) Dominica Award of Honour

Explanation: On 20 November 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Dominica Award of Honour, the highest national award of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Q.: What is the name of Prasar Bharati's newly launched OTT platform?

- (A) STREAM
- (B) WAVES
- (C) CULTURE+
- (D) HERITAGE

Answer: (B) WAVES

Explanation: On 20 November 2024, Prasar Bharati launched its OTT platform, **WAVES**, during the opening ceremony of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

Q. What is the name of the first indigenous antibiotic launched in India for resistant infections?

- (A) Nafithromycin
- (B) Amoxicillin
- (C) Azithromycin
- (D) Ceftriaxone

Answer: (A) Nafithromycin

Explanation: On 20 November 2024, Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, launched **Nafithromycin**, India's first indigenous antibiotic, to combat drug-resistant infections.

Q.: Which teams advanced to the final of the Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy in November 2024?

- A) India and Japan
- B) India and China
- C) Japan and Malaysia
- D) China and Malaysia

Answer: B) India and China

India advanced to the final of the **Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024** by defeating Japan 2-0 in the semi-final held on **19 November 2024** at Rajgir Hockey Stadium, Bihar.

Q.: Which country will hold the 20th G20 presidency in 2025?

- A) Brazil
- B) South Africa
- C) India
- D) Indonesia

Answer: B) South Africa

The **19th G20 Summit** concluded on **19 November 2024**, with Brazil's President **Lula Da Silva** handing over the presidency to South Africa's President **Cyril Ramaphosa**.

Q.: How many domestic passengers flew on 17 November 2024, setting a new record?

- A) 400,000
- B) 450,000
- C) 505,412
- D) 600,000

Answer: C) 505,412

India's aviation sector achieved a historic milestone on **17 November 2024**, with over **505,412 domestic passengers** flying in a single day, surpassing the **5 lakh mark** for the first time.

Q.: Where was the 19th G20 Summit held in November 2024?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Rio de Janeiro
- C) Tokyo
- D) Berlin

Answer: B) Rio de Janeiro

At the 19th G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, leaders adopted the **Rio de Janeiro Declaration** on November 18, 2024.

Q. Which advanced communications satellite was launched by ISRO on 18 November 2024, and what was its main purpose?

- A) GSAT-19, for Earth observation
- B) GSAT-20, for broadband services and in-flight Internet
- C) GSAT-21, for navigation services
- D) GSAT-22, for weather forecasting

Answer: B) GSAT-20, for broadband services and in-flight Internet

Q. Why did ISRO choose SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket for the GSAT-20 launch instead of India's LVM-3 or Arianespace?

- A) Falcon 9 was more cost-effective and had better availability
- B) India's LVM-3 couldn't carry GSAT-20's heavy payload, and Arianespace lacked operational rockets
- C) Falcon 9 was faster and more advanced than other options
- D) India wanted to experiment with new launch vehicles

Answer: B) India's LVM-3 couldn't carry GSAT-20's heavy payload, and Arianespace lacked operational rockets

Q. What are the key features of GSAT-20, including its weight, operational lifespan, and launch provider?

- A) 3,800 kg, 12 years, launched by NASA
- B) 4,700 kg, 14 years, launched by SpaceX
- C) 5,500 kg, 20 years, launched by Arianespace
- D) 2,500 kg, 10 years, launched by ISRO

Answer: B) 4,700 kg, 14 years, launched by SpaceX

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in November 2024?

- A) Girish Chandra Murmu
- B) K Sanjay Murthy
- C) Rajiv Kumar
- D) Ajay Bhushan Pandey

Answer: B) K Sanjay Murthy

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed **K Sanjay Murthy**, an IAS officer of the 1989

batch (Andhra Pradesh cadre), as the new **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India**.

Q.: Who won the blitz title at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament in Kolkata in November 2024?

- a) Arjun Erigaisi
- b) Vidit Gujrathi
- c) Magnus Carlsen
- d) R Praggnanandhaa

Answer: c) Magnus Carlsen

Q.: What Air Quality Index (AQI) level is generally considered “severe”?

- a) Above 200
- b) Above 300
- c) Above 400
- d) Above 450

Answer: c) Above 400

Q.: Which award was conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Nigeria on November 17, 2024?

- a) Order of the Federal Republic
- b) Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger
- c) Commander of the Order of Unity
- d) Grand Order of Africa

Answer: b) Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger

On November 17, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honored with Nigeria’s ‘Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger’ award.

Q.: What is the range capability of India’s first long-range hypersonic missile?

- a) Up to 500 km
- b) Up to 1,000 km
- c) Greater than 1,500 km
- d) Greater than 2,000 km

Answer: c) Greater than 1,500 km

On November 16, 2024, DRDO successfully conducted a flight trial of India’s first long-range hypersonic missile from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha. The missile, capable of carrying various payloads over distances greater than 1,500 km.

Q.: Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated on November 15 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A) Tantia Bhil
- B) Alluri Sitarama Raju
- C) Birsa Munda
- D) Rani Gaidinliu

Answer : C) Birsa Munda

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, also known as **Tribal Pride Day**, is celebrated annually on **November 15th** in India.

Q: The first trilateral power transaction inaugurated on November 15, 2024, via the Indian power grid, involved which countries?

- a) India, Nepal, and Bhutan
- b) India, Nepal, and Bangladesh
- c) India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka
- d) India, Bhutan, and Myanmar

Answer: b) India, Nepal, and Bangladesh

The first trilateral power transaction between Nepal, India, and Bangladesh was inaugurated on November 15, 2024, via the Indian power grid.

Q.: Which three countries is Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting from November 16 to 21, 2024?

- a) Nigeria, Brazil, and South Africa
- b) Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana
- c) South Africa, Brazil, and Guyana
- d) Nigeria, Kenya, and Guyana

Answer: b) Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a six-day visit to Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana from November 16 to 21, 2024.

Q.: Which city in Brazil is hosting the G20 Summit that PM Modi attend on November 18, 2024?

- a) São Paulo
- b) Brasília
- c) Rio de Janeiro
- d) Salvador

Answer: c) Rio de Janeiro

PM Modi attend the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro on November 18, 2024, hosted by Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

Q.: Which party won a two-thirds majority in the Sri Lankan parliamentary elections held in November 2024?

- a) Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB)
- b) National People's Power (NPP)
- c) New Democratic Front (NDF)
- d) Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi (ITAK)

Answer: b) National People's Power (NPP)

Sri Lanka's ruling **National People's Power (NPP)** party, led by President **Anura Kumara Dissanayake**, secured a landslide victory in the parliamentary elections, winning **159 out of 225 seats** (approximately 63% of the votes).

Q.: When is Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated?

- A) Kartik Amavasya (New Moon in Kartik)
- B) Kartik Purnima (Full Moon in Kartik)
- C) Vaisakhi
- D) Diwali

Answer: B) Kartik Purnima

Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurpurab, is one of the most sacred festivals in Sikhism. It commemorates the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism and the first of the ten Sikh Gurus. Observed on the full moon day in the month of Kartik (October-November)

Q.: Where was Guru Nanak Dev Ji born?

- A) Patna Sahib
- B) Amritsar
- C) Talwandi (Nankana Sahib)
- D) Anandpur Sahib

Answer: C) Talwandi (Nankana Sahib)

Guru Nanak Dev Ji was born in 1469 in Talwandi, now known as Nankana Sahib in Pakistan.

Q.: Which country announced its highest national honor for Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 2024?

- A) Jamaica
- B) Dominica
- C) Guyana
- D) Barbados

Answer: B) Dominica

Dominica has announced it will confer its highest national honor, the Dominica Award of Honour, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The award will be presented by Dominica's

President Sylvanie Burton at the India-CARICOM Summit in Georgetown, Guyana, from November 19-21, 2024

Q.: Which weapon system's flight tests were completed by DRDO in November 2024?

- A) Agni Missile System
- B) Guided Pinaka Weapon System
- C) BrahMos Missile System
- D) Akash Missile System

Answer: B) Guided Pinaka Weapon System

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed the flight tests of the Guided Pinaka Weapon System

Q.: Why was November 14th chosen as World Diabetes Day?

- A) It marks the discovery of insulin
- B) It is the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting
- C) It is the founding date of the IDF
- D) It is the founding date of the WHO

Ans : B) It is the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting

The date was chosen to mark the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

Q.: Whose birthday is celebrated as Children's Day (November 14th) in India?

- A) Mahatma Gandhi
- B) Subhas Chandra Bose
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru
- D) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Ans : C) Jawaharlal Nehru

Children's Day was chosen to honor the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, who was born on November 14, 1889.

Q.: Where is the 43rd Edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) being held?

- A) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- B) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida
- C) World Trade Center, Mumbai
- D) Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru

A) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

The **43rd Edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF)** is set to take place at **Pragati Maidan in New Delhi** from **November 14 to November 27, 2024**.

Q.: DRDO conducted the first flight test of its LRLACM from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha, in November 2024. What is the full form of LRLACM?

- A) Long Range Land Attack Combat Missile
- B) Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile
- C) Long Range Launch and Control Missile
- D) Long Range Laser Attack Cruise Missile

Answer: B) Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile

Q.: Pankaj Advani, who recently won his 28th world title, is associated with which sport?

- A) Tennis
- B) Cricket
- C) Billiards
- D) Badminton

Answer: C) Billiards

Veteran Indian billiards player Pankaj Advani won the 2024 World Billiards Championship, achieving his 28th world title and his seventh consecutive win in November 2024.

Q.: In the World Intellectual Property Indicators 2024 report, India ranks among the top 10 countries in which of the following categories?

- A) Patents, Trademarks, and Industrial Designs
- B) Patents, Agriculture, and Technology
- C) Trademarks, Trade, and Tourism
- D) Industrial Designs, Textiles, and Tourism

Answer: A) Patents, Trademarks, and Industrial Designs

India has entered the top 10 countries globally in Patents, Trademarks, and Industrial Designs, as per the World Intellectual Property Indicators 2024 report.

Q.: Who won the Prime Minister election in Mauritius on November 11, 2024?

- a) Anerood Jugnauth
- b) Pravind Jugnauth
- c) Dr. Navin Ramgoolam
- d) Paul Bérenger

Ans : c) Dr. Navin Ramgoolam

On **November 11, 2024**, **Dr. Navin Ramgoolam** secured a historic electoral victory in Mauritius, marking his return as the Prime Minister for the third time.

Q.: National Education Day commemorates the birth anniversary of which prominent Indian educationist?

- A) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
- B) Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- C) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: C) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

Q.: Who won the Masters title at the Chennai Grand Masters Chess Tournament on November 11, 2024?

- A) GM V Pranav
- B) GM Levon Aronian
- C) GM Aravindh Chithambaram
- D) GM Magnus Carlsen

Answer: C) GM Aravindh Chithambaram

In the Chennai Grand Masters Chess Tournament on November 11, 2024, GM Aravindh Chithambaram won the Masters title after a challenging final against American GM Levon Aronian.

Q.: Who was sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India (CJI) on November 11, 2024?

- A) Justice DY Chandrachud
- B) Justice NV Ramana
- C) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- D) Justice SA Bobde

Answer: C) Justice Sanjiv Khanna

Justice Sanjiv Khanna was sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India (CJI) on November 11, 2024, in a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, where President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath.

Q.: Where is the 29th UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) being held in 2024?

- (A) Paris, France
- (B) New York, USA
- (C) Baku, Azerbaijan
- (D) Tokyo, Japan

Answer: (C) Baku, Azerbaijan

The 29th UN Climate Change Conference, or COP29, began in Baku, Azerbaijan, on November 11, 2024.

Q: Which album by Indian musician Ricky Kej received a nomination in the Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album category for the 67th Grammy Awards?

- (A) Divine Tides
- (B) Break of Dawn
- (C) Spirit of Nature
- (D) Eternal Rhythms

Answer: (B) Break of Dawn

Q: *Anoushka Shankar, who was nominated for the 67th Grammy Awards, is known for playing which musical instrument?*

- (A) Tabla
- (B) Violin
- (C) Sitar
- (D) Flute

Answer: (C) Sitar

Q: The annual joint military exercise, AUSTRAHIND, alternates between which two countries?

- (A) India and the United States
- (B) India and Australia
- (C) Australia and Japan
- (D) India and Russia

Answer: (B) India and Australia

The third edition of the India-Australia joint military exercise, AUSTRAHIND, began on November 8 at the Foreign Training Node in Pune

Q.: At which NTPC facility is the world's first CO₂-to-methanol conversion plant located?

- A) Dadri
- B) Singrauli
- C) Rihand
- D) Vindhyachal

Answer: D) Vindhyachal

On November 8, 2024, NTPC, India's largest power producer, marked its 50th anniversary by inaugurating the world's first CO₂-to-methanol conversion plant at its Vindhyachal facility.

Q.: Who is the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of the Indian Armed Forces as of November 2024?

- A) Gen. Bipin Rawat
- B) Gen. Manoj Pande

- C) Gen. Anil Chauhan
- D) Gen. M.M. Naravane

Answer: C) Gen. Anil Chauhan

Second Indian Military Heritage Festival was inaugurated by Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Anil Chauhan alongside three Service Chiefs in New Delhi on November 8, 2024.

Q.: What is the primary objective of the Centralised Pension Payments System (CPPS) under the EPS 1995?

- A) To increase the pension amount
- B) To reduce the retirement age
- C) To allow pension disbursements from any bank branch nationwide
- D) To merge EPS with other pension schemes

Answer: C) To allow pension disbursements from any bank branch nationwide

On November 8, 2024, Union Minister of Labour and Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced the successful pilot of the new Centralised Pension Payments System (CPPS) under the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) 1995.

Q.: Who is the Union Minister of Labour and Employment in the Government of India?

- A) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- B) Shri Bhupender Yadav
- C) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Shri Rajnath Singh

Answer: C) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviyahin

Q.: On which date is National Cancer Awareness Day observed annually?

- (A) January 1
- (B) November 7
- (C) November 14
- (D) August 15

Answer: (B) November 7

National Cancer Awareness Day is observed annually on November 7, aiming to raise awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.

Q.: INS Vikrant is associated with which command of the Indian Navy?

- (A) Eastern Naval Command
- (B) Southern Naval Command
- (C) Western Naval Command
- (D) Central Naval Command

Answer: (C) Western Naval Command

On November 7, 2024, President Droupadi Murmu visited the Indian Navy's indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, marking her first time aboard Navy vessels at sea.

Q.: Who won the U.S. Presidential election in November 2024?

- A) Kamala Harris
- B) Joe Biden
- C) Donald Trump
- D) Ron DeSantis

Answer: C) Donald Trump

On November 6, 2024, Donald Trump won the U.S. presidential election, securing 277 electoral votes, surpassing the required 270 and defeating Democrat Kamala Harris.

Q.: Who is the first Indian to achieve a world champion title in any World Boxing Federation's (WBF) professional boxing category?

- A) Vijender Singh
- B) Mandeep Jangra
- C) Mary Kom
- D) Amit Panghal

Answer: B) Mandeep Jangra

Q.: Which country launched LignoSat, the world's first wooden satellite, into space to test wood's viability as a space-grade material in November 2024?

- (A) United States
- (B) China
- (C) Japan
- (D) Russia

Answer: (C) Japan

On November 5, 2024, Japan launched LignoSat, the world's first wooden satellite, into space to test wood's viability as a space-grade material.

Q.: What is the name of the first ritual observed on the initial day of Chhath Puja?

- (A) Kharna
- (B) Nahay-Khay
- (C) Arghya
- (D) Sandhya Puja

Answer: (B) Nahay-Khay

The four-day Chhath Puja festival began on November 5, 2024, with the ritual of Nahay-

Khay. Devotees started the festival by taking holy dips in rivers and performing puja to the Sun God, consuming offerings like Arwa rice and Chana dal.

Q.: What percentage decline in TB incidence did India achieve from 2015 to 2023?

- (A) 8.3%
- (B) 10%
- (C) 17.7%
- (D) 20%

Answer: (C) 17.7%

India's progress in reducing tuberculosis (TB) has gained global recognition, with a 17.7% drop in TB cases from 2015 to 2023.

Q.: What is the target year for India to achieve the "End TB" goals?

- (A) 2030
- (B) 2025
- (C) 2023
- (D) 2028

Answer: (B) 2025

India committed to achieving the United Nations' "End TB" targets by 2025, five years before the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) deadline.

Q.: Which tribe primarily inhabits the newly declared Meluri district of Nagaland?

- (A) Angami
- (B) Ao
- (C) Pochury Naga
- (D) Sumi

Answer: (C) Pochury Naga

Meluri, home to the Pochury Naga tribe, has been officially declared the 17th district of Nagaland on 2nd November 2024.

Q.: Where is the fifth edition of the Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX) 2024 being held?

- (A) Hanoi, Vietnam
- (B) Delhi, India
- (C) Ambala, Haryana
- (D) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer: (C) Ambala, Haryana

The fifth Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX) 2024 began on November 4, 2024, in Ambala, Haryana.

Q.: In which category has the film *Sunflowers Were The First Ones To Know* qualified for the 2025 Oscars?

- (A) Best Animated Short Film
- (B) Best Documentary Short Film
- (C) Live Action Short Film
- (D) Best International Feature Film

Answer: (C) Live Action Short Film

The Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) student film *Sunflowers Were The First Ones To Know* has qualified for the 2025 Oscars in the Live Action Short Film category.

Q.: Where has ISRO launched India's first analog space mission in November 2024?

- (A) Rann of Kutch
- (B) Thar Desert
- (C) Leh, Ladakh
- (D) Siachen Glacier

Answer: (C) Leh, Ladakh

ISRO has launched India's first analog space mission in Leh, Ladakh, simulating life in an interplanetary habitat to advance India's lunar and interplanetary mission goals.

Q.: What is the main purpose of analog space missions?

- (A) To simulate agricultural techniques in space
- (B) To replicate space environments and test life-support systems
- (C) To train astronauts in combat
- (D) To conduct astronomy research from Earth

Answer: (B) To replicate space environments and test life-support systems

Q.: Where is the 15th India-US joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR held in September 2024?

- (A) Umroi, Meghalaya
- (B) Orchard Combat Training Centre, Idaho, USA
- (C) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- (D) Camp Pendleton, California

Answer: (B) Orchard Combat Training Centre, Idaho, USA

Q.: Ningol Chakkouba is traditionally a festival of which community in Manipur?

- (A) Naga
- (B) Kuki

- (C) Meitei
- (D) Pangal

Answer: (C) Meitei

The Ningol Chakkouba festival, one of Manipur's biggest, was celebrated on November 3, 2024. It is a special festival for the Meitei community.

Q.: Who assumed the role of Defence Secretary of India on November 1, 2024?

- (A) Giridhar Aramane
- (B) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- (C) Ajay Kumar
- (D) Sanjay Mishra

Answer: (B) Rajesh Kumar Singh

Rajesh Kumar Singh, an IAS officer from the 1989 Kerala cadre, became the Defence Secretary on November 1, 2024. He replaced Giridhar Aramane, a 1988 Andhra Pradesh cadre IAS officer, who retired the day before.

Q.: Which Indian state was the first to be formed based on linguistic lines?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Karnataka

Answer: B) Andhra Pradesh

Q.: On which date was Karnataka officially reorganized and renamed from Mysore?

- A) November 1, 1947
- B) November 1, 1956
- C) November 1, 1966
- D) November 1, 2000

Answer: B) November 1, 1956

Q.: Which state celebrates "Rajyotsava Day" on November 1 each year?

- A) Kerala
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Karnataka
- D) Haryana

Answer: C) Karnataka

Q.: Kerala was formed by merging which three regions?

- A) Cochin, Malabar, and Hyderabad
- B) Cochin, Malabar, and Travancore
- C) Hyderabad, Mysore, and Travancore
- D) Travancore, Mysore, and Malabar

Answer: B) Cochin, Malabar, and Travancore

Q.: Haryana was carved out of which state in 1 November 1966?

- A) Punjab
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: A) Punjab

Q.: Which river's banks were illuminated with diyas during the 2024 Deepotsav in Ayodhya?

- A) Yamuna
- B) Ganga
- C) Godavari
- D) Saryu

Answer: D) Saryu

Ayodhya set two Guinness World Records on October 30, 2024, during Deepotsav. Over 2.5 million diyas were lit on the Saryu River banks.

Q.: Which medal did Mansi Ahlawat win at the Seniors World Wrestling Championships in the women's 59kg category in October 2024?

- A) Gold
- B) Silver
- C) Bronze
- D) None

Answer: C) Bronze

India's Mansi Ahlawat won a bronze medal in the women's 59kg category at the Seniors World Wrestling Championships in Tirana, Albania.