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## NATIONAL NEWS

### November 1

1. Who has been appointed as the LG for Ladakh?

**Answer :** R K Mathur

**Explanation :**

- The state of Jammu and Kashmir has been bifurcated into two Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh with effect from 31 October. IAS officers **Girish Chandra Murmu** have been appointed the new Lieutenant Governor (LG) for the Union territories (UTs) of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Also and **R K Mathur** has been appointed as the LG for Ladakh.

**Related Keys**

- This is due to the Cancellation of law 370 on August 5th.
- Ladakh Capital – Leh
- Jammu and Kashmir Capital - **Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer)**.

2. Which company has depicted Sikh religious symbol 'Ek Onkar' on the tail of one of its aircraft?

**Answer :** Air India

**Explanation :**

- In a unique gesture to mark 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji, **Air India** has depicted Sikh religious symbol '**Ek Onkar**' on the tail of one of its aircraft. The flight is set to fly from Amritsar to Stansted in the United Kingdom.
- Air India will fly its aircraft thrice a week on the **Mumbai-Amritsar-Stansted route**.

**Related Keys**

- Air India CEO: **Pradeep Singh Kharola**
- Air India Founded 15 October 1932
- Air India Headquarters – **Delhi**

3. Who is to represent India in the meeting of Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO at Tashkent?

**Answer :** Raj Nath Singh

**Explanation :**

- Defence Minister **Raj Nath Singh** is to attend key meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) at **Tashkent**, Uzbekistan. He will also participate in bilateral engagements with the Uzbekistan Government.
- The Minister is to represent India in the **meeting of Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO** at Tashkent.

### November 2

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1. Which state has become the first state in the country to enact the law on contract farming?

**Answer :** Tamil Nadu

**Explanation :**

- **Tamil Nadu** has become the first state in the country to enact the law on contract farming with **President Ram Nath Kovind** giving assent to the **Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Act**.
- The law would safeguard the interests of farmers when there is a bumper crop or during major fluctuation in market prices.

2. Who is Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh?

**Answer :** Pema Khandu

**Explanation :**

- For the first time, **Arunachal Pradesh** will host the Multilingual **Writers' Meet** at its oldest town Pasighat in East Siang District.
- The two-day event will be held at the **auditorium of the College of Horticulture and Forestry**.

**Related News**

- Arunachal Pradesh Capital – **Itanagar**
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister - **Pema Khandu**

### **November 3**

1. How many agreements were signed between India and Germany?

**Answer :** 17

**Explanation :**

- Around **17** agreements were signed between **India and Germany** in the fields of **agriculture, ayurveda, yoga, maritime technology** and others. German Chancellor Angela Merkel along with her team, signed the agreements with **PM Modi** and his cabinet. The German team led by the Chancellor is on a two-day visit to India.

**Related News**

- The DST (Department of Science and Technology) and the **German Federal Ministry of Education** will organize a bilateral workshop in **Berlin** in 2020.

2. Which organization has declared a public health emergency in the Delhi-NCR region and banned all the construction activity till 5th November?

**Answer :** EPCA

**Explanation :**

- A Supreme Court-mandated panel **EPCA** has declared a **public health emergency in the Delhi-NCR region** and banned all the construction activity till 5th November.

- In a letter written to Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi, EPCA chairperson Bhure Lal said air quality in Delhi-NCR in a severe category.

**Related Keys**

- In November 2017, EPCA had enforced several measures, including **ban on brick kilns, closure of Badarpur thermal power plant, hot mix plants and stone crushers, and construction activities** in NCR.

3. Which city in Uttar Pradesh held the title for the world's most polluted city in the latest edition of Guinness World Records?

**Answer :** Kanpur

**Explanation :**

- The city of **Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh** held the title for the **world's most polluted city** in the latest edition of Guinness World Records.
- The book, '**Guinness World Records 2020**', lists thousands of new record titles and holders that will educate curious readers of all age groups.

**Related News**

- Uttar Pradesh Literacy (2011) - **67.68%**.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor - **Anandiben Patel**

**November 4**

1. What is main objective of the waterway from the Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata to the Inland Waterways Authority of India terminal at Pandu in Guwahati?

**Answer :** improve connectivity to the North Eastern Region

**Explanation :**

- A landmark container cargo consignment will sail on inland waterway from the **Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata** to the Inland Waterways Authority of India terminal at **Pandu in Guwahati**. It is to begin on November 4, 2019. The main objective of the waterway is **to improve connectivity to the North Eastern Region**. The containers will carry edible oil, petrochemicals, beverages, etc.

**Related Keys:**

- The voyage will sail for a 12 to 15 days. It is 1425 km long.
- It is expected to establish technical and commercial viability of the IWT (Inland Waterway Transport) route.
- The water way is to be integrated with National **Waterway-1** (river Ganga), **NW-97** (Sunderbans), **NW-2** (River Brahmaputra), Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route.

2. Who unveiled the 'Red Atlas Action Plan Map' atlas and the 'Coastal Flood Warning System App (CFLOWS-Chennai)' for flood mitigation in Chennai?

**Answer :** M Venkaiah Naidu

**Explanation :**

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- Vice-President **M Venkaiah Naidu** unveiled the '**Red Atlas Action Plan Map**' atlas and the '**Coastal Flood Warning System App (CFLOWS-Chennai)**' for flood mitigation in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Both the atlas and the CFLOWS-Chennai are intended as decision support systems covering aspects, including preparedness and prevention. Such initiatives to effectively tackle urban flooding are likely to be replicated in other Indian

**Related Keys:**

- The CFLOWS-Chennai is a complete web **GIS-based decision support system**.
- It can be used both for mitigation planning operations before flooding as well as in real time to for aspects like relief work.

3. Who inaugurated the National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders?

**Answer :** Union Minister of AYUSH

**Explanation :**

- On November 3, 2019, the **Union Minister of State** (independent charge) for **AYUSH** inaugurated the **National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders**. The institute was upgraded from Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine.

**Related Keys:**

- The concept of AYUSH was brought by the **National Rural Health Mission**, 2005 to revitalize local health traditions.
- AYUSH includes 6 Indian systems of medicine that includes **Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy**.

**November 5**

1. Who launched a new IT initiatives called ICEDASH for improved monitoring and pace of Customs clearance of imported goods?

**Answer :** Nirmala Sitharaman

**Explanation :**

- Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, **Nirmala Sitharaman** launched a **new IT initiatives** called **ICEDASH** for improved monitoring and pace of **Customs clearance of imported goods**.
- ICEDASH would be key drivers for further improvement in Customs especially as it would reduce interface and increase transparency of Customs functioning.

**Related Keys:**

- **ICEDASH and ATITHI** are expected to be key drivers for further improvement.
- It will also reduce interface and increase the transparency of Customs functioning.
- ATITHI would create a **tech-savvy image of India Customs**. It also aims

to encourage tourism and business travel to India.

2. What is the meaning Utkala?

**Answer :** 'the land of excellent art and culture.'

**Explanation :**

- As part of Union Government's '**Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat**' initiative, the state of Odisha is tagged with Maharashtra to organize different programmes to promote art, culture and tourism of their respective states.
- Accordingly, a large contingent of Maharashtra will be hosted by **Bhubaneswar (Odisha capital) to showcase the culture and art of Maharashtra.**

**Related Keys:**

- Odisha is also known as **Utkala**.
- It means '**the land of excellent art and culture.**'

### November 6

1. Who chaired 19th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation starting in Moscow?

**Answer :** Rajnath Singh

**Explanation :**

- The **19th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission** on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation starting in **Moscow**, Which will be co chaired by Defence minister **Rajnath Singh**.
- During his visit, Defence minister is expected to hold discussions with Defence Minister of Russian Federation General Sergei Shoigu.

**Related News**

- Russia ranks first in the field of military-technical cooperation between India and foreign countries.
- Military-technical cooperation between India and Russia as the successor of the **USSR has been going on since 1960**

2. In which place 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) is being held?

**Answer :** Kolkata, West Bengal

**Explanation :**

- The **5th India International Science Festival** (IISF) is being held in **Kolkata, West Bengal from 5-8 November 2019**. The four-day festival was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi via video conference.
- IISF 2019 theme: **RISEN- Research**, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation.

**Related News**

- The IISF was first started in 2015 to **promote science and technology** by showing everyone how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)



- The first ever **IISF** was held at **IIT Delhi** in December 2015

### **November 7**

1. For which report was released by the The Freedom House, an international watchdog?

**Answer :** “The Crisis of Social Media”

**Explanation :**

- The **Freedom of Net report 2019** titled “**The Crisis of Social Media**” was released by the The Freedom House, an international watchdog. The report recorded an overall decline in global internet freedom status between July 2018 to Mat 2019.
- In this report **India obtained an overall score of 55** and was reported to be “partly free”. **Iceland** ranked the highest with an overall **score of 95**.

2. Which Ministry has allocated separate HS code for signature fabric of India?

**Answer :** Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Explanation :**

- The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** has allocated separate **HS code for signature fabric of India**. HS stands for Harmonized System and was developed by the **World Customs Organization** (WCO). The code is used by customs officers to clear commodities entering or crossing international border.

**Related Keys**

- Ministry of Commerce and Industry Headquarters - **New Delhi**
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry Agency executive - Piyush Goyal, Cabinet Minister , **Hardeep Singh Puri**, Minister of State

3. Which Ministry announced the launch of Skills Build platform in collaboration with IBM?

**Answer :** Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

**Explanation :**

- Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the aegis of **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, announced the launch of Skills Build platform in collaboration with IBM.
- As part of the programme, a two-year advanced diploma in IT, networking and cloud computing, co-created and designed by IBM, will be offered at the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) & National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).

**Related Keys**

- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Founded: 9 November 2014.
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Headquarters: **New Delhi**

## **November 8**

1. Which organization organise the the Eleventh edition of Bal Sangam?

**Answer :** National School of Drama

**Explanation :**

- **National School of Drama**, NSD, to organise the the **Eleventh edition of Bal Sangam** , Which will begin from the 9th of this month at **New Delhi**. It is a confluence of folk and traditional art forms Which will be performed by children.
- It is a four Day festival that will show case enthralling folk and traditional arts performance.

**Related Keys :**

- National School of Drama Established 1959
- National School of Drama Director - **Suresh Sharma**

2. Which Ministry conducted the Regional level Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise - 2019 (ReSAREX - 2019)?

**Answer :** Indian Coast Guard

**Explanation :**

- The **Indian Coast Guard** conducted the **Regional level Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise - 2019 (ReSAREX - 2019)**. This exercise was conducted to check the preparedness and response measures for search and rescue at sea in a coordinated manner.
- The two-day event was organised by Coast Guard District Headquarters-11 (Goa) to test efficiency and preparedness of ICG.

**Related Keys**

- Goa Capital: Panaji
- Goa Chief minister: **Pramod Sawant**.

3. Which Government announced the establishment of Rs 25,000 crore fund for home buyers whose money is stuck in stalled projects?

**Answer :** India Government

**Explanation :**

- On November 7, 2019, **Government of India** announced the establishment of **Rs 25,000 crore** fund for home buyers whose money is stuck in stalled projects. According to the Ministry of Finance, there are over 1600 such projects comprising of 4.58 lakh housing units across the country.

**Related Keys**

- Ministry of Finance Founded: 29 October 1946
- Ministry of Finance Headquarters: **New Delhi**

4. Which report said that India continues to the third largest start-up ecosystem after China and US?

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**Answer :** Nasscom report

**Explanation :**

- The **Nasscom report** on Indian Tech Start-Up Ecosystem said that **India** continues to be the third largest start-up ecosystem after **China and US**. India has added more than 1300 tech start-ups in 2019 according to the report. Between January to September in 2019, there were 8900 to 9300 startups as compared to 7700-8200 last year.

**Related News**

- **NASSCOM** is National Association of Software and Services Companies. It is a non-profit trade association of Indian IT and BPO industries.

### November 9

1. Which Bank has imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on prepaid payment instrument Oxygen Services?

**Answer :** Reserve Bank

**Explanation :**

- The **Reserve Bank** has imposed a fine of Rs **5 lakh** on **prepaid payment instrument Oxygen Services**. The RBI reported that the move was taken in exercise of powers vested under Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.
- Oxygen Services facilitates payment processing and money transfer services.

**Related news**

- Oxygen Services Headquarters : **Gurugram**
- Oxygen Services Executive director: **Sunil Kulkarni**.

2. Who attend the 11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will be on a two-day visit to Brazil from the 13th of this month to attend the **11th BRICS Summit** in **Brasilia**.
- The theme of the this year Summit is **"Economic Growth for an Innovative Future"**.

**Related Keys**

- BRICS is the acronym coined for an association of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Originally the first four were grouped as **"BRIC"**, before the induction of South Africa in 2010.

3. Which Ministry released the National Steel Policy?

**Answer :** Ministry of Steel

**Explanation :**

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- The **National Steel Policy** that was released on November 8, 2019 aims at **developing globally competitive steel industry**. It aims at creating **300 million tons** of steel per annum by 2030.
  - The policy was released by **Ministry of Steel**.
- Related News**
- Ministry of Steel Headquarters - **New Delhi**
  - Ministry of Steel Annual budget - 47.90 crore

### November 10

1. Who announced that the Government will set up one lakh digital villages in the country in the coming years?

**Answer :** Ravi Shankar Prasad

**Explanation :**

- Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology **Ravi Shankar Prasad** announced that the Government will set up **one lakh digital villages** in the country in the coming years. He said, around 800 such villages are already operational on pilot basis.

**Related Keys**

- Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Founded: 19 July 2016

2. Which organization has launched 'mobile ATMs' in Kalaburagi, among several other districts in the Karnataka?

**Answer :** KGB

**Explanation :**

- **KGB** has launched '**mobile ATMs**' in **Kalaburagi**, among several other districts in the **Karnataka**. The special vehicle includes an ATM and a screen to show videos of different banking schemes.
- The mobile ATMs will go to the doorsteps of the farmers and make them aware of the banking schemes and digital operating systems.

**Related Keys**

- Karnataka Chief minister: **B. S. Yediyurappa**
- Karnataka Literacy (2011): 75.36%

### November 11

1. Which Ministry is organizing the "Def Connect" event on November 11, 2019?

**Answer :** Ministry of Defence (MoD)

**Explanation :**

- **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** is organizing the "**Def Connect**" event on November 11, 2019. The main objective of the event is to showcase the accomplishments of iDEX-**Innovations for Defence Excellence**. The iDEX

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portal and the DISC-Defense India Startup Challenge are to be launched during the event

- More than 350 startups are to participate in the event

**Related News**

- IDEX was introduced in 2018 by the Ministry of Defense.
- IDEX initiative aims at creating an ecosystem that will encourage technology development in the Defense sector

2. Who will represent India at the ADIPEC-Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference between November 10-12, 2019?

**Answer :** Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

**Explanation :**

- **Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** will represent India at the **ADIPEC-Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition** and Conference between November 10-12, 2019.
- As a part of the workshop, India will conduct a road show to attract foreign investment, especially in the field of oil and gas.

**Related News**

- ADIPEC is one of the most influential global conference in the field of oil and gas.
- More than **1,45,000 delegates** from all over the world are to attend the conference.

3. In which place 5th edition of GES 2019 is being held from 26-28 November 2019?

**Answer :** Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Explanation :**

- The **5th edition of GES 2019** is being held from 26-28 November 2019 in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. It is an attempt towards escalating the Indian services bar in the global arena by exploring 12 Champion Services Sectors, encompassing participation from 100 countries and hosting sector specific knowledge sessions.
- India is looking to attract investments and partnerships in various strategic areas .

4. Which Ministry has given Environment Clearance to Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) to set up new 2G Ethanol plant at Panipat?

**Answer :** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

**Explanation :**

- Furthering the Government of India's commitment in promoting the **use of environmentally friendly products**, the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** has given Environment Clearance to Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) to set up new **2G Ethanol plant** at

Panipat.

**Related news**

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Formed- 1985
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Headquarters - **New Delhi**

**November 12**

1. Who will meet with Russian Atib Vladimir Mint and Chinese Atib Shi Jinping separately and hold bilateral talks?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**

- **Prime Minister Narendra** Modi will visit **Brazil** on November 13 and 14 to attend 11th **BRICS summit**. BRICS brings together five major emerging economies comprising 42 per cent of the world's population, having 23 percent of the global GDP and around 17 per cent of the share and world trade.
- During this visit, Prime Minister Modi will meet with **Russian Atib Vladimir Mint and Chinese Atib Shi Jinping** separately and hold bilateral talks.
- **Related keys:**
- This year's BRICS Summit will be held on the theme '**Economic Development for the Time**'.
- This is the sixth time Prime Minister Modi will attend the BRICS Summit.

**November 13**

1. Which Government gave its approval for a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) terminal in Bhavnagar with a proposed investment of Rs 1,900 crore?

**Answer :** Gujarat government

**Explanation :**

- The **Gujarat government** gave its approval for a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) terminal in Bhavnagar with a proposed investment of **Rs 1,900 crore**. A state government release said the facility, approval for which was given by the Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board headed by chief minister **Vijay Rupani**, would be the world's first CNG port terminal.

**Related Keys**

- Gujarat Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- Gujarat Governor: **Acharya Devvrat**

2. Which Government has given approval for setting up four medical device parks with a view to support Make in India initiative?

**Answer :** government of India

**Explanation :**

- The **government of India** has given approval for setting up **four medical**

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**device parks** with a view to support Make in India initiative and provide world-class products at an affordable price for treatment. The four parks will be set up in **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala**.

- These parks will provide the necessary infrastructure, where companies can easily plug and play.

### **November 14**

1. What is the theme for the 39th edition of the India International Trade fair 2019?

**Answer :** 'Ease of Doing Business'

**Explanation :**

- Several countries, including **Australia, Iran, UK and Vietnam**, will participate in the 14-day India International Trade Fair 2019 beginning in **New Delhi**.
- The theme for the **39th edition of the fair** (November 14-27, 2019) is '**Ease of Doing Business**' inspired by India's unique achievement of rising to 63rd rank on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index from 142nd rank in 2014.

**Related Keys**

- India International Trade Fair 2018 head from 14th November to 27th November.
- India International Trade Fair 2018 theme Enterprises from rural India.

2. Who has constituted an Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to promote industries in the Haryana?

**Answer :** Manohar Lal Khattar

**Explanation :**

- Haryana government led by Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** has constituted an **Economic Advisory Council** (EAC) to promote industries in the state. The council will also address issues related to various issues and policies of economic development.

**Related Keys**

- Haryana Governor -**Satyadev Narayan Arya**
- Haryana Capital: **Chandigarh**

3. Which Ministry said electricity demand of the country fell by 13% in October 2019 as compared to October 2018?

**Answer :** Central electricity Authority (CEA)

**Explanation :**

- According to the data released by the Central **electricity Authority (CEA)**, the electricity demand of the country fell by **13%** in October 2019 as compared to October 2018. This is the lowest in 12 years.
- Electricity demand of the country was **98 billion units** in October 2019 as against **112 billion units** in October 2018.

### Related Keys

- Power demands of the states
- Madhya Pradesh declined by 26%, Karnataka declined by 25%, Maharashtra declined by 22%, Gujarat by 19%, Telangana by 16% and Andhra Pradesh by 16%.

4. Which country has begun the project that will positively impact over 10 million people living on the coastline?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- With the help of 43 million **USD** from the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, **India** has begun the project that will positively impact over **10 million** people living on the coastline.
- The funds are to be obtained from the **Green Climate Fund** that was established under United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The objective of the fund is to assist developing countries.

### Related News

- United Nations Development Programme Founded: 22 November 1965, United States.
- United Nations Development Programme Headquarters: New York, New York, United States

### November 15

1. Which app will be launched on the occasion of Children's day for Protection of Child Rights?

**Answer :** 'Sishu Suraksha'

**Explanation :**

- On 14 November, **Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR)** is coming up with a mobile application, named '**Sishu Suraksha**'. The app will be launched on the occasion of Children's day.
- The purpose of the app is to empower citizens to take moral responsibility of protecting children and complaints against child rights violations.
- **Related News**
- Assam Capital: **Dispur**
- Assam Literacy : 72.19%

2. Which Government has launched a dedicated web portal and a mobile application, e-Ganna App, for sugarcane farmers of the state?

**Answer :** Uttar Pradesh government

**Explanation :**

- **Uttar Pradesh government** has launched a dedicated web portal and a mobile application, **e-Ganna App**, for **sugarcane farmers** of the state. Cane supply slip will now be issued to the farmers by sugar mills online.

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- The portal and the App will ensure transparency in the process of getting slips, and facilitate sugarcane supply by farmers to mills and check irregularities.

**Related News**

- Uttar Pradesh Capital **Lucknow**.
- Uttar Pradesh is the most populous state in India.

3. Which Ministry is organizing the International Conference on Yoga on 15-16 November 2019 at Mysuru, Karnataka?

**Answer :** Ministry of AYUSH

**Explanation :**

- Ministry of **AYUSH** is organizing the International Conference on Yoga on 15-16 November 2019 at **Mysuru, Karnataka**. The Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri **B.S. Yediyurappa** will inaugurate the two-day conference on 15th November 2019 in the presence of Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH and Defence, **Shri Shripad Yesso Naik**.
- The theme of the conference is '**Yoga for Heart Care**'.

**Related News**

- Ministry of AYUSH Founded: 9 November 2014
- Ministry of AYUSH Headquarters: **New Delhi**.

**November 16**

1. Which Government announced a special Rs 700 crore relief package Around four lakh farmers?

**Answer :** Gujarat government

**Explanation :**

- **Gujarat government** announced a special **Rs 700 crore relief** package. Around **four lakh farmers** will benefit from the relief. Farmers covered under the crop insurance scheme will get the assistance of **Rs 13,500** per hectare of irrigated land in cases where crop damage is in **excess of 33%**.
- The assistance to farmers of un-irrigated land will be **Rs 6,800 per hectare**.

**Related News**

- Gujarat Literacy (2011) 78.03%
- Gujarat is the fifth largest Indian state by area and the **ninth largest state by population**.

**November 17**

1. In which place Sixth National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations was held?

**Answer :** New Delhi

**Explanation :**

- The **Sixth National Summit** on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations was held in **New Delhi** on 16 November 2019.

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- The Sixth National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations was held in New Delhi on 16 November 2019. It was inaugurated by **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare.

**Related Keys:**

- The summit creates a platform to share the knowledge within the districts. It aims to transmit the knowledge and ideas to the district's level health workers, functionaries.
- It highlighted the achievements in the health sector during the past few years, such as **Ayushman Bharat, Telemedicine, NHP 2017, Medical Education, and Health Systems Strengthening**.

2. In which place National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) was launched?

**Answer :** Jammu and Kashmir

**Explanation :**

- **National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA)** was launched in the **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**.
- It was inaugurated by Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department, Sarita Chauhan.

**Related Keys:**

- NISHTHA is a National Mission that aims to improve learning outcomes at Elementary level through integrated Teacher Training.
- It aims to build the capacities of **42 lakh participants** covering all teachers and Heads of Schools at the elementary level in all Government Schools across the country, faculty members of SIEs/SCERTs, DIETs, etc.

**November 18**

1. Who launched the Virtual Classroom Project, an online method of teaching in Uttarakhand?

**Answer :** Trivendra Singh Rawat

**Explanation :**

- The **Uttarakhand State government** started the **Virtual Classroom Project**, an online method of teaching, on 16 November. It was launched by Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat**.
- He also inaugurated the first studio in **Dehradun**. The project was launched under the Information and Communication Technology scheme of **Samagra Sikshar Abhiyan in Uttarakhand**.

**Related Keys:**

- The scheme aims to improve the effectiveness of schools measured in terms of equal opportunities for schooling and equitable learning outcomes.

2. Who released a publication that details the journey of the upper house since its

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first sitting in May 1952?

**Answer :** M Venkaiah Naidu

**Explanation :**

- The **250th session of Rajya Sabha** is to commence on 18 November 2019. As a part of the observation, Chairman **M Venkaiah Naidu** released a publication that **details the journey of the upper house** since its first sitting in May 1952.

**Related Keys:**

- Rajya Sabha Chairman: M. Venkaiah Naidu
- Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman: **Harivansh Narayan Singh**
- Rajya Sabha Leader of the House: **Thawar Chand Gehlot**

### **November 19**

1. Which Government has decided to extend the Visa-on-Arrival facility to nationals of the United Arab Emirates?

**Answer :** Government of India

**Explanation :**

- **Government of India** has decided to extend the **Visa-on-Arrival facility** to nationals of the **United Arab Emirates**. Visa-on-Arrival is available to UAE nationals for a period of up to 60 days with **double entry for business, tourism, conference and medical purposes**.
- This facility is available at six designated International Airports namely, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai.

**Related News**

- United Arab Emirates President: **Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan**
- United Arab Emirates oil and natural gas reserves are the seventh-largest in the world.

2. Who has inaugurated North India's first sugar mill which will produce ethanol direct from sugarcane?

**Answer :** Yogi Adityanath

**Explanation :**

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** has inaugurated **North India's first sugar mill** which will produce **ethanol direct from sugarcane**.
- The mill was inaugurated **in Pipraich area of Gorakhpur** on Sunday.

**Related News**

- Uttar Pradesh Capital – Lucknow
- Uttar Pradesh Literacy - 67.68%

3. Which Ministry is hosted the Plenary meeting of Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS)?

**Answer :** Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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**Explanation :**

- The **Plenary meeting of Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS)** is to be hosted by **India** between November 18, 2019 and November 22, 2019. The event is hosted by **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**. The meeting is held annually to make sure that the trade of diamonds is conflict free.

**Related keys**

- Kimberley Process Certification Scheme established in 2003
- Kimberley Process Certification Scheme's Current chair head is India

**November 20**

1. Who advocated for a healthcare system for the middle class which is still not covered under any public health care system?

**Answer :** NITI Aayog

**Explanation :**

- **NITI Aayog** today advocated for a **healthcare system for the middle class** which is still not covered under any public health care system.
- The healthcare system would exclude those covered under the newly-launched Ayushman Bharat scheme that mainly caters to the **bottom 40 per cent population of the country**.

**Related News**

- NITI Aayog Formed - 1 January 2015.
- NITI Aayog Headquarters - **Delhi**.

2. Which Government announced Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh which is a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones for better nutritional outcomes?

**Answer :** Union Government

**Explanation :**

- **Union Government** on Monday announced **Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh** which is a repository of diverse crops across **128 agro-climatic zones** for better nutritional outcomes.
- The **Kosh aims at reducing malnutrition through a multi-sectoral results-based framework**, including agriculture, among women and children across the country.

3. Which Oil Corporation launched a special winter-grade diesel that remains unfrozen up to minus 33 degree Celsius?

**Answer :** Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC)

**Explanation :**

- State-run **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC)** launched a special winter-grade diesel that remains unfrozen up to minus **33 degree Celsius**.
- The fuel would help provide year-round access to snow-capped border



regions and is part of India's efforts to speed up strategic road connectivity.

- **Related News**
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd Founded - 30 June 1959.
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd Headquarters - **New Delhi**.

4. Which status is provided to the Public Sector Undertakings that satisfy the criteria?

**Answer :** Miniratna status

**Explanation :**

- The earnings from internet ticketing services of **IRCTC** (Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation) increased by **80.8% between the period April, 2019 and September, 2019**.
- The earnings in the four-month period is **Rs 199.3 crores**.

**Related News**

- The IRCTC is one of the Miniratna companies of India. It is a subsidiary of the Indian Railways.
- A **Miniratna status** is provided to the Public Sector Undertakings that satisfy the criteria.

5. Which Institute released IMD World Talent Ranking?

**Answer :** International Institute for Management Development

**Explanation :**

- India was ranked **59th among 63** countries in the 2019 IMD World Talent Ranking released by **International Institute for Management Development**. This year, India slipped by 6 places as compared to **53rd rank in 2018** edition of this global annual list.
- India's poor performance was on account of low quality of life and expenditure on education.

**Related News**

- International Institute for Management Development (IMD) Established - 1990.
- International Institute for Management Development (IMD) President - Jean-Francois Manzoni.

### **November 21**

1. Which Bank has signed an agreement to extend 91 million US dollar loan to modernize the Vijayanagara Channel Irrigation Systems?

**Answer :** Centre and Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Explanation :**

- The **Centre and Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has signed an agreement to extend **91 million US dollar loan** to modernize the Vijayanagara Channel Irrigation Systems and prepare river basin management plans in the **Krishna river basin**.

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- This is expected to **improve irrigation water use efficiency** and contribute to improving sustainable water security in Karnataka.

**Related Keys**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank established on 19 December 1966
- In September **India and ADB sign 200-million dollar loan** agreement for upgrading roads in Maharashtra.

2. Who informed that Census 2021 will be conducted in 16 languages?

**Answer :** Nityanand Rai

**Explanation :**

- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs **Nityanand Rai** informed that Census 2021 will be conducted in 16 languages. During Census 2021, a mix mode approach is being adopted for data collection.
- Census will be conducted in two phases – **House-listing and Housing Census** from April to September 2020 and Population Enumeration during February 09-28, 2021.

**Related Keys**

- All the censuses since 1951 were conducted under the **1948 Census of India Act**.
- The last census was held in 2011

3. Which Government will expand the 3S programme-Smart Safety Surveillance of WHO in the country?

**Answer :** Government of India

**Explanation :**

- The **Government of India** will expand the **3S programme-Smart Safety Surveillance of WHO** in the country. The expansion is being done to make sure the vaccines distributed under universal immunization programme are safe and also to optimize post-marketing surveillance of priority drugs.

**Related Keys**

- The key stakeholders of 3S programme include Ministry of Health and **Central Drugs Standard Control Organization** (CDSCO).
- GoI will also expand the coverage of PCV (Pneumonal Conjugate Vaccine) to all states by 2022 under 3S programme.

**November 22**

1. Which Cabinet approved the introduction of Industrial Relations Code, 2019?

**Answer :** Union Cabinet

**Explanation :**

- On November 21, 2019, the **Union Cabinet** approved the **introduction of Industrial Relations Code, 2019**. This is the third code under labor reforms. Under the new code, **forty-four laws** are to be amalgamated into



four codes.

- The four codes include wage rates, social security, industrial relations and industrial security and labor welfare.

**Related Keys**

- The code intends to simplify and rationalize the Trade Union Act, 1926, Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Industrial Employment Act, 1946.
- The Economic Survey, 2018 highlighted that the labor reforms in Rajasthan increased growth rates of firms.

2. Which Commission has issued circular to higher educational institutions to celebrate Constitution Day on 26th of November?

**Answer :** University Grants Commission

**Explanation :**

- **University Grants Commission**, UGC has issued circular to **higher educational institutions** to celebrate Constitution Day on 26th of November. On this day in 1949, the Constitution was adopted which came into force on 26th January 1950.

**Related Keys**

- UGC Founded: 1956
- UGC Headquarters: New Delhi

**November 23**

1. Which company has launched its “K-12 Education Transformation Framework” to facilitate comprehensive digital transformation of schools in India?

**Answer :** Software giant Microsoft

**Explanation :**

- **Software giant Microsoft** has launched its “**K-12 Education Transformation Framework**” to facilitate comprehensive digital transformation of schools in India. So far, this framework model has been adopted by education leaders in more than 50 countries.

**Related Keys**

- Microsoft CEO: Satya Nadella
- In 2016, Microsoft was the world's largest software maker by revenue.

2. Which Institute confirmed that a neuro muscular illness called Avian Botulism is the reason for mass mortality of migratory birds in Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan?

**Answer :** Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI)

**Explanation :**

- The **Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI)** on November 21, 2019, confirmed that a **neuro muscular illness** called **Avian Botulism** is the reason for mass mortality of migratory birds in Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan.
- The doctors say that the birds were suffering from **Avian Botulism** that

was caused due to a toxin produced by **bacterial strain**.

**Related Keys**

- Clostridium botulinum is the bacteria that produces dangerous toxins when the oxygen conditions are low. They lead to muscular paralysis blocking nerve functions.
- Homemade, fermented and preserved foods are common sources of foodborne botulism.

**November 24**

1. Which even was organized to pay tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives defending Poonch during the conflict in 1948?

**Answer :** Poonch Link-up Day

**Explanation :**

- **Indian Army** on November 23, 2019 commemorated the **Poonch Link-up Day**. The even was organized to pay tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives defending **Poonch during the conflict in 1948**

**Related Keys:**

- The 1947 war also called the **First Kashmir War** was the first of the four wars fought between **India and Pakistan**.
- Pakistan after a few weeks of its independence launched the Lashkar tribals with the intention of capturing Kashmir.

2. Which Project was launched in 2017?

**Answer :** Bharat Net Project

**Explanation :**

- **Government of India** has set a target of providing broad band connectivity to **two lakh Grama Panchayats** by March 2020. So far (till 7th November, 2019) over 1,28,000 Gram Panchayats have already been connected. The project is being implemented under the **BharatNet Project**.

**Related Keys**

- The Bharat Net Project was launched in **2017**. The main aim of the project is to provide affordable broadband connectivity at a speed of **2 Mbps to 20 Mbps** for all.
- The first phase of the project was completed in December 2017 that provided broad band connectivity to 1 lakh Gram Panchayats.

3. Who inaugurated the 172nd Defence Pensioners Adalat in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow?

**Answer :** Rajnath Singh

**Explanation :**

- **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **172nd Defence Pensioners Adalat** in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow, becoming the first Raksha Mantri to be a part of the event.



- The two-day Defence Pensioners Adalat aims at redressal of related pension grievances of veterans of Armed Forces and their Next of Kin residing in all districts of Uttar Pradesh.

4. In which place 50th annual Conference of Governors began with an inaugural session held?

**Answer :** Rashtrapati Bhawan

**Explanation :**

- The **50th annual Conference of Governors** began with an inaugural session at the **Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi**.
- Seventeen first time Governors and Lt. Governors of the newly formed union territories of **Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh**, are participating in the Conference. The 50th edition of the Conference to evaluate the achievements and outcomes of the past Conferences.

**Related Keys:**

- India celebrates the **75th anniversary of its independence in 2022** and the 100th anniversary in 2047,
- The role of the Governor in bringing the administrative machinery closer to the people of the country.

#### **November 25**

1. Which organization conducted survey of Persons with disabilities in the country between the period July 2018 and December 2018?

**Answer :** National Statistical Office

**Explanation :**

- The **National Statistical Office** conducted **survey of Persons with disabilities** in the country between the period July 2018 and December 2018.
- The main objective of the survey is to estimate indicators of incidence and prevalence of disability, facilities available to persons with disability, age at onset of disability, arrangement of regular care giver, difficulties faced by the persons with disabilities, out of pocket expenses.

**Related Keys**

- Disability among **males were higher than females**.
- The unemployment rate among persons with disability was **4.2%**.

2. In which place the Global Bio-India (GBI) Summit, 2019 concluded?

**Answer :** New Delhi

**Explanation :**

- India's first largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate, - the **Global Bio-India (GBI) Summit, 2019 concluded in New Delhi**.
- The three-day event was organized by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, along with its Public Sector

Undertaking, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

3. Who inaugurated the 8th Inter- national Tourism Mart for North East Region at Hotel Imphal, Manipur?

**Answer :** Prahlad Singh Patel

**Explanation :**

- Chief Minister **N Biren** along with Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism **Prahlad Singh Patel** inaugurated the 8th Inter- national Tourism Mart for North East Region at **Hotel Imphal , Manipur**.
- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in association with the North Eastern States is organising the **“International Tourism Mart” (ITM)** at Imphal, Manipur from 23 November to 25 November, 2019.

**Related News**

- This is the second time when **Manipur** is hosting the International Tourism Mart.
- India has jumped in World Travel and Tourism Index from 40th to 34th position in 2019.

### **November 26**

1. Which government announced that the state is set to have Guru Ghasidas National Park in Kotiya district as its fourth ‘tiger reserve’?

**Answer :** Chhattisgarh government

**Explanation :**

- **Chhattisgarh government** announced that the state is set to have Guru Ghasidas National Park in **Kotiya district** as its fourth **‘tiger reserve’**. This decision was taken in 11th meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board chaired by Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel**.
- The **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** had approved to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park as a tiger reserve in 2014.

**Related Keys**

- Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh: At present there are three tiger reserves in state: Achanakmar Tiger Reserve in Bilaspur, Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Gariaband and Indravati Tiger Reserve in Bijapur district.

2. Who has launched the Fit India School grading system in schools across the country?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the **Fit India School grading system** in schools across the country. The grading will be in 3 categories. During the launch PM Modi also appealed all schools to enroll in Fit India raking system to make it a mass movement and spread

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awareness.

- He also urged students and teachers to participate in '**Fit India Week**' to be organized by as many as **22,000** Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools across the country.

3. Which government has extended a ban on Assam-based Bodo insurgent group National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) citing that the terrorist outfit?

**Answer :** Centre government

**Explanation :**

- The **Centre** has extended a ban on **Assam-based Bodo insurgent group National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB)** citing that the terrorist outfit has continued to indulge its involvement in violent activities which includes killings, extortion and joining hands with **anti-India forces**.
- The NDFB was declared an outlawed outfit in **1990s**, the ban has been extended every five years since then.

**Related Keys**

- The NDFB, formed in 1986
- MHA has extended ban on NDFB is under provisions of sub-section (1) of section 3 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

4. In which place 7th Commonwealth Youth Parliament was held in 2015?

**Answer :** Darwin, Australia

**Explanation :**

- Senior **Vidhan Sabha** officials reported that Delhi Assembly will host the 10th edition of the three-day Commonwealth Youth Parliament event that starts on Monday 25-11-19.
- In a statement, the Vishan Sabha secretariat said, "**47 participants from 24 countries** are participating in this prestigious event. 11 participants are from India.

**Related Keys**

- The **7th** Commonwealth Youth Parliament was held in 2015 in **Darwin, Australia**.
- The **8th** Commonwealth Youth Parliament was held in British **Columbia, Canada** in 2016.
- The 9th Commonwealth Youth Parliament was hosted by the States of Jersey in 2018.

5. Who inaugurated the 7-day long National Tribal Craft Mela-2019 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha?

**Answer :** Naveen Patnaik

**Explanation :**

- Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** inaugurated the 7-day long **National Tribal Craft Mela-2019** in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha** on November 23,

2019.

- This is the 8th edition of the event. More than 240 tribal artisans from 18 states are participating in the Mela and will showcase handicraft items.

**Related Keys**

- Odisha Governor - Ganeshi Lal.
- Odisha Literacy - 73.45%.

**November 27**

1. Which report says that the states of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh topped the list of states for crimes against children?

**Answer :** “How Vulnerable are Children in India to crime?”

**Explanation :**

- The Child Rights and You recently released a report **“How Vulnerable are Children in India to crime?”** The report was based on the analysis of National Crime Records Bureau for 2016-17.
- The report says that the states of **Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh** topped the list of states for **crimes against children**. There were over 19,000 cases in both the states.

2. In which place “The Naval Exercise ‘MILAN 2020’ is scheduled to be held?

**Answer :** Visakhapatnam

**Explanation :**

- **India** aims to conduct a unique naval exercise for which an invitation has been extended to 41 countries who are otherwise unlikely partners.
- **“The Naval Exercise ‘MILAN 2020’** is scheduled to be held at **Visakhapatnam** in March 2020 in which **41 countries** have been invited.

**Related Keys**

- Milan is a multilateral naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- Milan was first held in **1995**.
- The most recent edition of Milan was held at Port Blair from 6-13 March 2018.

3. Who has sanctioned Rs 271 crores for the CEFPPC scheme?

**Answer :** Shri Harsimrat Kaur

**Explanation :**

- The Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee chaired by Minister of Food Processing **Shri Harsimrat Kaur** has sanctioned **Rs 271 crores** for the CEFPPC scheme (Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities) scheme.
- The aim of the scheme is to create direct employment that will help in achieving India’s goal of doubling farmers income by 2022. It expected that the project would create 9000 employment.



### Related Keys

- **PM Krishi Sampada Yojana** (PMKSY) is being implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing.
- Under the scheme, subsidies are provided in terms of grants-in-aid that ranges between **35% and 75%** according to the project.

4. Which government has launched a three-day campaign against Filaria as GoI?

**Answer :** Uttar Pradesh Government

**Explanation :**

- The **Uttar Pradesh Government** has launched a three-day campaign against Filaria as GoI has set a **target of eradicating Filaria** completely by 2021. The campaign began on November 25, 2019 and is to run till December 10, 2019.
- The campaign will cover **47 districts** and will aim at eradicating Filaria from Uttar Pradesh.

### Related Keys

- Filaria is spread through **Culex fatigans female mosquito**. The disease is caused by the Filarioidea type roundworms.
- In June 2018, India hosted the Global Alliance to eliminate Filariasis. The meeting was held in New Delhi.

### November 28

1. Who has passed National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019?

**Answer :** Parliament

**Explanation :**

- **Parliament** has passed **National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019**, with the Lok Sabha approving it on 26 November 2019. The bill was already passed by Rajya Sabha on 6 August 2019. Now it is placed before President to seek his assent, before it becomes a law.
- The bill also seeks the declaration **4 National Institutes of Design (NID)** as institutions of national importance.

### Related News

- These institutes are registered as Societies under Societies Registration Act, 1860.

2. Which organization has launched the “Water 4 Change”?

**Answer :** (CWRDM)

**Explanation :**

- The **Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM)**, operating under the Government of **Kerala** has launched the **“Water 4 Change”**. Under the project, six prominent institutions from Netherlands will perform a long-term research and field level action on urban water management systems along with Indian scientists.

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- The project will bring solutions for water problems in the cities of Kozhikode, Shimla, Bhuj and Bhopal.

**Related News**

- CWRDM is a premier R & D institution in the water sector established by the Government of Kerala under its Science and Technology Policy in February 1978.
- CWRDM has substantially contributed to the scientific hydrologic studies and water management in the region.

3. Which Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Myanmar?

**Answer :** Union Cabinet

**Explanation :**

- **Union Cabinet** has approved the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** signed between **India and Myanmar** on bilateral cooperation for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons; Rescue, Recovery, Repatriation and Re-integration of victims of Trafficking. The cabinet was chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.

**Related News**

- Myanmar Currency: Burmese kyat
- Myanmar President : Win Myint.

4. Which Bill has passed by Parliament on 26 November 2019?

**Answer :** Transgender Persons Bill 2019

**Explanation :**

- **Parliament** has passed the **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2019** with the **Rajya Sabha** approving it by a voice vote on 26 November 2019. The bill was already passed by the **17th Lok Sabha** on 5 August 2019. now The bill waits Presidential approval.

**Related News**

- As per the present bill, the punishment for sexual abuses of transgenders is 6 months to 2 years, however, many agree that the duration of punishment must be increased for sexual abuses.

**November 29**

1. Which Institute was released 2019 Global Diplomacy Index?

**Answer :** Lowy Institute

**Explanation :**

- The **2019 Global Diplomacy Index** was released by **Sydney-based Lowy Institute**. The index gives the latest statistics and marking about how the world's diplomatic networks are expanding and, in certain cases, shrinking. The index ranked 61 countries across the world.



- China now has more diplomatic posts across the world than United States in 2019, India was ranked **12th among the 61 countries**

#### **Related Keys**

- The Lowy Institute Global Diplomacy Index visualises the diplomatic networks of all **G20 and OECD nations**.
- the Index identifies almost 6000 diplomatic posts in around 660 cities

2. Who to address the valedictory session of 47th All India Police science congress?

**Answer :** Amit Shah

**Explanation :**

- Home Minister **Amit Shah** will be reaching **Lucknow** to address the **valedictory session of 47th All India Police science congress**. The 2-day event was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor of Puducheri and retired IPS officer **Kiran Bedi**

#### **Related Keys**

- The first AIPSC was held at Patna in 1960
- 46th Congress was successfully organized by Himachal Pradesh Police in collaboration with BPR&D at Shimla on 22nd and 23rd March, 2018.

### **November 30**

1. Which has become the first Indian company to touch a market capitalization?

**Answer :** RIL

**Explanation :**

- **RIL has become the first Indian company** to touch a market capitalization (m-cap) of Rs **10 lakh crore** as its shares jumped to touch a record high of **Rs 1,581 per piece**. It was lingering around the Rs 10 lakh crore m-cap for several days before finally reaching the milestone today.
- Reliance Industries shares again rose 0.70 per cent in early trade to finally surpass Rs 10 lakh crore m-cap.

2. Who organized three-day NuGen Mobility Summit based on the theme “Smart & Green Mobility”?

**Answer :** International Centre for Automotive Technology

**Explanation :**

- The three-day **NuGen Mobility Summit 2019** was held in Manesar, Haryana from November 27 to 29, 2019. It was organized by **International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)**, based on the theme **“Smart & Green Mobility”** to find alternative mobility solutions to problems like pollution emanating from vehicular emissions.
- It was inaugurated by Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) Nitin Gadkari

### Related News

- ICAT was established in 2006 at Manesar, Haryana.
- More than 2,500 participants and over 250 exhibitors from 14 countries apart from India are expected to take part in the summit.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### November 1

1. Who will embark a three-day visit to Thailand to participate in the ASEAN?

**Answer :** Modi

**Explanation :**

- PM **Modi** will embark a three-day visit to Thailand to participate in the **ASEAN, East Asia and RCEP summits**. In 2018, India had hosted the Indo-ASEAN summit commemorating its 25th anniversary, where all the 10 ASEAN leaders participated.

### **Related Keys**

- Thailand Capital – Bangkok
- Thailand Currency- Baht

### November 2

1. Who served as the Ambassador to Israel?

**Answer :** Mr Kapoor

**Explanation :**

- **Pavan Kapoor**, a 1990 batch Indian Foreign Service officer took charge as the **new Ambassador to UAE**. Ambassador Kapoor replaced **Navdeep Singh Suri, who retired last month**. During his last posting, **Mr Kapoor served as the Ambassador to Israel**

### **Related News**

- UAE Capital: Abu Dhabi
- UAE Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham

2. Which country will conduct its first ever military exercise with Uzbekistan in a 10-day session on counter terrorism tactics??

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- **India will conduct its first ever military exercise with Uzbekistan in a 10-day session on counter terrorism tactics**. The exercise will be held at Chirchiq Training Area, Uzbekistan between **November 4 and November 13, 2019**.
- **Related News**
- Uzbekistan Capital: Tashkent
- Uzbekistan Currency: Uzbekistani so'm



### **November 3**

1. In which place 7th India-US Economic and Financial partnership meeting was held?

**Answer :** New Delhi

**Explanation :**

- The **7th India-US Economic and Financial partnership** meeting was held in **New Delhi**. It was Co-chaired by **Finance Minister Nirmala Seetharaman and US Secretary Steven T Minuchin**.
- The leaders took efforts to improve mutual cooperation on wide range of multilateral subjects. It included combating financing of terrorism and anti-money laundering.

### **November 4**

1. Who discussed ways to enhance connectivity between the two countries in the areas of digital connectivity and physical connectivity?

**Answer :** PM Modi

**Explanation :**

- **PM Modi** on the sidelines of **35th ASEAN** summit and 14th East Asia Summit, met the **President of Indonesia H.E. Joko Widodo** and the **Thailand PM Prayut Chan-o-Cha** (Gen (retd)).
- The leaders discussed the threat to extremism and terrorism and agreed to work closely. The meeting on terrorism is important for India's interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

**Related Keys:**

- **PM Modi** discussed ways to enhance connectivity between the two countries in the areas of digital connectivity and physical connectivity.
- India and Thailand are close maritime neighbors. India's Act East Policy is complimented by the Thailand's Look West Policy as that of Indonesia.

2. Which is the International Science Literature Festival that is organised as a part of fifth India International Science Festival?

**Answer :** Vigyanika

**Explanation :**

- **Vigyanika** is the **International Science Literature Festival that is organised as a part of fifth India International Science Festival (IISF) at Kolkata**. It also features a Science Book Fair where more than 30 publishers are to display their scientific publications

**Related Keys:**

- **Vigyanika** is an annual event **organised** by **Ministry of Science and Technology** and **Earth Sciences**
- It is coordinated by the CSIR-NISCAIR (National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources), Vigyan Bharati and Vigyan Prasar

## **November 5**

1. Which two countries signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoU), for enhancing bilateral cooperation in fields of Military Medicine and Military Education between the Armed Forces of the two countries?

**Answer :** India and Uzbekistan

**Explanation :**

- **India and Uzbekistan** signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoU), for enhancing **bilateral cooperation in fields of Military Medicine and Military Education between the Armed Forces of the two countries.**
- The MoUs were signed during the three-day visit by Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh to Tashkent (Uzbekistan capital) from 1-3 November 2019. This was the first visit by an Indian Defence Minister to Uzbekistan in nearly 15 years.

2. In Which Place biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference is being held?

**Answer :** Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Explanation :**

- The **biennial Commonwealth** Law Ministers' Conference is being held in **Colombo, Sri Lanka from 4-7 November 2019.** India will be represented at the conference by Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- **Related Keys:**
- Theme for 2019 CLM Conference is- 'Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law'.
- Objective: The Conference seeks to address challenges faced by millions of people seeking to resolve legal disputes.

## **November 6**

1. Which organization is considered as one of the U.S. Navy's longest and continuous running exercise in South Asia and Southeast Asia?

**Answer :** CARAT

**Explanation :**

- **US- Bangladesh Navy exercise named 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT)- 2019'** second phase started at Chattogram. **CARAT** is considered as one of the **U.S. Navy's longest and continuous running exercise in South Asia and Southeast Asia.**
- **M Makbul Hossain** was present as the chief guest in the opening ceremony. He is an Assistant chief of naval staff (operations) Bangladesh Navy rear admiral.
- **Related Keys**
- In 2010, Cambodia and Bangladesh became the first CARAT participants to join the exercise since 1995



### November 7

1. Which country will next year become the world's first country to make it compulsory for schoolchildren to study climate change and sustainable development?

**Answer :** Italy

**Explanation :**

- **Italy will next year become the world's first country to make it compulsory for schoolchildren to study climate change and sustainable development.** All state schools would dedicate 33 hours per year, almost one hour per school week, to climate change issues from the start of the next academic year in September.
- Many traditional subjects, such as geography, mathematics and physics, would also be studied from the perspective of sustainable development.

#### **Related News**

- Italy Capital: Rome
- Italy Currency: Euro

### November 9

1. Which university has released its second report on Women, Peace, and Security Index?

**Answer :** Georgetown University's Institute for Women

**Explanation :**

- The **Georgetown University's Institute for Women**, Peace and Security (GIWPS) has released its second report on Women, Peace, and Security Index. The new **2019 report ranks 167 countries for women based on three indicators - inclusion, justice and security.**
- **India**, on the whole, is **ranked at 133 out of 167** countries with an index score of 0.625.

#### **Related News**

- Georgetown University's Institute for Women, Peace and Security Founded: 2011.
- Georgetown University's Institute for Women, Peace and Security organized by the late Carol J. Lancaster.

### November 10

1. In Which Place Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) meeting was held?

**Answer :** Abu Dhabi, UAE.

**Explanation :**

- **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) meeting** was held in **Abu Dhabi, UAE.** The Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan led the Indian delegation to attend the 19th IORA Council of Ministers meeting.
- The theme is **"Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean."**

### Related Keys

- Indian Ocean Rim Association Headquarters: Ebène, Mauritius
- Indian Ocean Rim Association Founded: 7 March 1997

### November 13

1. Which has become the first South Asian nation to criminalise several offences related to match-fixing as its parliament passed all three readings of a bill labelled "Prevention of Offences Related to Sports"?

**Answer :** Sri Lanka

**Explanation :**

- **Sri Lanka** has become the **first South Asian nation to criminalise several offences** related to match-fixing as its parliament passed all three readings of a bill labelled "**Prevention of Offences Related to Sports**".
- If a person is found guilty of committing an offence related to corruption in sports, then he may find himself jailed for a term up to 10 years and he will also be required to pay various fines.

### Related Keys

- Sri Lanka President - Maithripala Sirisena
- Sri Lanka Capital - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

### November 14

1. In which place The first edition of Dhaka Global Dialogue was held?

**Answer :** Bangladesh

**Explanation :**

- The first edition of **Dhaka Global Dialogue** was held from 11-13 November 2019 in **Bangladesh**. The three day long programme was inaugurated by **Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina**.

### Related news

- Bangladesh annually loses nearly 2% of its GDP due to climate change issues .
- Principle of Bangladesh's foreign policy remains, 'friendship to all, malice to none'.

### November 15

1. Who has bagged the first position for inventing an affordable indigenously designed milk chilling unit for small to marginal rural dairy farmers?

**Answer :** Ravi Prakash

**Explanation :**

- **India** has received the **first prize at BRICS** Young Scientist forum's conclave in Brazil. The fourth conclave was held in Brazil from 6- 8 November.
- **Ravi Prakash**, who is a PhD scholar from Indian Council of Agricultural

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Research-National Dairy Research Institute, has bagged the **first position for inventing an affordable indigenously designed milk chilling unit for small to marginal rural dairy farmers.**

**Related News**

- The 3rd BRICS YSF held from June 25th to 29th.
- The 3rd BRICS YSF theme “Building BRICS Youth Leadership through Science, Technology and Innovation”

**November 16**

1. Which country has topped the business bribery risk in South Asia according to the Trace Bribery Matrix?

**Answer :** Bangladesh

**Explanation :**

- **Bangladesh has topped the business bribery risk in South Asia according to the Trace Bribery Matrix.** Bangladesh has the highest business bribery risk among South Asian countries according to the annual ranking for 200 countries.
- **Bangladesh has been placed at 178th position among 200 countries** in terms of business bribery risk. Overall, New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland presented the lowest bribery risk.

**Related News**

- Bangladesh Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina
- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka

**November 17**

1. In which place The fifth edition of the Dhaka International Folk Festival was held?

**Answer :** Bangladesh

**Explanation :**

- The **fifth edition of the Dhaka International Folk Festival** was held at **Bangladesh Army Stadium, Bangladesh.**
- It was **inaugurated by the Information Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. Hasan Mahmud.** More than 200 artistes from 6 countries performed in the largest folk festival in Asia. The event was held from 14-16 November 2019.

**Related Keys:**

- The event included performances of artistes of Bhabna Nrityadal, a prominent dance troupe from Bangladesh.
- Daler Mehendi from India, Shah Alam Sarkar from Bangladesh, and Georgian folk band Chveneburebi performed on the programme.

2. How many from India won prizes at Oxford Big Read Asia Prize at the Asia level?

**Answer :** Five students

**Explanation :**

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- **Five students from India won prizes at Oxford Big Read Asia Prize** at the Asia level. Among the five students, **four** were **from Nagpur** while **one from Madurai**.
- A total of 6000 submissions from schools from China, Malaysia, Pakistan, and India participated in the competition. This competition provides students with an opportunity to augment the ambit of their reading and also demonstrate their literary and creative skills.

### **November 18**

1. Who won the Sri Lankan presidential election?

**Answer :** Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**Explanation :**

- **Gotabaya Rajapaksa** won the **Sri Lankan presidential election**. Gotabaya Rajapaksa fought against ruling party candidate Sajith Premadasa.
- Sri Lanka's Election Commission released the final result. As per the result, Rajapaksa secured victory with 52.25% of the vote.

**Related Keys:**

- President: Maithripala Sirisena
- Prime Minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Currency: Sri Lankan rupee (LKR)
- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

2. In which place The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) was held?

**Answer :** Bangkok, Thailand.

**Explanation :**

- **The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)** was held in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
- Rajnath Singh held bilateral meetings with US Secretary of Defence Mark Esper, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, General Prawit Wongsuwan, Defence Minister of Japan Taro Kono, Defence Minister of Australia Linda Reynolds and Defence Minister of New Zealand Ron Mark on the sidelines of the meeting.

### **November 21**

1. Who the top spot in Fortune's "Businessperson of the Year 2019" list?

**Answer :** Satya Nadella

**Explanation :**

- **Microsoft's India-born CEO Satya Nadella** has grabbed the top spot in Fortune's **"Businessperson of the Year 2019" list**. Other Indian-origin CEOs in the Top 20 list are Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga (8th spot) and Santa Clara, California-based computer networking company Arista's head

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Jayshree Ullal (18th position).

**Related Keys**

- Microsoft Founded April 4, 1975;
- Microsoft Founders: Bill Gates, Paul Allen
- Microsoft Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States

**November 22**

1. Which country will host the first “Counter Terrorism Exercise” between November 21, 2019 and November 22, 2019?

**Answer :** National Investigation Agency

**Explanation :**

- The National Investigation Agency will host the first “Counter Terrorism Exercise” between November 21, 2019 and November 22, 2019. The CT-TTX, Counter Terrorism Table Top Exercise will exercise the Quad countries namely India, Japan, US and Australia.

**Related News**

- The dialogue between the four countries was initiated in 2007 by the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

2. Which country is most affected by terrorism in 2018 ?

**Answer :** Afghanistan

**Explanation :**

- The **annual report by the Sydney-based Institute for Economics and Peace** states that the **country most affected by terrorism in 2018** was **Afghanistan** (7,379 killed), displacing Iraq (1,054 killed). Iraq, now at second place, is followed by Nigeria, Syria, Pakistan and Somalia, in that order.
- **India is at seventh place in a global think tank's list** of countries most affected by terrorism.

**Related News**

- Since 2015, IEP has been an active member of the UN Global Compact Expert Group.
- Institute for Economics and Peace chaired by - Steve Killelea

**November 23**

1. Which dictionary has declared “climate emergency” the word of the year for 2019?

**Answer :** Oxford

**Explanation :**

- **Oxford Dictionaries** has declared “**climate emergency**” the word of the year for 2019, following a hundred-fold increase in usage that it says demonstrated a “**greater immediacy**” in the way we talk about the climate.

**Related Keys**

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- Oxford Dictionary Originally published: 1 February 1884
- The first electronic version of the dictionary was made available in 1988.

### **November 24**

1. Which Institute signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Western Sydney University, Australia, in New Delhi?

**Answer :** All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)

**Explanation :**

- **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Western Sydney University, Australia, in New Delhi.**
- The MoU will promote collaboration in research and developing guidelines for integrating Ayurveda principles with modern medicine.

**Related Keys:**

- India is a priority country among Australia's international partnerships.
- The signed memorandum is another milestone in the history of the health care industry.

### **November 25**

1. Which Government has issued warnings against import of cattle and related products from India?

**Answer :** Chinese Government

**Explanation :**

- **The Chinese Government has issued warnings against import of cattle and related products from India.** The warning comes after India submitted its notification about "lumpy skin disease" virus in cattle to the World Organization of Animal Health (OIE).
- China does not officially import buffalo meat from India. However, a large quantity of beef gets smuggled into China through roads and ports.

**Related Keys**

- China Capital: Beijing
- Chinese Currency: Renminbi

### **November 27**

1. Which is the smallest of the five extant rhino species in the world?

**Answer :** Sumatran Rhinos

**Explanation :**

- The **last surviving Sumatran Rhino in Malaysia**, Iman, died in Borneo Rhino Sanctuary. The Rhino died of cancer. With this Sumatran rhino have become extinct in Malaysia. Iman was captured in 2014 from Danum Valley in Malaysia.

**Related Keys**

- **The Sumatran Rhinos** are the smallest of the five extant rhino species in

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- the world.
- The International Union of Conservation of Nature Red List has put the Sumatran Rhinos in the Critically Endangered category.

### **November 28**

1. What is the aim of India-Israel Conference?

**Answer :** strengthen India-Israel cooperation on water

**Explanation :**

- Israel-India Conference on Water aim is to **strengthen India-Israel cooperation on water and sewage areas**. The conference will be attended by the **Israel Energy Minister Dr. Yuval Steinitz** and the **Indian Federal Minister of Water Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, Water Ministers of the Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh states as well as government and water companies from Israel and India interested in collaboration.

**Related News**

- Israel President : Reuven Rivlin
- Israel Capital : Jerusalem

### **November 29**

1. Who has signed two bills into law, supporting the Hong Kong protesters?

**Answer :** Donald Trump

**Explanation :**

- US President **Donald Trump** has signed two bills into law, supporting the **Hong Kong protesters**. The first one would require the State Department to certify once a year that Hong Kong is sufficiently autonomous to retain its special U.S. trading consideration. Under that designation, the city is not subject to the tariffs that have been levied on China.

**Related Keys**

- China's Capital : **Beijin**
- China's Largest city : **Shanghai**

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **November 5**

1. On which day World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed?

**Answer :** November 5

**Explanation :**

- **World Tsunami Awareness Day** is observed globally on **5 November 2019**. The day was observed to raise tsunami awareness and share

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innovative approaches to risk reduction.

- The 2019 World Tsunami Awareness Day focuses on promoting targets on the Sendai Seven Campaign. It focuses on reducing disaster damage to critical infrastructure and the disruption of basic services.

**Related Keys:**

- In December 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) marked 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day.
- The observation of the day was initiated by Japan. Japan has experienced destruction because of the Tsunami over the years.

**November 10**

1. On which day World Science Day is observed?

**Answer :** November 10

**Explanation :**

- **World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated every year on November 10.** World Science Day for Peace and Development works towards keeping people informed about the developments in science.
- World Science Day theme this year is "Open science, leaving no one behind".

**November 11**

1. On which day National Education Day is observed?

**Answer :** November 11

**Explanation :**

- **National Education Day** of India is celebrated on **11 November** every year. This day celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India.

**November 14**

1. On which day World Diabetics day is observed?

**Answer :** November 14

**Explanation :**

- **World Diabetics day** is observed on **November 14** every year .
- Theme of 2019 - Family and diabetics .

2. On which day Children's Day is celebrated?

**Answer :** November 14

**Explanation :**

- **Children's Day** is celebrated across India on **14 November** every year as a **tribute to India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru**

**November 17**

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1. On which day National Epilepsy Day is observed?

**Answer :** November 17

**Explanation :**

- **National Epilepsy Day** is observed on **17 November** every year. The day aims to create awareness about epilepsy, its causes, and treatment. Seminars, debates, and other events are organized to educate people about epilepsy disease and its treatment methods.

## SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

### November 1

1. Who is Director of International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad?

**Answer :** P. J. Narayanan

**Explanation :**

- Researchers at the **International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad** said that the first-ever **Indian Brain Atlas (IBA)** has been created. They stated that the next step is to prepare atlases for different age groups to study age-related effects on brain anatomy.
- The average brain size of an Indian was smaller in height, width and volume in comparison to people of the Caucasian and eastern races.

**Related Key**

- International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad Founded – 1998
- International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad Director - **P. J. Narayanan**.

### November 2

1. Which organization has discovered the remains of huge settlement during its first phase of excavation at Gottiprolu near Naidupeta, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh?

**Answer :** Archaeological Survey of India

**Explanation :**

- The **Archaeological Survey of India** has discovered the remains of huge settlement during its first phase of excavation at Gottiprolu near Naidupeta, **Nellore, Andhra Pradesh**. It has uncovered a mass settlement that was surrounded by a massive brick enclosure

**Related News**

- Andhra Pradesh Founded: 1 October 1953
- Andhra Pradesh Literacy rate: **67.41%**

### November 3

1. In which state The Robotic Surgery Facility was opened?

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**Answer :** New Delhi

**Explanation :**

- The **Robotic Surgery Facility** was opened in the **Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi**. It is one of the biggest tertiary care referral centre of India under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- It caters to all poor patients for cancers like bladder cancer, kidney failure, kidney cancers from different parts of the country.

**Related Keys**

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Formed – 1976
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Headquarters - New Delhi

### **November 5**

1. Which Ministry is organizing a Science and Technology Media Conclave in Kolkata?

**Answer :** Ministry of Science & Technology

**Explanation :**

- The **Ministry of Science & Technology** is organizing a **Science and Technology Media Conclave**. The fest will be held at India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 in **Kolkata** on 6-7 November 2019.
- The media conclave will be inaugurated by the Chairman of Prasar Bharati, Shri A. Surya Prakash and Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar, President, Vigyan Bharati.

**Related Keys:**

- The conference is aimed to bring together science and environment journalists from India and abroad.
- Discussion regarding issues like science communication in the age of convergence, creating a science niche in the media, the art of science storytelling, research papers, and popular content, social media influencers, regional media, among others.

### **November 6**

1. Which organization was inaugurated at High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune?

**Answer :** (DRDO)

**Explanation :**

- **A Defense Research Development Organization (DRDO)** Igniter Complex was inaugurated at High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (**HEMRL**), **Pune**. The main purpose of the laboratory is to design, process, evaluate ignition systems for any kind of DRDO projects.

### **November 12**

1. Which generator was developed at BGU by Jeffrey Gordon?

**Answer :** prototype solar-power generator

**Explanation :**

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- An Israeli developed **prototype solar-power generator** will be sent by the US space agency NASA to the International Space Station, **Ben Gurion University** (BGU) in **southern Israel** announced on Monday.
  - The new generator offers a major step forward for private commercial space missions, as the private space market is a rapidly growing billion-dollar industry with dozens of corporate players, according to the university.
- Related keys:**
- The new generator was developed at BGU by **Jeffrey Gordon**
  - This first-generation prototype is less than 1.7 millimeters thick, with solar cells only 0.65 millimeters on a side

### **November 13**

1. Who discovered two new species of spiders in Kerala?

**Answer :** Dhruv Prajapati

**Explanation :**

- **Dhruv Prajapati**, a junior researcher with the **Gujarat Ecological Education & Research (GEER) Foundation**, discovered two new species of spiders and named one after **Sachin Tendulkar** and the other after **Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara**, who played a key role in creating awareness on education in Kerala.

**Related Keys**

- Gujarat Ecological Education & Research (GEER) Foundation set up in 1982
- The Foundation is governed by a Board of Governors chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat.

### **November 15**

1. Which Administration has renamed a distant space rock Ultima Thule, to Arrokoth?

**Answer :** (NASA)

**Explanation :**

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has renamed a distant space rock **Ultima Thule, to Arrokoth**. It is the farthest cosmic body ever visited by a spacecraft, Arrokoth or “sky” is a name of the Native American Powhatan language .

**Related News**

- NASA Founded: 29 July 1958.
- NASA Headquarters: **Washington, D.C., United States.**

### **November 17**

1. Which Group launched an anti-bacterial LED bulb Bactiglow SSK-BAB-9W Bulb?

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**Answer :** Syska Group

**Explanation :**

- **Syska Group** launched an **anti-bacterial LED bulb Bactiglow SSK-BAB-9W** Bulb. The bulb is made with microbial disinfection properties that electrocute harmful bacteria present in a room.
- Aim: Syska aims to offer products that are convenient, affordable, and reflect their evolving needs and preferences. The **Syska Bactiglow LED bulb** offers consumers innovative features that are over and provide more benefits of a regular LED bulb.

### **November 18**

1. Who announced that DRDO (Defence Research Development Organization) is to increase the range of ASTRA air-to-air missiles?

**Answer :** Mr G Sateesh Reddy

**Explanation :**

- The DRDO Chief, **Mr G Sateesh Reddy** recently announced that **DRDO** (Defence Research Development Organization) is to **increase the range of ASTRA** air-to-air missiles. India is one of the few countries to own a successful BMD-Ballistic Missile Defence programme.

#### **About Astra**

- Astra (Sanskrit word for weapon) is an all-weather air-to-air missile developed completely by DRDO.
- ASTRA is currently capable of engaging targets upto a distance of **110 km**.
- It is integrated with Sukhoi Su-30 MKI aircrafts .

### **November 21**

1. Who have detected water vapour for the first time above the surface of Europa?

**Answer :** Scientists at NASA

**Explanation :**

- **Scientists at NASA** have detected water vapour for the first time above the surface of **Europa**, a finding that supports the idea of a liquid water ocean sloshing beneath the miles-thick ice shell of the Jupiter's moon.
- Using the **W. M. Keck** Observatory in Hawaii, scientists were able to measure the water vapor.

#### **Related Keys**

- NASA Formed - July 29, 1958
- NASA Headquarters - Washington, D.C., United States.

### **November 22**

1. Which Organization has allowed free access to its 450 patents?

**Answer :** DRDO

**Explanation :**

- The **Defense Research and Development Organization** has allowed free

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access to its **450 patents**. The organization intends to provide a boost to domestic industries, especially startups and the strategic sector that has a network of 50 national laboratories that are involved in research and development

- The DRDO operating under the Ministry of Defence will offer complete access to its patents without charging royalty fees or licensing fees.

**Related Keys**

- DRDO Founded: 1958
- DRDO Minister responsible: Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence.

**November 23**

1. Which Organization Unveils an early version of its first all-electric experimental aircraft, the X-57 Maxwell?

**Answer :** NASA

**Explanation :**

- **NASA** Unveils an early version of its first all-electric experimental aircraft, the **X-57 Maxwell**. Adapted from an Italian-made **Tecnam P2006T twin-engine** propeller plane, the X-57 has been under development since 2015.
- The target of the agency is to fly this aeroplane in late 2020.

**Related News**

- NASA Founded: 29 July 1958, United States.
- NASA Administered by: **Jim Bridenstine**.

**November 25**

1. Who have demonstrated the role of a protein secretagogen (SCGN) in increasing insulin action in obesity-induced diabetes?

**Answer :** CCMB Scientists

**Explanation :**

- Scientists at the CSIR-**Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)** in **Hyderabad** have demonstrated the role of a protein secretagogen (SCGN) in increasing insulin action in obesity-induced diabetes.
- SCGN works as a functional insulin-binding protein with therapeutic potential against diabetes. SCGN binds to insulin and protects it from various stresses, increases its stability and adds to its action.

**Related Keys**

- CCMB Director: **Rakesh Mishra**
- CCMB Established 1977

**November 30**

1. Which Navy test-fired the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, from the Navy's stealth destroyer INS Kochi?

**Answer :** Indian

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### Explanation :

- **Indian Navy test-fired the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile**, from the Navy's stealth **destroyer INS Kochi**. The supersonic missile successfully hit a decommissioned target ship in Arabian Sea. Moreover, **the second ship of Project 15-A 'Kolkata-class'** guided missile destroyer test-fired advanced missile during a naval drill in west coast.

### Related News

- Earlier the BrahMos missile has been successfully test fired twice from INS Kolkata, (one in June 2014 and February 2015)
- BrahMos supersonic missile has been jointly developed by India and Russia and has been in service with Indian Navy since 2005

## SPORTS

### November 4

1. Who has been crowned champion in the Paris Masters Open?

**Answer :** Novak Djokovic

### Explanation :

- **Novak Djokovic** defeated Shapovalov 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the Paris Masters Open Tennis Series to clinch the championship title.
- Serbia's Novak Djokovic confronts Denis Shapovalov of Canada, the world's leading star, in today's men's singles final.
- This is the **fifth time that Serbia's Novak Djokovic has been crowned champion in the Paris Masters Open.**

### Related Keys:

- The Masters Open Tennis Series is taking place in the French capital, Paris.
- Novak Djokovic had won championships in 2009, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

### November 6

1. Who got the No. 1 position in the ATP rankings?

**Answer :** Rafael Nadal

### Explanation :

- For the **eighth time** in his career **Rafael Nadal** is back to the world No. 1 position in the **ATP rankings**. The Spaniard goes up one place to overtake Novak Djokovic.
- Since Novak Djokovic loses the points that he won a year ago in London when Nadal was absent, He slips down in the rankings.

### Related Keys

- The ATP began as the men's trade union in 1972
- The ATP first rankings for singles were published on 23 August 1973 while the doubles players were ranked for the first time on 1 March 1976



### **November 9**

1. Who has become the first Indian man and second in world cricket to complete 100 T-20 Internationals?

**Answer :** Rohit Sharma

**Explanation :**

- **Rohit Sharma** has become the **first Indian man and second in world cricket to complete 100 T-20 Internationals**. He reached the milestone when he led the team in the second match against Bangladesh at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Gujarat.
- **Shoaib Malik with 111 games from Pakistan** is the only player to have played more than 100 T20 Internationals.

### **November 12**

1. Who has been appointed as the President of Australian Cricketers Association (ACA)?

**Answer :** Shane Watson

**Explanation :**

- **Former Australian all-rounder Shane Watson** has been appointed as the **President of Australian Cricketers Association (ACA)**. He was appointed as the head of the association during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Sydney.
- Watson is now a part of an extended ten-person board which includes three new appointments-- current Australian players Pat Cummins and Kristen Beams and former Australian cricketer, Lisa Sthalekar.

**Related keys:**

- Shane Watson- Initial President and Elected Director

### **November 16**

1. Which government will host the 2019 Kabaddi World Cup from December 1 to 9?

**Answer :** Punjab government

**Explanation :**

- The **Punjab government will host the 2019 Kabaddi World Cup from December 1 to 9**. This year's tournament would be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

**Related News**

- Punjab Governor : V P Singh
- Punjab Literacy (2011) : 76.68%

### **November 18**

1. Who won men's singles title at International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge?

**Answer :** Harmeet Desai

**Explanation :**

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- **Indian paddler Harmeet Desai** won men's singles title at **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge**. Indonesia Open 2019 Table Tennis tournament held at Batam, Indonesia.
- This was Harmeet's first title on foreign soil and overall second International title of the year, after he had won Commonwealth championship in July 2019 held in Cuttack, Odisha.

### **November 19**

1. In which place Asian Youth Boxing Championship was held?

**Answer :** Mongolia

**Explanation :**

- **Indian women have clinched five gold, while men bagged two silver at Asian Youth Boxing Championship in Mongolia.** All five women finalists, Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg) won Gold for the country in a phenomenal sweep.
- Among the men, Selay Soy (49kg) and Ankit Narwal (60kg) settled for the second place after going down in their respective summit clashes.

### **November 24**

1. Who won a bronze medal for his country in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur during his amateur days?

**Answer :** Ghanaian

**Explanation :**

- **Vijender Singh** claims **12th successive professional** win. The **Ghanian** is an **Olympian and won a bronze medal** for his country in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur during his amateur days.
- Indian boxing star Vijender Singh for Ghana's former Commonwealth champion Charles Adamu claim his 12th successive win and ensure that his four-year unbeaten streak in the professional circuit.

### **November 26**

1. Who is the bronze medalist for 2019 Cadet World Championships?

**Answer :** Deepak Chahal

**Explanation :**

- **In wrestling**, India concluded its campaign at the **Under-15 Asian Championships** with 28 medals, including **13 gold, 14 silver and a bronze**. Led by 2019 Cadet World Championships **bronze medalist Deepak Chahal**.
- For the first time, India finished on top of the team rankings in freestyle category with 225 points. Kazakhstan finished second while Japan was third.



### November 30

1. Who won the gold and silver medals respectively in the women's individual recurve event of the 21st Asian Championships?

**Answer :** RIL

**Explanation :**

- Indian archers **Deepika Kumari and Anikita Bhakat** won the gold and silver medals respectively in the women's individual recurve event of the 21st Asian Championships. **Deepika defeated Ankita 6-0 in the one-sided final.**
- The duo had earlier secured an individual Olympic quota for the country by storming into the semifinals of the event.

## **ECONOMY**

### November 22

1. Which has approved the sale of its stake in five Central Public Sector Enterprises, CPSEs?

**Answer :** Government

**Explanation :**

- **The government has approved the sale of its stake in five Central Public Sector Enterprises, CPSEs.** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA, gave its nod to strategic disinvestment in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) and Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDC).

### November 23

1. Which Government will launch India's first fixed income Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) in December 2019?

**Answer :** Union Government

**Explanation :**

- **Union Government** will launch **India's first fixed income Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)** comprising debt securities of large central public sector enterprises (PSUs) by mid-December 2019. It will comprise only AAA-rated papers of the PSU companies. It is expected to have a size of Rs 15,000 crore to Rs 20,000 crore.

#### **Related Keys**

- In the 2018-19 Union Budget, Union Government had announced that DIPAM is planning to come out with debt ETF, which will help PSUs

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better plan their borrowing needs and capital expenditure.

## AWARDS

### November 5

1. Who won the JCB Prize for Literature 2019 for her debut novel 'The Far Field'?

**Answer :** Madhuri Vijay

**Explanation :**

- The 27-year-old, **Madhuri Vijay** has won the **JCB Prize for Literature 2019** for her debut novel '**The Far Field**'. She has been selected from a shortlist featuring novels from five accomplished writers. She is also a recipient of Henfield Prize and the Pushcart Prize.

**Related Keys:**

- It is an annual **Indian literary award founded in 2018**.
- It is the richest literary honour in the country.
- It is awarded to a distinguished work of fiction by an Indian writer working in English or to a translated fiction by an Indian writer.

### November 8

1. Who win the prestigious Deming Distinguished Service Award For Dissemination and Promotion Overseas?

**Answer :** Venu Srinivasan, Sundaram Clayton

**Explanation :**

- **Venu Srinivasan**, Chairman of TVS Motor Company and **Sundaram Clayton**, He was conferred with the prestigious **Deming Distinguished Service Award For Dissemination and Promotion Overseas**.
- The Deming Prize is the **highest award for TQM in the world**.

### November 10

1. Who won Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019?

**Answer :** Shanta Gokhale

**Explanation :**

- **Shanta Gokhale writer, translator and film critic** was conferred with the The **Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement** Award for 2019. Gokhale, born in 1939 in the town of Dahanu in Maharashtra, she recently published her work One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body.
- She received the **Sangeet Natak Academy Award in 2015**.

**Related Keys**

- Lifetime Achievement Award's First awarded: 1962
- Lifetime Achievement Award is Awarded for: "performers who, during their lifetimes, have made creative contributions of outstanding artistic significance to the field of recording"

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### November 29

1. Who was awarded the honorary fellowship by the Royal Aeronautical Society of United Kingdom?

**Answer :** G Satheesh Reddy

**Explanation :**

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) chairman **G Satheesh Reddy** was awarded the honorary fellowship by the **Royal Aeronautical Society of United Kingdom**.
- The aeronautical society recognised contributions of Reddy towards indigenous design, development and deployment of diversified missile systems, aerospace vehicles, guided weapons and avionics technologies in India.

**Related Keys**

- DRDO Formed : **1958**
- DRDO Headquarters : **DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi**

## APPOINTMENTS

### November 7

1. Who has assumed the office of Governor of Mizoram?

**Answer :** P.S Sreedharan Pillai

**Explanation :**

- **P.S Sreedharan Pillai** has assumed the **office of Governor of Mizoram**. Mr Pillai took the oath of office in a swearing-in ceremony held at Raj Bhavan in Aizawl.
- The **Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Ajay Lamba** administered the oath.
- **Related keys**
- Mizoram Capital – Aizawl
- Mizoram Chief Minister - Zoramthanga (MNF)

### November 8

1. Who took over as the Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)?

**Answer :** Arvind Singh

**Explanation :**

- **Arvind Singh, IAS officer of 1988 batch**, Maharashtra Cadre, took over as the **Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)**. On his first day, Singh interacted with board members and senior officials at AAI's

- corporate headquarters, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Singh, in his previous assignment, was Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) in Maharashtra government.

#### **Related News**

- Maharashtra Chief minister: Devendra Fadnavis
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai

### **November 12**

1. Who has been appointed as a Member of Parliament's Standing Committee on Finance?

**Answer :** Manmohan Singh

**Explanation :**

- **Former Prime Minister and current Rajya Sabha member, Manmohan Singh** has been appointed as a Member of **Parliament's Standing Committee on Finance**.
- Congress has appointed senior leader Digvijay Singh as a member of the Urban Development Parliamentary Standing Committee.

#### **Related Keys:**

- Rajya Sabha chief Venkaiah Naidu has appointed Manmohan Singh as a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance.

### **November 13**

1. Who has been appointed as the new high Commissioner of Bangladesh to India?

**Answer :** Mohammad Imran

**Explanation :**

- **Mohammad Imran** has been appointed as the **new high Commissioner of Bangladesh to India**. Currently he serves as Bangladesh's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.
- He succeeds Syed Muazzem Ali.

#### **Related Keys**

- **Muhammad Imran** belongs to the **1986 batch of Bangladesh Civil Service Foreign Affairs cadre**.

### **November 14**

1. Who was sworn in for five-year term after elections in Mauritius?

**Answer :** Pravind Jugnauth

**Explanation :**

- The incumbent **Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth** was sworn in for **five-year term after elections in which his coalition consolidated its grip on parliament**. His swearing-in took place at the residence of President Barlen Vyapoory.



### November 15

1. Who has joined as the Chairman and Managing Director of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)?

**Answer :** G Kamala Vardhana Rao

**Explanation :**

- **G Kamala Vardhana Rao**, IAS officer 1990 Batch, Kerala Cadre has joined as the **Chairman and Managing Director of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)**.
- Prior to assuming the office at ITDC, Rao was designated as the Principal Secretary, Government of Kerala. **Rao** also served as the **Secretary of Kerala Tourism in the year 2014-15**.

**Related News**

- India Tourism Development Corporation Founded: 1966
- **India Tourism Development Corporation Headquarters New Delhi, India**

### November 16

1. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh?

**Answer :** Nilam Sawhney

**Explanation :**

- **Senior IAS officer Nilam Sawhney** has been appointed as the **new Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh**. An order was issued by the General Administration Department appointing Sawhney, a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, to the top post.
- **Sawhney is the first woman Chief Secretary** of the Andhra Pradesh.

**Related News**

- Andhra Pradesh Literacy rate 67.41%\
- Andhra Pradesh has the second-longest coastline among the states of India.

### November 19

1. Who was sworn in as the 47th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on November 18?

**Answer :** Arvind Bobde

**Explanation :**

- **Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde** was sworn in as the **47th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on November 18**. The oath of office was administered to him by President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

**Related News**

- The chief justice of India (CJI) is the head of the judiciary of India[4] and the Supreme Court of India. The CJI also heads their administrative functions.

### November 23

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1. Who was become first woman pilot of Indian Navy?

**Answer :** Lieutenant Shivangi

**Explanation :**

- **Lieutenant Shivangi** become first **woman pilot of Indian Navy** will join Naval operations. She will join after naval operations on completion of operational training at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi, Kerala on December 2, 2019 two days ahead of Navy Day (observed on December 4).

**Related Keys**

- She was inducted into **Indian Navy as Short Service Commission (SSC-Pilot) as part of 27 NOC course in Indian Naval Academy**

### November 30

1. Who has been appointed as first chairman of steering committee panel on Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in Micro-Credit?

**Answer :** H R Khan

**Explanation :**

- **H R Khan, former deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has been appointed as **first chairman of steering committee panel on Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in Micro-Credit**. Members of panel include: P Satish of Sa-Dhan, Sonia Krishnakutty of L&T Finance, Harsh Shrivastava of MFIL and Srinivas Bonam of IndusInd Bank among others.

**Related News**

- **CRL** was launched in **September 2019**.
- Code for Responsible Lending is a self-regulatory step for the micro-credit industry making diverse entities like banks, NBFC-MFIs and NBFCs adhere to standards of customer protection

## **BANKING NEWS**

### November 10

1. Which bank has signed a memorandum of understanding with Muthoot Microfinance to serve micro, small and medium enterprises?

**Answer :** Public sector Indian Bank

**Explanation :**

- **Public sector Indian Bank** has signed a **memorandum of understanding with Muthoot Microfinance** to serve micro, small and medium enterprises. Under the memorandum of understanding, the bank and the non-banking finance company will jointly lend to the MSME borrowers.

**Related Keys**



- Indian Bank Headquarters: Chennai
- Indian Bank CEO: Padmaja Chunduru (21 Sep 2018–)

### **November 16**

1. Who has approved the merger of the BNP Paribas (BNPP) Mutual Fund and the Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund, under the Competition Act, 2002?

**Answer :** The Competition Commission of India

**Explanation :**

- **The Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved **the merger of the BNP Paribas (BNPP) Mutual Fund and the Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund**, under the Competition Act, 2002.
- The strategic alliance would allow both companies to leverage each other's strengths to offer products specially designed for retail and institutional clients in India.

#### **Related News**

- Competition Commission of India Founded: 14 October 2003.
- Competition Commission of India Headquarters: New Delhi.

### **November 18**

1. Which bank has submitted a master plan to develop logistics infrastructure of Kolkata metropolitan area?

**Answer :** World Bank

**Explanation :**

- The **World Bank** has submitted a **master plan to develop logistics infrastructure of Kolkata metropolitan area. The bank is to invest 300 million USD in the project.**
- The Government entities participating in the deal includes CII and the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation. The aim of the project is to improve competitiveness, increase employment.

#### **Related Keys:**

- The West Bengal Government has increased its infrastructure spending by five times in 2019 as compared to 2011.
- The warehousing in the state has increased by 191%

### **November 29**

1. Which Bank raised concerns over increasing bad loans from the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana?

**Answer :** Reserve Bank of India

**Explanation :**

- The **Reserve Bank of India** on November 27, 2019 raised concerns over increasing bad loans from the **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana**. RBI believes that there is an urgent need to monitor the loans sanctioned under Mudra Yojana.

- According to RBI, the percentage of MUDRA loans were at **2.52%** in 2017-18, It has now raised to 2.89% in 2018-19. It also says that the number of loans being sanctioned under the scheme has increased greatly

#### **Related Keys**

- Reserve Bank of India Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- Reserve Bank of India Established: 1 April 1935.

## **OBITUARY**

### **November 12**

1. Who introduced key reforms in India's electoral process during his tenure in the 90s?

**Answer :** Tirunellai Narayana Seshan

**Explanation :**

- **Former Chief Election Commissioner Tirunellai Narayana Seshan** died of cardiac arrest On Sunday. Prominent personalities from across the country including Prime Minister **Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, took to Twitter to express grief over Seshan's death.**
- A recipient of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award, Seshan introduced **key reforms in India's electoral process** during his tenure in the 90s.

#### **Related Keys:**

- He was the Chief Election Commissioner of India from 1990 to 1999

## **WORDS OF THE DAY**

- Acclimate- get used to a certain environment
- Similar Words - adapt , familiarize.
- Antonyms - misadjust.
- Adroit - clever or skilful.
- Similar Words - dexterous , talented.
- Antonyms - clumsy , incompetent.
- bathetic - describes something that's overly sentimental, gushy, and worse yet insincere
- Similar Words - anticlimactic , disappointing , disillusioning.
- Antonyms - unemotional , unmoved.
- befuddle - cause to become unable to think clearly.
- Similar Words - confused , muddled
- Antonyms – clear

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