

Today in History on 11 DEC

- **1687- The East India Company creates the Madras (now Tamil Nadu) Municipal Corporation.**

Inaugurated as the Madras Corporation on 29 September 1688 under a royal charter issued by King James II of England in December 1687, it is the oldest municipal body in the Commonwealth outside Great Britain. It is the largest municipal corporation in Tamil Nadu with an area of 426 km. It is headed by a mayor, who presides over 200 councillors, each of whom represents one of the city's 200 wards.



- **1946 - Dr. Rajendra Prasad was elected the President of the Constituent Assembly of India.**

On 11 December 1946, Dr. Rajendra Prasad was appointed the President of the Indian Constituent Assembly. Earlier, Dr. Sachchidanand Sinha was elected as a temporary member of the Constituent Assembly, who presided over the first meeting of the Constituent Assembly held on 9 December 1946.



- **1946 - UNICEF is founded by the United Nations.**

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), originally known as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, was created on 11 December 1946 by the United Nations General Assembly to provide emergency food and healthcare to children and mothers in countries devastated by World War II. In 1953 it became a permanent part of the United Nations system, and the words "International" and "Emergency" were dropped from the organization's name, although it retained the original acronym "UNICEF".



➤ 1983 - Chief Martial Law Administrator of Bangladesh Mohammad Ershad declared himself President.

Hussein Muhammad Ershad was a Bangladeshi military officer and politician who served as President of Bangladesh from 1982 to 1990. He seized power as head of the army during a bloodless coup against President Abdus Sattar on 24 March 1982 (by imposing martial law and suspending the constitution). He declared himself President in 1983, and subsequently won the controversial 1986 Bangladeshi presidential election.



➤ 1997- Kyoto Protocol signed to reduce greenhouse gases.

The Kyoto Protocol is an international treaty adopted in 1997 aimed at reducing emissions of gases that contribute to global warming. The protocol called on 41 countries and the European Union to reduce emissions of six greenhouse gases by 5.2 percent below 1990 levels.



Important NEWS on 11 DEC

➤ Burkina Faso Junta Names New Prime Minister

Burkina Faso's ruling military junta has announced a significant political shift by appointing Rimtalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo as the new prime minister. This move comes a day after the junta dissolved the national government without providing any justification. The country continues to grapple with severe security challenges and political instability under military rule.



➤ John Mahama Returns as Ghana's President

Ghana's former president, John Dramani Mahama, has made a historic return to power after defeating the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP) in the presidential election. The victory marks Mahama's third attempt to reclaim the presidency after defeats in 2016 and 2020. This election reflects voter frustration with the NPP's handling of a severe economic crisis under President Nana Akufo-Addo. Mahama's win has been hailed as a significant political shift in Ghana, a country known for its democratic stability.



➤ India's Billionaire Count Soars to 185, China Sees Drop Amid Slowdown

India has seen a remarkable increase in its billionaire count, reaching 185 in 2024, marking a 20% rise from 153 in 2023. This surge places India third globally, following the US and China. The UBS Billionaire Ambitions Report highlights India's growing wealth, driven by family-led businesses and diverse sectors, including pharma, fintech, and edtech. Meanwhile, China's billionaire numbers dropped from 520 in 2023 to 427 in 2024, owing to economic slowdowns and regulatory changes.



➤ Amit Shah Unveils Sardar Patel Statue in Jodhpur

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah unveiled an 11-ft tall statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, in the presence of Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and other dignitaries. The statue, made of several metals and weighing 1,100 kilograms, stands on an 8-ft pedestal. During the unveiling ceremony, Shri Amit Shah highlighted Sardar Patel's immense contributions to India's unity, his historical significance, and the recognition he has received under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.



➤ India Plans Anti-Drone Unit for Border Security

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah announced that India will establish a comprehensive anti-drone unit to protect the nation against drone-related threats. Speaking at the 60th

Raising Day Parade of the Border Security Force (BSF) in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Shah highlighted the growing drone challenge, particularly along the borders. The government, in collaboration with various security forces and research departments, has developed a laser-equipped anti-drone gun mount system that has significantly improved drone interception rates.



RBI Introduces Secured Overnight Rupee Rate (SORR)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the development of the Secured Overnight Rupee Rate (SORR) as a new benchmark for the interest rate derivatives market, based on secured money market transactions like market repo and tri-party repo (TREPS). SORR, to be developed with support from Financial Benchmarks India Limited (FBIL), aims to offer a trade-based, robust, and manipulation-resistant benchmark that reflects real market dynamics, unlike the Mumbai Inter-Bank Offer Rate (MIBOR), which relies on polling data.



India's FDI Inflows Surpass \$1 Trillion, Solidifying Global Investment Status

India has achieved a significant milestone as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows surpass \$1 trillion between April 2000 and September 2024, reinforcing its position as a top investment destination. With cumulative FDI reaching \$1,033.4 billion, including equity, reinvested earnings, and other capital, the country has seen substantial growth, especially post-2014.



Current affairs MCQS on 11 DEC

Q.1. When is UNICEF Day celebrated?

- (a) 08 December
- (b) 09 December
- (c) 10 December
- (d) 11 December

Answer: (d) 11 December

UNICEF Day is celebrated every year on 11 December to raise awareness about saving children's lives and helping them fulfill their wishes. The day commemorates the support provided for the health, nutrition, education and welfare of children during World War II. UNICEF was later renamed from the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to the United Nations Children's Fund, although it continued to be known by the popular acronym based on the previous title.

Q.2. Recently, Rimalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) Burkina Faso
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Kenya
- (d) Nigeria

Answer: (a) Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso's military junta appointed Rimatalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo as the new prime minister after dissolving the government without explanation. The Ibrahim Traore-led junta dismissed former Prime Minister Apollinaire Joachim Kaylem de Tamberlé through a presidential decree. The junta seized power in September 2022 by removing Lieutenant Colonel Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba, who had previously ousted President Roch Marc Kaboré. Burkina Faso is facing serious security challenges, with extremist attacks displacing more than 2 million people and leaving half the territory outside government control.

Q.3. Recently, HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation) has launched 'Uphaar Milk Program' to combat malnutrition in which country?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Chhattisgarh

Answer: (d) Chhattisgarh

HUDCO, a Navratna public sector company, has recently launched the Uphaar Milk Programme as part of its CSR initiative to tackle malnutrition among government school children in Rajnandgaon, Bilaspur and Mungeli districts of Chhattisgarh. Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Tokhan Sahu inaugurated the programme at Government School Sendri in Bilaspur along with HUDCO CMD Sanjay Kulshreshtha, Beltara MLA Sushant Shukla and other dignitaries.

Q.4. Recently, which IIT has built India's first Hyperloop test track?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Guwahati
- (d) IIT Kanpur

Answer: (a) IIT Madras

India's first hyperloop test track is ready Indian Railways, in collaboration with IIT Madras, has achieved a significant advancement in transportation technology with the completion of India's first 410-metre hyperloop test track. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the achievement while sharing a video of the test track. The Mumbai-Pune corridor is expected to be the first full-scale hyperloop project in India. The railway system aims to reduce the travel time between the two cities to just 25 minutes. Despite the progress, the project is still in its development stages.

Q.5. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of 'EuroGrip Tyres' recently?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Akshay Kumar
- (c) MS Dhoni
- (d) Virat Kohli

Answer: (c) MS Dhoni

Tyre maker Eurogrip Tyres has appointed cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador. The company said that Dhoni, the former captain of the Indian cricket team, will promote the Eurogrip brand and all its products. TVS Srichakra Ltd, which makes Eurogrip, TVS Eurogrip and TVS Tyres, was started in 1982. It serves as the main division of the \$3 billion (Rs 25417 crore) TVS Mobility.

Q.6. Where will the Rajasthan Global Investment Summit be held in Rajasthan?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Bikaner
- (c) Jodhpur
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Jaipur

Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit is going to be organized in Jaipur. By organizing this, the state government will try to increase investment in the state. So far, investment proposals worth about 25 lakh crores have been signed. Many big personalities will also participate in the summit. Indian Hotels Company Limited CEO Puneet Chatwal, Is My Trip founder Rikant Pitti, Planet Abled founder Neha Arora, poet and actor Shailesh Lodha and actor Nakul Mehta will participate in the program.

Q.7. Who has been appointed as the new head of NASA by Donald Trump recently?

- (a) Massad Bulos
- (b) Warren Stephens
- (c) Jared Isaacman
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Jared Isaacman

Jared Isaacman, the tech billionaire who carried out the first private spacewalk in collaboration with Elon Musk's SpaceX, has been nominated by United States President-elect Donald Trump to lead NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Isaacman's nomination came after Trump announced a number of appointments, including appointing his former White House adviser Peter Navarro, who served a prison sentence this year for obstructing a congressional investigation, as his senior adviser for trade and manufacturing.

Q.8. Recently, the 100-day TB eradication campaign has started in which city?

- (a) Panchkula
- (b) Surat
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Lucknow

Answer: (a) Panchkula

India will take a bold step towards eliminating Tuberculosis (TB). TB is a disease that affects millions of people across the country. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda will officially launch this ambitious 100-day

TB elimination campaign in Panchkula, Haryana. The campaign aims to intensify the fight against TB by improving identification of TB cases, reducing delays in diagnosis and improving treatment outcomes, especially for vulnerable populations. The campaign is a critical component of India's strategy to eliminate TB in 347 districts across 33 States and Union Territories and become a TB free nation.

Q.9. The Little Gull Bird recently seen in Delhi-NCR is native to which region?

- (a) South America
- (b) Eurasia
- (c) Antarctica
- (d) Australia

Answer: (b) Eurasia

Little Gull, a bird native to Eurasia, was spotted in NCR for the first time. It is the world's smallest gull species, measuring 25-30 cm in length and having a wingspan of 61-78 cm and weighing 68-162 grams. The bird belongs to the Laridae family and is migratory, breeding in northern Europe and wintering in coastal areas of western Europe, the Mediterranean and north-eastern America. It lives in beaches, estuaries, lakes, rivers and swamps. It is classified as "least concern" in the IUCN Red List.

Q.10. Recently, in which city will the Junior Women's Asia Hockey Cup 2024 be organized?

- (a) Muscat
- (b) Jakarta
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Muscat

The Indian junior women's team is all set to participate in the Women's Junior Asia Cup in Muscat, Oman, as they aim to retain their title from last year. The tournament will also be a qualifying event for the FIH Junior World Cup 2025, which will be held in Chile.

Q.11. INS Tushil, which was in the news recently, is a frigate of which class?

- (a) Shivalik class frigate
(b) Godavari class frigate
(c) Hunter class frigate
(d) Krivak-III class frigate

Answer: (d) Krivak-III class frigate

The Indian Navy will commission a stealth guided missile frigate INS Tushil in Kaliningrad, Russia. INS Tushil is part of the upgraded Krivak III-class frigates under the Russian-designed Project 1135.6. It is the seventh vessel in this series and the first of two upgraded frigates from the 2016 India-Russia contract. "Tushil" means "protector shield", symbolising the Navy's commitment to maritime security. The ship is 125 metres long, displaces 3,900 tonnes, and features advanced stealth to evade radars. It comprises 26% indigenous technology with 33 systems by Indian manufacturers. Assigned to the Western Fleet, it strengthens India's naval capabilities.

Q.12. Who has recently launched PM e-Vidya DTH channel?

- (a) Dharmendra Pradhan
(b) Amit Shah
(c) Piyush Goyal
(d) Rajnath Singh

Answer: (a) Dharmendra Pradhan

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will launch PM e-Vidya DTH Channel No. 31 for Indian Sign Language (ISL) in New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary will also attend the event. Hearing Impaired (HI) children, hearing impaired achievers, special educators, ISL certified interpreters and organizations working for mainstreaming the hearing impaired community will participate in the event.

Q.13. Recently, the historic Notre-Dame Church of which country has been reopened to the public after almost 5 years?

- (a) Finland

- (b) France
(c) Italy
(d) Germany

Answer: (b) France

Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris saw its first mass in five years, a day before it reopened to the world, attended by firefighters, world leaders and artists. Originally built in the 12th century, the cathedral was closed following a devastating fire in April 2019. Over the past five years, it has seen a frenzied renovation process that has attracted considerable global attention.

Q.14. Recently which state government will launch maize flour called "Himbhog"?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
(b) Rajasthan
(c) Himachal Pradesh
(d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh government is soon going to introduce maize flour produced through natural farming under the brand name "Himbhog". Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that more than 4,000 quintals of maize was purchased from 1,506 farmer families practicing natural farming across the state except Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur districts. The highest purchase was from Solan district (1,140 quintals), followed by Chamba (810 quintals) and Mandi (650 quintals).

Q.15. Recently who has been appointed as the coach of the Under-20 and Under-17 women's football team?

- (a) Joachim Andersson
(b) S Parmesh
(c) Kemi Bednock
(d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Joachim Andersson

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Sweden's Joachim Andersson as the head coach of India's women's Under-20 and Under-17 national teams. 48-year-old Andersson has

been appointed as part of an agreement between the AIFF and the Swedish Football Association.

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