

Today in History on 11 NOV

➤ 1811 - Cartagena Colombia declares itself independent from Spain.

On November 11, 1811, the Junta adopts a document known as the "Act of Independence" to justify the expulsion of the Spanish governor. The event inspired similar independence movements across Latin America and sparked a rebellion that lasted nearly a decade, culminating in the establishment of the Republic of Colombia, which extended over present-day Colombia, mainland Ecuador, Panama, and Venezuela, as well as parts of northern Peru and northwestern Brazil.



➤ 1943- Indian nuclear scientist Anil Kakodkar was born.

Anil Kakodkar Anil Kakodkar (born November 11, 1943) joined the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in 1964 and became the Director of BARC in 1996 and was the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India during 2000-2009.



➤ 1918 - Poland is declared an independent country.

The history of interwar Poland covers the period from the revival of the independent Polish state in 1918 to the invasion of Poland by Nazi Germany from the west at the start of World War II in 1939, followed two weeks later by the Soviet Union from the east. The two decades of Poland's independence between the world wars are known as the Interbellum. Poland re-emerged in November 1918 after more than a century of partition by the Austria-Hungary, German, and Russian empires.



➤ 1966 - US space agency NASA launched the spacecraft 'Gemini-12'.

The Gemini 12 Gemini Agena Target Vehicle (GATV) was launched as the second stage of the Atlas-Agena rocket on November 11, 1966 at 2:08 pm EST from Cape Canaveral Launch Complex 14. The launch of GATV occurred approximately 98 minutes before the launch of the manned Gemini 12 spacecraft.



➤ 1973 - First International Philatelic Exhibition begins in New Delhi.

The first International Philatelic Exhibition in India was held in 1954 to commemorate 100 years of philately in India. The second International Philatelic Exhibition INDIPEX-73 was held in New Delhi in 1973. This was followed by the Asian International Philatelic Exhibition ASIANA-77 in Bangalore in 1977.



Important NEWS on 11 NOV

➤ President Murmu Witnesses Naval Operations Aboard INS Vikrant

Honorable President Droupadi Murmu embarked on her first visit to Indian Navy ships at sea aboard the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant on November 2024. During this significant event, she witnessed a series of advanced operational demonstrations, showcasing the Indian Navy's combat capabilities and maritime prowess.



➤ Australia to Ban Social Media for Children Under 16

Australia is set to implement a significant move by banning social media access for children under 16, starting in November 2024. This proposed ban targets platforms like Instagram and Facebook, which have been linked to various issues such as body image concerns, cyberbullying, and mental health challenges among the youth. While this ban doesn't block internet access, it aims to mitigate the harmful impact these platforms have on young minds.



Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC), tasked with reforming existing rules and promoting industry adoption of on-the-job training. This reconstituted council, with a three-year mandate, is designed to bolster apprenticeship opportunities and encourage workforce development.



➤ Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki Erupts, Ash Column Reaches 6,500 Meters

Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki in eastern Indonesia erupted on November 2024, spewing a massive ash column over 6,500 meters high, as authorities ramped up warnings and evacuation efforts. The 1,584-meter volcano, located on Flores Island, has shown increasing volcanic activity since November 2024, with eruptions causing fatalities and severe damage. Indonesia, situated on the Pacific Ring of Fire, is highly susceptible to volcanic eruptions, and Lewotobi's latest eruption serves as a stark reminder of the region's volatility.



➤ SBI Unveils Innovation Hub at Singapore Fintech Festival

State Bank of India (SBI), in partnership with APIX—a global collaborative platform for financial institutions and FinTechs—has launched the 'SBI Innovation Hub' at the Singapore Fintech Festival on November, 2024. The hub provides a dedicated space for global FinTechs, startups, and innovators to create next-generation financial solutions that meet the digital needs of SBI's diverse customer base.



➤ Govt Reconstitutes CAC to Strengthen Apprenticeship Training and Drive Industry Reforms

In a move to enhance apprenticeship programs across India, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has restructured the

➤ RBI Designates 10-Year Sovereign Green Bonds Under FAR for Non-Resident Investments

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has expanded the list of Government securities available for non-resident investment under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) by designating 10-year Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) as 'specified securities.'



➤ Anil Pradhan Honored with Rohini Nayyar Prize

Anil Pradhan has been awarded the prestigious Rohini Nayyar Prize for 2024, recognizing his impactful contributions to rural development in India. Known for his dedication to empowering rural communities, Pradhan's work has brought positive change and opportunities to underserved areas.



Current affairs MCQS on 11 NOV

Q.1. When is National Education Day celebrated?

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

Answer: (d) 11 November

Every year on November 11, this day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. On this day, various programs and campaigns are organized to spread awareness about education and make every person literate. On September 11, 2008, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) decided to celebrate November 11 every year as National Education Day. Maulana Azad was posthumously awarded the country's highest civilian honor Bharat Ratna in 1992.

Q.2. Which state government has recently started the state caste census?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Karnataka

Answer: (a) Telangana

Telangana is the third state after Andhra Pradesh and Bihar to launch a caste-based survey. The Telangana government has initiated the process of a comprehensive household caste survey in the state, aimed at ensuring targeted and equitable resource distribution among all communities.

Q.3. The first integrated check post has been started on the border between India and which country recently?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Nepal

(d) China

Answer: (b) Bhutan

Recently, the first integrated check post was started on the India-Bhutan border in Assam. This check post has been built in Daranga, Assam. Its construction will make it easier to trade between the two countries. This integrated check post is spread over an area of 14.5 acres. It is 700 meters inside the India-Bhutan border. Office, parking space, loading and unloading space, weighing system, warehouse and accommodation for the officers working in the check post have been arranged at this check post. This check post has been developed by the Land Ports Authority.

Q.4. Which country has recently been declared the focus country of the 55th International Film Festival of India?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Japan
- (c) Singapore
- (d) France

Answer: (a) Australia

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced that Australia has been named the "Country of Focus" at the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Seven Australian films will be selected in the "Country of Focus" section at IFFI, showcasing the country's rich storytelling traditions as well as indigenous and contemporary narratives. The announcement comes after the two countries recently signed an Audio Visual Co-production Treaty, aimed at promoting co-productions by offering incentives to filmmakers from both countries.

Q.5. Which country has recently started the fast-track visa process for Indian visitors?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Japan

(c) Thailand

(d) Sri Lanka

Answer: (a) South Africa

From January 2025, South Africa will launch the Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) to simplify the entry process for Indian and Chinese tourists. The scheme aims to boost tourism by making it faster and easier to obtain visas.

Q.6. Dinanath Batra passed away recently, who was he?

- (a) Educationist
- (b) Musician
- (c) Writer
- (d) Journalist

Answer: (a) Educationist

Educationist Dinanath Batra, known for being vocal on the need for a "nationalist" education system infused with "spiritual values", who served as the principal of Vidya Bharati, an RSS-affiliated organisation dedicated to education in Kurukshetra, from 1965 to 1990, died in Delhi. He was 94.

Q.7. Recently, the cabinet of which state has approved the HCL Foxconn Semiconductor project worth Rs 3,706 crore?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: (c) Uttar Pradesh

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manufacturing hub at Jewar near the Noida International Airport.

Q.8. Recently, which country will ban burqa from January 1, 2025?

- (a) Denmark
- (b) America
- (c) Finland
- (d) Switzerland

Answer: (d) Switzerland

Switzerland's controversial ban on face coverings in public places, commonly known as the "burqa ban", will officially come into force from January 1, 2025. This was announced by the Federal Council in a statement cited by Reuters. Violators of the law can be fined up to 1,000 Swiss francs (roughly Rs. 96,280). The measure, which narrowly passed in a 2021 nationwide referendum, has faced strong criticism from Muslim organisations and rights advocates. It was backed by the same political group that banned the construction of new minarets in Switzerland in 2009.

Q.9. Recently, who will become the first Indian-origin second lady of America?

- (a) Usha Chilukuri Vance
- (b) Yoav Gallant
- (c) Shamiya Sandhu
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Usha Chilukuri Vance

Usha Vance, wife of Donald Trump's vice presidential candidate, is in the headlines after the Republican presidential nominee praised her. Announcing his likely victory amid a significant lead, the Republican presidential nominee and former US President praised his running mate JD Vance and his Indian-American wife during his address at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in Florida.

Q.10. Who was awarded the Rohini Nayar Award 2024 for promoting STEM education in rural India?

- (a) Vineet Sinha
- (b) Anil Pradhan
- (c) Viplav Mehta
- (d) Saurabh Singh

Answer: (b) Anil Pradhan

Anil Pradhan, a 28-year-old engineer from Odisha, won the third Rohini Nayar Prize for promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education in rural India. He co-founded the Young Tinkers Foundation and launched Tinker-on-Wheels, a mobile lab that brings robotics and 3D printing to rural students. His work has impacted over 2.5 lakh students in Odisha, Telangana and Tamil Nadu. The Rohini Nayar Prize for contribution to rural development consists of ₹10 lakh, a citation and a trophy. It is awarded annually by the Nayar Foundation to individuals under the age of 40.

Q.11. Recently, Sultanganj railway station of which state will be renamed as "Ajaibinath Dham"?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (b) Bihar

Sultanganj railway station in Bihar's Bhagalpur district is set to get a new name in honour of the holy Hindu pilgrimage site Ajaibinath Dham. Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Samrat Choudhary announced this. "The Bhagalpur Municipal Council has approved the proposal to rename the station," he said. Since 2007, several groups, including the Panda community, locals and the chief mahant of the Juna Akhara Samiti, have been demanding the renaming of the railway station in honour of the temple.

Q.12. Recently, 'Ningol Chakkouba Festival' was celebrated with great enthusiasm in which state?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Assam
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Ladakh

Answer: (c) Manipur

Ningol Chakoba, one of the biggest festivals of Manipur, was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety across the state. It is considered the biggest festival of the Meitei community, but the scenario of this festival has changed in the last few years as the participation of different communities has increased in this festival. This festival is celebrated every year on the second day of the lunar month Hiangei of the Meitei calendar.

Q.13. Which government agency organized the Anti-Terrorism Conference-2024 in New Delhi?

- (a) Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)
- (b) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- (c) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- (d) Ministry of Defence

Answer: (c) National Investigation Agency (NIA)

The National Investigation Agency organised a two-day Counter Terrorism Conference-2024 in New Delhi to strengthen coordination in the fight against terrorism. The aim of the conference was to promote a 'whole of government' approach and generate insights for future policies. It brought together operational forces, technical, legal and forensic experts to discuss national security and terrorism threats. The main themes included legal frameworks for countering terrorism, emerging technologies, international cooperation and dismantling the terror ecosystem. Senior police officers, central agency officials and experts in law, forensics and technology attended it to share experiences and best practices.

Q.14. What is the name of the tri-service military exercise organized by India in the eastern region?

- (a) Agni Path
- (b) Vayu Shakti
- (c) Eastern Prahar
- (d) Yudh Abhyas

Answer: (c) Eastern Prahar

After the withdrawal of troops in eastern Ladakh, India began the Eastern Prahar exercise between the three forces. The Army, Navy and Air Force took part in the 10-day exercise, which highlighted their combat coordination. The Army deployed units, artillery, light combat helicopters (LCH) and UAVs. The Air Force used Sukhoi-30 MKI, Rafale jets, C-130J aircraft and helicopters from Kolkata, Hashimara, Panagarh and Kalaikunda bases. Navy's Marcos Commandos also took part in it. The exercise strengthened operational readiness in the eastern sector. India and China continued talks on troop disengagement and patrolling rights in the Yangtze area of Tawang.

Q.15. Who has topped the recently released 'Edelgive-Harun Philanthropy List 2024'?

- (a) Nikhil Kamath
- (b) Narayana Murthy
- (c) Shiv Nadar
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Shiv Nadar

HCLTech founder Shiv Nadar and his family have retained the top spot on the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023. For the financial year 2022-23, they donated a substantial sum of Rs 2,042 crore, making this the fifth consecutive year that Nadar, at the age of 78, has achieved this prestigious rank.

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