

## Today in History on 13 NOV

### ➤ November 13, 1914 – Garrett Morgan invented and patented the gas mask.

Garrett Morgan was a Cleveland inventor and businessman best known for inventing a device called the Morgan Safety Hood and Smoke Protector in 1914. This invention was later renamed the gas mask. In 1914, Morgan was granted two patents for the invention of the earliest gas mask, the Safety Hood and Smoke Protector. He manufactured the mask and sold it nationally and internationally through the National Safety Device Company, or NADSC, using a marketing strategy to avoid Jim Crow discrimination



### ➤ November 13, 1987 – Costa Rica's President Oscar Arias receives the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1987, Arias Sánchez received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work, and he used the award to establish the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress. During his presidency, he often went among the people without fanfare or pomp, to listen to citizens' concerns. After the conclusion of his first term, he continued to be a "man of the people", promoting human security and development on many fronts.



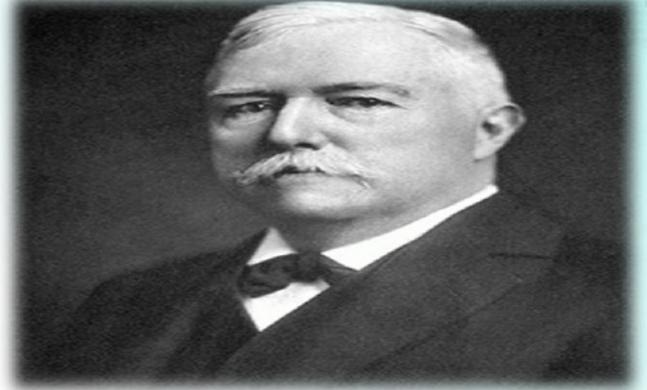
### ➤ 13 November 1943 – Italy declares war on Germany's former Allies.

On 13 November 1943 the Italian government declared war on Germany, its former Axis power, and joined the war on the side of the Allies. After Mussolini's removal from power and the collapse of the Fascist government, General Pietro Badoglio, Mussolini's former chief of staff and the man who had taken power in the Duce's place at King Victor Emmanuel's request, began negotiations with General Eisenhower about Italy's conditional surrender to the Allies.



### ➤ 13 November 1923 – Mustafa Kemal Pasha's government makes Istanbul the new capital of Turkey, replacing Ankara.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, also known as Mustafa Kemal Pasha until 1921 and Gazi Mustafa Kemal from 1921 until the Surname Law of 1934, was a Turkish field marshal, revolutionary statesman, writer, and founding father of the Republic of Turkey, serving as its first president from 1923 until his death in 1938. He carried out sweeping progressive reforms that modernised Turkey as a secular, industrialised nation. Ideologically a secularist and nationalist, his policies and socio-political theories are known as Kemalism (Atatürkism).



## Important NEWS on 13 NOV

### ➤ Sitharaman Launches MSME Outreach, Expands SIDBI in Karnataka

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, launched the National MSME Cluster Outreach Programme in Bengaluru, jointly organized by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). Key officials, including Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Union Minister for MSMEs (virtually from Gaya, Bihar), and other dignitaries were present.



### ➤ Kartarpur Sahib Corridor Celebrates 5 Years of Religious Connectivity

The Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, connecting India and Pakistan, marks its fifth anniversary today. The



### ➤ 1892 - Edward Emerson Barnard first discovered a comet called D/1892 T1 through photographs.

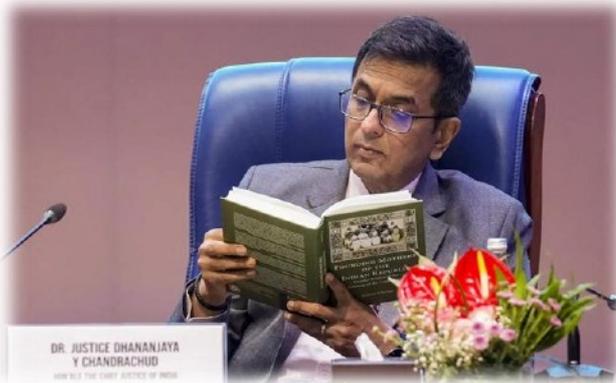
206P/Barnard-Bottiny was the first comet to be discovered through photographic means. He was discovered by American astronomer Edward Emerson Barnard on the night of 1892. After this observation, the comet was lost and thus named D/1892 T1. Lubos Neslusion (Astronomical Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences) suggests that 14P/Wolf and this comet are siblings that originated from the same parent comet.

corridor leads to the Gurdwara Sri Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan, where Guru Nanak Dev Ji spent the last 18 years of his life. The corridor was inaugurated by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November, 2019, during the 550th Prakash Purb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Over the past five years, more than 3.4 lakh devotees have visited the site. The corridor is a significant step in religious diplomacy, allowing pilgrims from India to visit this sacred site without a visa. As of today, 417 pilgrims have traveled, the highest this year.



#### ➤ Justice DY Chandrachud Retires, Leaves Enduring Legacy in Judiciary

Chief Justice DY Chandrachud concluded his tenure as the 50th Chief Justice of India, after two years marked by groundbreaking rulings and significant reforms. His leadership has left a lasting impact on the Indian judiciary, shaping its future with transformative decisions and a focus on judicial independence, transparency, and accessibility.



#### ➤ Hindalco Tops Global Sustainability Rankings for 5th Year

Hindalco Industries Ltd., the metals arm of the Aditya Birla Group, has secured the top position as the world's most sustainable aluminium company for the fifth consecutive year, according to the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings. The company earned a total score of 87 points, improving by 9 points from 2023, and surpassed its closest competitor by 22 points.



#### ➤ Rare H5 Bird Flu Case Found in Canadian Patient in B.C, Canada

Canada has reported its first-ever presumptive human case of H5 bird flu, with British Columbia confirming the diagnosis. A teenager tested positive for avian influenza caused by the H5 influenza virus, marking a significant development in the country's efforts to monitor and manage the spread of avian diseases. The case was disclosed through an official statement on the province's website, with health authorities calling it a rare event.



Effective immediately, students from India and 13 other countries who previously benefited from faster application handling through the SDS will now have to apply through the regular study permit system.



### ➤ Li Quanhai Re-Elected as World Sailing President for Second Term

At the World Sailing General Assembly held in Singapore on November 2024, Li Quanhai was re-elected as president for a new four-year term. The only Chinese president of an Olympic International Federation, Li's re-election marks a significant achievement for both him and the sport. He received 55 votes, securing a decisive victory over his competitors, Rodion Luka (UKR) with 2 votes and Philippe Rogge (BEL) with 29 votes.



### ➤ Canada Cancels SDS Visa Program Ended for India and 13 Other Countries

The Government of Canada has officially announced the termination of its Student Direct Stream (SDS) program, which was widely popular among Indian students for expedited processing of study permits.

### Current affairs MCQS on 13 NOV

Q.1. When is World Kindness Day celebrated?

- (a) 10 November
- (b) 11 November
- (c) 12 November
- (d) 13 November

Answer: (d) 13 November

World Kindness Day is celebrated every year on November 13. World Kindness Day is based on the positive power and thread of kindness that inspires us to highlight good deeds in society. Kindness is a fundamental part of the human condition that transcends feelings of caste, religion, politics, gender and pin code. World Kindness Day is based on the positive power and thread of kindness, which makes human beings aware and inspire them to do good deeds in society.

Q.2. Who has recently been appointed as the President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Industries)?

- (a) Prabhakar Raghavan
- (b) Vikram Dutt
- (c) Harshvardhan Agarwal

(d) Vivek Bansal

**Answer: (c) Harshvardhan Aggarwal**

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has announced that Harsh Vardhan Aggarwal will be its elected president for the term 2024-25. The decision was taken during the FICCI National Executive Committee Meeting (NECM) and Aggarwal, who is currently Senior Vice President at FICCI, will replace Dr Anish Shah as president after the 97th Annual General Meeting of FICCI to be held in New Delhi on November 21, said a statement from FICCI.

**Q.3. Who has recently signed the host country agreement for the Global Biofuel Alliance Secretariat?**

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) India
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan

**Answer: (b) India**

In a significant development for the renewable energy sector, India has officially signed the Host Country Agreement (HCA) with the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA), paving the way for the establishment of the alliance's secretariat in India. The agreement was signed by Dammu Ravi, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, and Pankaj Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, who is also the interim Director General of GBA.

**Q.4. On which day recently all the members of the Human Rights Commission have resigned?**

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Maldives

**Answer: (a) Bangladesh**

All members of Bangladesh's National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) have resigned from their posts. The move comes after a report revealed serious facts about the rise in mob violence. According to the report, NHRC chairman Kamal Uddin Ahmed and

members Mohammad Salim Reza, Aminul Islam, Kongjari Chowdhury, Biswajit Chanda and Tania Haque have submitted their resignations to the President.

**Q.5. Where has the 'Gomti Book Festival' been inaugurated recently?**

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Bareilly

**Answer: (c) Lucknow**

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Gomti Book Festival at the Gomti Riverfront Park in Lucknow's Jiamau area. Organised by the National Book Trust in collaboration with the Lucknow Development Authority, the festival will continue till November 17. Speaking at the inauguration, Adityanath encouraged the youth to buy at least one book at the festival to develop a reading habit. He said the literary experience on the banks of the Gomti river is alive and it will encourage everyone to read quality books.

**Q.6. Recently, whom has Neeraj Chopra declared as his coach?**

- (a) John Zelezny
- (b) Gary Calvert
- (c) Naseem Ahmed
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) John Zelezny**

Double Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra has announced the start of an exciting new chapter in his career, partnering with javelin throw legend Jan Zelezny, who has become his new coach. Zelezny, a three-time Olympic and world champion and current world record holder, has long been Chopra's idol.

**Q.7. Exercise Ostrahind is conducted between India and which country?**

- (a) India and Australia

- (b) India and France  
(c) India and Egypt  
(d) India and Russia

**Answer: (a) India and Australia**

The third edition of the joint military exercise Austrahind began at the Foreign Training Node in Pune, Maharashtra. It is an annual exercise held alternately between India and Australia; the last edition took place in Australia in December 2023. The Indian contingent comprises 140 personnel, mainly from the Dogra Regiment and Indian Air Force personnel. The aim of the exercise is to enhance military cooperation and interoperability for joint sub-conventional operations in semi-urban, semi-desert terrain under the United Nations Chapter VII. The exercise includes counter-terrorism operations, joint raids, use of drones and special heli-borne operations. It promotes exchange of best practices in tactical operations.

**Q.8. Where has the second "Vedic and Modern Science Conference" been organized recently?**

- (a) New Delhi  
(b) Jaipur  
(c) Kaushambi  
(d) Kathmandu

**Answer: (d) Kathmandu**

Thousands of local people attended the second Vedic and Modern Science Conference held at Bhrikuti Mandap in Kathmandu, Nepal. The three-day conference was inaugurated. The conference was attended by 70 experts and delegates from several countries who showcased modern science and ancient Vedic knowledge.

**Q.9. Recently, cricketer Mohammad Nabi of which country has announced his retirement from ODI?**

- (a) Bangladesh  
(b) Maldives  
(c) Afghanistan  
(d) Pakistan

**Answer: (c) Afghanistan**

Afghanistan's iconic allrounder Mohammad Nabi will end his ODI career after the ICC Champions Trophy in Pakistan in 2025, the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) has confirmed, bringing an end to an illustrious career spanning over a decade for one of Afghanistan's most influential cricketers. Nabi will, however, remain active in T20 international cricket, and continue to lend his experience and leadership to Afghanistan's short-format ambitions.

**Q.10. Where has the foundation stone of PV Sindhu Badminton Center been laid recently?**

- (a) Visakhapatnam  
(b) Kerala  
(c) Karnataka  
(d) Kochi

**Answer: (a) Visakhapatnam**

India's famous badminton star and Olympic medalist PV Sindhu laid the foundation stone of the PV Sindhu Centre for Badminton and Sports Excellence at Chinna Gadili, a small village on the outskirts of Visakhapatnam. This academy is an ambitious project aimed at training young talents and taking Indian badminton to the international level.

**Q.11. Who has been appointed as the CMD of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation recently?**

- (a) Vilas Sopan Wadekar  
(b) Anurag Jain  
(c) Anil Kumar Gupta  
(d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Vilas Sopan Wadekar**

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has announced the selection of Vilas Sopan Wadekar for the prestigious post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Limited (MRVCL), a Schedule 'A' Central Public Sector Undertaking. Wadekar, who is currently working as Director (Technical) in MRVCL, has emerged as the top candidate among the two persons interviewed for the post. Wadekar's selection is subject to requisite clearances and formal approval of the Appointments Committee of

the Cabinet (ACC). If approved, he will replace Subhash Chand Gupta, who will retire on January 31, 2025.

**Q.12. Who has recently launched ZIMSAT-2 satellite to advance space programme?**

- (a) Zambia
- (b) Japan
- (c) Zimbabwe
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Zimbabwe**

Zimbabwe has launched its second satellite, ZimSat-2, from Russia's Vostochny Cosmodrome, marking a significant milestone in the country's growing space programme. The satellite, which has a high-resolution multispectral camera, will aid agriculture, resource exploration, environmental monitoring and disaster management. It reflects Zimbabwe's continued progress in space technology and innovation following the successful launch of ZimSat-1 in November 2022.

**Q.13. As per the recently released Global TB Report 2024, what percentage reduction in TB cases has been observed in India?**

- (a) 20.2%
- (b) 14.2%
- (c) 19.8%
- (d) 17.7%

**Answer: (d) 17.7%**

India's dedicated journey towards tuberculosis (TB) elimination has been recognised globally, with a remarkable decline of 17.7% in TB incidence from 2015 to 2023, which is double the global average decline of 8.3%, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) in its Global Tuberculosis Report 2024. This milestone highlights the impact of India's National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), a comprehensive strategy that combines state-of-the-art diagnostics, preventive care, patient support and cross-sector partnerships to meet the ambitious goal of TB elimination by 2025.

**Q.14. Equine piroplasmosis seen in the news is caused by which agent?**

- (a) Bacteria
- (b) Virus
- (c) Protozoa
- (d) Fungi

**Answer: (c) Protozoa**

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Equines (ICAR-NRC Equine) at Hisar has been awarded the status of WOA reference laboratory for equine piroplasmosis, a significant achievement for India's animal health sector. The disease is a tick-borne protozoal disease and affects horses, mules, donkeys and zebras. Infected animals can remain vectors transmitting the disease through ticks or contaminated equipment. It is common in tropical and temperate regions. Symptoms include fever, loss of appetite, increased pulse and abnormal stools. The disease can be acute, acute or chronic, with acute cases being more common. There is no vaccine available for equine piroplasmosis.

**Q.15. Who has been nominated for the 67th Grammy Awards recently?**

- (a) Anoushka Shankar
- (b) Ricky Kej
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Both of the above**

Ricky Kej and Anoushka Shankar are among the Indians nominated for the 67th Grammy Awards. Three-time Grammy winner Kej got his fourth nomination in the best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album category for "Break of Dawn" announced by the Recording Academy. The category covers albums with more than 75 per cent new vocal or instrumental music and includes sitar player and composer Shankar's Chapter II: How Dark It Is Before Dawn. Other songs nominated in the category include Radhika Vekaria's "Warriors of Light" and entrepreneur and musician Chandrika Tandon's

"Triveni", a collaboration with flutist Wouter Kellermans and cellist Eru Matsumoto.

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