

Today in History on 14 NOV

- **1681: The East India Company declared Bengal a separate principality.**

In 1681, the East India Company declared Bengal a separate principality. The reorganisation separated the largely Muslim eastern regions from the largely Hindu western regions. It was announced on 16 July 1905 by Lord Curzon, then Viceroy of India, and West Bengal for Hindus and East Bengal for Muslims, only to be repealed six years later.



- **1889: Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India, was born.**

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was born on 14 November 1889 in Allahabad. He received his early education from private teachers at his home. At the age of fifteen, he went to England and after staying at Harrow for two years, he took admission in Cambridge University from where he received a bachelor's degree in natural sciences. After returning to India in 1912, he directly joined politics.



- **1922: The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) begins radio service in Britain.**

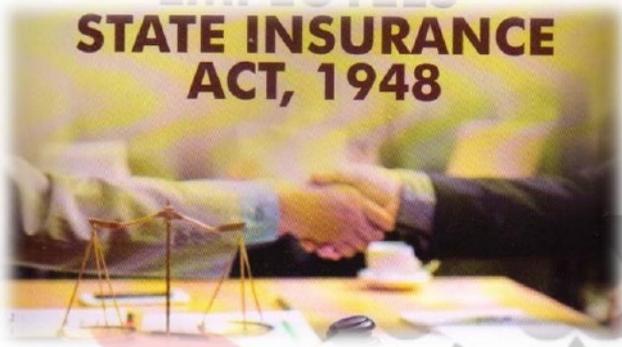
BBC Radio is an operating business division and service of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) that has operated in the United Kingdom since 1927 under the terms of a royal charter. The service provides national radio stations covering most genres of music, as well as local radio stations covering local news, affairs and interests. It also oversees online audio content.



- **1955: Inauguration of the Employees State Insurance Corporation.**

Inauguration of the Employees State Insurance Corporation in the year 1955. The enactment of the

Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 (ESI Act) by the Parliament was the first major legislation on social security for workers in independent India. This was the time when the industry was still in its infancy and the country was heavily dependent on imported goods from developed or rapidly developing countries. The deployment of manpower in manufacturing processes was restricted to a few select industries such as jute, textiles, chemicals, etc. When the economy of the country was in a very nascent stage,



STATE INSURANCE ACT, 1948

➤ 2008: The Moon Impact Probe landed on the lunar surface.

The Moon Impact Probe separated from Chandrayaan-1 orbiting the Moon at 14:36:54 UTC on 14 November 2008 and landed as planned near the rim of the Shackleton crater about 25 minutes later. With this mission, ISRO became the fifth national space agency to reach the lunar surface.



Important NEWS on 14 NOV

➤ Supreme Court Overturns 1967 Ruling on AMU's Minority Status

In a historic 4-3 decision on November, 2024, the Supreme Court overturned its 1967 ruling in the Azeez Basha case, which had denied Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) minority institution status. This landmark judgment paves the way for AMU's minority status to be reassessed based on its historical, administrative, and founding context, under the protective framework of Article 30 of the Indian Constitution.



➤ 5th National EMRS Fest Celebrates Tribal Heritage & Birsa Munda's Legacy

The 5th National EMRS Cultural & Literary Fest and Kala Utsav, organized by the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), is taking place on November 2024 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, at Shiksha 'O' Anusandhan. This event, hosted by the Odisha Model Tribal Educational Society (OMTES), marks a significant moment in honoring the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. With the theme "A Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda & Tribal Freedom Fighters," this event underscores the deep connection between India's tribal communities, their culture, and their history.



➤ Leadership Shift: Ramgoolam Set to become New PM of Mauritius

In a significant political shift, Mauritius' opposition appears poised for victory in the recent legislative elections, as Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth conceded defeat on November 2024.

Opposition leader Dr Navin Ramgoolam is expected to assume the role of prime minister for the third time, leading his Alliance of Change coalition.



➤ 55th International Film Festival of India: A Celebration of Global Cinema in Goa

The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to begin its 55th edition in Panaji, Goa. This annual event, which has become synonymous with cinematic excellence, is once again transforming Goa into a lively hub of global culture, talent, and cinema. For film enthusiasts, industry leaders, and aspiring filmmakers, IFFI offers a platform not only to showcase their films but also to experience a unique blend of artistic celebration and cultural exchange.



➤ 7th Annual India-Sri Lanka Coast Guard Meet Boosts Regional Maritime Security

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG) held their 7th Annual High-Level Meeting in Colombo on November, 2024. The meeting was attended by a four-member ICG delegation, led by Director General S Paramesh, and a SLCG delegation headed by Director General Rear Admiral YR Serasinghe.



and the state's efforts to provide sustainable and livable urban spaces.



➤ India Launches First Space Defense Exercise Antariksha Abhyas – 2024

The Defence Space Agency, under the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, is conducting Antariksha Abhyas – 2024, a groundbreaking three-day exercise on November, 2024. This first-of-its-kind space exercise aims to simulate and address the growing threats to space-based assets and services.

Current affairs MCQS on 14 NOV

Q.1. When is Children's Day celebrated?

- (a) 11 November
- (b) 12 November
- (c) 13 November
- (d) 14 November

Answer: (d) 14 November

Children's Day is celebrated every year on 14 November in India. The birthday of the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru is also celebrated on this day. On this day, competitions related to music, speech, slogans, sports etc. are organized in schools and children are made to feel special. On this day, gifts etc. are also given to children by the school.



➤ ADB Approves \$200 Million Loan for Uttarakhand Livability Improvement Project

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million loan to enhance the urban infrastructure and climate resilience of Uttarakhand under the Uttarakhand Livability Improvement Project. This initiative aligns with both the Government of India's urban development agenda

Q.2. Recently 'Pandit Ram Narayan' passed away, who was he?

- (a) Novelist
- (b) Astrologer
- (c) Sarangi player
- (d) None of these

Answer: (c) Sarangi player

The world of Indian classical music is mourning the death of revolutionary sarangi player Pandit Ram Narayan, who passed away at his residence in Bandra, Mumbai. He was 96 years old. Renowned for his instrumental skill and dedication, he

transformed the sarangi from a traditional accompaniment instrument to a celebrated solo instrument in the field of Hindustani classical music. His legacy is deeply cherished by his family, fans and countless music lovers across generations. Through his work, Pandit Ram Narayan inspired a new appreciation and respect for the sarangi and its place in classical music.

Q.3. Where has the 'Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024' started recently?

- (a) Rajgir
- (b) Nagpur
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Kanpur

Answer: (a) Rajgir

The Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy is starting in Rajgir, Bihar. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will inaugurate this competition. Apart from India, teams from China, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Korea are participating in this championship which will run till November 20.

Q.4. Recently which country has passed a law to deport the relatives of the attackers?

- (a) Israel
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Iran
- (d) Pakistan

Answer: (a) Israel

Israel's parliament passed a law that would allow it to deport family members of Palestinian attackers, including the country's own citizens, to the war-torn Gaza Strip or elsewhere. The law, which was backed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party and his right-wing allies, passed by a vote of 61-41 but is likely to be challenged in court.

Q.5. Recently the Deputy Prime Minister of which country "Denis Manturov" has come to visit India?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Canada
- (c) France

(d) Germany

Answer: (a) Russia

Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov is on a visit to India. Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The two leaders exchanged views on enhancing cooperation in various areas such as trade and economic relations, energy and connectivity. Earlier, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Denis Manturov met representatives of Russian and Indian businesses at the India-Russia Business Forum in Mumbai. The meeting took place ahead of the 25th session of the Intergovernmental Russian-Indian Commission to be held in New Delhi.

Q.6. Recently, the President of which country has signed a comprehensive strategic partnership treaty with North Korea?

- (a) America
- (b) Japan
- (c) China
- (d) Russia

Answer: (d) Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law to ratify a bilateral treaty with North Korea, which includes a promise of mutual military assistance if either country is attacked. Putin has signed a law on ratification of the comprehensive strategic partnership treaty between Moscow and Pyongyang, TASS reported. Putin signed the agreement with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during his visit to North Korea in June this year and submitted it to the Russian State Duma for approval. The lower and upper houses of the Russian parliament had already approved the bill for ratification.

Q.7. Recently, in which country India has signed the host country agreement for the establishment of "BIMSTEC" (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Energy Center?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru

- (c) Mumbai
(d) Jaipur

Answer: (b) Bengaluru

India signed the Host Country Agreement for establishment of BIMSTEC Energy Centre in Bengaluru to enhance energy cooperation in the Bay of Bengal and coastal region, including inter-grid connectivity. The agreement was signed between Secretary East Jaideep Mazumdar and BIMSTEC Secretary General Indra Mani Pandey.

Q.8. Where has the Indian Navy submarine INS VELA reached recently on a three-day visit?

- (a) Dubai
(b) Sydney
(c) Colombo
(d) Male

Answer: (c) Colombo

Indian Navy submarine INS Vela arrived in Colombo on a three-day visit. The Sri Lankan Navy accorded a ceremonial welcome to the submarine. During the submarine's stay in Sri Lanka, several team-building exercises are scheduled between the submarine crew members and the Sri Lankan Navy. Diesel and electric submarine INS Vela was inducted into the Indian Navy in November 2021.

Q.9. Recently, who has become the second largest smartphone market in terms of unit volume in the third quarter of 2024?

- (a) America
(b) Russia
(c) India
(d) China

Answer: (c) India

India has set a new record by becoming the world's second largest smartphone market in the third quarter of 2024. According to data on phone units sold in the July-September period, India has a 15.5 percent share in the global market. China ranks first with a 22 percent share. According to a Counterpoint Research report on smartphone sales, the US ranks third with a 12 percent share.

Q.10. Where has the 73rd All India Police Athletics Cluster Championship 2024-2024 been inaugurated recently?

- (a) New Delhi
(b) Punjab
(c) Bhubaneswar
(d) Mumbai

Answer: (a) New Delhi

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinay Kumar Saxena inaugurated the 73rd All India Police Athletics Cluster Championship 2024-25 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. On this occasion, Mr. Saxena appreciated the efforts of police personnel posted across the country, especially those who are making the country proud through their sports. All India Radio correspondent informed that more than 1100 member police athletics teams of 39 states and union territories are participating in this championship.

Q.11. Who has recently won the women's singles title of the New South Wales Squash Open competition in Sydney?

- (a) Robin McAlpine
(b) Helen Tang
(c) Anahat Singh
(d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Anahat Singh

India's Anahat Singh has won the women's singles title of the New South Wales Squash Open tournament in Sydney, Australia. She defeated Hong Kong's Helen Tang 3-1 in the final. Anahat defeated Tang 8-11, 11-6, 11-3 and 11-4 to win the seventh PSA Challenger Tour title of her career.

Q.12. Who has topped the recently released Global City Index?

- (a) Dubai
(b) Singapore
(c) Sydney
(d) Japan

Answer: (a) Dubai

Dubai has ranked highest in West Asia and Africa in the '2024 Global City Index' released by Brand Finance, maintaining its regional lead for the second consecutive year. The city has also made impressive progress globally, moving up to fifth place, surpassing major cities such as Singapore, Los Angeles, Sydney, San Francisco and Amsterdam.

Q.13. India has been ranked at which position in the recently released World Intellectual Property Indicators Report 2024?

- (a) Fifth
- (b) Second
- (c) Sixth
- (d) Fourth

Answer: (c) Sixth

India has experienced a significant increase in intellectual property filings, with patent and industrial design filings doubling and trademarks rising by 60% between 2018 and 2023. According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, this surge has pushed India to the 6th position globally in patent filings, driven by a rise in local innovation.

Q.14. Which country has recently announced to remove itself from the role of mediator between Israel and Hamas?

- (a) Germany
- (b) Japan
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Qatar

Answer: (d) Qatar

In a major development for the West Asia peace talks, Qatar has announced it will suspend its role as mediator between Israel and Hamas, as it worries the two sides are no longer negotiating in good faith. The Gulf state, which traditionally serves as a diplomatic bridge between the warring sides and hosts Hamas' political office in its capital Doha, has been a key mediator along with Egypt in facilitating talks between the two sides, which have no official direct communication channels.

Q.15. In which city will the Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024 be organized?

- (a) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- (b) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Rajgir, Bihar
- (d) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (c) Rajgir, Bihar

The 2024 Women's Asian Champions Trophy will be held at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar. This is the first international hockey tournament in Bihar. The Indian women's hockey team, led by new captain Salima Tete, will defend its title. The top teams participating include China (Paris Olympics silver medallist), Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Thailand. The tournament reflects Bihar's growing role in hosting international sporting events.