

Today in History on 15 NOV

➤ 1920: The first meeting of the League of Nations was held in Geneva.

On 15 November 1920, 41 member states gathered in Geneva for the opening of the first session of the Assembly. This represented a large part of the existing states and corresponded to more than 70% of the world's population. Officially, the League was an organization with a universal call. The League of Nations consisted of three main organs. The Assembly, where all member countries were represented on an equal footing; the Council which was composed of permanent and non-permanent members; and the Secretariat which carried out day-to-day work at the League's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Various auxiliary or subsidiary organs were also established from time to time to help the League carry out its work.



➤ 1923: Inflation in Germany reaches an all-time high.

In 1923, at the most severe moment of the German hyperinflation, the exchange rate between the dollar and the mark was one trillion marks per dollar, and a cart full of money couldn't even buy a newspaper.

Most Germans were taken by surprise by the financial storm.



➤ 1947: The World Health Organization becomes a specialized agency of the United Nations.

The Constitution of the World Health Organization was signed by all 51 UN member states and 10 other countries in July 1946, making it the first specialized agency of the United Nations to be subscribed to by every member state. The World Health Organization, or WHO, is a specialized agency of the United Nations that works to provide universal health care for all and ensure that every citizen in every country has access to basic, good-quality health care.



➤ 2000: Jharkhand became the 28th state of India.

In 2000, the Parliament of India passed the Bihar Reorganization Bill and created the state of Jharkhand, under which on 15 November 2000, 18 districts were separated from Bihar and Jharkhand was created. On 15 November 2000, on the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, Jharkhand separated from Bihar and became the 28th state of the country.



Important NEWS on 15 NOV

➤ MHA Greenlights CISF's First All-Women Unit

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved the creation of the Central Industrial Security Force's (CISF) first-ever all-women battalion, announced on November, 2024. This historic move aims to promote gender equality and inspire more women to contribute to the CISF's mission of securing the nation's strategic assets.



➤ 2008: Yogendra Makbal formed a new party called Rashtriya Bahujan Congress.

Rashtriya Bahujan Congress is a political party in India, founded on 15 November 2008 by Yogendra Makwana (former Union Minister and Dalit leader) after breaking away from the Indian National Congress. Yogendra Makwana is an Indian politician and former Union Minister of India. He was a member of the Rajya Sabha elected from Gujarat from 1973 to 1988. He was also a member of the Planning Commission of India. In 2008, he broke away from the Indian National Congress and founded the Rashtriya Bahujan Congress.

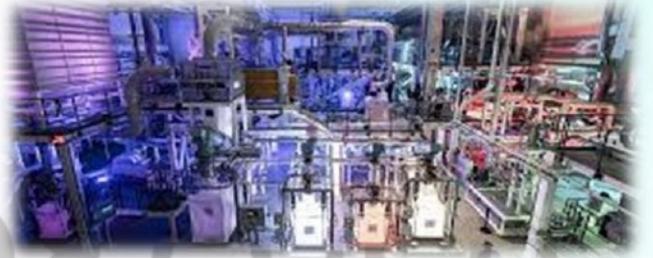
➤ Alix Didier Fils-Aime Sworn in as Haiti's New Prime Minister

Businessman Alix Didier Fils-Aime has been sworn in as Haiti's new prime minister, vowing to address the country's critical security issues and restore stability. His predecessor, Garry Conille, was ousted just five months into office following a power struggle with Haiti's transitional council over ministerial appointments.



➤ India's Industrial Output Grows 3.1% in September 2024

India's industrial production recorded a growth of 3.1% in September 2024, marking a significant rebound from the 0.1% contraction in August. This growth is attributed to a strong performance in manufacturing, alongside modest increases in electricity generation and mining. However, compared to the same month last year, the growth rate has slowed from 6.4% in September 2023, indicating a more tempered industrial recovery.



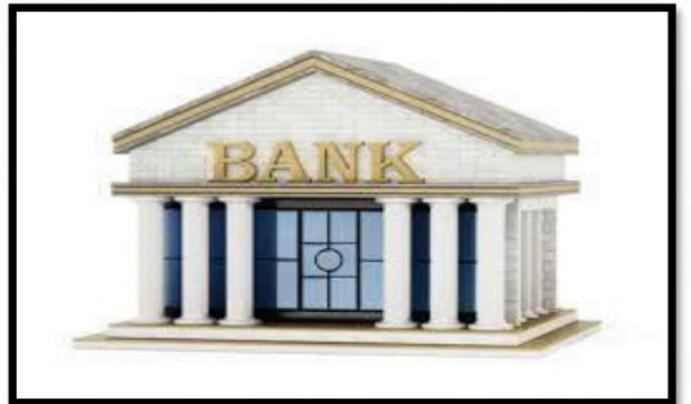
➤ C-295 Full Motion Simulator Inaugurated at Air Force Station Agra

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command, inaugurated the Indian Air Force (IAF) C-295 Full Motion Simulator (FMS) facility on November, 2024, at Air Force Station Agra. The facility allows a significant part of pilot training to be conducted in a controlled environment, thus saving crucial flying hours on actual aircraft.



➤ PSBs Post Strong H1 FY25 Growth, Driven by Reforms and Technology

Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have shown a strong performance in the first half of FY 2024-25, with an 11% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth in aggregate business, reaching Rs 236 trillion. This growth has been driven by significant reforms, technological advancements, and a focus on improving governance and credit discipline.



➤ NEHHDC Announces Mara Kocho as Incoming Managing Director

Mara Kocho has been recommended as the next Managing Director (MD) of the North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). His appointment was approved by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel on November, 2024.



Current affairs MCQS on 15 NOV

Q.1. Which ministry has recently launched the National MSME Cluster Outreach Programme?

- (a) Ministry of Tourism
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) Ministry of Urban Development
- (d) Ministry of MSME

Answer: (b) Ministry of Finance

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the National MSME Cluster Outreach Programme. The programme is a joint effort of the Department of Financial Services and SIDBI. It aims to support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across India. The initiative will enhance financial access and resources for MSMEs, thereby boosting their growth. The programme also aims to strengthen MSME clusters and address their specific needs.

Q.2. Who has recently won the Chennai Grandmaster title?

- (a) Arvind Chidambaram
- (b) Arjun Erigesi
- (c) Levon Aronian
- (d) None of the above

Answer : (a) Arvind Chidambaram

➤ SATRC 25th Edition Begins, Inaugurated by Minister Scindia

India's Minister for Communications, Jyotiraditya M Scindia, inaugurated the 25th Meeting of the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC-25) in New Delhi. In his keynote address, Scindia highlighted India's role as the "Voice of the Global South" and emphasized that SATRC-25 would be a vital platform for knowledge-sharing and innovative discussions on new policy and regulatory challenges.

Grandmaster Arvind Chidambaram performed brilliantly in the last two classical rounds to win the Chennai Grand Masters title. Grandmaster V Pranav remained undefeated throughout the tournament and became the champion of the Challengers title. In the Challenger category, Pranav needed only a draw against Grandmaster Luke Mendonca. He won the Challenger title with a draw.

Q.3. Who has recently won the Education World India School Ranking Award 2024-2025?

- (a) Kunal Dalal
- (b) Shiv Shankar
- (c) Rahab Allana
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Kunal Dalal

In a proud moment for JBCN Education, Managing Director Kunal Dalal has been recognised as the Education Leader of the Year at the prestigious Education World India School Ranking Awards 2024-2025, recently concluded in Gurgaon. The honour reflects his visionary leadership and his unwavering commitment to nurturing a progressive network of international schools.

Q.4. In which state is the 'folk festival Igas Bagwal' celebrated recently?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Assam

Answer: (a) Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand, a state rich in culture and tradition, celebrates a unique festival called Igas Bagwal. The festival, also known as Budhi Diwali or Harbodhani Ekadashi, is celebrated with reverence and gaiety in the hilly regions. Rooted in local customs, Igas Bagwal represents the essence of Uttarakhand's folk heritage, uniting communities through shared celebrations and traditional practices. This article highlights the significance, customs and cultural essence of Igas Bagwal, and provides information about one of the most treasured festivals of Uttarakhand.

Q.5. Which country has recently abolished fast-track visas for students from 14 countries?

- (a) Germany
- (b) France
- (c) Japan
- (d) Canada

Answer: (d) Canada

Canada has discontinued the Student Direct Stream (SDS) visa program for international students. Through this visa, international students used to get easy entry to pursue higher education in Canada. The reason behind doing this is said to be an effort to deal with the housing and resource crisis. This program was implemented in 2018 by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to expedite study permit applications for international students from 14 countries including Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines and Vietnam.

Q.6. Coco Gauff has recently won the 2024 WTA (Women's Tennis Association) finals in which country?

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

Answer: (a) America

World number three Coco Gauff of the United States won her first WTA (Women's Tennis Association) final by defeating world number seven Zheng Qinwen of China 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(2) in a match that lasted three hours and four minutes. The doubles title was won by the pair of Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe, who won the WTA Doubles title by defeating the pair of Katerina Siniakova and Taylor Townsend.

Q.7. Recently the 'International Ancient Arts Festival' has been organized in which country?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru

- (c) Mumbai
(d) Jaipur

Answer: (a) New Delhi

The 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Seminar was held at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi. The International Ancient Arts Festival and Seminar is the only multi-arts event of its kind in the country, aimed at entertaining people as well as educating them about ancient Indian art. The art festival and seminar included artistic performances as well as lectures by eminent scholars on the latest research on the healing potential of Indian ancient art forms.

Q.8. Recently the 29th annual climate change conference of the United Nations has started in which country?

- (a) Sydney
(b) Male
(c) Baku
(d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Baku

The 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 29) will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan in November 2024. The event will include the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29), the 19th meeting of the COP serving as the Meeting of the Parties (CMP 19) of the Kyoto Protocol and the 6th meeting of the COP serving as the Meeting of the Parties (CMA 6) of the Paris Agreement, which will be held to meet, among other matters, the first enhanced transparency framework and the new collectively quantified target on finance. The 61st sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 61) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 61) will also meet.

Q.9. Recently the trade center of which country was inaugurated in New Delhi?

- (a) America
(b) Russia
(c) Singapore

- (d) China

Answer: (b) Russia

The Russian Embassy in India is going to inaugurate the Russian Business Centre, an initiative taken by the Business Council for Cooperation with India and Synergy Corporation, New Delhi. The Embassy highlighted that the main objective of opening the centre is to develop business relations between India and Russia, promote export cooperation and provide a platform for interaction between business communities.

Q.10. Recently the tourism department of which country has appointed Sonu Sood as the brand ambassador for tourism?

- (a) Thailand
(b) Maldives
(c) Nepal
(d) Sri Lanka

Answer: (a) Thailand

Renowned actor, humanitarian and philanthropist Sonu Sood has taken on an exciting new role as the Brand Ambassador and Honorary Tourism Advisor for Thailand. Widely recognised for his philanthropy, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, this appointment adds another feather to his cap, expanding his global reach and influence. This collaboration between Sonu Sood and the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand is an important step towards promoting Thailand as a tourist destination in India.

Q.11. Recently, Justice Sanjeev Khanna has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of which country?

- (a) 50th
(b) 51st
(c) 49th
(d) 48th

Answer: (b) 51st

Justice Sanjiv Khanna took oath as the 51st Chief Justice of India, replacing Justice DY Chandrachud. Justice Khanna, nominated by his predecessor, will have a short tenure, ending in May 2025. His career

spans over four decades of legal experience, including roles in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court.

Q.12. Recently, which country will build Mindfulness City to attract investments and create jobs?

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

Answer: (a) Bhutan

Bhutan, the Himalayan kingdom that gave the world the concept of Gross National Happiness, is building a "mindfulness city" and will issue a \$100 million bond to help launch the project. The Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC) will be located in a special administrative zone with separate rules and regulations and aims to become an economic corridor linking South Asia with Southeast Asia, officials said.

Q.13. Which double-hull bus has been launched recently in Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Meerut
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Gorakhpur
- (d) Lucknow

Answer: (d) Lucknow

For the first time, double-decker buses will run on the roads of Uttar Pradesh's capital Lucknow. CM Yogi Adityanath launched the double-decker electric bus service in Lucknow. In the first phase, the double-decker bus will run between Kamta to the airport and Kamta. Women passengers traveling in it will be given a 50 percent discount on tickets. It will run on the heritage route every Saturday morning. Women will be able to travel in it for free.

Q.14. Recently who has been elected as the President of International Hockey Federation?

- (a) Dilip Tirkey
- (b) Mandeep Singh
- (c) Tayyab Ikram

(d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Tayyab Ikram

Incumbent President Tayyib Ikram was re-elected President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on the occasion of the 49th FIH Statutory Congress in the Oman capital. On the occasion, the FIH President also announced the launch of a global mental health project for athletes, as well as the launch of athletes and development portals on FIH.hockey. The appointment of Eduardo Mario Guelfand (Argentina) as Chairman of the Judicial Commission was also confirmed.

Q.15. Recently H.S. Sodhi passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Polo player
- (b) Writer
- (c) Director
- (d) Journalist

Answer: (a) Polo player

Indian polo legend Harinder Singh Sodhi, popularly known as 'Billy', passed away at the age of 86 due to age-related ailments. Renowned for his skill and dedication to the game, Sodhi achieved a rare and highly respected handicap of plus-five at the peak of his career, making him one of the true legends of the sport in India. His legacy in Indian polo is remembered with admiration and respect.