

Today in History on 18 NOV

- **1727: Maharaja Jai Singh II founded the city of Jaipur. Vidyasagar Chakravarti of Bengal was the architect of this city.**

Jaipur was founded 295 years ago on 18 November 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II of Amer. When its plan was finalized on 18 November 1727, the plan to settle this city was prepared by Bengali architect Vidyadhar Bhattacharya (Chakravarti).



- **In 1932, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences gave an award to the character of Mickey Mouse.**

In 1932, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences gave an award to the character of Mickey Mouse. In 1935, Mickey was made colorful by Disney's new animator Fred Moore. The nose was made smaller. The stomach was made as round as a ball and he was made to wear yellow shoes and white gloves. The Mickey Mouse Club started in 1950. Then came the Disney Theme Park. Comics were made on Mickey Mouse. A TV show named 'The Mickey Mouse' was also made.



- **1972: Bengal Tiger became the national animal of India**

In 1972, the 'Indian Board for Wildlife' accepted the Royal Bengal Tiger as the national animal of India. It is one of the eight species of tigers found in India. The Royal Bengal Tiger is more agile and powerful than other tigers. Project Tiger was started in 1972 when the number of tigers in the country started decreasing. The effect was also seen and the number of tigers kept increasing.



- **2013: American space agency NASA sent a spacecraft to Mars.**

In the year 2013, American space agency NASA sent a spacecraft to Mars. Two weeks after the Indian Mars Orbiter left Earth, American agency NASA has

also sent an unmanned spacecraft towards Mars. This orbiter will reach Mars, 700 million kilometers away, in September 2014. Its scientific mission will begin two months after this.



➤ 2017: India's Manushi Chhillar won the title of Miss World.

Indian beauties have once again proved their beauty to the world. Miss India Manushi Chhillar was declared Miss World 2017 in the Miss World competition held in Sanya, China. Before Manushi Chhillar, in the year 2000, successful Bollywood and Hollywood actress Priyanka Chopra became Miss World from India. 20-year-old Manushi Chhillar is the 67th Miss World.



➤ Clean Ganga Mission Introduces Dolphin Ambulance

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is spearheading several important initiatives under the Clean Ganga Mission, focusing on the preservation of the Ganga's biodiversity, particularly endangered species like the Ganga Dolphin. These efforts are part of a larger vision to restore the ecological balance of the river while protecting the flora and fauna that depend on it.



➤ First Bodoland Mohotsov to Be Inaugurated by PM in Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first-ever Bodoland Mohotsov on November 2024 at 6:30 PM at the SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi. The two-day festival, which will be held on November 2024, will celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Bodoland region. The Prime Minister will also address the gathering during the inauguration.

Important NEWS on 18 NOV



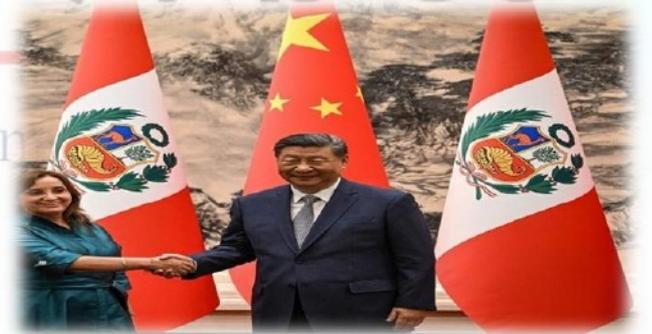
➤ Sabarimala Pilgrimage Gets Dedicated Weather Service from IMD

For the first time, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has introduced a localized weather forecasting system for the Sabarimala pilgrimage, similar to those used for the Amarnath and Char Dham yatras. The IMD announced the installation of three rain gauges at key locations Sannidhanam, Pamba, and Nilakkal.



➤ China Unveils Mega port in Peru, but Locals Feel Left Behind

China's \$1.3 billion mega port in Chancay, Peru, majority-owned by Chinese shipping giant Cosco, promises to connect South America to Asia and boost regional trade. However, locals in this coastal desert village, where many live without basic services, express dissatisfaction, claiming the port harms their livelihoods and brings no tangible benefits.



➤ PM Modi to Unveil Projects on Birsa Munda's Birth Anniversary in Bihar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Bihar to attend a function marking the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, a revered freedom fighter known as "bhagwan" by tribal communities of the Chhota Nagpur plateau. Modi will travel to a remote village in Jamui district, approximately 200 km from the state capital, to celebrate "Janjatiya Gaurav Divas".

➤ India's Exports Soar 17% in October, Trade Deficit Hits \$27 Billion

India's merchandise exports witnessed a remarkable 17.3% growth in October, the fastest in 28 months, reaching \$39.2 billion. This surge was driven by pre-Christmas inventory buildup in Western countries, boosting demand for goods like engineering products, electronic goods, chemicals, and garments.



➤ SBI Seeks \$1.25 Billion in 2024's Largest Dollar-Denominated Loan

State Bank of India (SBI) is aiming to secure a \$1.25 billion five-year loan, which would be the largest dollar-denominated loan from India's financial sector in 2024. The loan, arranged by CTBC Bank, HSBC, and Taipei Fubon Bank, will be used for general corporate purposes. SBI's move follows a trend of increasing foreign currency borrowing by Indian financial institutions, particularly non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), due to stricter domestic regulations.



Current affairs MCQS on 18 NOV

Q.1. Where was the world's largest coral colony discovered recently?

- (a) Solomon Islands
- (b) Papua New Guinea

- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Australia

Answer: (a) Solomon Islands

Researchers recently discovered the world's largest coral colony in the Solomon Islands. The Solomon Islands are a Pacific archipelago of about 1,000 islands, consisting of six main islands and more than 900 smaller islands, spanning 461,000 square kilometers. It is located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. It is bordered by Vanuatu to the southeast and Papua New Guinea to the west. The terrain is mostly forested mountainous, and the capital, Honiara, is on the largest island, Guadalcanal.

Q.2. Where will the world's first high altitude para sports center be established recently?

- (a) Gangtok
- (b) Leh
- (c) Srinagar
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (b) Leh

The world's first high-quality Para Sports Centre will be set up in Leh, India, which will take para-athletes to international competition, especially in preparation for the 2028 Paralympics. The centre will provide a high-quality training environment to not only India but also global para-athletes, giving them a competitive edge and providing Indian athletes the opportunity to train with world champions.

Q.3. Who has been recently nominated as the chairman of the "Supreme Court Legal Services Committee"?

- (a) Justice V Madhav
- (b) Justice Suryakant
- (c) Justice Prabhakaran
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Justice Suryakant

Recently, the Chief Justice of India (CJI) has nominated Justice Suryakant of the Supreme Court as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services

Committee (SCLSC). In the current nomination, Justice Suryakant has been nominated as the Chairman of the SCLSC. Earlier this post was held by the most senior judge of the Supreme Court, Justice BR Gavai, who has now been appointed as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

Q.4. Who has recently released the book "WHY BHARAT MATTERS"?

- (a) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer: (a) Dr. S. Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar released his new book "Why India Matters" at an event in New Delhi. The book explores India's shift in foreign policy over the past decade under Prime Minister Modi. It also compares India's development with the Ramayana. Jaishankar explained how 2024 will be turbulent due to geopolitics, but India can face the challenges on the basis of its strength.

Q.5. Prime Minister Modi will receive the highest national award of which country recently?

- (a) Dominica
- (b) Thailand
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Maldives

Answer: (a) Dominica

The Commonwealth of Dominica will confer its highest national award, the Dominica Award of Honour, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in recognition of his contribution to Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic and his dedication to strengthening the partnership between India and Dominica.

Q.6. Who has recently been appointed as the CEO of "Professional Golf Tour of India"?

- (a) Amandeep Johal
- (b) Kunal Dalal

- (c) Suma Shirur
- (d) Ajit Kumar

Answer: (a) Amandeep Johal

The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) announced the appointment of Amandeep Johal as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from January 2025. A respected name in Indian golf, Johal brings extensive experience to his new role. The appointment comes after another significant leadership rise recently, with legendary cricketer Kapil Dev taking over the role of Chairman of the PGTI in June this year.

Q.7. Recently the 16th 'India Game Developers Conference' has started in which place?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Mumbai

Answer: (c) Hyderabad

Recently, the 16th India Game Developer Conference (IGDC) was held in Hyderabad. It is organized by the Game Developer Association of India (GDAI). With over 150 sessions and 250 speakers, the conference aims to explore trends, challenges and innovations in gaming. It serves as an important platform to showcase talent and shape policies to advance India's video game industry. The event underlines India's growing influence in the global gaming market and addresses the need for dedicated gaming hubs inspired by initiatives like Telangana's Image Tower and expands the country's incubator ecosystem.

Q.8. Recently India's renewable energy capacity has increased by what percentage to 203 gigawatts?

- (a) 17.4%
- (b) 12.8%
- (c) 13.5%
- (d) 15.3%

Answer: (c) 13.5%

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy said in a statement that India's total renewable energy capacity has increased by 13.5 percent or 24.2 GW to 203.18 GW till October this year from 178.98 GW in the same month last year. The ministry said that this increase is in line with India's ambitious targets in the renewable energy sector.

Q.9. Recently the International Conference on Communication and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge has started in which place?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Gurugram

Answer: (d) Gurugram

International Conference on Communication and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge began at Gurugram University. It was inaugurated by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NISCP) and Gurugram University. The focus of the conference was on the importance of interdisciplinary research and linking traditional knowledge with modern science.

Q.10. Recently, Alix Didier Fils Aim has taken oath as the Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) Haiti
- (b) Armenia
- (c) Argentina
- (d) Morocco

Answer: (a) Haiti

Alix Didier Fils-Aimé has recently taken over as the Prime Minister of Haiti. His swearing-in comes at a critical time for the country. Haiti is facing serious humanitarian and security challenges. Gang violence has increased, leading to a large number of casualties. In the first quarter of 2024 alone, about 2,500 people were killed or injured due to this violence. The new Prime Minister has pledged to address these issues directly.

Q.11. Recently, at which place, President 'Draupadi Murmu' has inaugurated the "Swami Vivekananda Vidya Mandir School"?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Silvassa
- (d) Ranchi

Answer: (c) Silvassa

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated Swami Vivekananda Vidya Mandir at Jhanda Chowk in Silvassa and addressed a public function. On the occasion, the President said that she was extremely happy to inaugurate Swami Vivekananda Vidya Mandir. She said that the UT administration has made many efforts to promote higher education. Government Engineering College was started in 2018 and NIFT was established in 2022 to provide quality technical education to the students. She expressed confidence that these efforts will provide a great opportunity for the youth of UT.

Q.12. Recently, the ten-day 'Jhiri Mela' has started in which city?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: (a) Jammu and Kashmir

The 10-day annual Jhiri Mela celebrated at Jhiri village on the outskirts of Jammu city in Jammu and Kashmir has begun. The fair is associated with the supreme sacrifice of 16th century Dogra hero and revolutionary and honest farmer Baba Jitto, who was a Brahmin and a great devotee of Mata Vaishno Devi. He fought against injustice and sacrificed his life for justice and religion after being cheated by the landlords of the area.

Q.13. Recently, the newly elected President of America, Donald Trump, has appointed whom as the National Intelligence Director?

- (a) Mike Waltz
- (b) Susie Wills

- (c) Tulsi Gabbard
(d) None of these

Answer: (c) Tulsi Gabbard

Another Hindu leader has entered Donald Trump's cabinet. Trump has appointed Tulsi Gabbard of Indian origin as the new National Intelligence Director of America. Former Congress member Tulsi Gabbard is also known as America's first Hindu Congresswoman. Tulsi Gabbard has also been a soldier and has been deployed in war zones in the Middle East and Africa on several occasions. Some time ago, she had left the Democratic Party and joined the Republican Party at the time of elections.

Landywood Snooker Club as the lowest ranked player among seven competitors representing five countries. The 17-year-old Shruti performed brilliantly and won five consecutive matches to win the title.

Q.14. Recently, who has become the world's number 1 ODI bowler?

- (a) Keshav Maharaj
(b) Shaheen Afridi
(c) Rashid Khan
(d) None of these

Answer: (b) Shaheen Afridi

Pakistan's left-arm fast bowler Shaheen, who bowled brilliantly in the three-match ODI series against Australia, has become the world's number one bowler in ODI cricket. Shaheen has reached the top in ODIs in the latest ICC rankings. Shaheen Afridi recently bowled brilliantly in the three-match ODI series against Australia. Pakistan won this series 2-1. After 22 years, the Pakistan team managed to win the ODI series in Australia. Shaheen Afridi also played an important role in this victory.

Q.15. Who has recently won the Women's World Billiards Championship title?

- (a) L Shruti
(b) Suma Shirur
(c) Kirth Bhandal
(d) Archita Singh

Answer: (a) L Shruti

Chennai's L Shruti defeated compatriot Keerath Bhandal 215-202 to win the Women's World Billiards Championship at the Landywood Snooker Club in Walsall, England. Shruti arrived at the