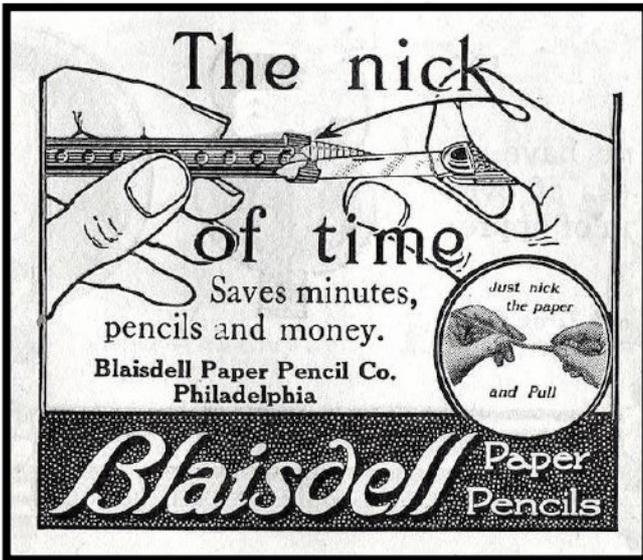


Today in History on 19 NOV

- 1895 - Frederick E. Blaisdell patents the pencil. This patent proved important for future uses in writing and art.

On November 18, 1895, Frederick E. Blaisdell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was granted patent number 549,952 for a paper pencil, as well as patent number 550,212 for a pencil-making machine. Pencils had something that attracted the brightest minds. Thomas Edison was known to love Eagle pencils, and he had a model made especially for him that was thicker and softer than his regular pencils.



- 1933 - Women in the European country Spain gain the right to vote.

Women in Spain gain the right to vote in 1933 as a result of legal changes made during the Second Spanish Republic. Women lost most of their rights after Franco came to power at the end of the Spanish Civil War in 1939, with one major exception being that women did not universally lose their right to vote.



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➤ 1997 - Kalpana Chawla became the first Indian woman to go to space.

Her first space mission began on 19 November 1997 on the Space Shuttle Columbia flight STS-87 as part of a six-astronaut crew. Kalpana was the first Indian-born woman to fly in space and the second person of Indian origin to fly in space.



Important NEWS on 19 NOV

➤ External Affairs Minister Inaugurates Symbiosis Dubai Campus

On the occasion of the inauguration of Symbiosis International University's first international campus at Dubai Knowledge Park, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and UAE Minister Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan highlighted the significance of the event for both nations, particularly in terms of education and bilateral relations.



➤ PM Modi Inaugurates 1st Bodoland Mohotsav, Celebrating Peace and Progress

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first-ever Bodoland Mohotsav in Delhi, a two-day event celebrating the language, literature, and culture of the Bodo community. The event underscores the significant progress achieved after the Bodo Peace Accord in 2020, marking the end of decades of conflict and violence. The festival aims to foster unity, promote the Bodo culture, and highlight the region's development under the current government's leadership.



Intelligence (DNI) by US President-elect Donald Trump on November 2024. Announcing the decision on Truth Social, Trump praised Gabbard's fearless spirit and commitment to defending constitutional rights and national security.



➤ Shanghai, Tokyo, New York, and Houston Leading Emitters of Greenhouse Gases

A new dataset released at the United Nations climate talks reveals that cities in Asia and the United States are the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. Shanghai tops the list of polluting cities, followed closely by Tokyo, New York, and Houston. The data, compiled by Climate Trace using advanced observations and artificial intelligence, highlights the urgent need for global action to combat climate change.



➤ Uttarakhand CM Inaugurates Jauljibi Mela 2024 in Pithoragarh

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Jauljibi Mela 2024 in Pithoragarh, calling it an "invaluable heritage" of the state. The mela, historically significant for promoting harmony between India, Tibet, Nepal, and neighboring regions, plays a vital role in strengthening both economic and cultural ties.



➤ From Congress to Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard's New Role for National Intelligence

Former Democratic Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard was appointed as the Director of National

➤ Sarai Kale Khan Chowk Renamed to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk

The renaming of Sarai Kale Khan Chowk to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk has sparked controversy between the Delhi government and the Union

government. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a statue of the tribal icon, Bhagwan Birsa Munda, on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary and announced the renaming.



➤ Nvidia and SoftBank Unveil First-Ever AI and 5G Telecom Network

Nvidia and SoftBank Corp have jointly announced the launch of the world's first AI and 5G-integrated telecom network. This pioneering network, known as 5G AI-RAN, can simultaneously manage AI and 5G operations, transforming conventional base stations into AI-driven computing hubs. The project highlights a significant milestone in telecom advancements, initiated through the AI-RAN Alliance founded at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona.



Current affairs MCQS on 19 NOV

Q1. When is World Toilet Day celebrated?

- (a) 16 November
- (b) 18 November
- (c) 17 November
- (d) 19 November

Answer: (d) 19 November

Every year on November 19th, World Toilet Day is observed. This day is primarily about inspiring people to address the global sanitation crisis and achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, which promises sanitation for all by 2030. According to UNICEF and WHO, approximately 60% of the global population, or approximately 4.5 billion people, do not have toilets at home or do not know how to properly dispose of toilet waste.

Q 2. In which of the following was the famous 'Joljibi Fair' inaugurated?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Manipur

Answer: (a) Uttarakhand

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the famous Jauljibi Mela-2024, calling it a "priceless heritage" for Uttarakhand, according to a statement from the state government.

Q 3. Which of the following airports has received the global award for digital innovations?

- (a) Bengaluru Airport
- (b) Mumbai Airport
- (c) Noida Airport
- (d) Hyderabad Airport

Answer : (d) Hyderabad Airport

Hyderabad Airport wins global recognition for digital innovations. GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) has received international acclaim for its advancements in digital innovation, securing accolades at the 'Airport Excellence Awards' held during the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024.

Q 4. What is the theme of International Men's Day 2024?

- (a) Positive Male Role Models
- (b) Zero Male Suicide
- (c) Helping men and boys
- (d) None of these

Answer : (a) Positive Male Role Models

International Men's Day 2024: The theme for 2024 is "Positive Male Role Models". International Men's Day 2024: International Men's Day, observed on November 19, aims to raise awareness about men's health while celebrating their socio-economic, cultural, and political contributions.

Q 5. Recently, VIVO has made whom among the following the brand ambassador for its Y-series smart phone?

- (a) Suhana Khan
- (b) Shruti Hassan
- (c) Alia Bhatt
- (d) Sonakshi Sinha

Answer: (a) Suhana Khan

Vivo ropes in Suhana Khan as brand ambassador for Y-series smartphone. Chinese smartphone company Vivo has roped in Bollywood actor Suhana Khan as brand ambassador for Y-series smartphones, the company said on Wednesday. She made her debut in Bollywood with Zoya Akhtar directed film The Archies.

Q 6. Recently, a special logo has been released on the completion of 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and which of the following countries?

- (a) Philippines
- (b) Thailand
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Jakarta

Answer: (a) Philippines

The growing intensity in bilateral ties between India and the Philippines was aptly highlighted by the release of a joint logo earlier this week. The logo commemorates the completion of 75 years of

establishment of diplomatic relations between the two nations.

Q7. Recently, Delhi's "Sarai Kale Khan Chowk" has been renamed as which of the following?

- (a) Pt. Deendayal Chowk
- (b) Arun Jaitley Chowk
- (c) Birsa Munda Chowk
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Birsa Munda Chowk

In a big declaration, the Union Minister of Urban Development, Manohar Lal Khattar said that the Sarai Kale Khan Chowk will now be known as Birsa Munda Chowk.

The decision was announced on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter and tribal leader Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

Q8. "RF Kennedy Jr" has been appointed as the Health Minister of which of the following countries?

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

Answer: (a) America

Donald Trump has named Robert F Kennedy Jr as his choice for US health secretary, putting the controversial anti-vaccine activist and environmental lawyer in line to control some of the world's most influential health agencies.

Q9. In which of the following states, the traditional festival "Boita Bandan" was celebrated recently?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Assam
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (d) Odisha

Odisha celebrates its rich maritime heritage with colourful miniature boats.

Every year on Kartik Purnima, people in Odisha celebrate the festival of 'Boita Bandana,' also called 'Danga Bhasa.'

Q10. Recently, the Home Ministry has declared the jurisdiction of six police stations of which of the following as "disturbed area"?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: (a) Manipur

A year and a half after the start of ethnic violence in Manipur, the Centre reimposed the Disturbed Areas status under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in the jurisdiction of six police stations in the state's valley areas, including violence-hit Jiribam.

Q11. In which of the following, the 'Bodoland Mahotsav' was inaugurated?

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

Answer: (a) New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1st Bodoland Mahotsav in New Delhi, a two-day event celebrating Bodo culture, language, and heritage. The Mahotsav promotes peace and unity under the theme "Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat."

Q12. In which of the following, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has inaugurated the first overseas campus of 'Symbiosis International University'?

- (a) Jakarta
- (b) Colombo
- (c) Dubai
- (d) Singapore

Answer: (c) Dubai

EAM Dr S Jaishankar Inaugurates Symbiosis International University's First Overseas Campus in Dubai. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar presided over the inauguration of Symbiosis

International University's first overseas campus at Dubai Knowledge Park.

Q13. Which of the following has developed eco-friendly biodegradable foam?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IISc Bengaluru
- (c) IIT Mumbai
- (d) IIT Jaipur

Answer: (b) IISc Bengaluru

IISc-Bengaluru creates eco-friendly packaging foam. BENGALURU: Researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a biodegradable foam that could transform the packaging industry, while addressing critical environmental concerns.

Q14. In which of the following has China unveiled a megaport?

- (a) Peru
- (b) Armenia
- (c) Haiti
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Peru

China's \$1.3 billion megaport 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.

Q15. Recently, CBSE has reduced the syllabus of class 10th and 12th by how much percent of the following?

- (a) 27%
- (b) 30%
- (c) 15%
- (d) 25%

Answer: (c) 15%

During the board's meeting with Indore school principals, the CBSE was reported to have

announced the decision to cut the class X and XII syllabus by as much as 15%.

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