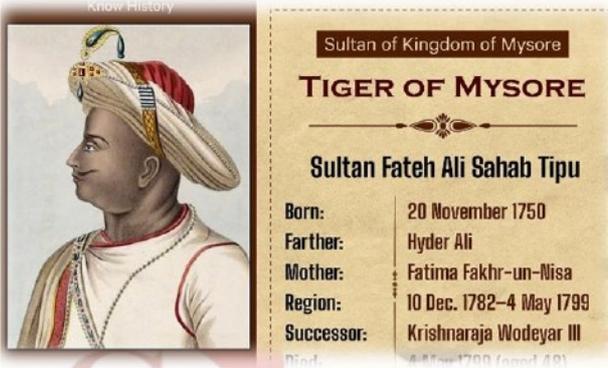


Today in History on 20 NOV

➤ 1750: Birth of Tipu Sultan.

Tipu Sultan's date of birth was 20 November 1750. Tipu Sultan's birthplace is in Devanahalli, a rural district of Bengaluru which is located 33 km north of Bengaluru city. Tipu Sultan's real name was Sultan Fateh Ali Saheb and he was named after a saint named Tipu Mastan Auliya in Arcot. Hyder Ali was the father of Tipu Sultan and he was a military officer serving the Mysore state and then became the de facto ruler of the province in 1761.



➤ 1917: Bose Research Institute established in Calcutta.

The Bose Institute is a scientific research institute located in Kolkata. It was founded in 1917 by the great Indian scientist Jagadish Chandra Bose. Bose was its director for the first twenty years until his death. Debendra Mohan Bose, who succeeded Nobel laureate Sir CV Raman as the Palit Professor of Physics at the University of Calcutta, was the director of the Bose Institute for the next thirty years. The institute pioneered the concept of interdisciplinary research in Asia and India in line with global trends.



➤ 1955 - Polly Umrigar scored India's first double century in a Test match against New Zealand.

Umrigar held all batting records until Gavaskar came into Test cricket in 1971. He is also the first Indian batsman to score a double century in Test cricket as captain, scoring 223 against New Zealand at Hyderabad in 1955.



➤ 1985 - Microsoft Windows 1.0 is released.

Microsoft Windows 1.01, the first public version of Windows, was released on November 20, 1985. It is shown here running on an IBM PC XT (model 5160) with an EGA display. You can also run Windows 1.01 with a CGA display. Or, just for fun, run it on up to four machines at once.



been illegally smuggled from central India to London before being sold to a patron of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.



➤ **1998 - The first module of the space station Zarya was launched.**

The Zarya control module was launched on 20 November 1998 by a Russian Proton rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Zarya provides battery power, fuel storage and rendezvous and docking capabilities for Soyuz and Progress space vehicles.

➤ **Typhoon Man-yi Strikes Northern Philippines**

Super Typhoon Man-yi, locally known as Pepito, has made a second landfall on the Philippines' main island of Luzon, bringing severe winds, torrential rains, and life-threatening storm surges. The powerful storm has caused widespread damage, particularly in Cantanduanes, where it uprooted trees, destroyed buildings, and disrupted power supplies.



Important NEWS on 20 NOV

➤ **US Returns \$10 Million Worth of Looted Antiques to India**

In a major development, the United States has returned over 1,400 looted artifacts worth \$10 million to India as part of an ongoing initiative to repatriate stolen cultural items from South and Southeast Asia. Among the returned artifacts is a celestial dancer sandstone sculpture, which had

➤ **University of Wollongong Opens India Campus at Gujarat's GIFT City**

In a significant move to expand its global presence, Australia's University of Wollongong (UOW) has officially inaugurated its India campus at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Gandhinagar. The new campus, offering Master's degrees in Financial Technology and a Graduate Certificate in Financial Technology, marks a

strategic entry into the Indian educational landscape, aligning with India's rapidly growing fintech sector.



contributing to India's educational and economic growth by providing financial freedom to students.



➤ India's Hypersonic Missile Test A Leap in Defense Technology

India has successfully conducted the flight trial of its first long-range hypersonic missile, a significant achievement in the country's defense capabilities. This development places India in an exclusive group of nations with the technology to deploy hypersonic weapons.



➤ Karnataka Bank Launches Innovative Financial Products for Students

Karnataka Bank Ltd. has introduced two student-focused financial products, 'KBL Peak' and 'KBL Genius', aiming to support students in achieving their academic goals and managing their finances efficiently. These products, launched on World Prematurity Day, enhance the bank's commitment to

➤ Galaxy Health Insurance Launches 'Galaxy Promise' to Tackle Rising Healthcare Costs

Galaxy Health Insurance has launched its first product, 'Galaxy Promise', offering comprehensive family health coverage with flexible sum insured options ranging from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 1 crore. This product is aimed at providing affordable healthcare solutions amidst rising medical costs, with various plans catering to different customer needs.



➤ Tata Acquires Majority Stake in Pegatron's iPhone Plant in Tamil Nadu

Tata Electronics has secured a deal to acquire a 60% stake in Pegatron's only iPhone plant in India, located in Tamil Nadu. This partnership strengthens

Tata's position as a major Apple supplier and marks a significant shift in the geopolitical supply chain dynamics, with India becoming a key hub for iPhone manufacturing. The joint venture will involve Tata handling day-to-day operations, while Pegatron provides technical support.



Current affairs MCQS on 20 NOV

Q.1. Recently, which telecom operator has launched the country's first direct-to-device satellite internet service?

- (a) BSNL
- (b) Jio
- (c) Airtel
- (d) Vodafone

Answer: (a) BSNL

BSNL launched India's first direct-to-device satellite internet service, aimed at bridging the digital divide in remote areas. The service provides high-speed internet without the need for traditional infrastructure using advanced satellite technology. The launch will allow users to make emergency calls, send SOS messages and make UPI payments when there is no cellular or Wi-Fi network. The satellite service offers wide coverage, reliable connectivity and is designed to work in all weather conditions.

Q.2. Recently, Asia's largest open air trade fair "Bali Jatra" has started in which country?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Mizoram

- (c) Kerala
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (d) Odisha

Bali Yatra, Asia's largest open-air trade fair, is starting, which will celebrate Odisha's ancient maritime trade history. This year's fair will begin on Kartik Purnima day and will continue till November 22. Bali Yatra, which means "journey to Bali", honors Odisha's centuries-old tradition of traders traveling far and wide on boats called boitas through the Mahanadi River during Kartik Purnima.

Q.3. Recently, Prime Minister Modi has gone on an official visit to which country?

- (a) Morocco
- (b) Nigeria
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Nepal

Answer: (b) Nigeria

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is on a State visit to Nigeria. He held official talks with the President of Nigeria, His Excellency Mr. Bola Ahmed Tinubu in Abuja. On his arrival at the State House, the Prime Minister was accorded a ceremonial welcome with a 21-gun salute. The two leaders held a restricted meeting followed by delegation-level talks. The Prime Minister recalled his warm meeting with President Tinubu during the G-20 Summit held in New Delhi.

Q.4. Recently, who has been appointed as 'White House Press Secretary'?

- (a) Caroline Levitt
- (b) Tulsi Gabbard
- (c) RF Kennedy Jr.
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Caroline Levitt

Donald Trump has appointed his 27-year-old campaign press secretary Caroline Levitt as White House press secretary. Levitt, who will be the youngest person to hold the position, has previously worked in Trump's White House press office and as a spokesperson for his super PAC. Trump has

indicated that he may hold frequent press briefings himself in his new administration.

Q.5. Recently, who has taken command of Naval Hospital INHS Kalyani?

- (a) Alka Tiwari
- (b) Divya Gautam
- (c) Praveena Rai
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Divya Gautam

Surgeon Commander Divya Gautam takes over as the leader of the Naval Hospital INHS Kalyani in Visakhapatnam. She has a rich history of service having served on board naval ships and the US Navy Hospital Ship Mercy. Her previous roles include Commanding Officer of INHS Kasturi and Fleet Medical Officer.

Q.6. Recently, which state government has launched the "Come and Install Solar Power Projects" initiative?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Bihar

Answer: (a) Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has launched the 'Come and Set Up Solar Power Projects' initiative to encourage investment in the state's solar and solar power projects. This is part of the state government's initiative to make Himachal Pradesh a clean and green energy state by March 31, 2026. The state government has launched a scheme to encourage people to rent land to the government. Under this scheme, if farmers donate three bighas of land for the construction of a solar power plant, the government will pay them a rent of Rs 20,000 per month.

Q.7. According to a recent report, one-fourth of global diabetes cases are found in which country?

- (a) America
- (b) Japan

- (c) India
- (d) China

Answer: (c) India

Nearly 828 million people worldwide are projected to have diabetes in 2022, with more than a quarter of them in India, according to an analysis published in The Lancet journal ahead of World Diabetes Day, observed every year. The 828 million figure is four times the number in 1990, with the largest increase occurring in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), researchers from the Non-Communicable Disease Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RISC) said.

Q.8. Recently, in which state, the extremist group 'Honeytrap National Liberation Council' has been banned for five years?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Assam

Answer: (b) Meghalaya

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) declared Meghalaya-based insurgent group Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) as an "unlawful association" for the next five years for engaging in violent incidents and carrying out activities prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India.

Q.9. Recently, fast bowler Anshul Kamboj of which state has taken 10 wickets in an innings in Ranji Trophy?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (b) Haryana

Haryana fast bowler Anshul Kamboj created history by taking all 10 wickets of Kerala in a Ranji Trophy match. He achieved this feat when he dismissed Kerala's Shaun Roger and took 10 wickets for 49 runs in 30.1 overs. The Ranji Trophy Elite Group C match between Haryana and Kerala is being played

at the Chaudhary Bansi Lal Stadium in Lahli, Haryana.

Q.10. Which Indian tennis player has recently announced retirement?

- (a) Prajnesh Gunneswaran
- (b) Rohan Bopanna
- (c) Nagal Sumit
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Prajnesh Gunneswaran

Indian tennis player Prajnesh Gunneswaran, who won a bronze medal in singles at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games, announced his retirement from professional tennis. The 35-year-old Chennai-born player expressed gratitude for his career and called it an amazing journey. Prajnesh is known for his contribution and fighting spirit in Indian tennis.

Q.11. Recently, India and which country have signed MoU for Unicorn technology for Indian Navy?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Thailand
- (d) Singapore

Answer: (a) Japan

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of India and the Government of Japan at the Embassy of India in Tokyo for co-development of Unicorn Mast for installation on Indian Naval ships. The MoU was signed and exchanged between Shri Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan and Mr. Ishikawa Takeshi, Commissioner, Acquisition Technology and Logistics Agency (ATLA), Ministry of Defense, Japan at a ceremony held in Tokyo.

Q.12. Recently, 'Anurag Srivastava' has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country?

- (a) Mauritius
- (b) Thailand
- (c) Japan
- (d) Singapore

Answer: (a) Mauritius

Veteran diplomat Anurag Srivastava has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Mauritius. Mauritius is an island nation that has emerged as a strategic player in the Indian Ocean region. A 1999 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) diplomat, Mr Srivastava is currently serving as Joint Secretary in the Nepal-Bhutan Division at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Q.13. Recently, which country will export electricity to Bangladesh through Indian power grid?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) India
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan

Answer: (c) Nepal

In a positive sign of sub-regional energy cooperation in South Asia, Nepal exported 40 MW of electricity to Bangladesh through an Indian transmission line. Nepal, rich in hydropower potential, regularly exports its hydropower to India. This is the first time Nepal is exporting it to Bangladesh. This is also the first time that a country is exporting electricity to another country through the Indian power grid.

Q.14. Recently, UNESCO has declared 24 villages of which state as tsunami ready?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (d) Odisha

Twenty-four coastal villages in Odisha have been recognised as 'tsunami ready' by UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. The recognition was given during the second Global Tsunami Symposium held in Indonesia, a statement said. These villages are located in Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Ganjam districts, the statement said. Besides, tsunami preparedness recognition certificates were renewed

for two villages in the state. These villages are Noliasahi in Jagatsinghpur district and Venkatraipur in Ganjam district. They were recognised as tsunami ready in 2020. Various activities, including training of stakeholders, community awareness programmes, preparation of tsunami management plan, conducting mock drills and identification of evacuation routes, were carried out in these 24 tsunami prone villages, the statement said.

Q.15. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Dubai Sports Council recently?

- (a) Harbhajan Singh
- (b) Sania Mirza
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Both of the above

Former Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh and women's tennis player Sania Mirza have been appointed as sports ambassadors of Dubai Sports Council. Dubai Sports Council has appointed four former international players Russian Khabib Nurmagomedov, French football player Patrice Evra, Harbhajan Singh and Sania Mirza as sports ambassadors. Dubai Sports Council announced the names of the four sports ambassadors in the presence of Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai Sports Council.