

Today in History on 23 NOV

➤ 1744 - British Prime Minister John Carteret resigned.

Carteret refused to accept further office under Walpole, harrising his ministry and helping to force his resignation in January 1742. He again became secretary of state, but his preoccupation with the king's Hanoverian interests was unpopular and he resigned 24 November 1744.



➤ 1904 - The third Olympic Games conclude in St. Louis, U.S.

The St. Louis 1904 Olympic Games, an athletic festival held in St. Louis, Missouri, ran from July 1 to November 23, 1904. The St. Louis Games were the third occurrence of the modern Olympic Games. Like the 1900 Olympics in Paris, sports played a secondary role in the 1904 Games. The Games were originally scheduled for Chicago, but the location was changed to St. Louis when Olympic organizing-committee officials decided to consolidate the Olympics with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, a large fair honoring the 100th anniversary of the U.S. admission of the Louisiana Territory.



➤ 1923- Gustav Stresemann's coalition government in Germany collapses.

In November, Stresemann's reconstituted government collapsed after the Social Democrats withdrew from the coalition. He resigned as chancellor after a vote of no confidence, but remained foreign minister in the new government led by Wilhelm Marx.



➤ 1983 - Commonwealth summit was organized for the first time in India.

In 1983, the Commonwealth summit was organized for the first time in the country in New Delhi. This was the seventh summit of Commonwealth countries. It was chaired by the then Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi. This conference lasted till 29 November. It concluded in Goa. Three major issues were discussed in this conference. Attack on

Grenada by America, occupation of Namibia by the army of South Africa and Cuba and nuclear competition between America and the then Soviet Union.



➤ **1863 - First patent granted for a process for making color photographs.**

Ducos du Hauron was the son of a tax collector. He began experimenting at age 20 and on March 1, 1864, patented (but did not build) an apparatus for taking and projecting motion pictures. Four years later, on November 23, 1868, he was granted a patent on a process for making color photographs.



Important NEWS on 23 NOV

➤ **HMJS Launches "Bhu-Neer" Portal for Groundwater Permits**

Shri CR Paatil, the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, digitally launched the "Bhu-Neer" portal during the concluding ceremony of India Water Week 2024. The portal, developed by the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC), aims to improve groundwater regulation in India. The initiative aligns with the Government's focus on transparency, efficiency, and sustainability in groundwater management.



➤ **Shivangi Desai Crowned Miss Charm India 2024**

Shivangi Desai, a 22-year-old final-year law student at the Indian Law School (ILS) Pune, has made India proud by winning the prestigious Miss Charm India 2024 title. Representing India at Miss Charm 2024 in Vietnam this December, Shivangi's journey showcases a blend of intellect, beauty, and resilience. From a young age, she has excelled in academics, pageantry, and cultural promotion,

cementing her position as a role model for young aspirants.



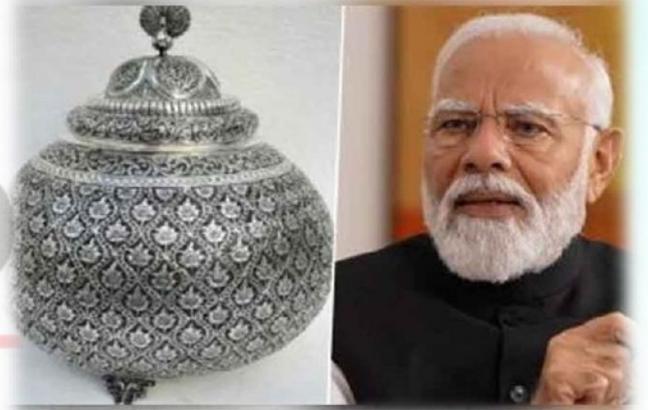
➤ Prasar Bharati Launches OTT Platform 'Waves'

Prasar Bharati, India's public broadcaster, has launched its own OTT platform 'Waves' at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). With a diverse content library, it aims to deliver a mix of nostalgic classics and contemporary programming, making it a hub for family-friendly entertainment. The platform is available on Android and iOS, offering content in over 12 languages and spanning multiple genres such as infotainment, gaming, education, shopping, and live events.



➤ PM Modi Gifts Kolhapur's Silofar Panchamrit Kalash to Nigerian President

Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu with a Silofar Panchamrit Kalash, a stunning example of Kolhapur's traditional metal craftsmanship, during his visit to Nigeria. This marks a significant diplomatic gesture, highlighting India's rich cultural heritage and reinforcing the growing ties between India and Nigeria. The kalash, made of high-quality silver, features intricate engravings typical of Kolhapur's renowned metalwork, with designs that include floral motifs, deities, and traditional patterns.



➤ Justice D Krishnakumar Takes Office as Chief Justice of Manipur HC

The Central Government, via the Ministry of Law and Justice, notified the appointment of Justice D Krishnakumar from the Madras High Court as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur. This decision follows the superannuation of Justice Siddharth Mridul, the current Chief Justice of Manipur HC. The appointment was made following recommendations by the Supreme Court Collegium, which emphasized Justice Krishnakumar's legal acumen and integrity.



process, the Ministry of Interior has imposed a two-day curfew.



➤ Telangana Pushes for EV Adoption with New Policy

In an effort to promote environmental sustainability, energy efficiency, and reduce air pollution, the Telangana government unveiled its new Electric Vehicles (EV) Policy on November, 2024. Released by state transport minister Ponnampaluri Prabhakar, the policy aims to curb pollution in Hyderabad and surrounding areas, ensuring the city avoids severe air quality issues similar to those faced by New Delhi.



Current affairs MCQS on 23 NOV

Q.1. Satyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

- a. Tamil Nadu
- b. Andhra Pradesh
- c. Odisha
- d. Karnataka

Answer: a. Tamil Nadu

The Forest Department has started evening coaching classes for school children in 10 tribal settlements in Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR). These classes have significantly improved the learning skills of tribal children. STR is located at the junction of the Eastern and Western Ghats in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve of Tamil Nadu. It is adjacent to the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and Bandipur and BR Tiger Reserves in Karnataka. The Nilgiri Biosphere Landscape has the world's largest tiger population, with over 280 tigers.

➤ Iraq Conducts First National Census in 40 Years

Iraq is conducting its first nationwide census since 1987, under Saddam Hussein's regime, with a significant operation involving 120,000 researchers. This extensive demographic survey, scheduled over two days, will collect data from households across all 18 governorates of the country. To facilitate the

Q.2. Recently, a village named Ghudmasar of which state has been awarded the status of the best tourist village of the United Nations?

- a. Odisha
- b. Jharkhand
- c. Chhattisgarh
- d. Bihar

Answer: c. Chhattisgarh

Dhudmaras, a village located in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district, has now gained international

recognition after being selected by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) as one of its Best Tourism Villages. Located within the Kanger Valley National Park, Dhudmaras is one of the 20 villages selected from 60 countries across the world for this prestigious programme, showcasing their sustainable tourism capabilities.

Q.3. Recently, who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of ALT EFF?

- a. Anupam Kher
- b. Jackie Shroff
- c. Pankaj Tripathi
- d. Akshay Kumar

Answer : b. Jackie Shroff

Bollywood's 'macho' i.e. actor Jackie Shroff is one of the strong heroes of the industry. Apart from films, he has always been making people aware to protect the environment. At the same time, recently the actor has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the All Living Things Environmental Film Festival. ALT EFF aims to promote climate awareness through the emotional power of cinema and Jackie Shroff's contribution towards achieving a better tomorrow fits perfectly with the main objective of the film festival, making him a perfect fit for the brand ambassador.

Q.4. Recently, who has been elected as the President of IMSA?

- a. Sanjay Murthy
- b. Rakesh Goyal
- c. Nandan Kumar Jha
- d. Naveen Jain

Answer: c. Nandan Kumar Jha

India's Nandan Kumar Jha has been elected president of the International Mind Sports Association (IMCA), a global organisation governing and promoting mind sports. Jha's election was announced during the association's annual general meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil. It has over 200 member countries and works closely with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and other recognised

sports federations to mainstream mind sports into global sports.

Q.5. Recently, who will host the 'International Paddle Tournament' for the first time?

- a. France
- b. India
- c. Japan
- d. Russia

Answer: b. India

Bennett University, Greater Noida will host India's first international paddle tournament. The FIP Promotion India Paddle Open under the CUPRA FIP Tour will be held at Times Group's Bennett University, Greater Noida. The tournament will be attended by leading international players from countries like Spain, Japan, Netherlands, France, Italy and Iran. Organised by India's leading media company Times Group and Paddle League Pvt Ltd and sanctioned by the International Paddle Federation (FIP), the tournament is an important milestone in India's sports calendar.

Q.6. Recently, who has been awarded the prestigious Green World Environment Award?

- a. BPCL
- b. IOCL
- c. CIL
- d. None of these

Answer: c. CIL

Coal Public Sector Company Coal India Limited (CIL) has been awarded the prestigious Green World Awards 2024, dedicated to recognizing, rewarding and promoting environmental best practices and CSR across the world. CIL has been given this award by the Green Organization.

Q.7. Who has recently won the crown of 'Miss Charm India 2024'?

- a. Nikita Joshi
- b. Shivangi Desai
- c. Ketaki Raut
- d. Sudha Sharma

Answer: b. Shivangi Desai

Shivangi Desai, a 22-year-old law student, was crowned Miss Charm India 2024. She will represent India at Miss Charm 2024 to be held in Vietnam in December this year. Shivangi has won several titles in her beauty pageant career, including Miss Teen India North and first runner-up at Miss Universe Gujarat. Apart from her success in beauty pageants, she is also a law student, academic achiever, and author of the book "Beyond the Usual".

Q.8. In which state has the joint military exercise 'Purvi Prahar' been organized recently?

- a. Uttarakhand
- b. West Bengal
- c. Arunachal Pradesh
- d. Sikkim

Answer: c. Arunachal Pradesh

The 9-day joint exercise 'Purvi Prahar' of the three armies has concluded in Arunachal Pradesh. During this, the army emphasized the strategic importance of combat helicopters like Rudra and Prachand. These helicopters have become an integral part of the modern combat capabilities of the armed forces. This exercise helps in increasing mutual coordination between the air and land forces. Exercises were conducted on how to deal with challenges in a war situation. The focus was on accuracy. During this, the armed forces were given information on ways to work effectively in different and difficult environments.

Q.9. Where has the exercise 'Samyukta Vimochana 2024' been organized recently?

- a. Colombo
- b. Ahmedabad
- c. Kathmandu
- d. Chennai

Answer: b. Ahmedabad

The Indian Army has successfully concluded its annual joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise, Joint Release 2024, with friendly foreign countries. Joint Release 2024 was

conducted off the coast of Ahmedabad and Porbandar in Gujarat. This was the second military exercise conducted by the Indian Army this month. It had successfully conducted the tri-services military exercise 'Purvi Prahar' along the India-China border.

Q.10. What is the origin of the Sabarmati river, which was in the news recently?

- a. Mahabaleshwar Hills
- b. Barwani Hills
- c. Aravalli Hills
- d. Mahadev Hills

Answer: c. Aravalli Hills

The Sabarmati Riverfront Project stretches 38 km from Ahmedabad to Gandhinagar, with monetisation of the first phase (11 km) underway. The Sabarmati River is monsoon-fed, originating from the Aravalli Hills of Rajasthan and flowing into the Gulf of Khambhat of the Arabian Sea. The river flows for 371 km, of which 48 km flows in Rajasthan and 323 km in Gujarat, dividing Ahmedabad into western and eastern parts. Its basin covers 21,674 sq km, bounded by the Aravalli Hills, Rann of Kutch and the Gulf of Khambhat. Agriculture covers 74.68% of the basin, with major tributaries being the Wakal, Hatmati, Vatrak and Sei.

Q.11. Recently, India's 'Joga Purti' has won which medal in the women's under 18 speed climbing event in the Asian Youth Climbing Championship?

- a. Gold
- b. Silver
- c. Bronze
- d. None of these

Answer: b. Silver

India's Joga Purti won the silver medal in the final of the women's under 18 speed climbing event at the IFSC Youth Asian Climbing Championship. She broke the national record with a time of 8.89 seconds against 9.10 seconds in Jamshedpur. Joga Purti lost to Indonesia's Aninda Kalbi Arsila in the final, giving her the silver medal. At the same time, Jimin Hwang

of South Korea won the bronze medal. Athletes from 13 Asian countries faced each other in the speed climbing events.

Q.12. Recently, which country has announced to give the highest national award 'The Order of Excellence' to Prime Minister Modi?

- a. Guyana
- b. Italy
- c. Maldives
- d. Singapore

Answer: a. Guyana

Guyana and Barbados will honour Prime Minister Narendra Modi with their highest national honours. With this, the total number of international awards he has received will go up to 19. Guyana will honour Prime Minister Modi with 'The Order of Excellence', while Barbados will honour him with the 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados'.

Q.13. Recently, which famous tennis player has retired?

- a. Jannik Sinner
- b. Rafael Nadal
- c. Carlos Alcaraz
- d. None of these

Answer: b. Rafael Nadal

Spain's Rafael Nadal, who has won 22 Grand Slams, has retired from tennis. 38-year-old Nadal played the last match of his career in the Davis Cup at his home ground Malaga, although he lost in it. He was defeated by 80th ranked Dutch player Botic van de Jadschulp 6-4, 6-4. Nadal has lost after winning 29 consecutive matches in Davis Cup.

Q.14. Recently, India's first night safari park is being developed in which city?

- a. Mumbai
- b. Jaipur
- c. Lucknow
- d. Bhopal

Answer: c. Lucknow

The Yogi Adityanath government of Uttar Pradesh is going to gift the world's fifth and the country's first night safari to the people of the country. Although it will take two years, but from December 2026, tourists will be able to enjoy Lucknow's Kukrail Night Safari even at night. This night safari to be built in Lucknow will be a new destination for nature lovers of the country and the world.

Q.15. Recently, CCT has imposed a fine of Rs 213 crore on which company?

- a. OLA
- b. Meta
- c. Amazon
- d. Flipkart

Answer: b. Meta

Meta has announced its intention to appeal against the ₹213.14 crore fine imposed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in relation to WhatsApp's privacy policy update in 2021. The CCI has accused the company of anti-competitive behaviour, including forcing users to accept new data-sharing terms, which Meta has denied. The verdict could have significant implications for digital platforms balancing user privacy, competition and business growth in India.