

Today in History on 25 NOV

➤ 1716- The first lion exhibited in America.

In November 1716, the first lion exhibited in the American colonies was in Boston, at the home of Captain Arthur Savage on Brattle Street. A hand-painted sign outside the house declared, "The Lion, the King of Beasts, may be seen here." Way Winthrop, then the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Court of Appeals, cut off some of the lion's hair and placed it next to his sick grandson to restore the child's health.



➤ 1866- Allahabad High Court was inaugurated.

The Allahabad High Court was originally established in 1866 in Agra under the Indian High Courts Act 1861 during the British Raj. The Allahabad High Court (Allahabad High Court) is the High Court of the state of Uttar Pradesh in India. It is one of the oldest high courts established in India. It has been functioning since 1869.



➤ 1941- Lebanon gains independence from France.

In 1941 France declared the independence and sovereignty of the Syrian state on the basis of and within the framework of the mandate. The declaration stated that "the independence and sovereignty of Syria and Lebanon shall not affect the judicial situation arising as a result of the Mandate Act."



➤ 1960- Telescope's STD system was used for the first time in India between Kanpur and Lucknow.

STD service was started for the first time on 25 November 1960. When the first call was made under STD service between Kanpur and Lucknow. Later, major cities of the country were connected to this

service. The full form of STD is Subscriber Trunk Dialing, which means giving the facility to the telephone user to make trunk calls without the help of an operator. Before this, trunk calls were in vogue



➤ 1965 - France launches its first satellite.

On November 26, 1965, France became the third country in the world to launch a satellite, using the Diamant A launcher to place a spacecraft, affectionately named "Asterix" (after the French comic book character), into low-x-Earth orbit.



Important NEWS on 25 NOV

➤ India's First Constitution Museum Inaugurated at OP Jindal University

India's first Constitution Museum, inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on November, 2024, at OP Jindal Global University (JGU) in Sonipat,

Haryana, aims to enhance public understanding of the Constitution. This initiative, launched alongside the National Convention on the Constitution of India, is a tribute to the architects of the Indian Constitution and a celebration of its 75-year journey since adoption.



➤ Indian Army Chief Named Honorary General of Nepali Army

General Upendra Dwivedi, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) of the Indian Army, was recently conferred with the title of Honorary General of the Nepal Army by the President of Nepal, Ramchandra Paudel. This honor reflects the deep-rooted historical, cultural, and military ties between India and Nepal. The tradition of honorary generalship between the two nations highlights the strong, enduring friendship and strategic cooperation shared by their armies.



➤ Kenya Cancels Airport and Energy Deals with Indian Tycoon Gautam Adani Amid US Bribery Charges

Kenyan President William Ruto announced on November, 2024, the cancellation of multimillion-dollar deals with Indian business tycoon Gautam Adani, citing concerns over bribery and fraud allegations. The decision follows US indictments against Adani, one of Asia's richest men, accusing him of securities fraud and a bribery scheme linked to a solar energy project in India.



➤ Bihar to Host Khelo India Youth Games and Para Games in 2025

In a landmark development, Bihar will host the prestigious Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) and the Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) in April 2025, showcasing the state's growing capabilities in hosting major sporting events. This follows the successful organization of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Rajgir, further cementing Bihar's reputation in the sports arena.



➤ Armenia Becomes 104th Full Member of International Solar Alliance

Armenia has become the 104th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), marking a significant milestone for global solar energy collaboration. The ISA, established in 2015, aims to scale up solar energy adoption, reduce costs, and facilitate innovation. Under India's leadership, the ISA has launched impactful projects worldwide.



➤ India Hosts First Global Cooperative Conference in 130 Years

India will host the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) Global Cooperative Conference in New Delhi on November, 2024. This marks the first time in the 130-year history of the ICA that the global cooperative movement's premier event will be held in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives 2025 during this event.



➤ SEBI Abolishes 1% Security Deposit Mandate for Public Issues

In a significant move to enhance ease of doing business, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has abolished the requirement for issuer companies to deposit 1% of the issue size with stock exchanges before launching public issues of equity shares. This decision, effective immediately, aligns with SEBI's ongoing reforms to streamline market processes and minimize redundant compliance burdens.



Current affairs MCQS on 25 NOV

Q.1. Where will the 'International Gita Mahotsav' be organized recently?

- a. Mathura
- b. Kurukshetra
- c. Gorakhpur
- d. Haridwar

Answer: b. Kurukshetra

International Gita Mahotsav will be organized on the holy land of Kurukshetra from 28 November to 15 December 2024. Preparations have been started by the Kurukshetra Development Board and Kurukshetra District Administration regarding the festival, so that the Gita Mahotsav can be celebrated with great pomp. Tourists come here not only from the country but also from abroad to participate in the International Gita Mahotsav and enjoy the festival. Every year lakhs of tourists reach here in the International Gita Mahotsav. Along with them, big VIPs of the state and the country also reach to participate in the International Gita Mahotsav.

Q.2. Recently, a stand in the Eden Gardens Stadium has been named in honor of which female cricketer?

- a. Mithali Raj
- b. Smriti Mandhana
- c. Jhulan Goswami
- d. Sania Mirza

Answer: c. Jhulan Goswami

The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) will name a stand at Kolkata's iconic Eden Gardens after legendary Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami. Retired Indian women cricketer Jhulan Goswami will have a stand named after her during India's first ODI against England on January 22 next year.

Q.3. Who has recently been appointed the chairman of the newly formed Election Commission of Bangladesh?

- a. Abdur Masood
- b. Fazal Mohammad
- c. AMM Nasir Uddin
- d. None of these

Answer: c. AMM Nasir Uddin

The interim government in Bangladesh has formed a new Election Commission. The five-member commission will be headed by former secretary AMM Nasir Uddin, who will be the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) for the next five years. He retired in January 2009. The other four members are retired additional secretary Md Anwarul Islam

Sarkar, retired district and sessions judge Abdur Rahmanal Masood, retired joint secretary Begum Tahmida Ahmed and Brigadier General (retired) Abul Fazal Mohammad Sanaullah.

Q.4. Recently, the ICC has issued an arrest warrant against the Prime Minister of which country?

- a. Ukraine
- b. Israel
- c. Singapore
- d. Syria

Answer: b. Israel

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his former defense minister and Hamas officials, accusing them of war crimes and crimes against humanity over the war in Gaza and the October 2023 attacks that led to Israel's invasion of Palestinian territory. The decision makes Netanyahu and others internationally wanted suspects and is likely to further isolate him and complicate efforts to negotiate a ceasefire to end the 13-month-long conflict.

Q.5. What is the primary objective of the "Vision Portal" recently launched by the government?

- a. Empowering underprivileged youth through education, skill development and sustainable livelihoods
- b. Establishing new startups
- c. Providing scholarships for engineering students
- d. Promoting research in higher education

Answer: a. Empowering underprivileged youth through education, skill development and sustainable livelihoods

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the VISION ("Develop India Initiative for Student Innovation and Outreach Network") portal in New Delhi. The portal aims to empower underprivileged youth through education, skill development and sustainable livelihoods. India has the third largest

startup ecosystem, growing from 350 startups in 2014 to 1.67 lakh in 2024. The Startup India programme launched in 2016 promotes innovation and supports startups, especially from underprivileged groups such as SCs, STs and women. The VISION portal was developed by Utsav Foundation, a Gurugram-based non-profit focused on youth empowerment and skill development.

Q.6. Recently, who has been appointed as the global brand ambassador of 'Climate Advisor' by the United Nations?

- a. Akshay Kumar
- b. Rapper Shubh
- c. Kartik Aryan
- d. Shahrukh Khan

Answer: b. Rapper Shubh

Punjabi music sensation Shubh has been appointed as the inaugural Global Ambassador for the UNFCCC Digital Climate Library (DCL). This historic appointment, announced by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29), is the first time a music artist of Indian origin has been honoured with such a prestigious advocacy role and title.

Q.7. Recently, who has launched 'Delhi Solar Portal'?

- a. Narendra Modi
- b. Arvind Kejriwal
- c. Atishi Marlana
- d. Amit Shah

Answer: c. Atishi Marlana

Delhi CM Atishi launched the 'Delhi Solar Portal' to facilitate installation of rooftop solar panels, with a target to achieve 750 MW solar power generation. The portal provides a centralised platform for information, vendor listing, subsidy application and net metering, which encourages residents to become prosumers by generating and contributing excess solar power to the grid.

Q.8. Where was the 6th annual summit of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) held?

- a. Jakarta, Indonesia
- b. Baku, Azerbaijan
- c. New Delhi, India
- d. Abu Dhabi, UAE

Answer: b. Baku, Azerbaijan

India and Sweden co-chaired the 6th Annual Summit of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) during COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan. LeadIT was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York in September 2019. LeadIT 2.0, launched at COP28 in 2023, has set new targets for 2024-26. The Summit was co-chaired by Kirit Vardhan Singh of India and Romina Purmuktari of Sweden. It was attended by 41 member countries and various stakeholders from industry and academia. Guided by the World Economic Forum, LeadIT aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in energy-intensive industries to achieve net zero by 2050.

Q.9. Recently, ISRO has signed an agreement with which country's space agency for 'Gaganyaan' mission?

- a. China
- b. Japan
- c. Australia
- d. Canada

Answer: c. Australia

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced that it has signed an Implementation Agreement (IA) with the Australian Space Agency (ASA) to enhance cooperation in space activities, particularly focusing on India's first crewed space flight programme, Gaganyaan mission.

Q.10. Where was the 'Amur Falcon Festival' celebrated with great enthusiasm recently?

- a. Assam
- b. Manipur
- c. Odisha
- d. Sikkim

Answer: b. Manipur

The 9th Amur Falcon Festival was celebrated at Tamenglong in Manipur to raise awareness about Amur falcons, the world's longest migratory birds. These falcons roost in Tamenglong during October-November, and migrate to southern and eastern Africa. Amur falcons (*Falco amurensis*) are small raptors, named after the Amur River on the border of Russia and China. They breed in south-eastern Siberia and northern China and migrate to Africa via India, and return via Mongolia and Siberia.

Q.11. Recently, Indian Army Chief General 'Upendra Dwivedi' has been conferred the honorary general rank by the army of which country?

- a. Nepal
- b. Sri Lanka
- c. Maldives
- d. Singapore

Answer: a. Nepal

Nepal President Ram Chandra Paudel conferred the Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi the Honorary General of the Nepal Army. The ceremony was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Sheetal Niwas. This tradition reflects the deep historical, cultural and military ties between India and Nepal. The practice has been going on since the 1950s, reflecting mutual respect and long-term military cooperation. Honorary Generalship is exchanged every 3 years between the Indian and Nepal Army Chiefs. It symbolises trust, strategic partnership and shared security interests. The move goes beyond formal diplomacy and promotes peace and stability.

Q.12. Recently, who will host the Khelo India Youth Games and Para Games in April 2025?

- a. Punjab
- b. Bihar
- c. Haryana
- d. Delhi

Answer: b. Bihar

After successfully hosting the Women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament in Rajgir,

Bihar will host the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025 in April next year. The Khelo India Para Games (KIPG), which was held for the first time in Delhi last year, will also be held in the state for the first time. There will be a gap of 10 to 15 days between KIYG and KIPG.

Q.13. Who has topped the recently released Sustainable Business Index 2024?

- a. Australia
- b. United Kingdom
- c. New Zealand
- d. America

Answer: c. New Zealand

New Zealand has been recognised as the 'Most Sustainable Business Economy' for the third time in a row in the 2024 Sustainable Business Index. The index evaluates global economies based on their economic growth, social progress and environmental resilience. The report emphasises the importance of building resilience into business systems, especially in the context of post-pandemic recovery and current global challenges such as climate change and geopolitical tensions.

Q.14. Recently, which country has become the 114th full member of the International Solar Alliance?

- a. Chile
- b. Armenia
- c. Argentina
- d. None of these

Answer: b. Armenia

Armenia has become the 114th full member of the International Solar Alliance. The International Solar Alliance is a global intergovernmental organization that promotes solar energy for a carbon-free future. The goal of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) is to mobilize investments of over US\$1000 billion needed for the large-scale use of solar energy by 2030.

Q.15. Where was the fourth edition of the Creative Minds of Tomorrow (CMOT) initiative inaugurated recently?

- a. Chennai
- b. Goa
- c. Mumbai
- d. New Delhi

Answer: b. Goa

The fourth edition of Creative Minds of Tomorrow (CMOT) was inaugurated at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. CMOT is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It aims to identify, nurture and promote young filmmakers, foster collaboration, skill building and mentoring. It is recognised as India's largest fully supported platform for emerging media talent.