

Today in History on 29 NOV

➤ 1782- Britain recognizes American independence.

Britain recognized American independence in the year 1782. The Netherlands acknowledged American independence in 1782. Although Spain had joined the war against Great Britain in 1779, it did not recognize American independence until the Treaty of Paris of 1783. Under the terms of the treaty, which ended the War of the American Revolution, Great Britain officially acknowledged the United States as a sovereign and independent nation.



➤ 1775 - Sir James Jay invented invisible ink.

Jay developed his invisible ink in 1775 and used it throughout the war in correspondence with his brother. He never revealed the recipe, and although he exported small quantities to America for use in the Culper spy ring, there was always a shortage of it.



➤ 1889 - The foundation stone of the 'Glass House' was laid in Lalbagh Gardens, Bengaluru.

The Glass House is at the centre of every flower show at Lalbagh and the current show is the 204th, the magnificent Glass House is the biggest attraction of this garden. It was built in 1889 to commemorate the visit of Albert Victor, grandson of Queen Victoria and former Prince of Wales. The Glass House was initially called the Albert Victor Conservatory and the welcoming party for the prince was hosted by Mysore Maharaja Chamaraja Wodeyar



➤ 1916 - The United States announces the imposition of martial law in the Dominican Republic.

The November 29, 1916 proclamation issued by Captain Knapp bases the intervention action primarily on the Dominican Republic's violation of Article 3 of the treaty with the United States, emphasizing the determination of the United States to take measures to ensure observance of the treaty.



➤ 1961 - The world's first cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin came to India.

Yuri Gagarin, senior lieutenant of the USSR Air Force, pilot, was 27 years old on 1961. His first space flight in the history of mankind on the Vostok spacecraft lasted 108 minutes. He was unknown before the flight and after that, he became the most famous person on Earth.



Important NEWS on 29 NOV

➤ Supreme Court Approves Urgent Land Acquisition for Yamuna Expressway Development

The Supreme Court has upheld the Uttar Pradesh government's decision to acquire land urgently for the development of the Yamuna Expressway. The Court justified the invocation of the urgency provisions under Sections 17(1) and 17(4) of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, allowing the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) to proceed without waiting for objections from landowners.



➤ Government Extends Atal Innovation Mission Till 2028

The Indian government has extended the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), the flagship program of NITI Aayog, until 31st March 2028, with an expanded scope and renewed objectives. This new phase, known as Atal Innovation Mission 2.0, was approved by the Union Cabinet during a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 2024.



Atal Innovation Mission



milestone in India's efforts to embrace green mobility.



➤ Operation Tamarisk The Cold War's Secret Garbage War

Operation Tamarisk was a covert intelligence operation that took place during the Cold War, a period marked by fierce rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union. In a bid to gain any advantage, intelligence agents resorted to unconventional means to gather information. One of the most unusual and gritty operations was the collection and analysis of discarded waste left behind by Soviet troops in East Germany.

➤ Coast Guard to Hold 'SAREX 24' in Kochi

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is set to conduct the 11th edition of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercises & Workshop (SAREX-24) in Kochi on November 2024. The event, organized under the aegis of the National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board, aims to enhance India's capabilities in maritime search and rescue (SAR) operations through a collaborative approach involving various national and international stakeholders.

➤ Amara Raja Infra Sets Up India's First Green Hydrogen Fuelling Station in Leh

Amara Raja Infra, part of the \$2 billion Amara Raja Group, has completed the setup of India's first green hydrogen fuelling station in Leh, Ladakh, for NTPC Ltd. This innovative project will enable emission-free transport in the region, marking a significant



➤ GST Collection on Health and Life Insurance

The Union Government collected ₹16,398 crore as GST from health and life insurance services in FY24, reflecting a significant 680% increase from ₹2,101 crore in FY20. However, this marked a slight drop compared to ₹16,770 crore in FY23. Life insurance contributed ₹8,135 crore, while health insurance added ₹8,263 crore in FY24.



➤ India Joins Riyadh Design Law Treaty

India has signed the Riyadh Design Law Treaty (DLT), a landmark agreement adopted by member states of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). This treaty aims to harmonize industrial design registration procedures globally, making processes simpler, more efficient, and accessible for applicants.



Current affairs MCQS on 29 NOV

Q.1. What is the name of the innovative digital platform recently launched by the Ministry of Education to empower teachers in India?

- a. TeacherApp
- b. TeachNow
- c. LearnSmart
- d. EduTech Hub

Answer: a. TeacherApp

Launched by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, TeacherApp aims to revolutionise education in India by equipping teachers with the skills required for modern classrooms. Developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation, it offers over 260 hours of resources including curriculum, videos, and interactive sessions. The platform is in line with the National Education Policy 2020, which emphasises the importance of continuous teacher development to enhance student engagement and learning outcomes. By fostering a community of teachers, the app supports innovative teaching practices and aims to transform schools into effective learning environments.

Q.2. Recently, senior IPS 'Rashmi Shukla' has been re-appointed as the DGP of which state?

- a. Jharkhand
- b. Haryana
- c. Maharashtra
- d. Karnataka

Answer: c. Maharashtra

IPS officer Rashmi Shukla has been reappointed as Maharashtra Director General of Police (DGP). She was transferred by the Election Commission of India (ECI) ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly elections. The Election Commission directed the Chief Secretary to hand over her charge to the next most senior IPS officer of the cadre. Sanjay Kumar Verma IPS has been given the command of DGP in place of Rashmi.

Q.3. Recently, NADA has suspended Indian wrestler Bajrang Poonia for how many years?

- a. 02
- b. 04
- c. 05
- d. 03

Answer: b. 04

NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency) has taken strict action against India's star wrestler Bajrang Ponia. NADA has banned him for 4 years. The reason for the ban is violation of the anti-doping code. In such a situation, it is believed that his career as a player is over. Because now he will not be able to give coaching during this time.

Q.4. Recently, who has launched the 'Nai Chetna' campaign against gender violence?

- a. Piyush Goyal
- b. Dharmendra Pradhan
- c. Shivraj Singh Chauhan
- d. Amit Shah

Answer: c. Shivraj Singh Chauhan

Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the third edition of "Nai Chetna-Pahal Badlaav Ki" National Campaign in New Delhi. The month-long campaign will be organised across the country till 23 December, 2024. It aims to eliminate gender-based violence, raise awareness, encourage community participation and strengthen support mechanisms for victims. The campaign is being organised by the Ministry of Rural Development under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

Q.5. Recently 'Breyten Wreitenbach' has passed away, who was he?

- a. Singer
 - b. Writer
 - c. Journalist
 - d. Scientist
5. B

b. Writer

Breyten Breytenbach, a respected figure in literature, activism and the arts, died peacefully in Paris. Breytenbach was a fearless voice against apartheid and a champion of justice. He grew up in South Africa and witnessed the oppressive policies of the white minority government across the country. And so began his journey from a young African poet to an international symbol of resistance against racial discrimination.

Q.6. Who has been appointed as the head of 'Brahmos Aerospace' recently?

- a. Ashok Chandra
- b. Vinod Kumar
- c. Dr. Jaytirth Raghavendra Joshi
- d. Rakesh Sinha

Answer: c. Dr. Jaytirth Raghavendra Joshi

Eminent missile scientist Dr Jaytirth Raghavendra Joshi has been appointed as the new chief of BrahMos Aerospace. He will assume his new charge on December 1. BrahMos Aerospace is a joint aerospace and defence corporation of India and Russia. It is headquartered in New Delhi and manufactures cruise missiles. It was established as a joint venture between India's Defence Research and Development Organisation and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyenia.

Q.7. Recently, senior IPS 'Deepam Seth' has been appointed as the DGP of which state?

- a. Haryana
- b. Uttarakhand
- c. Rajasthan
- d. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: b. Uttarakhand

Deepam Seth, a 1995 batch IPS officer, took charge as the 13th Director General of Police (DGP) of Uttarakhand. He replaced Abhinav Kumar, who took charge on November 30 last year. After taking charge, Seth laid out his priorities: "Our focus will be on strengthening law and order and controlling crime. We will take strict action against drug mafias and necessary steps will be taken to stop the supply

and sale of drugs." He said those involved in cyber crime will be cracked down on.

Q.8. Who has recently become the youngest player to be sold in the IPL auction history?

- a. Noor Ahmed
- b. Kumar Kushagra
- c. Vaibhav Suryavanshi
- d. None of these

Answer: c. Vaibhav Suryavanshi

Vaibhav Suryavanshi created history when 13-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi became the youngest player to be sold in the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction. Suryavanshi, who hails from a small village in Bihar, was bought by Rajasthan Royals for Rs 1.10 crore on the second day of the IPL mega auction at Abadi Al Johar Arena in Jeddah. Suryavanshi was offered at a base price of Rs 30 lakh during the quick round of auction. There was a bidding war between Rajasthan and Delhi Capitals, but Rajasthan placed the highest bid first, making this talented cricketer a crorepati.

Q.9. Where has the endangered species called Dunlin been seen recently?

- a. Assam
- b. Kerala
- c. Telangana
- d. Karnataka

b. Kerala

Dunlin, a small seabird with a curved bill, was among the 192 bird species spotted during the recently held Kerala Bird Run in Kochi, Kerala. The Red List of Threatened Species prepared by the International Union for Conservation of Nature has raised the threat level of this species from least concern in 2023 to near threatened in 2024. According to the scientific information available on this species, this species is often found in large flocks on mudflats and beaches. The Dunlin was spotted by ornithologists KK Krishnakumar, Ellen Alex and V. Ranjith at Puthuvype beach.

Q. 10. Where has the 40th 'All India Governor Gold Cup' international football tournament concluded recently?

- a. Dispur
- b. Imphal
- c. Gangtok
- d. Chennai

Answer: c. Gangtok

First-time participants NorthEast United FC defeated Gangtok Himalayan 4-3 in a penalty shootout to win the 40th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2024. Gangtok Himalayan finished as the runners-up of the tournament for the second consecutive time, having previously lost in the final to Mohammedan Sporting Club in 2019.

Q.11. In which city will the Army Day Parade 2025 be organized?

- a. Jaipur
- b. New Delhi
- c. Pune
- d. Indore

Answer: c. Pune

Pune will host the Army Day parade for the first time on January 15, 2025. The parade is held in 1949 to honour Field Marshal KM Cariappa, India's first Army Commander-in-Chief. Traditionally held in Delhi, the event will be held in cities on a rotating basis in 2023, with Bengaluru and Lucknow hosting in 2023 and 2024. Pune's selection reflects its military heritage and role as the Southern Command headquarters. The events include marching contingents, mechanised columns, defence technology displays, war demonstrations and martial arts. The "Know Your Army" exhibition to be held in January will showcase advanced weaponry and interaction between soldiers. The initiative promotes unity and connects citizens with the armed forces.

Q.12. Recently Yamandu Orsi has won the presidential election of which country?

- a. Uruguay
- b. Bolivia
- c. Morocco
- d. Jordan

Answer: a. Uruguay

Opposition candidate Yamandu Orsi has won Uruguay's presidential election with 99 percent of the vote. Pollsters had expected a close second round race. Official results showed Yamandu Orsi, who was leading by a few points before the election, won by a slim but comfortable margin of 49.81 percent of the vote against conservative Alvaro Delgado's 45.90 percent.

Q.13. Where was the 10th meeting of the India-EU Energy Panel held recently?

- a. Paris
- b. Brussels
- c. Berlin
- d. Tokyo

Answer: b. Brussels

Recently, the 10th meeting of the India-EU Energy Panel was held in Brussels. The meeting discussed the energy transition priorities of both sides and reviewed the achievements of the second phase of the India-EU Clean Energy and Climate Partnership 2021-2024.

Q.14. In which language has the 'Indian Constitution' been unveiled recently?

- a. Sanskrit
- b. Math
- c. Both of the above
- d. Physics

Answer: c. Both of the above

President Draupadi Murmu unveiled the translation of the Indian Constitution in Sanskrit and Maithili languages in New Delhi on the occasion of Constitution Day. Maithili is mainly spoken in Bihar, Jharkhand and Nepal. Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

Rahul Gandhi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Q.15. Where was the 'Nagusaba Goreng' festival celebrated recently?

- a. Thimpu
- b. Bali
- c. Kathmandu
- d. Dhaka

Answer: b. Bali

Rejang Dewa is a sacred Balinese dance that is the center of the Ngusaba Goreng festival. This two-week thanksgiving festival celebrates the rich harvest in Bali, Indonesia. In Hinduism "Rejang" means offering or devotion and "Deva" means divine being. The festival includes traditional dances performed by young girls and women. It emphasizes the spiritual connection between humans, nature and divinity. The festival also promotes social unity and encourages community harmony and collective identity.