

## Today in History on 30 NOV

- **1886: The first commercially successful AC electrical power plant was opened.**

1886 - Great Barrington, Massachusetts - The first complete AC power system in the world was demonstrated using step up and step down transformers. The system was built by William Stanley and funded by Westinghouse.



- **1967: The Republic of South Yemen gained independence from the United Kingdom.**

North Yemen gained independence in 1918 and South Yemen in 1967. The two Yemens became a unified nation in 1990. Although the People's Republic of Southern Yemen gained independence on November 30, 1967, the United States did not recognize it until December 7, when U.S. Consul General in Aden, William L. Eagleton, Jr., informed the new government authorities of the United States' decision. In 1970, the country was renamed the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.



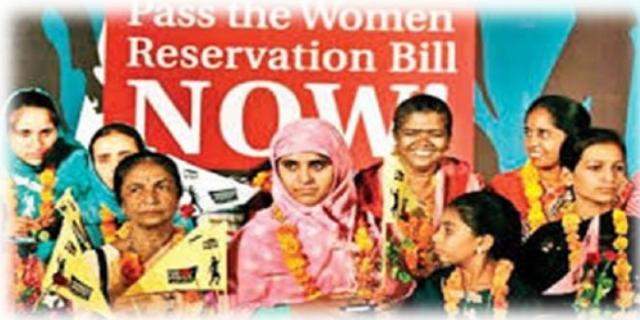
- **2000: Indian beauty Priyanka Chopra won the Miss World pageant in London.**

Miss World 2000, the 50th edition of the Miss World pageant, was held on 30 November 2000 at the Millennium Dome in London, United Kingdom. The swimsuit segment of the pageant was filmed in the Maldives. Priyanka Chopra of India won the pageant at the age of 18.



- **2004: Bill reserving 45 percent of seats for women passed in Bangladesh Parliament.**

Bangladesh Nationalist Party Law Minister Moudud Ahmed wrote the bill in 2004. The bill would reserve 45 additional seats for women. They would be distributed among political parties in proportion to the number of seats they hold. Bangladesh Nationalist Party Law Minister Moudud Ahmed wrote the bill in 2004. The bill would reserve 45 additional seats for women.



- **2008: Government announces formation of federal investigation agency following Mumbai terror attacks.**

After the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, the Indian government established key institutions and legal frameworks to combat terrorism. On December 17, 2008, the Indian Parliament approved the creation of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), a federal counter-terrorism body similar to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.



awarded a Special Appreciation Medal for its innovative design and impactful presentation of India's healthcare initiatives. This recognition underscores the Ministry's commitment to promoting a holistic approach to health that integrates human, animal, plant, and environmental well-being, aligning with India's evolving healthcare strategies.



- **'Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat' Campaign Launched by Union Minister**

The Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annapurna Devi, launched the national campaign "Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat" in New Delhi. Aimed at eradicating child marriage and empowering young girls, the campaign aligns with the vision of a developed India (Viksit Bharat) by 2047.



## Important NEWS on 30 NOV

- **Health Ministry's 'One Health' Pavilion Wins Special Appreciation Medal at IITF 2024**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's 'One Health' Pavilion at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) held in New Delhi has been

### ➤ Gujarat Launches Cottage and Rural Industries Policy 2024-29

The Gujarat government has introduced an ambitious Cottage and Rural Industries Policy 2024-29, aiming to bolster the cottage industry, preserve handicrafts, and enhance the sector's domestic and global market presence. The policy emphasizes increased credit support, infrastructure development, and promotion of unique local products through initiatives like the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme and GI tagging for intellectual property protection.



### ➤ Sri Lanka's Central Bank Eases Monetary Policy to Support Economic Recovery

Sri Lanka's Central Bank (CBSL) has implemented a significant monetary policy shift by introducing a single Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 8%, signaling a further easing of its monetary stance to support the country's fragile recovery. This move follows a deep financial crisis and aligns with the ongoing debt restructuring process. The OPR replaces the previous system of two key rates, the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR), marking a notable change in the country's monetary policy framework.



### ➤ "India, Japan Begin First Talks on Economic Security and Trade"

On November, 2024, the first round of the India-Japan Dialogue on Economic Security, Strategic Trade, and Technology took place in Tokyo. This important meeting focused on enhancing collaboration between the two nations in areas like economic security, supply chain resilience, and the application of emerging technologies.



### ➤ Roche CEO Thomas Schinecker to Lead IFPMA as New President

The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) has appointed Dr Thomas Schinecker, CEO of Roche, as its new President, effective January 1, 2025. Schinecker, who served as IFPMA Vice-President for two years, will be joined by Rob Davis, CEO of MSD, as the Vice-President. The leadership transition follows the completion of Dr Albert Bourla's term as President.



### ➤ CM Rio Opens New Amenities at Kisama for Hornbill Fest

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated several new facilities at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, ahead of the 25th Hornbill Festival. These enhancements aim to enrich the festival experience, preserve Naga culture, and facilitate year-round use by local communities and international visitors. The event also highlighted the inclusion of the USA as a new partner country for the festival.



### Current affairs MCQS on 30 NOV

Q.1. Recently, India's first green hydrogen fuel station has been installed in which city?

- (a) Leh
- (b) Indore
- (c) Jaisalmer
- (d) Chennai

**Answer: (a) Leh**

Amara Raja Infra has set up India's first green hydrogen fuel station in Leh, Ladakh for NTPC. This will enable emission-free transportation in the region, making India a leader in green mobility. NTPC will deploy five hydrogen fuel cell buses. The project includes design, construction and a three-year operation and maintenance plan. The station produces 80 kg of GH2 per day at a temperature of -25°C to 30°C at an altitude of 3,400 meters. The station is part of India's National Hydrogen Energy Mission, which promotes large-scale hydrogen projects across the country.

Q.2. Where has the 'Syed Modi International 2024 Badminton Tournament' started recently?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Bhopal
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Surat

**Answer: (a) Lucknow**

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty pair will play with India's top badminton players in the Syed Modi International 2024 badminton tournament. The tournament will be held in Lucknow. Syed Modi International 2024 is a BWF 300 tournament. All the matches played on the badminton courts of Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium will be telecast live in India.

Q.3. Recently, which country's goalkeeper "Alyssa Neher" has announced her retirement?

- (a) America
- (b) Italy
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

**Answer: (a) America**

Long-time US Women's National Team (USWNT) goalkeeper Alyssa Neher has announced that she will soon retire from international soccer. Neher, who won the Women's World Cup twice with the US during her 11-year international career, will play in upcoming games against England and the

Netherlands in Europe before leaving the national team.

**Q.4. Recently, which country has signed the Riyadh Design Law Treaty to promote inclusive development?**

- (a) India
- (b) Dubai
- (c) Russia
- (d) Japan

**Answer: (a) India**

India has signed the Final Act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty (DLT). This reaffirms its commitment to promote inclusive growth and strengthen its intellectual property (IP) ecosystem. In this regard, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement issued that the member countries of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) have adopted the landmark Design Law Treaty (DLT) after nearly two decades of intense deliberations. The treaty aims to harmonize industrial design protection procedures globally, which will benefit stakeholders across all industries, including small and medium enterprises.

**Q.5. Who has recently become the 'Under-8 World Cadet Chess Champion'?**

- (a) Satvik Swain
- (b) Jiming Guo
- (c) Divith Reddy
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Divith Reddy**

Eight-year-old Divith Reddy of Hyderabad won the Under-8 World Cadet Chess Championship title. The Telangana player won the gold medal by defeating compatriot Satwik Swain on the basis of super tie-break score. Divith and Satwik Swain were at the top of the points table with 9 points out of 11. China's Jiming Guo also has the same number of points. After this, the winner was decided by super tie-breaker. Divith Reddy won the gold medal by winning the

super tie-breaker. Satwik Swain got silver and Jiming Guo got bronze medal.

**Q.6. Recently in which state the new 'Cottage and Rural Industry Policy' has been unveiled?**

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Bihar

**Answer: (c) Gujarat**

The Gujarat government announced its new cottage and village industries policy, offering more loans and subsidies to artisans and entrepreneurs to set up units in the state. Unveiling the policy in Gandhinagar, cottage industries minister Balwant Singh Rajput said it would create around 12 lakh jobs in five years. The new policy has been launched after the five-year validity of the previous scheme expired, an official release said.

**Q.7. Recently the world's oldest person 'John Tinniswood' died at what age?**

- (a) 111
- (b) 102
- (c) 112
- (d) 110

**Answer: (c) 112**

The world's oldest man, John Tinniswood, died at the age of 112. Guinness World Records issued a statement saying that John Tinniswood died in an old age home in Southport, England. His family told the Guinness Book of World Records (GWR) that he continued to enjoy music and dance until his death. Born in August 1912, Tinniswood held the record of the world's oldest living person until April 2024, after the death of 114-year-old Juan Vicente Perez of Venezuela. According to Guinness World Records, he used to attribute his longevity to 'God's grace'.

**Q.8. Recently who has become the world's number 1 bowler in the ICC Test rankings?**

- (a) Kagiso Rabada
- (b) Josh Hazlewood

(c) Jaspreet Bumrah  
(d) Virat Kohli

**Answer: (c) Jaspreet Bumrah**

India's fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has overtaken Kagiso Rabada and Josh Hazlewood to top the ICC Test bowling rankings. Bumrah achieved this feat thanks to his match-winning spell in the first Test against Australia in Perth. Acting captain Bumrah took 8 wickets for 72 runs, helping India beat Australia by 295 runs to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

**Q.9. Recently the 12th edition of 'International Tourism Mart' has been organized in which state?**

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Assam
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Kerala

**Answer: (b) Assam**

The 12th International Tourism Mart is being held at Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Assam. The International Tourism Mart will highlight the vast potential of tourism in the Northeast region to domestic and international visitors and bring together stakeholders of the tourism and hospitality industry to promote tourism in the region. Kaziranga National Park is also celebrating its 50th anniversary of being declared a national park.

**Q.10. Who has recently launched the "Child Marriage Free India" campaign?**

- (a) Annapurna Devi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan

**Answer: (a) Annapurna Devi**

Minister of Women and Child Development Smt. Annapurna Devi launched the "Child Marriage Free India" campaign in New Delhi. The campaign aims to end child marriage and empower young girls. The campaign is linked to the vision of a developed India (Developed India) by 2047. On this occasion, the

"Child Marriage Free India Portal" was also launched, an innovative tool for citizens to report incidents of child marriage and enforce the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

**Q.11. Recently in which country the Indian Coast Guard has organized the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise?**

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Odisha

**Answer: (c) Kochi**

Indian Coast Guard conducted SAREX-24 at Kochi under the aegis of National Maritime Search and Rescue Board. The event aims to validate the national maritime search and rescue (M-SAR) framework through an inclusive collaborative approach. It addresses India's vast 4.6 million square kilometer search and rescue region (ISRR) and emphasizes collaboration across agencies, coastal and friendly countries. The focus will be on mass rescue operations (MRO) during large-scale maritime distress. The theme "Enhancing Search and Rescue Capabilities through Regional Cooperation" reflects ICG's commitment to render assistance in ISRR.

**Q.12. Recently the central bank of which country has announced to start the 'Overnight Policy Rate' (OPR) at 8 percent?**

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Indonesia

**Answer: (a) Sri Lanka**

The Monetary Policy Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka at its meeting decided to further ease the monetary policy stance and set the newly introduced overnight policy rate (OPR) at 8.00 percent. With this change, the effective reduction in the policy interest rate will be approximately 50 basis points from the current level of the average weighted call

money rate (AWCMR), which continues to serve as the operational target of the flexible inflation targeting (FIT) framework.

**Q.13. Where was the "RAK" Energy Summit held recently?**

- (a) Italy
- (b) France
- (c) UAE
- (d) Germany

**Answer: (c) UAE**

Artificial intelligence and advanced grid management systems are shaping the future of sustainable energy, industry leaders revealed at the RAK Energy Summit in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE. The summit showcased how automated systems and sophisticated software are revolutionising energy delivery, with real-time adjustments and predictive analytics emerging as key tools for green energy integration.

**Q.14. Recently, the book 'MY BELOVED LIFE' written by whom has been released?**

- (a) Manik Kotwal
- (b) Devendra Kumar
- (c) Amitav Kumar
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Amitav Kumar**

Amitav Kumar's My Beloved Life is the story of Jadunath "Jadu" Kunwar, a man from a small village in Bihar, and his daughter Jugnu, who face the challenges of life in a rapidly changing India. The novel explores their journey of love, loss, and growth, while also highlighting important historical events that shaped the country. Through his experiences, Kumar weaves a tale of resilience, showing how ordinary people can overcome adversity and build meaningful lives despite obstacles. The book combines a personal narrative with a broader view of India's political and social transformation over the years.

**Q.15. Recently, who has been appointed as the Director of 'National Institute of Health'?**

- (a) Dr. Jai Bhattacharya
- (b) Ashok Chandra
- (c) Vinod Kumar
- (d) Vivek Bansal

**Answer: (a) Dr. Jai Bhattacharya**

US President-elect Donald Trump has chosen Indian-American scientist Jay Bhattacharya as the director of the National Institutes of Health, the country's top health research and funding institute. With this, Mr Bhattacharya has become the first Indian-American to be nominated by Mr Trump for a top administration post.