

Today in History on 04 NOV

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- James Buchanan was elected the 15th president of the United States in 1856.

James Buchanan was the 15th president of the United States (1857-1861), taking office just before the American Civil War. He is the only president to be elected from Pennsylvania and to remain unmarried throughout his life. Born in 1791 to a wealthy Pennsylvania family, Buchanan, a graduate of Dickinson College, was a gifted debater and a master of law. He was elected to the House of Representatives five times; then, after an interlude as minister to Russia, served a decade in the Senate.

He became Polk's secretary of state and Pierce's minister to Great Britain. Service abroad helped him secure the Democratic nomination in 1856 because it exempted him from involvement in bitter domestic disputes.



- The University of Washington was founded in 1861 in Seattle.

The University of Washington is a public research university in Seattle, Washington, United States. Founded in 1861, the University of Washington is one of the oldest universities on the West Coast of the United States. The university's main campus spans 703 acres (284 hectares) located in the city's University District. It also has satellite campuses in the nearby cities of Tacoma and Bothell.



➤ In 1879, African American inventor Thomas Elkins patented a refrigerating apparatus on this day.

Elkins' work as a medical examiner may have inspired his next and most famous invention - a device intended to improve the refrigeration of "articles liable to rot" such as "food, or human cadavers." The device was approved on November 4, 1879, and consisted of a covered trough or container to be kept at a low temperature.



Important NEWS on 04 NOV

➤ Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park Set to Achieve India's First IGBC Certification

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced on October 2024 that the Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park, located in the Bankhandi area of Kangra's Dehra assembly constituency, will be the first zoo in India to receive certification from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC). This certification will recognize the zoo's commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly infrastructure, setting a precedent for conservation efforts in the country.



➤ On this day in 1922, British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun.

Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered in 1922 by excavators led by Howard Carter. As a result of the quantity and opulent appearance of the burial goods, the tomb caused a media sensation and became the most famous discovery in Egyptian history. The discovery yielded limited evidence about Tutankhamun's reign and the history of the earlier Amarna Period, but it did provide insight into the material culture of wealthy ancient Egyptians, as well as patterns of ancient tomb robbing. Tutankhamun became one of the most famous pharaohs, and some of the artifacts found from his tomb, such as his golden funerary mask, are among the most famous artifacts of ancient Egypt.

➤ Gujarat's Ekta Nagar Receives ₹284 Crore Boost as PM Unveils Key Projects

Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his two-day visit to Gujarat on October, 2024, starting in Ekta Nagar, located approximately 200 km from Ahmedabad. During this visit, he laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects worth over ₹284 crore in the Narmada district, which is home to the iconic Statue of Unity.



➤ RBI's Diwali's Plan Transporting 102 Tonnes from England

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revealed that it successfully transported an impressive 102 tonnes of gold from the Bank of England to secure storage facilities in India. This strategic move was part of the RBI's meticulous planning to ensure the safe and discreet transfer of such a significant quantity of gold, reinforcing the nation's reserves while aligning with the festive spirit of the occasion.



➤ Ravindra Jadeja Climbs to 5th Spot in India's Test Wicket List

Ravindra Jadeja achieved a significant milestone by becoming the fifth-highest wicket-taker for India in Test cricket. This feat was accomplished on the first day of the third Test match against New Zealand in Mumbai, where Jadeja surpassed Ishant Sharma's wicket tally. Top Indian Wicket-Takers Jadeja now stands among India's legendary bowlers, with only four players ahead of him,

Anil Kumble
Ravichandran Ashwin
Kapil Dev
Harbhajan Singh



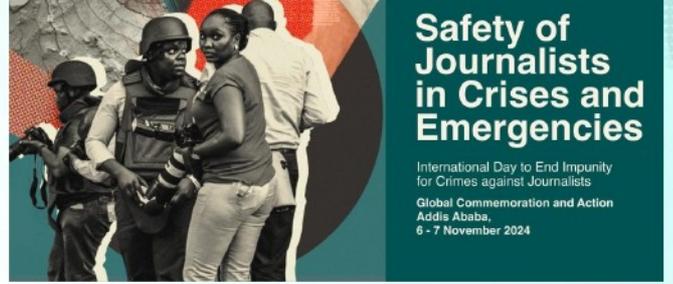
➤ One District One Product' Promoted by Piyush Goyal During Riyadh Visit

Union Minister Piyush Goyal, during his two-day visit to Saudi Arabia, inaugurated the "One District One Product" (ODOP) Wall at the Indian Embassy in Riyadh on October 2024. This initiative aims to showcase local products from different districts of India on international platforms, promoting them as part of the "Made in India" movement.



➤ International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists 2024

The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI) is observed each year on November 2024. Recognized by the United Nations, this day highlights the urgent need to protect journalists and address the widespread impunity for crimes committed against them. By drawing global attention to these issues, IDEI advocates for safer conditions for journalists and calls for justice and accountability to uphold freedom of the press worldwide.



➤ Bibek Debroy, Chairman of PM's Economic Advisory Council, Dies at 69

Bibek Debroy, a prominent economist and chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (EAC-PM), has passed away at the age of 69. He was recently admitted to AIIMS for treatment. Following his death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Debroy, recognizing his significant contributions to the field of economics.



Current affairs MCQS on 04 NOV

Q.1. Recently, which zoological park has become the first zoo in India to receive certification from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)?

- (a) Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park, Pune
- (b) Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park, Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad
- (d) National Zoological Park, New Delhi

Answer: (b) Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park, Himachal Pradesh

The Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park in Kangra's Dehra constituency will be India's first IGBC-certified zoo for sustainable infrastructure. It is located in Kangra's Bankhandi area. The park will have 34 enclosures, housing 73 species including Asiatic lions, crocodiles, gharials and native birds. With a budget of ₹619 crore, it focuses on eco-friendly design. The zoo aims to boost tourism, create jobs and promote eco-tourism, thereby enhancing Kangra's status as the "tourism capital" of Himachal Pradesh.

Q.2. Recently, CDS General Anil Chauhan has gone on a 05-day visit to which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Algeria

Answer: (d) Algeria

Chief of Defence Staff (DSC) General Anil Chauhan will be on an official visit to Algeria. This is a reflection of the growing ties between India and Algeria in the field of defence cooperation. The visit will also underline the need to strengthen bilateral relations and military cooperation.

Q.3. Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has created a Guinness World Record by lighting how many lakh lamps in Ayodhya Deepotsav?

- (a) 28 lakh
- (b) 25 lakh
- (c) 65 lakh
- (d) 21 lakh

Answer: (b) 25 lakh

Ayodhya has once again set a record in Deepotsav. A world record has been set by lighting 25.12 lakh lamps. This time, after the conclusion of Deepotsav, the cleaning arrangements at Ram Ki Paidi were also much better than every year. After lighting the

lamps, 1000 workers were employed by the Municipal Corporation to clean the ghats of Ram Ki Paidi and pick up the diyas and wicks. After lighting the lamps, the laser show and projection mapping ended late at night.

Q.4. Who has recently released the Green House Gas Bulletin?

- (a) IBM
- (b) WMO
- (c) UNESCO
- (d) WHO

Answer: (b) WMO

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) released its annual Greenhouse Gas Bulletin, first published in 2004. The bulletin analyzes greenhouse gas concentrations from the WMO Global Atmosphere Watch Programme. Global averages of CO2 reached 420 ppm, methane 1934 ppb and nitrous oxide 336.9 ppb, well above pre-industrial levels. Methane and nitrous oxide levels increased, leading to a rise in global temperatures. Causes of this increase include high CO2 emissions from fossil fuels, vegetation fires and low carbon absorption. The report calls for urgent action to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and halt rising greenhouse gas levels.

Q.5. Which bank has recently been ranked as the best bank in India in 2024 by Global Finance Magazine?

- (a) HDFC
- (b) SBI
- (c) BOB
- (d) PNB

Answer: (b) SBI

Global Finance Magazine has named State Bank of India (SBI) as India's Best Bank for 2024 at its 31st Annual Best Bank Awards in Washington. SBI Chairman CS Shetty received the award in recognition of the bank's commitment to exceptional services and financial inclusion across the country.

Q.6. Which country has recently been affected by Typhoon Kong-rey?

- (a) Taiwan
- (b) Hong Kong
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Japan

Answer: (a) Taiwan

Typhoon Kong-rey struck Taiwan, the largest typhoon impact in nearly 30 years. It made landfall on Taiwan's east coast with initial winds of over 200 km/h. Authorities closed schools, offices, and financial markets, and evacuated thousands of people from high-risk areas. Supermarkets faced shortages while residents prepared. The storm injured more than 70 people, killed one, and knocked out power to about 500,000 households. Emergency response in affected areas was delayed due to poor weather conditions.

Q.7. Who has recently been the winner of Asian Arm Wrestling Cup 2024?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Uzbekistan
- (c) Kazakhstan
- (d) India

Answer: (c) Kazakhstan

Around 500 players from a total of 15 countries including Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Jordan, Thailand, Kyrgyzstan, Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Turkmenistan and India participated in the Asian Arm Wrestling Cup 2024. The Indian team has secured the runner-up position in this competition. Kazakhstan was the winner and Jordan finished third.

Q.8. Recently more than 40 migratory birds have died in whose Sambhar Lake?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: (a) Rajasthan

Recently, more than 40 migratory birds died around Sambhar Lake near Jaipur in Rajasthan, raising concern among authorities. India's largest saltwater lake, Sambhar Lake, is spread over an area of more than 200 sq km in Nagaur and Jaipur districts of Rajasthan. It is an elliptical saline wetland, measuring 35.5 km in length and 3 to 11 km in width and is surrounded by the Aravalli Hills. The lake is fed by seasonal streams Mendha and Ranpangarh and was declared a Ramsar site in 1990. Sambhar Lake is an important wintering habitat for migratory birds such as flamingos, pelicans and plovers.

Q.9. Recently which state has implemented a state-specific scheme to prevent stubble burning?

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

Answer: (c) Haryana

The Haryana government has implemented a state-specific scheme to curb incidents of stubble burning. Under this scheme, farmers are given financial assistance for crop residue management, and a zero burning target has also been set for panchayats. A government spokesperson said that on achieving the zero burning target, panchayats in the red zone will get an incentive of Rs 1 lakh, while panchayats in the yellow zone will get Rs 50,000. As a result of the steps taken by the government, till October 28, 83,070 farmers have registered for managing 7,11,000 acres of paddy area. The last date for registration is November 30. The spokesperson also said that farmers are being given an incentive of Rs 1,000 per acre for paddy crop residue management.

Q.10. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of 'NDMC' (New Delhi Municipal Corporation) recently?

- (a) Keshav Chandra

- (b) PK Gupta
(c) RK Bansal
(d) Vipin Kumar

Answer: (a) Keshav Chandra

According to an order of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), 1995 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Keshav Chandra has been appointed as the next chairman of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). Chandra is currently serving as the Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Earlier, he has held important positions like Delhi Jal Board and Environment Secretary.

Q.11. Which state government has recently launched the ELEVATE 2024 program?

- (a) Kerala
(b) Haryana
(c) Karnataka
(d) Gujarat

Answer: (c) Karnataka

The Karnataka government here announced the launch of two flagship programmes - Elevate 2024 and Karnataka Acceleration Network (KAN) - to help early and growth-stage start-ups boost their growth by solving funding-related problems. Elevate 2024 is a grant-assisted seed funding scheme designed to empower early-stage start-ups in the state, while KAN is an acceleration network that provides guidance, market access and funding opportunities for growth stage start-ups across Karnataka.

Q.12. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has increased the gold reserves to how many metric tonnes?

- (a) 900.28
(b) 120.26
(c) 854.73
(d) 940.65

Answer: (c) 854.73

The Reserve Bank of India has increased its domestic gold reserves by over 100 metric tonnes till

September 2024. It now holds 854.73 metric tonnes of gold, a large portion of which is stored domestically. The share of gold in the RBI's total foreign exchange reserves has also increased to 9.32%, while the total foreign reserves have risen to \$705.78 billion.

Q.13. Who has recently launched the nationwide Yuvin Portal?

- (a) JP Nadda
(b) Amit Shah
(c) Narendra Modi
(d) Rajnath Singh

Answer: (c) Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the U-WIN app. U-WIN means Universal Immunization Program. In simple words, it is a portal to track the vaccination program. Like the CoWIN app, Covid-19 vaccination was tracked. Similarly, with the help of the U-WIN app, a centralized digital record will be created, in which the record of vaccination of children and pregnant women will be kept.

Q.14. Recently KM Puttu Swamy passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Justice
(b) Writer
(c) Journalist
(d) Musician

Answer: (a) Justice

Former Karnataka High Court judge K S Puttaswamy, who fought the legal battle in the Supreme Court in 2012 against the Aadhaar scheme, which was introduced without legislative backing at the time, died at his residence in Bengaluru. He was 98. Born on February 8, 1926, Mr Puttaswamy studied at Maharaja's College, Mysore and Government Law College, Bengaluru. He enrolled as an advocate in 1952 and later served as additional government pleader in the High Court.

Q.15. Which medals did 'Manasi Ahlawat' win in the recent World Wrestling Championship?

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Gold
- (c) Silver
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Bronze

India's Manasi Ahlawat has won the bronze medal in the women's 59 kg weight category in the ongoing Seniors World Championship in Tirana, Albania in the sport of wrestling. Manasi defeated Lawrence Beauregard of Canada 5-0. Japan's Risako Kinjo won the gold medal, Mongolia's Tserenchimed Sukhi won the silver medal, while Germany's Elena Heike Brugger won the bronze medal along with Manasi.