

Today in History on 06 NOV

- **1813: Mexico gained independence from Spain. Mexico gained independence from Spain on November 6, 1813.**

The Mexican War of Independence was an armed conflict and political process that resulted in Mexico's independence from the Spanish Empire. It was not a single, coherent event, but rather local and regional conflicts that occurred over a period of time and can be considered a revolutionary civil war.



- **1860: Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th president of the United States.**

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States, serving from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. He led the United States during the American Civil War, preserved the nation as a constitutional union, defeated the Confederacy, played a major role in the abolition of slavery, expanded the power of the federal government, and modernized the American economy. Lincoln was born into poverty in a log cabin in Kentucky and

raised on the frontier, primarily in Indiana. He educated himself and became a lawyer, Whig Party leader, Illinois state legislator, and U.S. Representative from Illinois.



- **1913: Mahatma Gandhi led 'The Great March' against apartheid policies in South Africa.**

On November 06, 1913, Mahatma Gandhi led 'The Great March' against apartheid policies in South Africa. Mandela's fight against apartheid rule in South Africa is equal to Gandhi's fight against British rule in India.



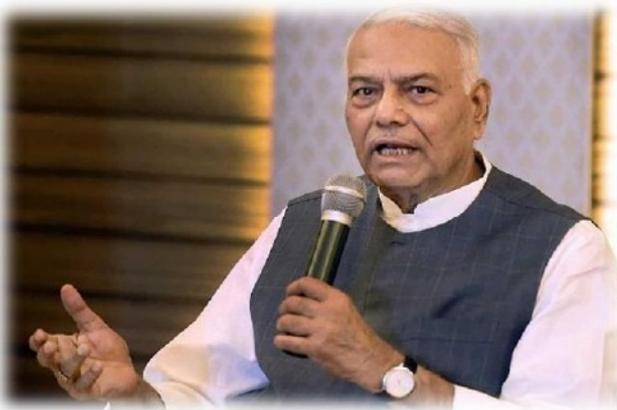
➤ 1962: The National Security Council was established.

The National Security Council of India is an executive government agency tasked with advising the Prime Minister's Office on matters of national security and strategic interest. It was established by former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee with Brajesh Mishra as the first National Security Advisor.



➤ 1937: Lok Sabha member Yashwant Sinha was born.

Yashwant Sinha (born 6 November 1937) is an Indian administrator and politician. He served as Finance Minister under Prime Minister Chandrashekhar from 1990 to 1991 and again under Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee from March 1998 to July 2002. The opposition has fielded him as its presidential candidate for the 2022 presidential election.



Important NEWS on 06 NOV

➤ Collins Dictionary Names "Brat" 2024 Word of the Year

In a reflection of evolving social attitudes and pop culture influences, Collins Dictionary announced "brat" as its Word of the Year for 2024. The word, redefined by British singer Charli XCX and popularized through her album of the same name, has come to represent a "confident, independent, and hedonistic attitude." Originally used to describe a misbehaving child, "brat" now embodies a culturally resonant spirit of self-expression and rebellion that resonates globally, with notable support from US presidential candidate Kamala Harris.



➤ Significant Rise Himalayan Glacial Lakes Increase 10.81% from 2011 to 2024

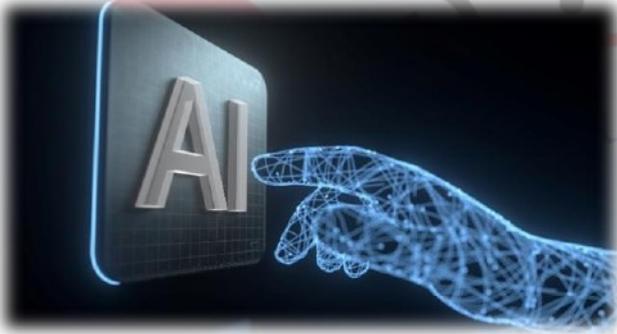
A recent government report indicates that glacial lakes and water bodies in the Himalayan region have experienced a 10.81% increase in area from 2011 to 2024, primarily driven by climate change. This expansion raises concerns about the heightened risk of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs). The report, accessed by PTI from the Central Water Commission (CWC), highlights that lakes in India have seen an

even more significant growth, with a surface area increase of 33.7%.



➤ Global AI Preparedness India's Position Among Leading Nations

Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the global economy, reshaping labor markets, industries, and societal dynamics. This transformation brings vast opportunities along with complex challenges.



➤ ISRO Begins Groundbreaking Analogue Space Mission in Leh

ISRO announced the launch of its analogue space mission in Leh, Ladakh. This innovative mission aims to simulate life in an interplanetary habitat, addressing the challenges associated with establishing a base station beyond Earth. Through this initiative, ISRO seeks to gather insights and prepare for future space exploration endeavors.

➤ Itaru Otani Appointed as Chairman of India Yamaha Motor

India Yamaha Motor has appointed Itaru Otani as its new Chairman, a significant move aimed at enhancing the company's presence in India's dynamic two-wheeler market. With over 30 years of experience at Yamaha Motor Company, Otani brings a wealth of expertise from leadership positions in diverse global markets, including Australia, Brazil, and Japan. His appointment signals a strategic shift to align Yamaha's offerings with the evolving preferences of Indian consumers, focusing on innovative and stylish products that cater to local demands.



➤ Karnataka Embraces Bali Padyami Festival

Karnataka is celebrating the Bali Padyami festival (Bali Pratipada) on marking the fourth day of Deepavali. This festival commemorates the return of the Asura king, Bali Chakravarty, from Pathala Loka to Bhuloka, a journey made possible by the boon granted to him by Lord Vishnu during his Vamana Avatar.



➤ SEBI Proposes Reforms to Enhance Flexibility and Protection for REITs and InvITs

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a range of proposed changes for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs), and Small and Medium REITs (SM REITs) aimed at enhancing market flexibility and investor protection. This aligns with SEBI's ongoing efforts to strengthen governance, reduce financial risk, and improve operational efficiency in these investment structures.



Current affairs MCQS on 06 NOV

Q.1. Recently Exercise Garuda Shakti 24 is conducted between India and which country?

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Australia
- (c) Russia
- (d) Indonesia

Answer: (d) Indonesia

A contingent of 25 Indian Army personnel has participated in Exercise Garuda Shakti 24. This is the 9th edition of the India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise, involving soldiers from the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces). The aim of the exercise is to familiarise both sides with each other's procedures and enhance cooperation and interoperability. The exercise includes tactical military exercises, planning of special operations and sharing of advanced skills and techniques.

Q.2. Recently more than 200 people have died due to severe floods in which country?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Spain
- (c) Brazil
- (d) France

Answer: (b) Spain

Rescue workers have raised the death toll from Spain's worst floods to 205, and concerns grew for dozens of missing people as hopes of finding survivors faded. Floods have swept away vehicles,

collapsed bridges and covered towns with mud, the deadliest disaster to hit the European country in decades.

Q.3. Recently which country has imposed a ban on 19 Indian companies?

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

Answer: (a) America

The US has imposed sanctions on 19 Indian companies accusing them of providing defence related equipment to Russia. India has given clarification on this. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We have seen reports of US sanctions on Indian companies. We effectively implement UNSC rules in matters related to defence exports."

Q.4. Recently who has become the new leader of Britain's Conservative Party?

- (a) Kemi Badenoch
- (b) Victor Shaw
- (c) Richard Haley
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Kemi Badenoch

"Anti-woke" candidate Kemi Badenoch won the vote to become the new leader of the UK Conservatives, replacing Rishi Sunak, who resigned after the party's disastrous performance in July's general election. Ms Badenoch, 44, topped a two-horse race with former immigration minister Robert Jenrick, winning 57% of the vote from party members.

Q.5. How many tonnes of gold has RBI imported from abroad?

- (a) 120 tonnes
- (b) 150 tonnes
- (c) 102 tonnes
- (d) 109 tonnes

Answer: (c) 102 tonnes

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) confirmed a fresh wave of gold shipments, moving 102 tonnes of gold from the Bank of England's reserves to secure facilities within India. As of the end of September, the RBI had a total of 855 tonnes in reserves, of which 510.5 tonnes are now held on Indian soil. The move reflects a shift in strategy, fuelled by rising geopolitical risks, which has prompted India's central bank to re-evaluate the safety of its overseas gold reserves.

Q.6. Recently 10 elephants have died in which national park?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: (c) Madhya Pradesh

A member of the high-level team sent by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav to the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) following the death of 10 elephants said they have not come across any "conspiracy". The team comprising Madhya Pradesh Forest Minister Pradeep Ahirwar, Additional Chief Secretary Ashok Barnwal and Forest Force chief Asim Shrivastava visited the spot inside the reserve where the elephants died.

Q.7. Recently 'Bali Padyami Utsav' was celebrated in which?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Kerala

Answer: (b) Karnataka

Bali Padyami festival is being celebrated in Karnataka. It is believed that the demon king Bali Chakravarti comes to Earth from the netherworld as per the boon given by Lord Vishnu during his Vamana avatar.

Q.8. Recently who has been appointed as MD and CEO of MCX (Multi Commodity Exchange)?

- (a) Vinayak Gupta
(b) Kavita Sahay
(c) Praveena Rai
(d) Anjali Sen

Answer: (c) Praveena Rai

Praveena Rai will take over as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) at the Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and begins her five-year term. The appointment was announced in a statement released by MCX, marking the beginning of a new chapter for the organisation. Rai will lead India's largest commodity derivatives exchange with her extensive experience in banking, payments and transaction management.

Q.9. Recently which state government has launched Deepam 2.0 scheme to provide free gas cylinders to eligible families?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
(b) Karnataka
(c) Maharashtra
(d) Kerala

Answer: (a) Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the Deepam 2.0 scheme under the "Super Six Promise" initiative at Edupuram in Srikakulam district. The scheme aims to provide free gas cylinders to eligible households to enhance their quality of life. The initiative is part of a broader effort to improve living conditions in households and promote clean cooking energy, thereby enhancing health and safety. The scheme also includes financial assistance for women, aimed at reducing their financial burden and reducing dependence on traditional cooking methods, which will ultimately lead to women empowerment in the state.

Q.10. Who has recently taken over as Air Officer-in-Charge of Maintenance of the Indian Air Force?

- (a) Ajay Kumar Arora
(b) Vipin Kumar
(c) Rajesh Kumar Singh
(d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Ajay Kumar Arora

Air Marshal Ajay Kumar Arora took over as Air Officer-in-Charge - Maintenance, IAF at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan). After assuming charge, the Air Marshal paid floral tributes at the National War Memorial in honour of Armed Forces personnel who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. Air Marshal Ajay Arora was commissioned in the Aeronautical Engineering stream of the IAF in August 1986. He is a graduate of Air Force Technical College, Air Command & Staff College, USA and College of Defence Management, Secunderabad. He is an Electronics & Communication Engineer and an alumnus of IIT Kharagpur and also holds a Doctorate in Management from University of Pune.

Q.11. Recently, the government of which country is conducting audio-video surveillance of Indian diplomats?

- (a) Canada
(b) China
(c) Italy
(d) Japan

Answer: (a) Canada

India has accused Canada of harassing Indian consulate staff by conducting surveillance on them, a violation of diplomatic practices. India has formally protested, saying the action has escalated tensions already simmering over allegations of involvement in the killing of Khalistani extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Q.12. Recently, Krisha Verma has won which medal in the Under 19 World Boxing Championship?

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

Answer: (c) Gold

India's Krisha Verma won the gold medal at the Under-19 World Boxing Championships in Colorado, USA. However, five other Indian boxers in the race for the gold medal lost in their respective finals.

Krishna won the gold medal by defeating Germany's Larika Simon 5-0.

Q.13. Recently who has gone on a six-day official visit to Australia and Singapore?

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (d) Amit Shah

Answer: (c) Dr. S. Jaishankar

India's External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will visit Australia and Singapore for important meetings and bilateral talks. The External Affairs Minister will also co-chair the 15th Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue (FMFD) with Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong in Canberra. He will deliver the keynote address at the inaugural session of the 2nd Raisina Down Under to be held at the Australian Parliament House.

Q.14. Where was the 352nd meeting of the Governing Body of ILO (International Labour Organization) held recently?

- (a) Paris
- (b) Germany
- (c) Geneva
- (d) London

Answer: (c) Geneva

The 352nd meeting of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization is being held in Geneva. During the meeting, Labor and Employment Secretary Sumita Dawra informed about India's commitment to improve the standard of living through significant efforts on all dimensions of poverty. According to the Multidimensional Poverty Index, 24 crore 80 lakh people have come out of poverty due to these efforts. She informed that during the year 2016-17 to 2022-23, employment in the country was increased by involving about 17 crore people in economic activities.

Q.15. Recently 'Rohit Bal' has passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Fashion designer
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Writer
- (d) Film director

Answer: (a) Fashion designer

Famous fashion designer Rohit Bal passed away. He was suffering from heart related diseases for a long time. He also underwent angioplasty after a heart attack in 2010. In 1996, Time magazine called him India's 'Master of Fabric and Fantasy'. Rohit Bal was chosen as 'Designer of the Year' at the International Fashion Awards in 2001 and 2004.