

## Today in History on 09 NOV

### ➤ 1580: Spanish forces invade Ireland.

Spanish forces invade Ireland in 1580. In the late 1580s, English raids against Spanish commerce and Queen Elizabeth I's support for Dutch rebels in the Spanish Netherlands led King Philip II of Spain to plan the conquest of England. Pope Sixtus V gave his blessing to what he called the "Enterprise of England," which he hoped would return the Protestant island to Rome's control.



### ➤ 1937: Japanese forces capture the Chinese city of Shanghai.

War raged between 1937 and 1945 between Japan and its enemies, first China and then the United States and the British Empire. The war ended in Asia with the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan. The war between China and Japan was initially a conflict in which no Western power was openly involved.



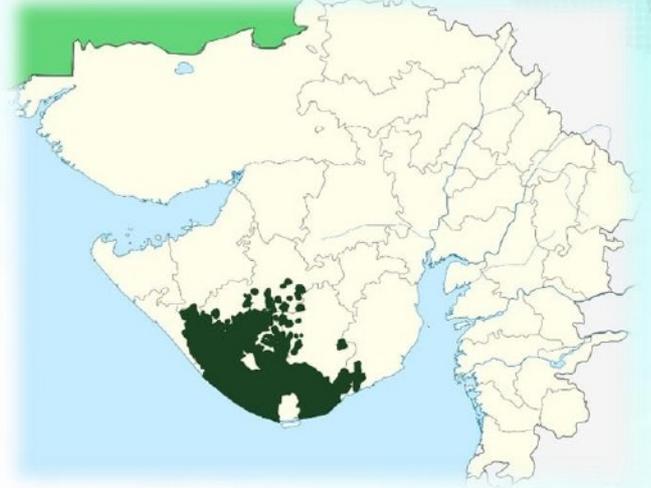
### ➤ 1949: Constitution adopted in Costa Rica.

The Constitution of Costa Rica is the supreme law of Costa Rica. At the end of the Costa Rican Civil War of 1948, José Figueres Ferrer oversaw the Costa Rican Constituent Assembly, which drafted the document. It was approved in November 1949. Several previous constitutions had been in effect since 1812, the most recent of which was ratified in 1871.



#### ➤ 1953: Cambodia gains independence from France.

Cambodia gained its independence from France on November 9, 1953, officially ending eight decades of colonial control. Twenty-two-year-old King Norodom Sihanouk returned from exile and led the new country. Cambodia had been incorporated into the French Indochina federation in 1887 along with the French colonies and protectorates in Laos and Vietnam (Cochinchina, Annam, and Tonkin).



#### Important NEWS on 09 NOV

#### ➤ 1947: Junagadh is merged into the Indian Union.

A plebiscite of the people of Junagadh was held on 9 November 1947. Thus, the merger of Junagadh into the Union of India was made possible due to the tremendous efforts of Sardar Patel for the people of Junagadh. In 1948, the princely state of Junagadh, now located in the Indian state of Gujarat, was merged into the Union of India following a dispute with the Dominion of Pakistan regarding its merger and a plebiscite. Junagadh remained a princely state under the British Crown until the independence and partition of British India in 1947.

#### ➤ Deutsche Bank Infuses ₹5,113 Crore to Boost India Operations

Deutsche Bank has injected ₹5,113 crore into its Indian operations, marking its largest capital infusion into the country in recent years. This move, aimed at funding growth and expanding services across corporate, investment, and private banking, demonstrates the bank's long-term commitment to India. With this fresh capital, Deutsche Bank's regulatory capital for its India branches has increased by 33% to nearly ₹30,000 crore, tripling in the last decade.



### ➤ Moldova's President Maia Sandu Wins Second Term Amid Russian Interference Claims

Moldova as pro-Western President Maia Sandu won a second term in a highly contested presidential runoff. With the country divided over its future alignment—whether closer to the European Union or maintaining ties with Russia—the election was marred by allegations of interference, vote-buying, and intimidation. Sandu's victory is seen as a decisive push toward Moldova's EU integration, but the result reflects deep-seated geopolitical tensions and internal divisions.

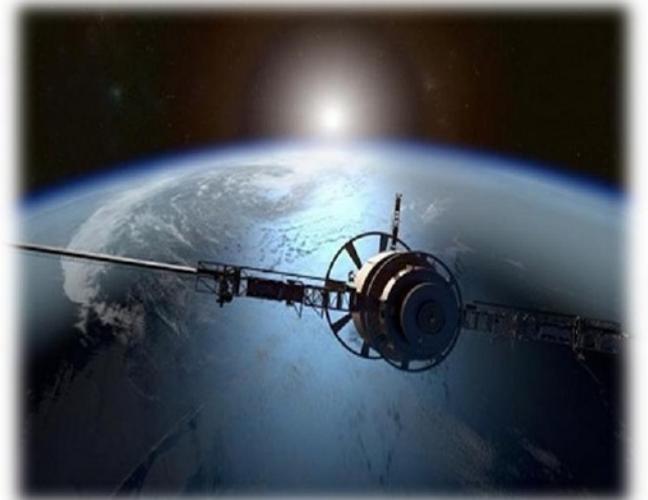


### ➤ Zimbabwe Launches ZIMSAT-2 to Advance Space Programme

Zimbabwe has launched its second satellite, ZIMSAT-2, from the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Russia, a major milestone in the country's growing space programme. This satellite, equipped with a high-resolution multispectral camera, will aid in agriculture, resource exploration, environmental monitoring, and disaster management. It follows the successful launch of Zimbabwe's first satellite, ZIMSAT-1, in November 2022, marking continued progress in space technology and innovation.

### ➤ Switzerland's Burqa Ban Law to Take Effect in 2025

Switzerland is set to enforce its controversial "burqa ban" starting January 1, 2025, following approval in a closely contested 2021 referendum. The law, which prohibits facial coverings in public spaces, has sparked significant debate and criticism, particularly from Muslim associations.



### ➤ Cabinet Approves ₹10,700 Crore Equity Infusion for FCI

In a significant financial boost, the Union Cabinet approved an equity infusion of ₹10,700 crore for the Food Corporation of India (FCI). This move is expected to reduce FCI's dependency on high-interest debt for funding its large-scale food distribution efforts. It aligns with the government's ongoing strategy to enhance food security and minimize subsidy burdens.

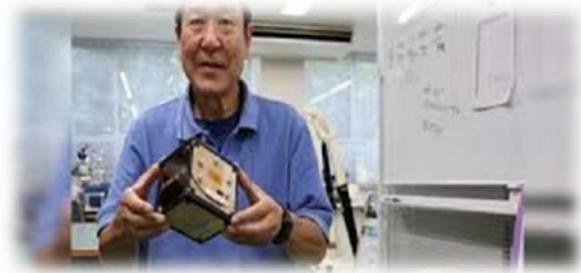


### ➤ IFC Invests \$400 Million in Bajaj Finance for Climate and Women Empowerment

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has announced a strategic partnership with Bajaj Finance Ltd. (BFL), committing \$400 million as part of a \$1 billion fundraising initiative to enhance access to climate finance in India. This investment is aimed at expanding financing for electric vehicles (EVs), energy-efficient consumer goods (EECG), and women-owned micro-enterprises, aligning with India's climate goals and promoting financial inclusion.

### ➤ World's First Wooden Satellite, LignoSat

Japanese scientists launched the world's first wooden satellite, named LignoSat, marking a pioneering experiment in sustainable space technology. Developed by Kyoto University in collaboration with Sumitomo Forestry, this satellite aims to explore the potential of timber as a material for future space habitation and structures. The innovative project, which uses honoki wood, is designed to test the resilience of wood in the extreme conditions of space, possibly paving the way for long-term human settlements in space with renewable resources.



### Current affairs MCQS on 09 NOV

Q.1. Which medal did Tanushree Pandey win at the World Soft Tennis Championship in Jingshan, China?  
(a) Gold

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

**Answer: (b) Silver**

In soft tennis, India's Tanushree Pandey has won a silver medal in the ongoing World Soft Tennis Championship in Jingshan, China. In the Under 21 women's individual singles final, she lost 3-4 to Chiang Min Yu of Chinese Taipei. Earlier, Tanushree had defeated her Japanese opponent 4-3 in the group. In the quarter-finals, she defeated her Chinese opponent with the same line.

**Q.2. Recently, which institute has started a 15-day 'Water Festival' to create awareness about water conservation and management?**

- (a) NITI Aayog  
(b) Central Institute of Brackish Water Aquaculture  
(c) Bureau of Energy Efficiency  
(d) Ministry of Jal Shakti

**Answer: (a) NITI Aayog**

NITI Aayog launched a 15-day 'Jal Utsav' to raise awareness about water conservation and management. Inspired by the vision of Prime Minister Modi, the campaign follows the 'River Festival' model discussed in the 3rd Chief Secretaries Conference. It will run from today till November 24 in 20 aspiring districts and blocks in collaboration with the National Jal Jeevan Mission. The festival aims to promote community participation in water conservation and promote responsible water use. School students will participate in water management activities and become agents of change in their families and communities. 'Jal Bandhan' will symbolically mark the launch.

**Q.3. Recently, which country has banned the use of mobile phones by police personnel deployed on duty?**

- (a) Denmark  
(b) Sudan  
(c) Saudi Arabia

- (d) Zimbabwe

**Answer: (d) Zimbabwe**

Zimbabwe's government has banned police officers from using mobile phones while on duty "with immediate effect." The ban is contained in a memorandum ordering police officers to give up their personal communication gadgets while on duty. All officers must hand over their mobile phones to their supervisors upon arriving at their station and must only use them during their breaks. The memorandum gives no reason for the ban, but it is widely believed to be part of efforts to curb police corruption.

**Q.4. Recently, India and which country have strengthened defense relations with a new MoU?**

- (a) Algeria  
(b) Maldives  
(c) Australia  
(d) Finland

**Answer: (a) Algeria**

India and Algeria signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on bilateral defence cooperation. It was signed by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan and his counterpart, Chief of Staff of the Algerian People's National Army Said Chanegriha.

**Q.5. Recently, IPS 'Sanjay Verma' has become whose new DGP?**

- (a) Jharkhand  
(b) Odisha  
(c) Bihar  
(d) Maharashtra

**Answer: (d) Maharashtra**

Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Sanjay Kumar Verma has been appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Maharashtra in place of Rashmi Shukla. Shukla has been removed from the post of DGP on the instructions of the Election Commission. An official gave this information. The official said that Verma, working as Director General

(Law and Technology), is a 1990 batch IPS officer. He will retire in April 2028.

**Q.6. Who has recently won the World Boxing Federation's super featherweight world title?**

- (a) Madip Jangra
- (b) Deepak Dahiya
- (c) Bajrang Punia
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Madip Jangra**

Indian professional boxer Mandeep Jangra defeated Britain's Conor McIntosh in the Cayman Islands to win the World Boxing Federation (WBF) super featherweight world title. The 31-year-old Jangra, who trains under former Olympic silver medallist Roy Jones Jr, has suffered just one defeat in his professional career so far.

**Q.7. Which state has recently declared 'heat wave' as a state-specific disaster?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: (d) Tamil Nadu**

Recently, the Tamil Nadu government has declared heatwave as a state-specific disaster in view of rising temperatures and heatwave incidents. The aim is to provide relief measures for the affected people and compensation for heatwave deaths. Quick steps will also be taken for heat management by allocating funds from the State Disaster Response Fund.

**Q.8. Which ministry launched the Digital Life Certificate Campaign 3.0 in New Delhi?**

- (a) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development

**Answer: (a) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions**

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh will launch the nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 3.0 in New Delhi. This campaign by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare will continue in 800 cities and districts across the country till November 30. The main objective of this program is to spread awareness about the benefits of Digital Life Certificate and promote digital empowerment of pensioners using face authentication technology.

**Q.9. Where has the orchid species 'Gastrodia lohitis' been discovered?**

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer: (d) Arunachal Pradesh**

A team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) has recently discovered a new species of orchid in Lohit district of Arunachal Pradesh. Sources said that Krishna Chaulu and the BSI team found a leafless orchid named Gastrodia lohitis here. He said that this rare orchid thrives even without sunlight and depends on the fungus present in the leaves for nutrients. Gastrodia lohitis, found in bamboo canopies near Tezu, the headquarters of Lohit district, has unique features like linear calli and raised lower lip, which distinguish it from similar species found in South-East Asia.

**Q.10. Who has recently been elected as the third Director General of ISA (International Solar Alliance)?**

- (a) Ashish Khanna
- (b) Manoj Gupta
- (c) Ajay Singh
- (d) Ajay Mathur

**Answer: (a) Ashish Khanna**

The seventh session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) is underway in New Delhi and Mr. Ashish Khanna from India was elected as its third

Director General. The other candidates included Mr. Wisdom Ahiataku-Togobo from Ghana and Mr. Gosai Mengisti Abyaneh from Ethiopia. The Director General of the ISA plays a key role in supporting the Assembly in advancing the mandate of the International Solar Alliance. This includes assisting Member States to engage in coordinated action to address common challenges and increase solar energy adoption globally.

**Q.11. In the new guidelines issued recently by the Supreme Court, Rajasthan has been given the target of ending child marriage by which year?**

- (a) 2030
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2028
- (d) 2032

**Answer: (a) 2030**

The recent guidelines from the Supreme Court have given a significant boost to civil society organisations working to end child marriage in Rajasthan by 2030. These guidelines focus on making local panchayats, school authorities and child protection officers accountable for effectively curbing the practice of child marriage that is prevalent in the state.

**Q.12. Recently which country has extended visa-free entry for Indian tourists indefinitely?**

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Thailand
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Australia

**Answer: (b) Thailand**

Thailand has extended its visa-free entry policy for Indian citizens indefinitely. Originally set to expire on November 11, 2024, the policy now allows Indian visitors to stay in Thailand for up to 60 days without a visa, with the option to extend their stay by an additional 30 days at the local immigration office.

**Q.13. Where has 'Shilp Samagam Mela 2024' started recently?**

- (a) Hyderabad

- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Mumbai

**Answer: (b) New Delhi**

The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated the 'Shilp Samagam Mela 2024' on a grand scale at Delhi Haat in New Delhi. The fair was organized by the flagship companies of the Ministry, National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCDFC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

**Q.14. Foreign Minister Jaishankar has recently released the book "Friends: India's Closet Strategic Partners" written by whom?**

- (a) Arundhati Roy
- (b) Ramchandra Guha
- (c) Shriram Chaulia
- (d) None of these

**Answer: (c) Shriram Chaulia**

Prof Shriram Chaulia's latest book, Friends - India's Closest Strategic Partners, dives into the complex world of India's foreign relations, offering a unique perspective on India's closest allies and strategic partners. The book highlights how India is positioning itself globally as a "Vishwa Mitra" or "Vishwa Mitra", a philosophy focused on developing goodwill and cooperation with other countries. The book was released at an event attended by prominent foreign policy figures, including India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who shared their views on the dynamics of India's friendships and the complexities that come with it.

**Q.15. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched 'Deepam 2.0 Free Cylinder Scheme'?**

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

**Answer: (b) Andhra Pradesh**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched the free LPG cylinder distribution scheme 'Deepam-2' at Edupuram village in Srikakulam district. Accompanied by Civil Supplies Minister N Manohar, Union Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu and others, the Chief Minister launched the scheme at the house of a woman beneficiary here.

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