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Most Important Points Of 08th November in History

➤ 1580: Spanish forces invade Ireland.

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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.



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➤ 1953: Cambodia gains independence from France.

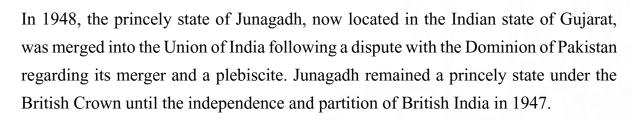
Cambodia gained its independence from France on November, 1953, officially ending eight decades of colonial control. Twenty-two-year-old King Norodom Sihanouk returned from exile and led the new country.



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).

> 1947: Junagadh is merged into the Indian Union.

A plebiscite of the people of Junagadh was held on 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.







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National News

Centre Unveils AI Governance Framework for Safe, Ethical Technological Innovation

India's Information Technology (IT) Act could soon undergo changes to classify artificial intelligence systems, as the government moves to build an India-specific AI risk assessment framework and a national database for AI incidents. These steps are part of the country's newly released AI governance guidelines, which will serve as the foundation for India's national vision on AI ahead of the IndiaAI Impact Summit in February next year.



Key Points:-

- To counter the rise of deepfakes, MeitY recently proposed draft amendments to the IT Rules.
- These would require users to declare when content is AI-generated or modified, and compel social media platforms to use technical measures for content verification.

National News

India Climbs to Third in Global Clean Industry Pipeline

India has emerged as the third-largest country globally in terms of clean industrial project pipeline, trailing only behind China and the United States. This significant status reflects India's growing intent to decarbonise its hard-to-abate industrial sectors such as chemicals, steel, cement, and aviation. However, despite having a robust pipeline of 65 commercial-scale low-emission industrial projects, only six have reached the final investment decision (FID) stage so far.



Key Points:-

- It dominates the pipeline with approximately 80% of the total projects.
- This includes approximately 50 clean ammonia and methanol initiatives.
- An annual clean chemical production capacity of 30-35 million tonnes is achievable.



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International News

India to Receive First Taliban Diplomat Since Kabul Takeover

For the first time since the Taliban's return to power in August 2021, Afghanistan is set to appoint its first official diplomat to India, marking a significant—though unofficial—step forward in India-Taliban diplomatic engagement. This move follows the October 2025 visit of Afghanistan's acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi to New Delhi and reflects a gradual warming of ties between the two sides despite India's non-recognition of the Taliban regime.



Key Points:-

- The decision to send a Taliban-appointed diplomat to New Delhi marks the first formal diplomatic exchange since the Taliban's controversial return to power.
- Although India has not officially recognized the Taliban-led government, it has maintained humanitarian assistance, primarily through aid, medical supplies, and the re-establishment of a technical mission in Kabul.

Appointments

Paradeep Phosphates Signs Rahul Dravid as Brand Ambassador

Cricketing icon Rahul Dravid has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL), one of India's leading fertiliser companies. Announced on November 2025, the partnership aims to leverage Dravid's credibility and influence to promote sustainable farming practices, balanced fertiliser use, and farmer education across India.



Key Points:-

- This collaboration reflects the growing trend of using credible public figures to raise agricultural awareness, especially about new technologies and inputs.
- Paradeep Phosphates, known for its range of phosphatic, NPK and organic fertilizers, aims to strengthen its connection with India's farming community by associating with a national figure admired for his integrity and discipline.





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Sports

Sir David Beckham Received Knighthood Honour

David Beckham—global football legend and former England captain—has officially been knighted by King Charles III, becoming the latest addition to an elite club of footballing greats honoured for extraordinary contributions to the sport and society. The ceremony took place at Windsor Castle in Berkshire on November, 2025, with Beckham now formally known as Sir David Beckham.



Banking/Economy

NaBFID to Transform into Global Infrastructure Bank

India's government is poised to re-position the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) — established in 2021 — as a global financial institution. In a move signalling a shift in scale, its name is expected to change to the Infrastructure Development Bank (IDB). This reflects the government's ambition to elevate the institution beyond domestic infrastructure financing, aligning it with international peers like the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).



State News

> 6,672 more smart classrooms to be set up in govt schools across state

Nearly 90% of the govt schools in Tamil Nadu will get tech-savvy in the coming year. The school education department will set up smart classrooms and hi-tech labs in more than 6,000 of its schools across the state by 2026-27. Of the 37,626 govt schools in the state, 30,774 are equipped with smart classrooms and hi-tech labs. Now, tenders have been floated by the TN Textbook and Educational Services Corporation (TNTESC) to set up 6,672 smart classrooms in 5,322 schools at a cost of 127.57 crore and 2,236 labs in 2,232 schools at a cost of 159.06 crore.





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Q.1. In which city was the 619th Central Board Meeting of the Reserve Bank of India ((RBI) recently
held?	

A) Jaipur

C) Mumbai

B) Udaipur

D) New Delhi

1. B

The Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India met in Udaipur and reviewed global and domestic developments. "The Board assessed the emerging global and domestic economic landscape, including geopolitical and financial market developments and the challenges associated with them," an official statement from the central bank said.

Q.2. What is the name of the annual employee excellence award recently launched by SBI?

A) SBI Pride

C) SBI Icon

B) SBI Star

D) SBI Shakti

2. B

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a unique initiative — "SBI-STAR" (Employee Talent Acknowledgement and Recognition) — to recognize the multifaceted personality of its employees. The announced initiative aims to honor employees not only as professionals, but also as artists, sportspersons, volunteers and transformative citizens. This annual awards program is designed to recognize the individual excellence of employees beyond the workplace, further reinforcing SBI's commitment to holistic well-being and human-centered leadership.

Q.3. Which bank recently put on hold plans to sell its majority stake in Nainital Bank Limited?

A) Canara Bank

C) Punjab National Bank

B) Bank of Baroda

D) HDFC Bank



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3. B

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has shelved plans to sell its majority stake and relinquish control of its subsidiary Nainital Bank Limited (NBL). The public sector bank (PSB) has restructured its strategy, infusing fresh capital into NBL and strengthening its management structure and board.

Q.4. In which month did the value of UPI transactions recently reach an all-time high of ₹27.28 lakh crore?

A) September 2025

C) August 2025

B) October 2025

D) July 2025

4. B

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recorded its highest ever transaction volume in October, with 20.7 billion transactions worth ₹27.28 trillion. This increase was driven by festive season business activity and GST 2.0 relaxations.

Q.5. With which company did NIPL recently partner to enable UPI payments in Malaysia?

A) Paytm

C) PhonePe

B) Razorpay Curlec

D) Google Pay

5. B

In a significant step towards taking India's digital payments system global, NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has partnered with Malaysia's Razorpay Curlec. The agreement will enable Indian tourists to make quick and secure payments to local merchants using Malaysia's UPI-enabled apps.

Q.6. Who was recently appointed as the Director of the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL)?



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A) Dr. M. Raghavendra Rao

C) Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy

B) Ankathi Raju

D) K. Sivan

6 B

Eminent scientist Ankathi Raju has been appointed Director of the Defense Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad, taking over as Director of the Indian Missile Development Laboratory. Raju holds a BE in Mechanical Engineering from Osmania University College of Engineering, Hyderabad, and an M.Tech in Aeronautical Engineering (Propulsion) from IIT Bombay.

Q.7. What is the name of the tri-service military exercise recently being held in Mechuka, Arunachal Pradesh?

A) Poorvi Shakti

C) Trishul Strike

B) Poorvi Prachand Prahar

D) Vajra Prahar

7. B

The tri-services Eastern Prachand Prahar exercise is underway to test the Indian Armed Forces' preparedness for the difficult terrain of the Eastern Himalayas. Held in Mechuka, Arunachal Pradesh, the exercise showcases the combined strength and coordination of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Q.8. With which company did OpenAI recently enter into a \$38 billion partnership for cloud computing infrastructure?

A) Microsoft

C) Amazon Web Services (AWS)

B) Google

D) Oracle

8. C





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In a historic move that could reshape the global landscape of artificial intelligence (AI), OpenAI and Amazon Web Services (AWS) have announced a US\$38 billion (approximately ₹3.17 lakh crore) partnership. Announced at Term 3 Launch 2025, OpenAI's AI models, including ChatGPT, will now operate and perform on AWS's vast cloud network. This collaboration is considered one of the largest computing initiatives in the history of AI, involving the use of millions of CPUs and tens of millions of Nvidia GPUs.

Q.9. Which country recently achieved the world's first successful conversion of thorium to uranium fuel in a thorium molten salt reactor?

A) Japan

C) China

B) India

D) Russia

9. C

China has achieved the world's first breakthrough in converting thorium into uranium fuel in a thorium molten salt reactor, becoming the first country in the world to achieve this feat, and the first operational reactor in the world to achieve this feat.

Q.10. Gogabeel Lake, recently declared a Ramsar site, is located in which Indian state?

A) Assam

C) Odisha

B) Bihar

D) West Bengal

10. B

India has added Gogabeel Lake, located in Katihar district, Bihar, to the list of Ramsar sites, officially making it the 94th wetland of international importance recognized under the Ramsar Convention (1971). This recognition underscores India's growing leadership in wetland conservation and its commitment to sustainable ecological management.





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Q.11. Who was recently shortlisted for the 2025 Booker Prize for the novel "The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny"?

A) Arundhati Roy

C) Jhumpa Lahiri

B) Kiran Desai

D) Amitav Ghosh

11. B

Shortlisted for the 2025 Booker Prize, "The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny" by Kiran Desai is a rich, multi-layered novel that explores the emotional complexities of modern life across geographies and generations. Weaving together the inner landscapes of love, longing, and displacement, Desai has created a powerful narrative that bridges India and America, tradition and modernity, youth and heritage.

Q.12. In which state was a new species of jumping spider called Pilia malenadu recently discovered?

A) Karnataka

C) Gujarat

B) Maharashtra

D) Tamil Nadu

12. A

A new species of jumping spider called Pilia malenadu was recently discovered in the Western Ghats of Karnataka. It was found in Madhugundi, Mudigere taluk, Chikkamagaluru district. This species belongs to the Pilia genus of jumping spiders. It was named "Pilia malenadu" in honor of the area where it was discovered. This is a historic discovery as the last Pilia species was recorded in Kerala 123 years ago in 1902. For the first time, researchers found both male and female spiders of this genus.

Q.13. In which region did the Indian Army recently conduct the "Vayu Samanvay-II" drone and counter-drone exercise?





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A) Eastern Sector

C) Northern Sector

B) Desert Sector

D) Western Command

13. B

In a strategic move towards adapting to the next-generation warfare scenario, the Indian Army conducted a major drone and anti-drone exercise, titled 'Vayu Samanvay-II,' in forward desert areas under the Southern Command. This comprehensive exercise marks a significant advancement in India's operational preparedness against aerial threats and demonstrates that the Army is now rapidly moving towards technology-driven, multi-domain warfare.

Q.14. Russia recently launched a nuclear-powered submarine of what name?

A) Belgorod

C) Khabarovsk

B) Moscow

D) Kazan

14. C

Russia's new nuclear submarine, the Khabarovsk, has been launched. It is capable of carrying the Poseidon inland nuclear submarine, also known as the Doomsday missile, which is capable of causing massive destruction anywhere. Russian Defense Minister Andrei Belousov launched the Khabarovsk in the presence of Navy Chief Admiral Alexander Moiseyev and other top shipbuilding officials. Mr. Belousov called it a significant moment for the Russian Navy.

Q.15. Under which central scheme was the foundation stone of the Integrated Sohra Circuit Development Project recently laid?

A) PRASAD Scheme

C) PM-Devine Scheme

B) Swadesh Darshan 2.0

D) Dekho Apna Desh Initiative

15. C







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The foundation stone for the Integrated Sohra Circuit Development Project was recently laid under the Prime Minister's Initiative for Development of North Eastern Region (PM-DIVINE) scheme. The project is being jointly implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and the Government of Meghalaya. Its objective is to develop Sohra (Cherrapunji) into a multi-day sustainable tourist destination while boosting local livelihoods. The Sohra Experience Centre will serve as a cultural hub, featuring an amphitheater, rain park, art galleries, and craft pavilions.

