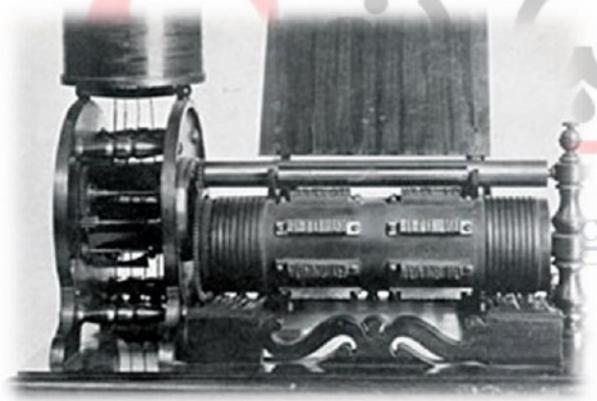


Today in History on 11 OCT 2024

➤ 1869 - Thomas Edison's first invention

American inventor Thomas Edison applied for a patent for his first invention on October 11, 1869. This invention was an electric vote recorder machine, which aimed to make the counting of votes faster and more accurate. Although it was not adopted practically at that time, it inspired Edison for future inventions. Later, Edison made many important inventions, which still hold an important place in the world of science and technology.



➤ 1881 - David Henderson Houston's Roll Film Patent

On October 11, 1881, American inventor David Henderson Houston patented roll film for cameras. This invention brought about a major change in the world of photography, as before this taking photographs was a complicated and time-consuming process. The invention of roll film made photography more simple and widespread. This

technology was later popularized by Kodak and became the foundation of modern photography.



➤ 1932 - First political campaign broadcast

On 11 October 1932, the first political campaign broadcast was made in New York. This happened via radio, giving political parties a new medium to communicate their ideology and message directly to the public. This event underlined the growing role of the media in politics and marked the beginning of the influence of radio and television in future election campaigns.



➤ 1968 - Apollo 7 Television Broadcast

On October 11, 1968, the first television broadcast from orbit was made from America's first manned Apollo mission 'Apollo 7'. This historic event proved to be a milestone in space science, as it gave the public a direct view from inside a spacecraft for the first time. Apollo 7 later laid the foundation for the Apollo 11 mission, which was crucial for landing humans on the Moon.



Important NEWS on 11 OCT 2024

➤ Baker, Hassabis, Jumper Awarded Nobel 2024 in Chemistry for Pioneering Protein Research

The 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to David Baker for his innovative work in computational protein design and to Demis Hassabis and John M Jumper for their groundbreaking AI-based protein structure prediction. These discoveries, recognized by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, represent major advancements in understanding and designing proteins.

➤ 2008 - First train in Kashmir

On 11 October 2008, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh flagged off the first train to run in the Kashmir Valley from Nowgong station. This rail service proved to be an important link for the people of the valley, improving the economic and social condition of the region.



➤ Celebrating Excellence in Indian Cinema at the National Film Awards

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting confers the prestigious National Film Awards along with cinema's highest honor, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award each year. The 70th National Film Awards were conferred on October 2024 by Hon President Draupadi Murmu.



➤ The End of an Era: Andrés Iniesta Announces Retirement

Andrés Iniesta, The Spaniard, maestro of the game announced retirement from professional football after a long 22 years serving in the field. The player who represented the National team of Spain and FC Barcelona, one of the best clubs in the world. "I never expected this day to come, I never imagined it," an emotional Iniesta said at a ceremony near Barcelona's port.



➤ Indian Navy Commissions New Deep-Water Survey Vessel

The Indian Navy has received its latest large Survey Vessel for deep water hydrographic mapping specially designed, Nirdeshak (Yard 3026), second of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships, steered by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and being built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata was delivered to the Indian Navy.



➤ RBI Intervention Stabilizes Rupee Below 84 Against the Dollar

The Indian rupee has shown resilience against the US dollar, settling at 83.97 due to active intervention from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Despite ongoing pressure from foreign portfolio outflows, rising crude oil prices, and a strengthening dollar index, the RBI's strategies have kept the rupee from breaching the psychologically significant 84 mark. Market experts believe that RBI's presence in various currency markets has been crucial in preventing a sharp depreciation.



➤ UP's Rural Women Drive Rs 27,000 Crore in Financial Transactions

Enterprising rural women in Uttar Pradesh, working as BC Sakhis, have facilitated Rs 27,000 crore in financial transactions over the past four and a half years. BC Sakhis, appointed under a nationwide women empowerment initiative, are part of self-help groups (SHGs) providing banking services in rural, unbanked areas. Uttar Pradesh leads the nation in the number of BC Sakhis, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.



➤ Bangladesh Forms Nine-Member Constitution Reform Commission

Bangladesh's interim government has established a nine-member Constitution Reform Commission, headed by Bangladeshi-American professor Ali Riaz, to review and propose reforms within 90 days. The commission, formed after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned, aims to create a more representative and democratic framework. Members include professors, legal experts, and student representatives, with student Mahfuj Alam serving as special assistant to Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus.



Current affairs MCQS on 11 OCT 2024

Q.1. When is International Girl Child Day celebrated?

- (a) 07 October
- (b) 08 October
- (c) 10 October
- (d) 11 October

Answer: (d) 11 October

International Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on 11 October. The purpose behind celebrating this day is to explain the importance of daughters. The main objective of International Girl Child Day is to create awareness about the challenges faced by women and the protection of their rights. Apart from this, on the occasion of Girl Child Day, awareness is to be created about the challenges faced by women and the protection of their rights.

Q.2. Who has recently inaugurated DefConnect 4.0 at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Rajnath Singh

Answer: (d) Rajnath Singh

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will inaugurate DEFCONNECT 4.0 at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt, a significant step towards advancing indigenous innovation and celebrating the country's growing defence ecosystem. The event will be organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence - Defence Innovation Organisation (IDEX-DIO) under the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.

Q.3. Recently 'Sanjeev Kumar Singla' has become India's ambassador to which country?

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

Answer: (d) France

Diplomat Sanjeev Kumar Singla has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to France. Sanjeev Kumar Singla is a 1997 batch IFS officer and is currently serving as India's Ambassador to Israel. The Ministry of External Affairs said in an official release, 'Sanjeev Kumar Singla (IFS: 1997), presently Ambassador of India to Israel, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to France. He is expected to take up the charge shortly.'

Q.4. Recently Australian ambassador Phil Green has visited which Indian state?

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

Answer: (a) Arunachal Pradesh

Australian Ambassador Phil Green visited Arunachal Pradesh. During this time he also met Arunachal Pradesh CM Prema Khandu. Regarding this visit, Phil Green said that I have come here to know and see how we can further deepen the relations between the two countries. Also, I got a new acquaintance with Chief Minister Prema Khandu.

Q.5. According to a recent report by Deloitte, by when will India's e-commerce market reach \$325 billion?

- (a) 2035
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2032
- (d) 2030

Answer: (d) 2030

The Indian e-commerce market is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 21% to reach \$325 billion by 2030. The report says retail is expected to grow by 8%, e-commerce by 21% and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) by 10%. All sub-sectors will see growth of 10% more or less than their sectors.

Q.6. Where was the 77th session of WHO South East Asia held recently?

- (a) Jakarta
- (b) Nepal
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Mumbai

Answer: (c) New Delhi

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has begun its 77th Regional Committee session for South-East Asia, a crucial gathering of health leaders, in New Delhi. The three-day conference will bring together health ministers and delegates from eleven member countries to discuss critical public health challenges and develop collaborative solutions.

Q.7. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched "Nijut Moina Yojana" for college girls?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Assam

Answer: (d) Assam

The Assam government has launched the 'Nijut Moina' scheme with the aim of preventing child marriage and encouraging girl students to pursue higher education. The scheme offers a monthly stipend of Rs 1,000 for class 11-12, Rs 1,250 for degree students and Rs 2,500 for postgraduate students. To be eligible, students must attend classes regularly, maintain discipline, perform well in examinations and defer marriage until the completion of their postgraduate studies. The initiative aims to empower girls and promote education in Assam.

Q.8. Kais Saied has been re-elected as the President of which country?

- (a) Tunisia
- (b) Algeria
- (c) Egypt
- (d) Libya

Answer: (a) Tunisia

Tunisia's President Kais Saied has been re-elected for a second term of five years. Tunisia's Independent High Electoral Authority (ISIE) announced the election results, with President Saied winning 90.7 per cent of the vote.

Q.9. Recently who has been awarded the Best Singer (Male) Award in the 70th National Film Awards?

- (a) Arijit Singh
- (b) Kumar Sanu
- (c) Udit Narayan
- (d) Ajit Sharma

Answer: (a) Arijit Singh

National Film Awards have been organized at Vigyan Bhavan in Delhi. Bollywood's number one singer Arijit Singh is also among the winners of the 70th National Film Award. This time Arijit Singh has been given this award for the film 'Brahmastra'. President Draupadi Murmu has honored Arijit Singh with this award of Best Playback Singer.

Q.10. Who has recently won the Singapore Open title in billiards?

- (a) Pankaj Advani
- (b) Geet Sethi
- (c) Jaden Ong
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a) Pankaj Advani

Cue sports star Pankaj Advani won the Singapore Open Billiards title by defeating local rival Jaden Ong 5-1 in Singapore. Before reaching the final, Pankaj defeated former IBSF World Snooker Champion Dechawat Poomchaying in the quarter-finals. In the final, Advani won the first two frames but then Ong tried to make a comeback in the match by winning a frame. Advani played brilliantly in the fourth frame. In the fifth frame, Advani won 74-6 to win the title. Now next month Pankaj Advani will defend his World Billiards title in Doha.

Q.11. Who has recently been selected for the Nobel Prize 2024 in Physiology and Medicine?

- (a) Gary Ruvkun
- (b) Victor Ambrose
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of these

Answer: (c) Both of the above

Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun have been selected for the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation. MicroRNA is a fundamental principle that determines how gene activity is controlled. The winners will receive an amount of \$1.1 million.

Q.12. Who has recently been appointed as the new chairman of the Anti-Corruption Unit of BCCI?

- (a) Sharad Kumar
- (b) Arvind Garg
- (c) Shreyas Kumar
- (d) Aviral Jain

Answer: (a) Sharad Kumar

Retired IPS officer and former NIA chief Sharad Kumar has been appointed as the head of BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU). 68-year-old Kumar, a resident of Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh, was made the ACU chief and will hold the post for three years. A board source said that his name was approved in the important annual meeting of BCCI. He is a 1979 batch IPL official of Haryana cadre and was the head of NIA from 2013 to 2017.

Q.13. What is the name of the initiative recently launched by Himachal Pradesh to combat drug trafficking?

- (a) Navjeevan
- (b) Sankalp
- (c) Viksit
- (d) Nirman

Answer: (b) Sankalp

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu launched the 'Sankalp' initiative. The initiative aims to combat drug trafficking and aid in the rehabilitation of drug addicts. It was announced at a programme organised by Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan in Shimla. A model de-addiction and rehabilitation centre will be set up at Kotla Barog in Sirmour district. The centre will help drug addicts recover and reintegrate into society.

Q.14. Which star gymnast of India has recently announced retirement?

- (a) Aruna Reddy
- (b) Dipa Karmakar
- (c) Indu Kumari
- (d) Pranati Nayak

Answer: (b) Dipa Karmakar

India's star gymnast Dipa Karmakar has retired from the sport at the age of just 31. This star athlete, troubled by injury, has announced her retirement on social media. Dipa, who won many medals for India, became the first female gymnast to participate in the Olympics.

Q.15. In which country has the Indian Navy recently deployed its first training squadron?

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

Answer: (a) Oman

The Indian Navy has deployed its First Training Squadron (1TS) to Oman. Indian ships Tir, Shardul and Indian Coast Guard Ship Veera arrived in Muscat on a long distance training deployment. This training will further strengthen the existing defence ties between India and Oman in the maritime domain.

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