

## Today in History on 30 OCT

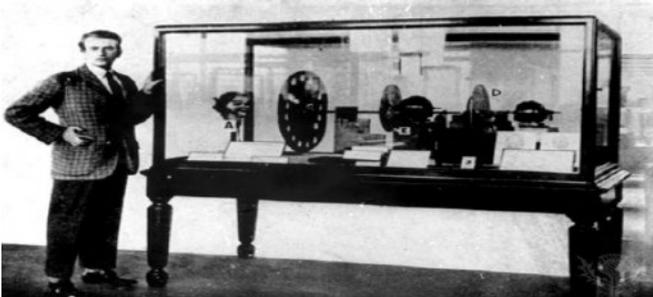
### ➤ 1611- Gustav II Adolf became king of Sweden at the age of 17.

When Karl IX died in 1611, Gustav Adolf was seventeen years old. Despite this, he was declared an adult and became king. He married Maria Eleonora of Brandenburg in Stockholm in 1620. During Gustav Adolf's reign, the state administration was modernized in partnership with Chancellor Axel Oxenstierna.



### ➤ 1925- The first televised broadcast took place in London.

In 1925, Baird gave the first public demonstration of televised silhouette images in motion at Selfridges department store in London. The concept of television is the work of several individuals in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The first practical transmission of moving images over radio systems used mechanical rotating perforated discs to scan a scene into a time-varying signal that could be reconstructed back into an approximation of the original image at a receiver.



### ➤ 1945- India joined the United Nations.

India was one of the founding members of the United Nations, joining it in October 1945, two years before gaining independence from the United Kingdom. India has been a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for eight terms (a total of 16 years), with the most recent term being 2021–22. India is a member of the G4, a group of nations that support each other to get a permanent seat in the Security Council and advocate in favour of reform of the UNSC. India is also part of the G-77.



### ➤ 1956- India's first five-star hotel 'Ashok' was opened.

Hotel Ashok was started in the year 1956. Ashok Hotel located in Chanakyapuri of the National Capital Region has 7 floors and 550 rooms. The specialty of Ashok Hotel is the largest convention hall without pillars present here. Hotel Ashok was built on 25 acres of parkland donated to the government by Prince Karan Singh of Jammu and Kashmir by India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. The entire blueprint of Ashok Hotel was prepared under the leadership of famous architect E B Doctor.



#### ➤ 1960- First successful kidney transplant in UK was performed.

The first successful kidney transplant in UK was performed on October 30, 1960 by Sir Michael Woodruff and his team in Edinburgh. This was a milestone in the history of transplantation and the history of RIE. On September 15, 1960, Dr RF Robertson referred a 49 year old man from Leith Hospital to RIE suffering from severe renal impairment. This impairment was suspected to be due to chronic pyelonephritis or chronic glomerulonephritis.



significance of self-reliance, and growing technological advancements. This comprehensive session highlighted India's journey of resilience and progress while celebrating its diverse cultural tapestry and strides in innovation.



#### ➤ Sohrai Paintings: A Gift to Russian President Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented unique, handcrafted artifacts representing different regions of India to leaders of various countries during the recently held BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia. These gifts, each selected for their cultural significance and historical roots, showcased the country's diverse traditional art forms, including Jharkhand's Sohrai painting and Maharashtra's Mother of Pearl Sea Shell Vase and Warli Painting.



### Important NEWS on 30 OCT

#### ➤ Decode PM's address in the 115th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'

In the recent episode of Mann Ki Baat, the Prime Minister of India touched on several pivotal themes: the country's unity, cultural heritage, the

### ➤ Railway Protection Force Unveils 'Digital Memorial of Valour'

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched the 'Digital Memorial of Valour' in New Delhi, a heartfelt initiative dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of its brave personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.



### ➤ US, Japan, and South Korea Collaborate on India's Digital Infrastructure

The United States, Japan, and South Korea have jointly announced the Digital Infrastructure Growth Initiative for India (DiGi Framework), marking a new chapter in digital infrastructure support for India. The DiGi Framework, formalized on October, 2024, was signed by US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), and Korea Eximbank.



### ➤ SBI Named Best Bank in India for 2024 by Global Finance Magazine

State Bank of India (SBI) has been awarded the title of Best Bank in India for 2024 by Global Finance Magazine during its 31st Annual Best Bank Awards, held in Washington, coinciding with the Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank. SBI Chairman CS Setty accepted the award, highlighting the bank's dedication to exceptional services and its role in promoting financial inclusion across the nation.



### ➤ Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Receives RBI Approval for Foreign Exchange Services

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has secured approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for foreign exchange services, marking a significant milestone in its operational capabilities. The bank has been granted the 'Authorised Dealer Category 1 licence,' allowing it to offer a comprehensive range of foreign exchange products and services. This development aligns with the bank's strategy to enhance its service offerings and cater to the growing demand for forex solutions among its customers.



### ➤ Solex Energy Partners with SBI for Solar Project Financing

Solex Energy has partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide financing options for solar projects, targeting commercial, industrial, and institutional customers. Under this collaboration, SBI will offer loans up to ₹10 crore through its Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme, aiming to make solar energy more accessible and affordable in India.



### Current affairs MCQS on 30 OCT

**Q.1. Recently which countries have signed the Digital Infrastructure Growth Initiative Framework (DiGi Framework) for India?**

- (a) Russia and China
- (b) United States, Japan and South Korea
- (c) United Kingdom, Australia and Canada
- (d) New Zealand, Germany and France

**Answer: (b) United States, Japan and South Korea**

The US, Japan and South Korea signed the DiGi framework to support the development of digital infrastructure in India. Partner agencies include the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and Korea Eximbank. The initiative aims to collaborate with Indian private companies in areas such as 5G, open RAN, submarine cables, optical fibre networks, data centres, smart cities, e-commerce, AI and quantum technology. India's digital public infrastructure (DPI), including Aadhaar, UPI and data-sharing systems, enabled 80% financial inclusion and supported 87% of poor households during COVID-19. DPI can boost economic growth by up to 33% and reduce emissions by up to 10 years.

**Q.2. Recently in which IIT, Indian AI and Meta have unveiled the Generative AI 'Srujan' Center?**

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Guwahati
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Jodhpur

**Answer: (d) IIT Jodhpur**

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur has received a centre for generative AI from world's leading IT company Meta. Srijan described it as part of Meta's partnership with IndiaAI, an independent business unit (IBD) under Digital India Grid (DIC) of the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). "These early generative research, skill development and open-source innovations are critical in building a strong networking mechanism to advance AI technology and ensure its responsible and ethical use," said S Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

**Q.3. Recently 'Rohini M Godbole' has passed away, who was she?**

- (a) Musician

- (b) Writer  
(c) Physicist  
(d) Journalist

**Answer: (c) Physicist**

Professor Rohini Godbole, a distinguished physicist and Padma Shri awardee, passed away in Bengaluru following a brief illness at the age of 72. Known for her pioneering contributions in particle physics, Professor Godbole also played a key role in supporting equal opportunities for women in science.

**Q.4. Recently the 7th Inter-Governmental Consultation between which country and India has been held in New Delhi?**

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

**Answer: (a) Germany**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz co-chaired the seventh round of India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations (7th IGC) in New Delhi. The delegation comprised the Ministers of Defence, External Affairs, Commerce and Industry, Labour and Employment, Science and Technology (MoS) and Skill Development (MoS) from the Indian side and the Ministers of Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Foreign Affairs, Labour and Social Affairs and Education and Research and the Ministers of Finance, Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection from the German side; and the Parliamentary State Secretary for Economic Cooperation and Development and senior officials from both sides.

**Q.5. Which country recently developed the Dong Feng-26 missile?**

- (a) China  
(b) Russia  
(c) Israel  
(d) Iran

**Answer: (a) China**

China's stockpile of DF-26 intermediate-range ballistic missiles (IRBMs) has grown, with nearly 60 new launchers spotted at a major production site. The DF-26 missile, or Dong Feng-26, is an advanced Chinese IRBM designed for both land and sea attacks. It is 14 metres long, 1.4 metres in diameter, and weighs 20,000 kilograms at launch. Powered by a two-stage solid propellant, it can hit targets up to 3,000–4,000 km away. The missile's modular design allows it to carry two nuclear and multiple conventional warheads. Its anti-ship version, the DF-26B, targets naval vessels, including aircraft carriers.

**Q.6. Recently, which country has become the first country to stop producing electricity from coal?**

- (a) Finland  
(b) Greenland  
(c) United Kingdom  
(d) Sweden

**Answer: (c) United Kingdom**

The United Kingdom (UK) has become the first country to phase out electricity generation from coal. The closure of its last coal-fired power plant ended a 142-year history of coal-fired electricity generation, which met 40% of its electricity needs in 2012. The world's first coal-fired power plant was opened in London (UK) in 1882, while India commissioned its first major thermal power plant, Hussain Sagar Thermal Power Station in Hyderabad, in 1920.

**Q.7. Recently, who has topped the Rule of Law Index of the World Justice Project?**

- (a) Denmark  
(b) Finland  
(c) Norway  
(d) Germany

**Answer: (a) Denmark**

According to the World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2023, globally, Denmark tops the WJP index, while Venezuela is at the bottom. In South

Asia, India ranks third after Nepal (71st) and Sri Lanka (77th). The overall trend shows that problems persist in the Indian judicial and civil systems, and rising corruption has adversely affected their effectiveness.

**Q.8. Recently, the loan limit under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has been increased from 10 lakhs to how much?**

- (a) 18
- (b) 22
- (c) 15
- (d) 20

**Answer: (d) 20**

The limit of Mudra loan under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been increased from the existing Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh. This increase is aimed at furthering the overall objective of the Mudra scheme to help the under-financed. This increase is particularly beneficial for emerging entrepreneurs, helping them in their growth and expansion. This move is in line with the government's commitment to promote a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem.

**Q.9. India has recently organized the 34th Defense Manufacturing Program for the candidates of which country?**

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

**Answer: (d) Maldives**

The National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) successfully concluded its 34th Capacity Building Programme (CBP) for Maldivian civil servants in New Delhi. The programme was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The programme is the second initiative under a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by External Affairs Minister of India Dr. S. Jaishankar and Foreign Minister of Maldives Mr. Moosa Zameer, effective from 2024 to 2029. The

MoU aims to train 1,000 Maldivian civil servants, reflecting India's commitment to strengthen governance in the Maldives.

**Q.10. Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Axis Bank recently?**

- (a) Amitabh Chaudhary
- (b) PK Gupta
- (c) Amrit Mohan
- (d) Ajit Bansal

**Answer: (a) Amitabh Chaudhary**

Axis Bank reappointed Amitabh Chaudhry as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank for a period of three years with effect from January 1, 2025. The board of directors of the bank had approved Chaudhry's reappointment till December 31, 2027. "The said reappointment was approved by the shareholders of the bank at their 30th Annual General Meeting held in July 2024," the company said in an exchange filing.

**Q.11. Recently, the book 'Ratan Tata: A Life' written by whom will be published?**

- (a) Dara Singh Khurana
- (b) Shantanu Narayan
- (c) Abhishek Jain
- (d) Thomas Mathew

**Answer: (d) Thomas Mathew**

According to a recently published biography titled "Ratan Tata: A Life" written by Thomas Mathew, Ratan Tata had started questioning Cyrus Mistry's suitability as Tata Sons chairman at the end of the first year of apprenticeship under Mistry. According to a PTI report, the apprenticeship was aimed at providing Mistry with insight and practical experience on how to run the group before he formally took over.

**Q.12. Where will Ganga Utsav 2024 be celebrated recently?**

- (a) Prayagraj
- (b) Haridwar
- (c) Ghazipur

(d) Varanasi

**Answer: (b) Haridwar**

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is organising Ganga Utsav 2024 on November 4 at Chandi Ghat in Haridwar. The NMCG organises the event every year to celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of the Ganga river as the 'National River'. The main objective of the festival is to promote the conservation of the Ganga river, highlight its cultural and spiritual significance and raise awareness among people about cleanliness. This will be the eighth edition of the event and for the first time it will be celebrated on the banks of the river. The event will also be celebrated by the District Ganga Committees in 139 districts of the Ganga basin states. Apart from this, a main event will also be organised in each state.

**Q.13. Where has the Asiatic golden cat been reconfirmed recently?**

- (a) Satpura National Park
- (b) Kanha National Park
- (c) Manas National Park
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Manas National Park**

The rare Asiatic golden cat (*Catopuma temminckii*) is back in Assam's Manas National Park, marking a major conservation breakthrough. After years of conservation efforts, and no traces, the rare cat has finally been spotted, marking a significant rediscovery as there were doubts about the cat's existence in the park - as it was last seen in 2007.

**Q.14. Where has the Asia Clean Energy Summit 2024 been held recently?**

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Maldives

**Answer: (a) Singapore**

The Asia Clean Energy Summit (ACES) 2024 will be held in Singapore, a key part of the Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW). This flagship

conference and exhibition brings together experts, innovators and policymakers to promote clean energy solutions in Asia.

**Q.15. Where will NTPC and Indian Army set up solar hydrogen microgrid recently?**

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Jamnagar

**Answer: (a) Ladakh**

NTPC has partnered with Indian Army to set up a Solar Hydrogen based Microgrid at Chushul, Ladakh. This landmark move will provide a sustainable power supply using Green Hydrogen. Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of this unique project through video conferencing in the presence of Chiefs of Defence Services of India, CMD, NTPC and other senior officials of Ministry of Defence, Indian Army and NTPC.