



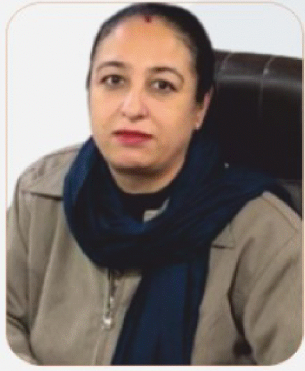
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History of 12th November

- ◆ **1930** : 56 Indian and 23 British committees participated in the first Round Table Conference held in London but no member of the Indian National Congress attended.
- ◆ **1896** : Indian ornithologist and naturalist Salim Ali was born.
- ◆ **1861** : Madan Mohan Angrez, a great freedom fighter, educationist and a great social reformer, died.

Current Affairs Related to 12th November 2024

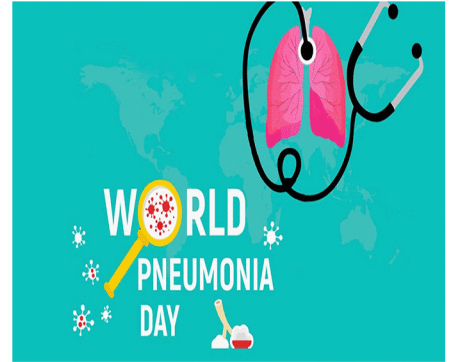
- ◆ The PM Vidyalakshmi Yojana has been approved by the government to provide financial assistance to meritorious students. Students will be eligible for loans without any security and guarantor to pursue higher education. This program was created to ensure that no Indian youth is prevented from getting high quality higher education due to financial limitations. As per the scheme, the government will provide 75% credit guarantee for loans up to Rs 7.5 lakh to help banks increase their coverage.
- ◆ In view of the incidents of entry of cheetahs from Madhya Pradesh into neighbouring Rajasthan, a joint corridor management committee of both the states has been formed to work for the conservation of these cheetahs. The panel will also discuss the development of suitable areas for future translocation of cheetahs from Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary area of Madhya Pradesh and recommend remedial measures based on past growth. The Chief Wildlife Conservator and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have been appointed as the joint chairman of the committee.
- ◆ The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority said that the Cabinet of the Uttar Pradesh Government has approved a mega project related to semiconductor manufacturing near the Noida International Airport. The authority will now allocate land for the project. The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved setting up of semiconductor manufacturing units by Vam Sundari and Tark near the airport in Jewar, Lucknow. This paves the way for this mega project, which will boost development in the region.
- ◆ Cabinet has approved equity infusion of Rs. 10,700 crore to strengthen FCI. Food Corporation of India will get fresh equity of Rs. 10,700 crore from the government. This is a significant step towards improving the operational efficiency of FCI. This infusion will reduce the interest burden, which will ultimately reduce the subsidy requirement of the government.
- ◆ Government of India and Asian Development Bank signed a loan agreement of Rs. 1680 crore to improve water supply, sanitation, mobility and other urban services in Uttarakhand. This agreement will improve urban services in Uttarakhand, to promote liveability and sustainability in cities. The project aims to create an urban infrastructure that is resilient to climate and environmental risks such as floods and landslides. The project will also help in capacity building of state agencies in climate management and disaster resilient planning.
- ◆ The Madhya Pradesh government has approved 35% reservation for women in all state government services. This is a big step towards women empowerment in the state. The state government has also approved the opening of 254 new fertilizer sales centers in the state. A 660 MW critical thermal power plant will be opened in Sarni by shutting down the former power plant units of a total of 830 MW. The state government has allowed the increase in the age of recruitment of assistant professors in medical colleges in the state from 40 years to 50 years.
- ◆ The bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Mishra gave the verdict against the decision of the Allahabad High Court. This decision termed the decision of the High Court as unconstitutional and violative of the principles of secularism. The Supreme Court has also declared that madrassas cannot give degrees in higher education as it is a violation of the University Grants Commission Act.
- ◆ The India Services Index has reached 58.5 in October. The services PMI index rose to 58.5 from a ten-month low of 57.7 in September, reflecting a sharp increase in business activity. The Indian services sector recorded strong expansion in production and consumer demand in October.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Pneumonia Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 11 November (B) 12 November
(C) 13 November (D) 14 November

(A) World Pneumonia Day is a global event celebrated every year on 12 November to raise awareness and educate people to fight pneumonia. Pneumonia is the world's largest infectious disease of adults and children, which is responsible for the death of children under five years of age worldwide. The day focuses on creating and encouraging ample opportunities for global action to fight deaths caused by pneumonia and other respiratory infections, mainly in low and middle-income countries.



2. Recently the 55th International Film Festival of India 2024 will be held from 20 to 28 November.

- (A) Mumbai (B) New Delhi
(C) Goa (D) Kolkata

(C) The 55th International Film Festival of India will be held in Panaji, Goa from 20 to 28 November 2024. A new section and award category has been introduced in this year's festival. The name of this section is Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film, this award will carry a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a certificate.



3. Recently, in the new guidelines of the Supreme Court, Rajasthan has been given the target of ending child marriage by when?

- (A) 2028 (B) 2030
(C) 2032 (D) 2035

(B) Recently, Rajasthan has focused on ending child marriage by 2030 and making local panchayats, school authorities and child protection officers accountable. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 cannot be limited by personal laws. It rules that child marriage violates the free will of individuals.



4. Recently, the Chief Minister of which state has launched the Deepam 2.0 Free Cylinder Scheme?

- (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Odisha

(C) Recently, Deepam 2 provides three cylinders per year to eligible beneficiaries at the rate of one cylinder every four months. This is one of the super six election promises made by Naidu ahead of the 2024 elections. The initiative aims to empower women and give them access to clean energy for cooking.



5. Which state has recently declared heatwave as a state specific disaster?

- (A) Bihar (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Kerala

(B) Recently, the Tamil Nadu government has notified heat wave as a state specific disaster to provide relief to the victims. The families of those who died due to heat wave, including relief workers or those involved in preparation, will get an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh, subject to certification from the appropriate authorities.



6. Who has been recently elected as the third Director General of ISA?

- (A) Manoj Gupta (B) Ajay Mathur
(C) Ashish Khanna (D) None of these

(C) Recently, in the seventh session of the ISA Assembly going on in New Delhi, Mr. Ashish Khanna of the Republic of India has been elected as the third Director General. Other candidates for the post included Mr. Vizham Ahiaataku Togobo of Ghana and Mr. Gose Mengisti Abyaneh of Ethiopia. The Director General of ISA has an important role in supporting the Assembly in furthering the mandate of the International Solar Alliance.



India Secures ISA Presidency Again, Ashish Khanna New Director General

7. Which country has recently banned the use of mobile phones by police personnel on duty?

- (A) Denmark (B) Zimbabwe
(C) Sudan (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Zimbabwe has not allowed the use of mobile phones by police personnel on duty. In many countries, police personnel are not allowed to use mobile phones while on duty. Using mobile phones while on duty distracts the attention of police personnel. This reduces their efficiency and productivity.



8. Who has recently won the World Boxing Federation's Super Featherweight World title?

- (A) Mandeep Jangra (B) Deepak Dahiya
(C) Bajrang Punia (D) None of these

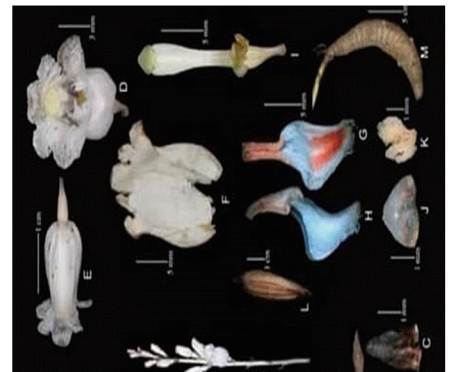
(A) Recently, Indian professional boxer Mandeep Jangra has won the World Boxing Federation's Super Featherweight World title. He won this title by defeating Britain's Conor McIntosh in the Cayman Islands. 31-year-old Mandeep Jangra has faced only one defeat in his professional career so far.



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

- (A) Manipur (B) Meghalaya
(C) Telangana (D) Arunachal Pradesh

(D) Recently, a team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India has discovered a new species of orchid in the bamboo thickets of Lohit district of Arunachal Pradesh. *Gastrodia lohitis* leafless orchid was discovered by Krishna Choulu and a dedicated team of the BSI office. He said that the rare orchid thrives without sunlight.



10. Which country has recently extended visa free entry for Indian tourists indefinitely?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Thailand
(C) Australia (D) Indonesia

(B) Recently, Thailand has announced an indefinite extension of its visa free entry policy for Indian citizens. This scheme was to end on 11 November 2024. Under this policy, Indian visitors can stay visa-free in Thailand for 30 days. Visa-free entry simplifies the entry process for travelers.

