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## History of 16th November

- ◆ **1930** : India's famous long distance swimmer **Mihir Sen** was born.
- ◆ **1982** : America's fifth spacecraft **Columbia-5** landed at Edwards military base.

## Current Affairs Related to 16th November 2024

- ◆ **Harsh Vardhan Agarwal** will take over as the new President of FICCI. Harsh Vardhan Agarwal, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Emami Limited, has been elected as the President of FICCI for 2024-2025. Currently, Agarwal is serving as the Senior Vice President of FICCI. He will replace Anish Shah, Group CEO and Managing Director of Mahindra & Mahindra at the conclusion of FICCI's 97th Annual General Meeting on November 21. Agarwal is a second-generation leader in the Emami Group, a diversified business group with revenues of US\$3.1 billion.
- ◆ **Assam Government and IIT Guwahati** launched platforms for healthcare innovation. It will bring together eminent doctors and scientists to explore cutting-edge healthcare technologies. The event emphasized the government's commitment to strengthen India's healthcare ecosystem through advanced self-reliant innovations. Government of Assam and IIT Guwahati are collaborating on state-of-the-art AAHII campus to reduce import dependence on healthcare.
- ◆ **Union Finance Minister Reliance Industries** inaugurated five special Nari Shakti Gardens of Union Bank of India in Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Jaipur. These industries are aimed at supporting women entrepreneurs in the sector and promoting manufacturing and service in particular. Through these industries, the government and the bank union are working towards empowering women, providing easy financial services, skill training, and advisory services, so that the linguistic groups of India can strengthen the goal of economic development.
- ◆ **Justice Sanjiv Khanna** formally took over as the Chief Justice of India, his swearing-in ceremony took place at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The swearing-in ceremony was presided over by President Draupadi Murmu, who administered the oath of office to Justice Khanna. Justice Khanna replaced Justice Dhananjay Yashwant Chandrachud, who retired after a distinguished tenure.
- ◆ **Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri JP Nadda** has launched a scheme to strengthen the medical equipment industry. This scheme will give a boost to the medical equipment industry. It is a comprehensive scheme that targets critical areas of the medical device industry, including manufacturing of key components and accessories, skill development, support for clinical studies, etc. India's medical device market is expected to grow to \$30 billion by 2030.
- ◆ **The Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024** has started in Rajgir, Bihar. Six teams from China, Japan, Malaysia, Korea and Thailand are participating in the tournament, which will run from 11 to 20 November. The Indian team was led by Salima and vice-captain Navneet Kaur. Ravindran Shankaran, Director General of Bihar Sports Authority, emphasized that the state government aims to make Bihar a major hub of sports in eastern India.
- ◆ **Employees of the Union Ministry of Finance and Community Affairs** launched the National MSME Military Outreach Program at the college. The program was jointly organized by the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance and Small Industries Development Bank of India. Union MSME Minister Shri Jitan Ram Dixit and other secretaries were also present on the occasion. Under this program, about 150 MSMEs were virtually connected, providing access to financial services and promoting MSME growth.
- ◆ **Canada has ended its Fast Track Study Visa program** with immediate effect. This decision is likely to impact international students, including from India. The processing time under the Student Direct Stream was very short and short. Its acceptance rate was high. This decision has been taken amid the ongoing diplomatic dispute between India and Canada. About 4,27,000 Indian students are studying in Canada. India is the largest source of foreign students for Canada.

## National & International Current Affairs

1. **When is International Day for Tolerance celebrated every year?**

- (A) 15 November (B) 16 November  
(C) 17 November (D) 18 November

**(B)** International Day for Tolerance is celebrated on 16 November to raise awareness about the importance of tolerance by promoting mutual understanding between cultures and people. By resolution 51/95, the United Nations General Assembly invited Member States of the United Nations to celebrate International Day for Tolerance on 16 November 1966.



2. **Who has Neeraj Chopra announced as his coach recently?**

- (A) Gary Calvet (B) Naseem Ahmed  
(C) Jan Zelezny (D) None of these

**(C)** Recently, two-time Olympic medalist Neeraj Chopra has announced that he will be coached by javelin throw legend Jan Zelezny, who currently holds the world record for javelin throw. Zelezny will replace Dr. Klaus Bartonitz. Who was with Neeraj Chopra even before the coronavirus pandemic.



3. **Recently, cricketer Mohammad Nabi of which country has announced his retirement from ODIs?**

- (A) Afghanistan (B) Pakistan  
(C) Bangladesh (D) Bhutan

**(A)** Recently, Afghanistan's iconic cricketer Mohammad Nabi will end his ODI history after the ICC Champions Trophy to be held in Pakistan in 2025. The Afghanistan Cricket Board has confirmed this, ending the glorious career of Afghanistan's most iconic cricketers for more than a decade.



4. **Recently, who has announced to withdraw from the role of mediator between Israel and Hamas?**

- (A) Japan (B) Qatar  
(C) Germany (D) Sri Lanka

**(B)** Recently, Qatar has temporarily stopped mediating for ceasefire and release of hostages between Israel and Hamas. According to reports, Qatari officials said that they will now resume mediation work only when Hamas and Israel show a willingness to negotiate.



5. **Who has recently become the second largest smartphone market in terms of unit volume in the third quarter of 2024?**

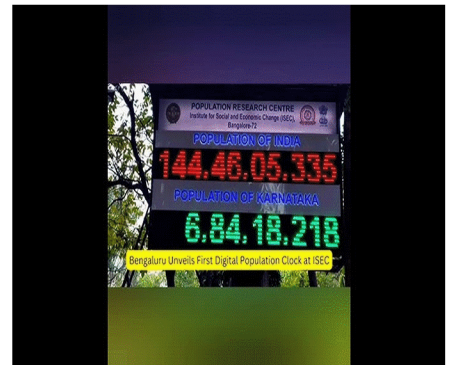
- (A) India (B) China  
(C) Bhutan (D) America

**(A)** According to Counterpoint Research, India's smartphone market has become the second largest market in the world in terms of unit volume and third largest market in terms of value in the third quarter of 2024. During this period, India captured 15.5% of global smartphone shipments, behind China's 22% and ahead of America's 12%.



6. Where has the first digital population clock been opened recently?

- (A) Delhi (B) Kanpur  
(C) Bengaluru (D) None of these  
(C) Recently Bengaluru has unveiled its first digital clock which has been installed at the Social and Analog Clock Institute. The purpose of this innovation is to depict rockets and documents of the entire country in real time which provides up-to-date documentary information to cartoons, electronics and policy makers.



7. Who has been appointed as the President of FICCI recently?

- (A) Vikram Dutt (B) Prabhakar Raghavan  
(C) Harsh Vardhan Agarwal (D) None of these  
(C) Recently the country's largest industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has elected Harsh Vardhan Agarwal as the new President. Harsh Vardhan Agarwal was declared elected President in the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the industry body FICCI. He will take charge on the conclusion of the 97th Annual General Meeting on November 21. He is currently working as Senior Vice President of FICCI.



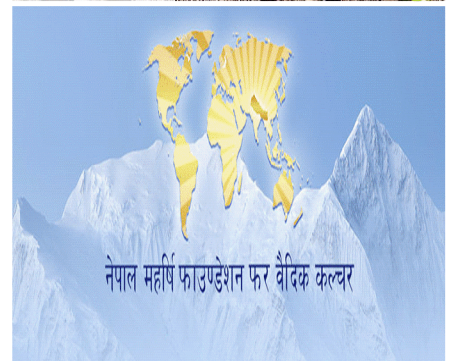
8. Who has been appointed as the CMD of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation recently?

- (A) Vilas Sopan Wadekar (B) Anurag Jain  
(C) Anil Kumar Gupta (D) None of these  
(A) This recommendation was made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board panel recently. Vilas Sopan Wadekar is currently holding the post of Director in MRVC. The PESB panel reviewed two candidates for the post of CMD, and Wadekar was selected from the list. The other candidate considered for the post was from Patel Engineering Limited.



9. Where has the second Vedic and Modern Science Conference been organized recently?

- (A) Kaushambi (B) Kathmandu  
(C) New Delhi (D) None of these  
(B) Thousands of local people participated in the second Vedic and Modern Science Conference held at Bhrikuti Mandap in Kathmandu, Nepal recently. 70 experts and representatives from many countries participated in this conference which showcased modern science and ancient Vedic knowledge.



10. According to the recently released Global TB Report 2024, what is the percentage reduction in TB cases in India?

- (A) 14.2% (B) 17.7%  
(C) 19.8% (D) 22.22%  
(B) Recently, the number of TB cases in India has decreased by what percentage? India's dedicated journey towards TB prevention is recognised globally, with a remarkable 17.7% decline in TBI cases from 2015 to 2023, a rate higher than the global average of 8.3%, according to the World Health Organisation in its Global TB Report 2024.

