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History of 18th November

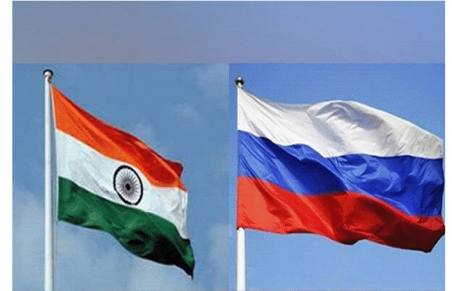
- ◆ **1727:** **Maharaja Jai Singh II** was established in Jaipur city. The architect of the city was **Vidyadhar Acharya** from Bengal.
- ◆ **1772:** **Narayan Rao**, younger brother of Peshwa Madhavrao I, became the **Gaddi Sahayak**.
- ◆ **1972:** **Tiger** was chosen as the national animal.
- ◆ **2013:** American space agency **NASA** sent **Maven** spacecraft to **Mars**.
- ◆ **1738:** **Peace** was signed between **France** and **Austria**.

Current Affairs Related to 18th November 2024

- ◆ **The mega auction of IPL 2025** will be a big platform for the players to showcase their talent, where the franchise will bid on top players to strengthen their team. This auction is a major event in the IPL calendar, which shapes the composition of the teams for the upcoming season. This time 1574 players have listed posters with new auction projects, this auction promises to be more comedy and comic. The IPL 2025 Mega Auction will be held on 24 and 25 November in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- ◆ **Public sector banks showed a growth of 11% year-on-year in the first half of 2024.2025.** The total business of public sector banks was Rs 236.4 lakh crore. According to the Ministry of Finance, important banking reforms have been implemented in recent years. These include the adoption of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, implementation of Enhanced Access and Service Excellence and establishment of a strong governance framework.
- ◆ **DRDO guided the Guided Pinaka Weapon System for a series of complete successful test flights**, in which the provisional staff took part in the documents of qualitative requirements. This important achievement involved testing different field mortar ranges in three phases, which illustrated the operability, stabilization and advanced level of the system. Preparations are underway to include operational readiness in the Indian Army.
- ◆ **This megaport project being developed by Chinese filming company Cosco in Chancay**, Peru promises to connect South America to Asia and boost regional trade. However, the locals of Chancay village, where most of the residents live without basic amenities, are opposed to this project. They consider it dangerous for their environment and environment, while the government considers it an important means of economic development.
- ◆ **The Professional Golf Tour of India** announced the appointment of **Amandeep Johal** as its new Chief Executive Officer. He will run his memorial store from January 2025. Johal is a reputed name in the Indian golf world. He also has extensive experience in the game.
- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India has confirmed that the State Bank of India Digital Bank** and Educational Bank will be appointed as key positions in the domestic system. The demand for additional endowments for SBI and HDFC Bank will increase from April 2025. The D-SIB structure which was introduced by the RBI in 2014 and updated in 2023, has been given a very important definition for these banks to fail due to their size, shape and their structure in the financial system.
- ◆ **Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** launched the Know Your Medicine app to strengthen the fight against doping in sports. This app has been launched with the aim of advising and guiding players, coaches and the entire sports community in the right direction for doping ban. It is part of the Rashtra Bhaichara initiative to prevent doping in sports.
- ◆ **Reliance Industries and Walt Disney have finalized their \$8.5 merger of Indian media.** After this merger, the organization has been reorganized into three major divisions. Where different CEOs have been appointed. This is the beginning of a new era for both media giants in India.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court of India struck down the government's directive to seize people's homes** and personal belongings based on their convictions of a crime. The Court emphasised that such seizures infringed rights, including the presumption of inequality, and had an unfair impact on other tenants, as well as violating the right to shelter under Principle 21 of the Constitution.

National & International Current Affairs

- 1. Where will the Russian Business Center open recently?**
 (A) New Delhi (B) Karnataka
 (C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Telangana
(A) The Russian Embassy in India will inaugurate the Russian Business Center. It is an initiative run by the Business Council for Cooperation with India and Synergy Corporation, New Delhi. The aim of opening the center is to develop business relations between India and Russia, promote export cooperation, and provide a platform for interaction between business communities.
- 2. Who has recently inaugurated the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025 website in Delhi?**
 (A) S. Jaishankar (B) Narendra Modi
 (C) Piyush Goyal (D) Amit Shah
(A) Recently S. Jaishankar has inaugurated the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025 website in Delhi. The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is a flagship event of the Government of India. It provides an important platform to connect and engage with the overseas Indian community. The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 8-10 January 2025 in collaboration with the Government of Odisha.
- 3. From when to when is the International Trade Fair being organized at Pragati Maidan, Delhi?**
 (A) From 14 to 17 November
 (B) From 14 to 27 November
 (C) From 15 to 28 November
 (D) From 16 to 29 November
(B) The Indian International Trade Fair 2024 is being organized at Pragati Maidan from 14 to 27 November. Every day, about 60 thousand people are expected to visit the trade fair, this number will be around 1.5 lakh per day between passport and scale. Entry to the business market will be given in the trade fair from 14 to 18 November.
- 4. Who has been appointed as the new superstar of Indian Oil recently?**
 (A) Arvinder Singh Sahni (B) Madhav Vaidya
 (C) Ishan Kumar (D) None of these
(A) Arvinder Singh Sahni has been appointed as the new CEO of India's largest oil company, Indian Oil Corporation. This was announced according to an order of the company. Arvinder Singh Sahni has been given the new post of India's largest oil company Indian Oil Corporation. Arvinder Singh Sahni is currently working as the Executive Director of Business Realty in the Petromics Department in IOC.
- 5. Recently, the tourism department of which country has appointed Sonu Sood as the brand ambassador for tourism?**
 (A) Nepal (B) Sri Lanka
 (C) Thailand (D) Japan
(C) Recently, famous actor, humanitarian and philanthropist Sonu Sood has taken on an exciting new role as the brand ambassador and honorary tourism advisor for Thailand. Widely recognized for his philanthropy, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, this appointment adds another feather to his cap, expanding his global reach and influence.



6. Recently, the newly elected President of America, Donald Trump has declared whom as his National Security Advisor?

- (A) Susie Wills (B) Usha Chilukuri Vance
(C) Mike Waltz (D) None of these

(C) After winning the Presidential elections in America recently, Donald Trump is gradually expanding his team. He has appointed Florida Congressman and India Caucus co-chairman Mike Waltz as his new National Security Advisor i.e. NSS. Mike Waltz is considered a staunch critic of China.



7. Recently, Noida International Airport has signed an agreement with whom for green energy?

- (A) Adani Green (B) Tata Power
(C) Reliance Power (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Tata Power and Noida International Airport signed two power purchase agreements related to wind and solar energy supply. Tata Power will invest Rs 550 crore to develop solar and wind power capacities and related infrastructure to supply clean energy to Noida International Airport.



8. Who has recently received the Coach of the Year award at the Indian Sports Honors 2024?

- (A) Suma Shirur (B) Kunal Dalal
(C) Rahab Allana (D) None of these

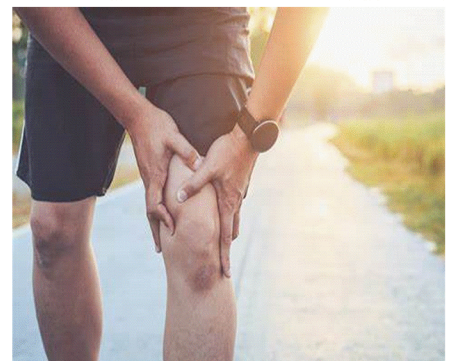
(A) Recently, Olympian and former chief coach of the Indian shooting team Suma Shirur was awarded the Coach of the Year award at the Indian Sports Honors 2024. The ceremony was organized by Cornerstone Sport, celebrating excellence in Indian sports. Shirur is also the first Indian woman to reach any Olympic final.



9. Which IIT has recently developed the patented mechanical knee rehab device?

- (A) IIT Mumbai (B) IIT Delhi
(C) IIT Kanpur (D) IIT Ropar

(D) In a significant breakthrough for post-surgery knee rehabilitation, researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Ropar have unveiled an innovative solution to make continuous passive motion therapy more accessible and affordable. The IIT Ropar team has developed a fully mechanical passive motion machine for knee rehabilitation which has been awarded a patent.



10. Where is the 16th India Game Developer Conference being organized recently?

- (A) Hyderabad (B) New Delhi
(C) Chennai (D) Kanpur

(A) Recently the 16th edition of the India Game Developer Conference started in Hyderabad. About 20 thousand people will attend this conference. It is being organized by the Game Developer Association of India. The conference will have over 150 sessions featuring over 250 speakers. The latest trends, challenges and innovations shaping the future of gaming will be part of the 16th India Game Developers Conference.

