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## History of 19th November

- ◆ **1857:** **Rani Lakshmbai**, the heroic woman of the **First Indian War of Independence**, was born.
- ◆ **2006:** India sought support of **nuclear energy** and uranium nitrogen for **Australia**.
- ◆ **2008:** The **Indira Gandhi** International Award was announced to Mo. Albardai, head of the United Nations **International Atomic Energy Agency**.
- ◆ **1986:** **Protection of Environment Act** came into force.

## Current Affairs Related to 19th November 2024

- ◆ **The Central Consumer Protection Act** has issued **guidelines** saying that all **coaching institutes** will have to disclose relevant information about their students and courses to prevent parents and candidates from being misled. Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare issued guidelines against misleading advertisements used by various coaching institutes in New Delhi.
- ◆ **The Home Ministry** has approved the **establishment of the first women battalion** of the Central Industrial Security Force. The main objective of this decision is to empower women and enhance their role in national security. CISF's first women battalion will have more than 1000 personnel. This step has been taken due to increasing demands on the force, especially in VIP security, airports and other important establishments. This new women battalion has been named Reserve Battalion. It will be formed from the existing workforce of about 200,000 CISF personnel.
- ◆ **Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal** released a **book titled Mother Mother** in New Delhi. The book was released in the presence of Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and West Bengal Governor Dr. C.V. Anand Bose. The author of this book is Dr. Devendra Kumar Dhodawat, Additional Secretary to the Governor of Kerala. This book depicts motherhood through poems written in Hindi and English.
- ◆ **India is among the top 10 countries in the world for patents, trademarks and designs.** India has been ranked among the global top 10 countries in patents, trademarks and industrial designs in the World Intellectual Property Indicators 2024 report. The report reveals a significant increase in patent, trademark and industrial design applications across top economies. India is consolidating its position as a global leader in the intellectual property and IP landscape, making substantial progress and setting new milestones in IP activity.
- ◆ **Vivek Ramaswamy, Elon Musk** have been chosen by Trump to lead the new US Department of Government Efficiency. US President-elect Donald Trump appointed Elon Musk to the role with the aim of creating a more efficient government. Musk and former Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy will co-lead the newly created Department of Government Efficiency, which Trump has indicated will work across government boundaries. The new department will fulfill a long-standing dream of the Republicans, and provide coaxing and guidance from outside the government.
- ◆ **25th South Asian Telecom Regulatory Council Conference begins.** It was a two-day conference to discuss and develop new regulatory ideas and strategies for the telecom sector. It brings together regulators from across South Asia. Its main objective is to provide a platform for regulations of telecom service providers, internet service providers, satellite service providers and consumers. Its main objective is to cooperate in shaping an integrated regulatory agenda.
- ◆ **India's total renewable energy capacity increased by 13.5% or 24.2 GW in a year to reach 203.18 GW** in October 2024 from 178.98 GW in October 2023. A statement issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy said that this increase is in line with India's ambitious goals in the renewable energy sector.
- ◆ **The Coast Guards of India and Sri Lanka held the seventh annual high-level meeting in Colombo.** A four-member ICG delegation led by Director General DG S Paramesh and SLCG delegation led by Director General Rear Admiral YR Serasinde attended the meeting. The meeting underscored the shared commitment of both Coast Guards to meet maritime challenges while also focusing on a range of contemporary regional maritime issues.

## National & International Current Affairs

- 1. When is World Toilet Day celebrated every year?**  
 (A) 17 November (B) 18 November  
 (C) 19 November (D) 20 November  
**(C)** World Toilet Day is celebrated every year on 19 November. The day is mainly about motivating people to tackle the global sanitation crisis and achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6, which promises sanitation for all by 2030. According to UNICEF and WHO, about 60% of the global population or about 4.5 billion people do not have a toilet at home.
- 2. Recently, the fourth coastal defense exercise Sea Vigil 2024 will be conducted by the Indian Navy till when?**  
 (A) From 20 to 21 November  
 (B) From 21 to 22 November  
 (C) From 22 to 23 November  
 (D) From 23 to 24 November  
**(B)** Recently, the fourth coastal defense exercise Sea Vigil 2024 will be conducted by the Indian Navy from 21 to 22 November. This two-day exercise will be extensive in terms of both geographical reach and scale of participation, involving six ministries and 21 organizations and agencies. The Indian Army and Air Force are also participating in this 2024 exercise.
- 3. When is International Men's Day celebrated every year?**  
 (A) 19 November (B) 20 November  
 (C) 21 November (D) 22 November  
**(A)** International Men's Day on 19 November celebrates the positive value brought by men to the world, their families and communities around the world. We highlight positive role models and raise awareness about men's well-being. Our theme for 2024 is Positive Male Role Models.
- 4. Which ministry recently notified new rules under the new Water Act?**  
 (A) Ministry of Education (B) Ministry of Culture  
 (C) Ministry of Environment (D) Ministry of Finance  
**(C)** Recently the Ministry of Environment notified new rules under the new Water Act. The new rules have been notified as Water Rules, 2024. New rules have been notified to investigate and impose penalties for violations of the Water Act. The new rules have been notified in the backdrop of amendments made in the Water Act before 2024.
- 5. In which state did PM Modi recently launch AIIMS Darbhanga and other projects worth more than Rs 1,260 crore?**  
 (A) Bihar (B) Kerala  
 (C) Telangana (D) Odisha  
**(A)** Recently PM Modi laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth Rs 1260 crore in Bihar. He laid the foundation stone of several national highway projects worth about Rs 5070 crore in Bihar. He laid the foundation stone of Sonnagar bypass railway line from Chiralapothu to Bagha Bishunpur in Aurangabad district of Bihar.



6. Who has been awarded the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award recently?

- (A) Susie Wills (B) Phillip Noyce  
(C) Mike Waltz (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Australian filmmaker Phillip Noyce was awarded the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India in the year 2024. The festival will be held in Goa from 20-28 November 2024. The Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award was started in the year 1999 at the 30th IFFI.



7. To which country has India recently sent the first batch of Akash weapon system?

- (A) Bhutan (B) Armenia  
(C) China (D) Sri Lanka

(B) India has achieved a significant milestone in its defence exports by sending the first Akash weapon system battery to Armenia, which is the second missile system exported by India after Brahmos. Akash, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, is a surface-to-air missile capable of targeting fighter jets, cruise missiles, drones and other aerial threats within a range of 25 km.



8. Where has the Indian Army recently conducted a high-intensity tri-service exercise, Eastern Prahar?

- (A) Odisha (B) Rajasthan  
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Arunachal Pradesh

(D) The recently conducted tri-service exercise Eastern Prahar enhances joint operational readiness in Arunachal Pradesh. The Indian Army has conducted a high-intensity tri-service exercise, Eastern Prahar, in the forward areas of Arunachal Pradesh, a press release in New Delhi said. The exercise serves as a platform for further absorption and integration of advanced technical equipment and joint command structures.



9. Which country has recently appointed Chris Evans as the first anti-slavery commissioner?

- (A) France (B) America  
(C) India (D) Australia

(D) According to news agency Xinhua, Attorney General Mark Dreyfus announced that former senator and human rights official Chris Evans will serve as Australia's first anti-slavery commissioner for a five-year term starting in December. Dreyfus said the role of the new commissioner will strengthen the work being done in government, business and society in Australia to prevent and address modern slavery.



10. Where was the International Apparel and Textile Fair organized recently?

- (A) Dubai (B) New Delhi  
(C) Hyderabad (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the International Apparel and Textile Fair 2024 was organized in Dubai. This fair had exhibitions and collections, speaker forum, networking opportunities and gathering of experts from the textile industry. Exhibitors from Europe, India, Japan, Turkey, and other manufacturing countries displayed their products in this fair.

