



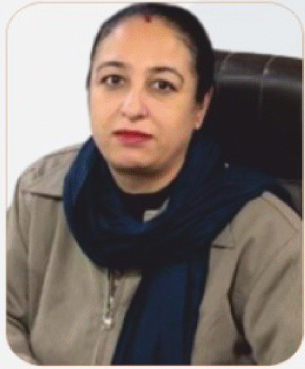
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## History of 20th November

- ◆ **1981** : **Bhaskara satellite** was launched.
- ◆ **1985** : **Microsoft Windows 1.0** released.
- ◆ **1917** : Bose Research Institute established in **Calcutta** (now Kolkata).
- ◆ **1989** : **Babita Phogat**, an Indian female freestyle wrestler, was born.

## Current Affairs Related to 20th November 2024

- ◆ **India formally bid to host the 2036 Olympics.** Indian Olympic Association officially submitted a letter of intent to the Future Host Commission of the International Olympic Committee. India has formally expressed its desire to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2036. 10 countries have shown initial interest in hosting the 2036 Games. Los Angeles in the USA will host the 2028 Summer Olympics, and Brisbane in Australia will host the 2032 Games.
- ◆ **Uttar Pradesh has approved the guidelines for the appointment of DGP through a selection committee.** The UP Cabinet has approved the Director General of Police Uttar Pradesh Selection and Appointment Rules 2024. Its main objective is to establish an independent and transparent mechanism for the selection of a suitable person for appointment to the post of DGP. The selection committee for the appointment of the new DGP will be headed by a retired judge of the High Court. This committee will include the Chief Secretary of the State, Chairman of Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission, Additional Chief Secretary or Principal Secretary of the Home Department and retired State DGP.
- ◆ **NTPC Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation have formed a joint venture company** to promote their interests in the renewable and new energy sector. This joint venture will tap renewable energy and new energy opportunities including solar, wind and energy storage. The joint venture was formed through their green energy subsidiaries, NTPC Green Energy Ltd and ONGC Green Energy Ltd. It will also focus on new and emerging technologies in the sector, such as energy storage, including both pumped and battery storage.
- ◆ **Singapore has been ranked as the world's most powerful passport on the Henley Passport Index.** It has visa-free access to 195 countries. Italy, Japan, Germany, Spain and France are ranked second.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court said that a person holding a driving licence for a light motor vehicle can drive a transport vehicle weighing up to 7500 kg.** This decision was given by a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud. This decision came after insurance companies rejected claims for accidents involving transport vehicles of a particular weight and drivers were not authorized to drive them as per legal terms.
- ◆ **Indian Navy hosted the third edition of the Ocean Summit on Maritime Security.** The Ocean Summit is a biennial flagship outreach event aimed at promoting cooperation among maritime leaders of the Indian Ocean Region under the framework of proactive security and growth for all in the region. The theme of the summit is Training Cooperation to Mitigate Common Maritime Security Challenges in the IOR. It will bring together senior leaders of maritime agencies in the IOR littoral regions including Bangladesh, Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, etc.
- ◆ **Quacquarelli Symonds has released the World University Rankings Asia 2025.** A total of 22 universities from India have found place in the Asia region of the World University Rankings released by QS. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi has topped the South Asian category, which includes universities from India and Pakistan. A total of 984 universities from the Asia region have found their place in the list.
- ◆ **To promote mutual relations between India and Bhutan, Assam Governor Laxman Prasad Acharya inaugurated the Darraga Immigration Check Post in Tamulpur district.** Bhutan Prime Minister Lyochen Dasho Tshering was also present on the occasion. The Governor described it as an opportune time for mutual friendship and cooperation between India and Bhutan, with Assam being the hub of all activities.

## National & International Current Affairs

1. Which country has recently introduced accelerated visa process for Indian visitors?

- (A) Japan (B) Thailand  
(C) South Africa (D) Germany

(C) Recently, the South African government has launched the Trusted Tour Student Scheme with the aim of increasing the number of visas coming from India and China. The scheme aims to simplify and speed up the visa application process across the country. The aim of TTOS is to overcome the problems hindering tourism from India and China such as long visa process, limited embassy resources and language content.



2. Which bank has recently launched e-bank guarantee facility?

- (A) HDFC Bank (B) Punjab & Sind Bank  
(C) ICICI Bank (D) Axis Bank

(B) Recently, Punjab & Sind Bank has launched its e-bank guarantee facility in collaboration with National e-Governance Services Limited. This innovative service modernizes the traditional bank guarantee process, transforming paper-based issuance into a completely digital one.



3. Who has been appointed as the Chief of Staff of the White House recently?

- (A) Shyamiya Sandhu (B) Usha Chilukuri Vance  
(C) Susie Biles (D) None of the above

(C) Recently, after winning the US presidential election, Donald Trump has appointed his campaign manager Susie Biles as the Chief of Staff, giving her a big responsibility. With this, she has become the first woman of the country to serve in this post. Who will lead the administrative office of the White House.



4. Who has topped the recently held FIDE World Chess Championship?

- (A) Magnus Carlsen (B) D Gukesh  
(C) Arjun Erigaisi (D) None of the above

(A) Recently, Magnus Carlsen has topped the recently held FIDE World Chess Championship. Magnus Carlsen won the 2023 FIDE World Cup. He won this title by defeating R. Praggnanandhaa of India. Magnus Carlsen also won the 2023 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship.



5. Where has the second edition of the Indian Military Heritage Festival been held recently?

- (A) Udaipur (B) Mumbai  
(C) New Delhi (D) None of these

(C) Recently the second edition of the Indian Military Diploma Festival was held in New Delhi. This naval event is listed by the Ministry of Defense and many eminent artists, which aims to bring together global and Indian thinkers, education experts, councils and military experts on one platform on topics related to India's national security, foreign policy and military experts. This year's festival was inaugurated by Chief of Defense Staff Chief General Anil Chauhan and triservicemen.



6. Recently, the government of which country has announced to make a law to ban the use of social media for children below the age of 16 years?

- (A) Australia (B) France  
(C) Russia (D) China

(A) Recently, the Australian government has introduced a new law to ban the use of social media for children below the age of 16 years. The aim of this step is to protect the mental health of children, when implemented, social media companies will be responsible to ensure that children below the age of 16 cannot use their platform.



7. When is World Diabetes Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 10 November (B) 12 November  
(C) 13 November (D) 14 November

(D) World Diabetes Day is one of the largest diabetes awareness campaigns held every year, which has its presence in more than 160 countries and is impacting the lives of more than 1 billion people through its awareness campaigns, advocacy for better access to treatment and quality informational material to deal with diabetes.



8. Recently, all the members of the Human Rights Commission have resigned in which countries?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Maldives  
(C) Pakistan (D) Sri Lanka

(A) Recently, it has been 3 months since the interim government was formed in Bangladesh. But even after 3 months, everything is not well in the country. In this episode, all the members of the Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh resigned together. NHRC Chairman Kamal Uddin Ahmed and 5 other people along with him have submitted their resignation to the President.



9. Recently, which IIT has signed an agreement for collaborative study on homeopathy project?

- (A) IIT Delhi (B) IIT Kanpur  
(C) IIT Kharagpur (D) IIT Madras

(C) Recently, IIT Kharagpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Research Council of Homeopathy on a collaborative study between JIP and CCRH based on a project based on Fourier Transform Infra Red Spectroscopic studies and Raman studies in the characterization, standardization, and analysis of homeopathic potent drugs and symptoms.



10. Recently, India and which country have agreed to accelerate water resources and energy cooperation?

- (A) Bhutan (B) Nepal  
(C) Germany (D) Japan

(B) Recently, Nepal's Energy and Water Resources Minister Deepak Khadka, who was on a visit to India, confirmed the development. Nepal and India have agreed to expedite hydropower projects and enhance cooperation in energy, water resources and other key sectors, a top minister of the Himalayan nation said.

