



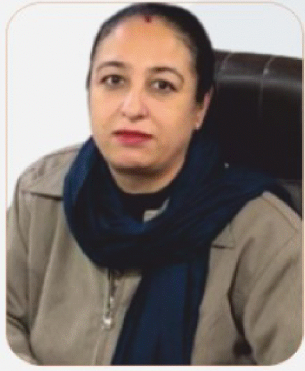
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## History of 22nd November

- ◆ **1971** : India and Pakistan violated each other's air-space and an air **conflict broke** out between the two countries.
- ◆ **1968** : A proposal was made to rename **Madras state** as **Makhmali Tamil**.
- ◆ **1916** : **Veteran Indian** freedom fighter **Shanti Ghosh** was born.
- ◆ **1864** : India's first female doctor **Rukhmabai** was born.

## Current Affairs Related to 22nd November 2024

- ◆ **S&P Global Ratings in its most recent Global Bank Outlook report forecast that India's GDP** will grow 6.5% to 7% per year during the next three fiscal years, ending in 2027. The main drivers of this GDP growth will be infrastructure development and rising consumption. The report said that the resilience of India's financial institutions will be supported by structural reforms and promising economic prospects. According to the report, better bank capitalization and increased demand should accelerate the growth of bank loans. RBI's regulatory action will strengthen the financial system in the medium term.
- ◆ **The Central Government has launched the Partnership Program for Accelerated Innovation** and Research. The Partnership Program for Accelerated Innovation and Research will enhance the quality of research-oriented higher education in the country. The PAIR program will promote research excellence in central and state public universities through a mentorship-driven hub and spoke model. Under the hub and spoke model, universities where research is in the initial stage will be connected. The PAIR program will act as a catalyst for transformative research in universities. It will provide the necessary mentorship to enhance overall research standards.
- ◆ **Asia's largest open air trade fair Bali Jatra started in Odisha.** This year's fair started on the day of Kartik Purnima and will end on November 22. This festival is celebrated in memory of the old tradition of Odisha. In which traders used to travel to distant countries by boarding boats called Boitas from Mahanadi during Kartik Purnima.
- ◆ **External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar inaugurated the first overseas campus of Symbiosis International University** in Dubai. He also presided over the inauguration of Symbiosis International University at Dubai Knowledge Park. It will also promote cooperation in line with the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (The World is One Family).
- ◆ **State Bank of India plans to raise up to \$1.25 billion for a five-year loan, which will be the largest dollar-denominated loan from India's financial sector in 2024.** CTBC Bank, HSBC Holdings Plc and Taipei Fubon Bank are arranging the five-year loan, which carries an interest margin of 92.5 basis points over the risk-free secured overnight funding rate. SBI is providing this facility for general corporate purposes through its branch in the country's newest financial hub Gujarat International Finance Tec City.
- ◆ **Asian Games bronze medallist Prajnesh Gunneswaran announced retirement from professional tennis** after a 14-year career. Gunneswaran achieved his career-high ranking of 75, making him the eighth-highest ranked Indian player in the Open Era. He won a singles bronze medal at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games and also won two ATP Challenger titles. He has won 2 ATP Challenger and 8 ITF titles in singles and 1 ITF title in doubles.
- ◆ **Uttarakhand Chief Minister inaugurates Jauljibi Fair in Pithoragarh.** The famous Jauljibi Fair 2024 was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and described it as a precious heritage for Uttarakhand. Jauljibi Fair is a priceless heritage of the state, which has been promoting mutual harmony between India, Tibet, Nepal and border areas for centuries. This fair is a great medium to provide a platform to small traders, farmers and artisans to showcase their products.
- ◆ **RINL won 3 prestigious Gold Awards at the International Conference on Quality Control Circles held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.** 3 LQC teams of RINL, a corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant presented their case studies. QC team ARMOR of SBM department presented its case study on reducing power and free hook chain downtime by eliminating structure damage.

## National & International Current Affairs

1. Where will the world's first high altitude para sports center be established recently?

- (A) Srinagar (B) Gangtok  
(C) Leh (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the world's first high altitude para sports center will soon be established in Leh Ladakh with the aim of promoting sports in the country. For this, an MoU has been signed between Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh and Aditya Mehta Foundation. The aim of this facility is to enhance the capabilities and confidence of Indian para athletes to prepare for the 2028 Paralympics.



2. Recently, Prime Minister Modi was given the highest national award of which country?

- (A) Thailand (B) Malaysia  
(C) France (D) Dominica

(D) The government of the Caribbean country Dominica has announced that it will honor Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the Dominica Award of Honor this month. It is the highest award of Dominica. This award has been given to the Prime Minister in view of PM Modi's contribution to Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic and his dedication to strengthen the partnership between the two countries.



3. Which ministry recently signed MoU with IEA for cooperation on critical minerals?

- (A) Ministry of Coal (B) Ministry of Finance  
(C) Ministry of Home Affairs  
(D) Ministry of Mines

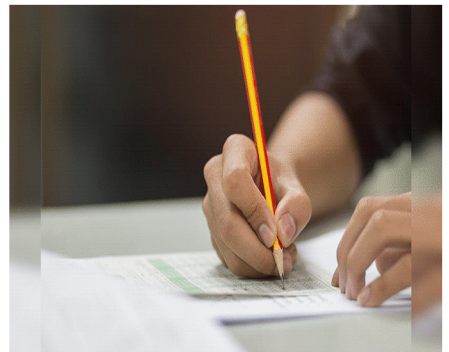
(D) Recently the Ministry of Mines has signed an agreement with the International Energy Agency for cooperation in the field of critical minerals. This will provide India access to reliable data, analysis and policy recommendations in the field of critical minerals and ensure strategic resource management. The International Energy Agency is an international organization within the framework of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.



4. Recently CBSE has reduced the syllabus of class 10th and 12th by how much percent?

- (A) 15% (B) 20%  
(C) 25% (D) 27%

(A) Recently CBSE board has given a big relief to the students of class 10th and 12th. Syllabus for these classes has been reduced by 15%. Also, the exam pattern has also been changed. According to this, 40% marks will be given for internal assessment. The remaining 60% marks will be for the final exam.



5. Recently whom has Vivo made the brand ambassador for its L series smartphone?

- (A) Shruti Hassan (B) Alia Bhatt  
(C) Suhana Khan (D) None of these

(C) Recently Vivo made Suhana Khan the brand ambassador for Y series smartphone. Chinese smartphone company Vivo has appointed Bollywood actress Suhana Khan as the brand ambassador for its Y series smartphones. The company gave this information. She made her Bollywood debut with the Zoya Akhtar directed film The Archies.



6. Recently, a special logo has been released on the completion of 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and which country?

- (A) Malaysia (B) Philippines  
(C) Germany (D) Thailand

(B) Recently, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and the Philippines, the Ministry of External Affairs unveiled a special logo to commemorate this achievement. This logo, shared by Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, is a symbol of lasting friendship, cultural exchange and shared values between the two countries.



7. Recently, eco-friendly biodegradable foam has been created by whom?

- (A) IIT Mumbai (B) IIT Delhi  
(C) IIT Kanpur (D) IISc Bengaluru

(D) Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science have developed an innovative eco-friendly bio-derived foam. It will provide a sustainable alternative to conventional plastic foam. Around 2.3 million tonnes of plastic foam is produced worldwide. A team from the Department of Material Engineering, IISc has developed a biodegradable foam suitable for packaging fast moving consumer goods.



8. Recently Delhi's Sarai Kale Khan Chowk has been renamed as what?

- (A) Arun Jaitley Chowk  
(B) Birsa Munda Chowk  
(C) Pt. Deendayal Chowk  
(D) None of these

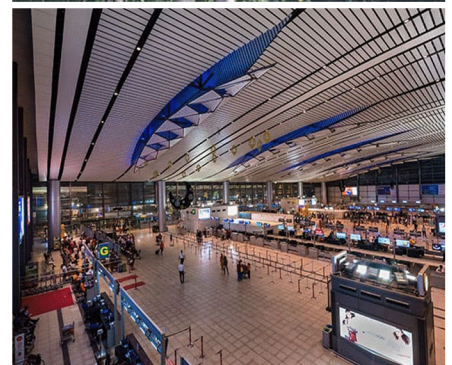
(B) Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah renamed Sarai Kale Khan Chowk as Birsa Munda Chowk at an event organised in Bansa to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of tribal leader Birsa Munda. He also unveiled a 20-foot-high statue of Birsa Munda at the entrance of Bansa and appreciated the effort made to restore the 30-acre site, which now serves as a bird sanctuary.



9. Which airport has recently received the global award for digital innovation?

- (A) Mumbai Airport (B) Hyderabad Airport  
(C) Bengaluru Airport (D) Delhi Airport

(B) GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited has received international acclaim for its progress in digital innovation at the Airport Excellence Awards held during the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024. GHIAL's digital twin received the award in the Innovation & Technology and Facility Management categories. The digital twin at RGIA creates a virtual replica of the physical airport.



10. Where has China recently unveiled a megaport?

- (A) Haiti (B) Armenia  
(C) Peru (D) None of these

(C) This megaport project, being developed by Chinese firm Cosco in Chancay, Peru, promises to connect South America with Asia and boost regional trade. However, the locals of Chankai village, where most of the residents live without basic amenities, are associated with the project.

