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History of 23rd November

- ◆ **1983** : The first **national summit** was **organized** in India.
- ◆ **1897** : Famous **scientist** and scientific writer and scholar **Nirad Chandra Chaudhary** was born in India.
- ◆ **1984** : A thousand people were trapped due to a fire at **Oxford Circus station** in **London**.
- ◆ **1912** : **Revolutionary writer**, historian and journalist **Sakharam Ganesh Deoskar** died.

Current Affairs Related to 23rd November 2024

- ◆ **Vision Next program** has been **launched** by the central government to **promote** the textile manufacturing industry. The minister said that this industry will reach \$ 350 billion in 2030. He was talking to the media after a review meeting at the National Institute of Fashion Technology in Chennai.
- ◆ **ISRO** **successfully launched satellite GSAT 20** through **SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket** in the US. This satellite will provide broadband services in remote areas and internet services during flight in passenger aircraft. It will remain operational for 14 years. This is the first time ISRO has launched a satellite on a SpaceX rocket through its commercial arm New Space India Ltd. GSAT 20 weighs 4700 kg and is one of India's heaviest communication satellites.
- ◆ **8 MoUs** were **signed between Andhra Pradesh government and IIT Madras** to **launch** transformational initiatives in various sectors. These MoUs included setting up an international deep tech innovation hub in Amaravati, expanding digital skills platforms like SWAYAM and IITM Pravartak and launching mentorship programmes for students and teachers. It also includes plans to develop Kuppam and Puttuparthi as logistics hubs and enhance the role of Visakhapatnam as a global internet gateway.
- ◆ **US authorities** **returned 1440 confiscated smuggled antiquities** to India. **Manhattan prosecutor Alvin Bragg** has returned 1440 antiquities, including sacred temple sculptures, to India, which were smuggled into the US. The artifacts were returned at a ceremony held at the Indian Consulate General, represented by Consul General Manish Kulhari. The pieces were recovered during investigations into criminal smuggling networks, including those of antiquities smuggler Subhash Kapoor, convicted in India, and Nancy Weiner, convicted in the United States.
- ◆ **Social media giant Meta** was **fined Rs 213.14 crore** by the **Competition Commission** of India over its 2021 WhatsApp privacy policy update. The CCI has said that sharing user data collected on WhatsApp with other Meta companies or products for purposes other than providing WhatsApp services will not be made a pre-condition for users to access WhatsApp services in India.
- ◆ **G20 leaders** **issued the Rio de Janeiro Declaration** at the **19th G20 summit**. Apart from tackling important global issues and crises, the declaration aims to advance strong, inclusive and sustainable development. The declaration called for expanding the structure of the Security Council to better represent underrepresented regions and communities. The declaration condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The declaration emphasized how important it is to strengthen civilian security and increase the flow of humanitarian aid.
- ◆ **President Draupadi Murmu** has **appointed 1989 batch IAS officer Sanjay Murthy** as the new Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Murthy is currently the Secretary of the Department of Higher Education in the Union Ministry of Education. He replaced Girish Chandra Murmu who retired. Girish Chandra Murmu took charge on 8 August 2020. Before becoming CAG, Murmu was the first Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ◆ **It is the third largest tiger reserve** in the country after **Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve** of Andhra Pradesh and **Manas Tiger Reserve** of Assam. It is spread over 2829 square kilometers. On the advice of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, the Chhattisgarh government notified **Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve**. It is spread over Manendragarh, Chirmiri, Bharatpur, Korea, Surajpur and Balrampur districts of Chhattisgarh. The newly notified tiger reserve is adjacent to **Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve** of Madhya Pradesh.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, which country has increased the visa quota for skilled Indian professionals from 20 to 90 thousand?

- (A) France (B) Australia
(C) Canada (D) Germany

(D) Germany has increased the number of annual visas for skilled Indians to 90,000. Which is 4.5 times more than the current quota of 20,000. Because during the visit of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, both the countries tried to deepen relations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that this step will further boost Germany's economic growth.



2. Recently, the President of which country will be the chief guest on Republic Day 2025?

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

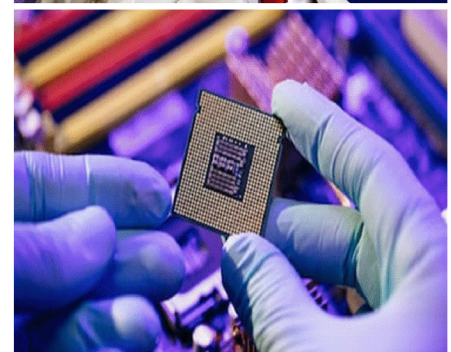
(C) Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto may be the chief guest of Republic Day 2025. His visit will boost the defense partnership of both. Indonesia can also buy Brahmos missile. This will be the fourth time that an Indonesian President will be the chief guest. India is increasing relations with many countries under the Act East policy.



3. Recently, the cabinet of which state has approved the HCL Foxconn Semiconductor project worth Rs 3706 crore?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Bihar
(C) Kerala (D) Andhra Pradesh

(A) Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has approved the investment proposal of Vama Sundari Investment in the semiconductor sector. The company will set up a huge project near Jewar in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Authority area. It will invest Rs 3706 crore in it. Through this, 3780 people will get employment.



4. Who has recently become the youngest rated chess player in the world?

- (A) Agam Mishra (B) Pratham Mittal
(C) Anish Sarkar (D) None of these

(C) Recently, at the age of just three years, eight months and 19 days, this boy from Kaikhali in North Kolkata became the youngest rated chess player in history. While most children of his age are lost in cartoons like Peppa Pig or Chhota Bheem or simply playing with toys, young Anish Sarkar found his fascination in the quiet strategy of chess pieces.



5. Which bank has recently launched real time international money transfer tracking?

- (A) Axis Bank (B) IDFC First Bank
(C) HDFC Bank (D) ICICI Bank

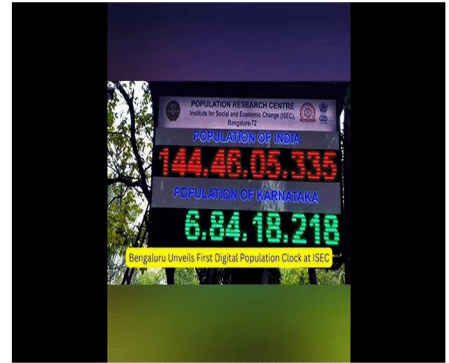
(B) Recently IDFC First Bank has introduced a pioneering feature in India that provides real time tracking for international money transfers, in partnership with SWIFT, this new service can be accessed through the bank's mobile app and online banking platform.



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) Harshvardhan Agarwal
(D) None of these

(C) Recently, the country's largest industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has elected Harshvardhan Agarwal as the new President. Harshvardhan Agarwal was declared elected President in the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the industry body FICCI. He will take over on November 21 at the conclusion of the 97th Annual General Meeting. He is currently serving 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

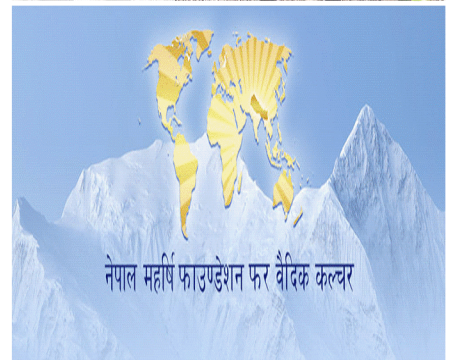
(A) This recommendation was made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board panel recently. Vilas Sopan Wadekar is currently holding the post of Director in MRVC. The PESB panel reviewed two candidates for the post of CMD, and Wadekar was selected from the list. The other candidate considered for the 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.

