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History of 8th November

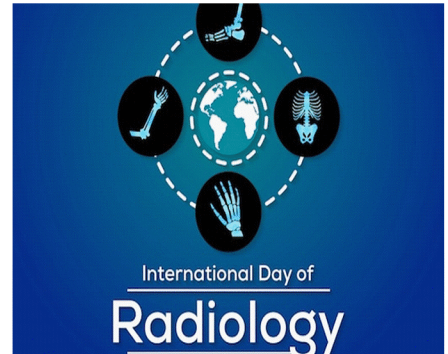
- ◆ **1661** : Sikh religious leader **Har Rai** passed away.
- ◆ **2016** : The Indian government **demonetized** big coins in which **500 and 1000 rupee** coins were declared illegal.
- ◆ **2008** : India's first human space mission **Chandrayaan-8** reached the **Moon's orbit**.
- ◆ **1895** : **Physicist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen** discovered X-rays.
- ◆ **1920** : India's famous dancer **Sitara Devi** was born.

Current Affairs Related to 8th November 2024

- ◆ **India has been elected as the Chair of the International Solar Alliance for 2 years till 2026.** Ashish Khanna will replace Dr. Ajay Mathur as ISA Director General. He will assume office in 2025. India's solar capacity has grown from 2 GW in 2014 to 90 GW. Fiji aims to meet 100% of its electricity demand from renewable energy by 2030. Fossil fuel imports currently account for 30% of Fiji's total import cost.
- ◆ **India unveiled its updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.** It was released at an event organized at the 16th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. This is the third NBSAP developed since 2000. Under this plan, India has set 23 targets under six broad conservation domains. The Biodiversity Expenditure Review estimated that its implementation would require an estimated annual average financial requirement of Rs 81,664.88 crore at the central government level.
- ◆ **Vietnam India Bilateral Army Exercise 2024 began in Ambala, Haryana.** This is the fifth edition of the Vietnam India Bilateral Army Exercise. Winbex 2024 aims to enhance the joint military capabilities of India and Vietnam. Army and Air Force personnel of both the countries are participating for the first time. The Indian Army contingent consists of 47 personnel. It is represented by a regiment of the Corps of Engineers as well as personnel from other arms and services.
- ◆ **The Securities and Equity Board of India has introduced several proposed changes for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Small and Medium Enterprises (SEM) RITs.** The objective is to benefit investors in the equity market and investor protection. This is part of SEBI's ongoing initiative to strengthen governance in investing, reduce financial risk and improve advertising.
- ◆ **Indian fast bowler Wriddhiman Saha has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.** He said that the ongoing Ranji Trophy season will be his last tournament. The 40-year-old is considered one of the best batsmen in India's Test cricket. His career was not very big, but he won everyone's heart with his skills. Saha shared the video from his social media handle. Saha has made a great journey in cricket and made this final season memorable for Bengal.
- ◆ **NTPC Limited and Oil and Electric Power Limited have officially launched a 50:50 venture company through their green energy corporations, NTPC Green Urja Limited and ONGC Green Urja Limited.** The collaboration aims to accelerate India's cooperation and new energy goals. The move comes after Joint Secretaries of DIPAM and NITI Aayog released the MoU signed between the two organizations during Energy Week in India in February 2024.
- ◆ **Cairn Oil & Gas has taken a historic step by joining the United Nations Environment Programme's Oil & Gas Methane Initiative 2.0.** This step is a significant initiative towards promoting sustainable sustainability in India's oil and gas sector. Cairn has signed an MoU with UNEP's flagship Methane Emissions and Reduction Initiative OGMP 2.0. Under this, Cairn has pledged to implement Alpine to effectively reduce methane emissions. Cairn became the first Indian oil and gas company to join this global initiative.
- ◆ **India Yamaha Motor has appointed Itaru Otani as its new youth CEO which is a significant move to expand the company's presence in the Indian automobile two-wheeler market.**

National & International Current Affairs

8. **When is World Radiography Day celebrated every year?**
 (A) 6 November (B) 7 November
 (C) 8 November (D) 9 November
(C) World Radiography Day is celebrated every year on 8 November. Radiographers around the world can use this day and the days around it as an opportunity to promote radiography as a career, as an important contribution to modern, health care and to raise public awareness about diagnostic imaging and radiation therapy.
2. **Recently the government of which country is monitoring audio video of Indian diplomats?**
 (A) China (B) Japan
 (C) Russia (D) Canada
(D) Tensions are increasing between India and Canada. India has accused Canada of harassing and threatening the Indian Consulate staff there by keeping them under audio and video surveillance, which is a gross violation of diplomatic conventions. Responding to a question during a media briefing, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that India has formally lodged a protest with the Canadian government over this incident.
3. **Which country has recently imposed a ban on 19 Indian companies?**
 (A) America (B) France
 (C) Japan (D) Germany
(A) Recently, America has imposed sanctions on 19 Indian companies accusing them of providing defence related goods to Russia. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that we have seen the reports of US sanctions on Indian companies. In this matter related to defence export, the rules of NCA are implemented effectively.
4. **Recently, the US has announced to provide additional security assistance of \$425 million to which country?**
 (A) Canada (B) Israel
 (C) Ukraine (D) Germany
(C) Recently, US President Joe Biden has announced a \$425 million security assistance package for Ukraine. He informed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky about his efforts to enhance security assistance to Ukraine during the remainder of his term. According to a White House statement, the package includes additional air defense capabilities, air-to-ground weapons, armored vehicles and critical weapons to meet Ukraine's immediate needs.
5. **Who has recently taken over as Air Officer in Charge Maintenance of the Indian Air Force?**
 (A) Vipin Kumar (B) Rajesh Kumar Singh
 (C) Ajay Kumar Arora (D) None of these
(C) Air Marshal Ajay Kumar Arora recently took over as Air Officer in Charge Maintenance of the Indian Air Force at Air Headquarters. After taking over, the Air Marshal paid floral tribute at the National War Memorial in honour of the armed forces personnel who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation.



6. Who has recently become the new leader of Britain's Conservative Party?

- (A) Kemi Badenock (B) Victor Shaw
(C) Richard Halley (D) None of these

(A) Recently Kemi Badenock has promised to bring the Conservative Party back to its core principles to win back the trust of voters. 44-year-old Kemi Badenock is a strong supporter of Brexit. She is known for her open views and strong stand on immigration issues and the rights of the trans community.



7. Which country has recently successfully tested the new ballistic missile Hwasong 19?

- (A) China (B) Japan
(C) South Africa (D) North Korea

(D) Recently, North Korea has fired an intercontinental ballistic missile into the sea from its eastern coast. North Korea has fired this missile at a time when there is tension in its relations with South Korea and it has adopted a very aggressive stance. After this test, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said that the country has achieved a strong position to use nuclear weapons.



8. Who has recently developed indigenous catalyst to convert CO2 into methanol?

- (A) BPCL (B) NTPC
(C) HPCL (D) None of these

(B) In a recent significant development for carbon capture and utilisation, NTPC's research arm NETRA in collaboration with Indian Institute of Petroleum Dehradun has developed an indigenous catalyst capable of converting carbon dioxide emissions into methanol. This process is seen as a key solution to address the CO2 mitigation challenges faced by fossil fuel based power plants globally.



9. Recently India's first Analog space mission has been launched from where?

- (A) Leh (B) Sikkim
(C) Jammu & Kashmir (D) None of these

(A) Recently the Indian Space Research Organisation has announced its analog mission. This innovative mission aims to simulate life in an interplanetary habitat, thereby facing the familiarization associated with setting up a base station outside the Earth. Through this initiative, ISRO wants to train future space chemists.



10. Recently IAS Alka Tiwari has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of which state?

- (A) Odisha (B) Maharashtra
(C) Kerala (D) Jharkhand

(D) Recently appointed 1988 batch Indian Administrative Service officer Alka Tiwari will be the new Chief Secretary of Jharkhand. A notification has been issued by the Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Official Language to appoint Revenue Board member Alka Tiwari as the Chief Secretary.

