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Important Days & Their Themes

Q1. Which organisation did Lala Lajpat Rai establish in 1921?

लाला लाजपत राय ने 1921 में किस संस्था की स्थापना की थी?

(a) Servants of India Society
(b) Servants of the People Society
(c) Indian National Association
(d) East India Association
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Servants of the People Society

1. Known as **Punjab Kesari**, Rai formed the **Servants of the People Society** to train people for public service.
2. He represented the Punjab in the nationalist trio **Lal-Bal-Pal**. The other two leaders were **Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Bipin Chandra Pal**.
3. Rai led a **Lahore** demonstration against the **Simon Commission** in October 1928. His death anniversary falls on 17 November.

Q2. Events in which city inspired the observance of International Students' Day on 17 November?

17 नवंबर को मनाए जाने वाले अंतरराष्ट्रीय विद्यार्थी दिवस की प्रेरणा किस शहर की घटनाओं से मिली?

(a) Berlin
(b) Vienna
(c) Prague
(d) Warsaw
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Prague

1. The date recalls the persecution of **Czech students** in **Prague** in **1939** during the Nazi occupation.
2. Universities were closed and student leaders were executed. Other students were deported to **Sachsenhausen**.
3. An international student gathering in **London** proclaimed the observance in **1941**. It commemorates student solidarity and academic freedom.

Q3. Which Indian observance on 17 November draws attention to recurrent seizures and the stigma attached to them?

भारत में 17 नवंबर को कौन-सा दिवस बार-बार आने वाले दौरों और उनसे जुड़े सामाजिक कलंक के प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ाता है?

(a) National Epilepsy Day
(b) National Science Day
(c) World Brain Day
(d) National Doctors' Day
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) National Epilepsy Day

1. **National Epilepsy Day** promotes public understanding of epilepsy, a condition affecting the brain.
2. A **seizure** can involve a brief **loss of awareness** as well as changes in sensation or movement. Symptoms vary with the area of the **brain** involved.
3. The **Indian Epilepsy Association** supports awareness on **17 November**. The observance encourages access to diagnosis and treatment and challenges social stigma.

RBI, SEBI & Banking News

Q4. How many non-banking financial companies had their registrations cancelled in the RBI announcement of 16 November 2026?

16 नवंबर 2026 की आरबीआई की घोषणा में कितनी गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनियों का पंजीकरण रद्द किया गया?

(a) 13
(b) 14
(c) 63
(d) 49
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 49

1. **The Reserve Bank of India** cancelled 49 certificates under **Section 45-IA(6)** of the Reserve Bank of India Act, **1934**.
2. A separate announcement concerned **voluntary surrender** by 13 non-banking financial companies and one **housing finance company**.
3. The two announcements therefore covered **63 entities**. Only 14 of those entities surrendered registration voluntarily.

Economy & Finance

Q5. What was the value of bilateral trade between India and Thailand in FY 2025–26?

वित्त वर्ष 2025–26 में भारत और थाईलैंड के बीच द्विपक्षीय व्यापार का मूल्य कितना था?

(a) USD 12.60 billion
(b) USD 21.49 billion
(c) USD 19.08 billion
(d) USD 32.84 billion
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) USD 21.49 billion

1. Trade reached **USD 21.49 billion**, an increase of **12.6%** over the preceding financial year.
2. Officials reviewed the figures at the 14th **Joint Trade Committee** meeting in **Nonthaburi**. Their discussions covered market access and investment.
3. A proposal to connect **India's Unified Payments Interface** with Thailand's **PromptPay** would facilitate payments between the two countries.

Q6. What annual rate of wholesale price inflation did India report provisionally for October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 के लिए भारत की अनंतिम वार्षिक थोक मूल्य मुद्रास्फीति दर कितनी थी?

(a) 12.29%
(b) 11.39%
(c) 9.54%
(d) 8.58%
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) 12.29%

1. The **Wholesale Price Index** measures prices at the wholesale level. Its annual inflation rate rose from **11.39%** in September to **12.29%** in October.
2. The **Fuel and Power** group recorded **32.84%** inflation. **Manufactured Products** registered 9.54%.
3. A rate such as 12.29% compares index levels a year apart. It does not measure the price change between September and October.

State News

Q7. The proposed Mekedatu balancing reservoir would be built across which river?

प्रस्तावित मेकेदातु संतुलन जलाशय किस नदी पर बनाया जाना है?

(a) Krishna
(b) Tungabhadra
(c) Cauvery
(d) Periyar
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Cauvery

1. **Karnataka** proposes to store water from the **Cauvery** near its border with Tamil Nadu. One objective is drinking water for **Bengaluru**.
2. The proposal includes **400 MW** of hydropower capacity. A balancing reservoir can regulate when stored water is released.
3. Downstream farmers depend on river flows for **irrigation**. **Tamil Nadu** has raised concerns about releases under existing water-sharing arrangements.

National News

Q8. Which institution launched a five-workshop series to document 25 years of governance experience in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में शासन के 25 वर्षों के अनुभव का दस्तावेज़ीकरण करने के लिए पाँच कार्यशालाओं की शृंखला किस संस्था ने शुरू की?

(a) Finance Commission
(b) Union Public Service Commission
(c) Election Commission of India
(d) NITI Aayog
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) NITI Aayog

1. **NITI Aayog** began the series at **Bharat Mandapam** in **New Delhi**. The workshops are scheduled to continue into **September 2027**.
2. Participants will develop **case studies** from the experience of officials, policymakers and citizens. Themes include public service delivery and inclusive development.
3. The material is intended for universities and for civil-service training through the **iGOT Karmayogi** platform.

International News

Q9. In which city did member states re-elect India to the International Telecommunication Union Council in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में किस शहर में सदस्य देशों ने भारत को अंतरराष्ट्रीय दूरसंचार संघ की परिषद के लिए फिर से चुना?

(a) Doha
(b) Geneva
(c) Nairobi
(d) Busan
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Doha

1. The International Telecommunication Union held its Plenipotentiary Conference in Doha, **Qatar**. The Council election took place on **16 November**.
2. India won a seat for **2027–2030** from **Region E**, the grouping for Asia and Australasia.
3. **The Council** oversees the Union between conferences. The Union itself coordinates international telecommunications, including the use of **radio spectrum**.

Appointments

Q10. Who took interim charge as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka Bank on 16 November 2026?

16 नवंबर 2026 को कर्नाटक बैंक के अंतरिम प्रबंध निदेशक एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी का पदभार किसने संभाला?

(a) Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat
(b) Shyam Srinivasan
(c) Biji Sreekrishnavilas Sankaranarayanan
(d) R. Subramaniakumar
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Biji Sreekrishnavilas Sankaranarayanan

1. **Biji Sreekrishnavilas Sankaranarayanan** stepped up from her position as **Executive Director** at **Karnataka Bank**.
2. Her interim term runs for **two months** or until the regular appointee takes charge, whichever comes first.
3. She succeeded **Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat**. Her banking experience spans corporate lending, **risk management** and retail banking.

Q11. Who assumed office as Chairperson of India's National Sports Board in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में भारत के राष्ट्रीय खेल बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष का पद किसने संभाला?

(a) Pushpendra Kumar Garg
(b) Devesh Chaturvedi
(c) Anurag Thakur
(d) Rajeev Mehta
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Devesh Chaturvedi

1. Retired civil servant **Devesh Chaturvedi** took charge on **16 November**. Former naval officer **Pushpendra Kumar Garg** joined as a member.
2. The **National Sports Governance Act**, **2025** provides the statutory framework for the Board.
3. Recognition of national sports bodies and oversight of governance standards are among its responsibilities. Its remit also includes **athlete welfare**.

Reports & Rankings

Q12. According to the October 2026 labour survey, what proportion of Indian women aged 15 and above participated in the labour force?

अक्टूबर 2026 के श्रम सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार भारत में 15 वर्ष और उससे अधिक आयु की महिलाओं की श्रम बल भागीदारी दर क्या थी?

(a) 34.6%
(b) 53.0%
(c) 55.7%
(d) 35.0%
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 35.0%

1. The **Periodic Labour Force Survey** put female participation at **35.0%**, compared with **34.6%** in September.
2. The labour force includes people in **employment** and those seeking or available for work. The participation rate expresses that group as a share of the relevant population.
3. The monthly estimates use **Current Weekly Status**, with a reference period of **seven days**. Overall participation for people aged 15 and above was 55.7%.

Summits & Conferences

Q13. Which Indian city hosted the opening of the International Coconut Community's 62nd session in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय नारियल समुदाय के 62वें सत्र का उद्घाटन किस भारतीय शहर में हुआ?

(a) Kochi
(b) Panaji
(c) Mangaluru
(d) Chennai
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Kochi

1. **Kochi** in **Kerala** is the venue for the ministerial gathering scheduled for 17–20 November. The Coconut Development Board helped organise it.
2. **The International Coconut Community** brings **coconut-producing countries** together to address common problems in production and marketing.
3. The meeting provides a forum for sharing research and improving **sustainability**. The organisation dates to **1969**.

Q14. Which country chaired ASEAN and hosted its 49th summit in 2026?

2026 में किस देश ने आसियान की अध्यक्षता की और उसके 49वें शिखर सम्मेलन की मेजबानी की?

(a) Singapore
(b) Malaysia
(c) Philippines
(d) Indonesia
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Philippines

1. The **Philippines** held the rotating chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Leaders gathered in Manila in November.
2. **Manila** also hosted the **23rd ASEAN–India Summit** and the **21st East Asia Summit** on 17 November.
3. **India and ASEAN** issued a joint statement on **disaster management**. Their maritime cooperation plans include research and seafarers' security.

Science & Technology

Q15. Which national park recorded the Branded Royal, Extra Lascar and Orange-spotted Grass Jewel butterflies for the first time?

ब्रांडेड रॉयल, एक्स्ट्रा लास्कर और ऑरेंज-स्पॉटेड ग्रास ज्वेल तितलियाँ पहली बार किस राष्ट्रीय उद्यान में दर्ज की गईं?

(a) Periyar National Park
(b) Eravikulam National Park
(c) Bandipur National Park
(d) Silent Valley National Park
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Silent Valley National Park

1. The three butterflies were new records for **Silent Valley National Park** in **Kerala**. A new park record extends a species' documented local distribution.
2. The survey covered **15 locations** and recorded **189 butterfly species**. Forest department staff and the Malabar Natural History Society participated.
3. Silent Valley lies in the **Western Ghats** and forms part of the **Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve**.

Q16. Which condition did the AIIMS New Delhi team repair during its November 2026 open fetal surgery?

नवंबर 2026 में एम्स नई दिल्ली की टीम ने खुले भ्रूण शल्यचिकित्सा के दौरान किस विकार का उपचार किया?

(a) Cleft palate
(b) Myelomeningocele
(c) Congenital cataract
(d) Pyloric stenosis
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Myelomeningocele

1. **Myelomeningocele** is a form of **spina bifida** involving a defect in the developing spine. The team operated before birth at **25 weeks** of pregnancy.
2. Specialists at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in **New Delhi** performed the procedure on **12 November**. The operation lasted about six hours.
3. The family received the procedure free under **Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram**, a public programme for maternal and child health.

Defence

Q17. Which Indian naval ship participated in the 2026 JAIMEX exercise with Japan?

जापान के साथ 2026 के जैमेक्स अभ्यास में भारतीय नौसेना के किस पोत ने भाग लिया?

(a) INS Rana
(b) INS Sumedha
(c) INS Sahyadri
(d) INS Vikrant
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) INS Sahyadri

1. **INS Sahyadri** represented India in the bilateral exercise south of **Honshu**. The ship belongs to the **Shivalik** class of frigates.
2. The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force participated with **JS Ise** on **13–14 November**.
3. Joint activities included **communication drills** and cross-deck operations. These allow crews from two navies to practise working together at sea.

Q18. Which city hosted the conclusion of the eighth India–Myanmar Naval Exercise in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में आठवें भारत–म्यांमार नौसैनिक अभ्यास का समापन किस शहर में हुआ?

(a) Visakhapatnam
(b) Kochi
(c) Port Blair
(d) Mumbai
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Visakhapatnam

1. The exercise, abbreviated **IMNEX-26**, concluded at **Visakhapatnam** on **14 November**. It included activities in harbour and at sea.
2. Indian ships **INS Rana** and **INS Sumedha** joined the Myanmar vessel UMS King Sin Phyu Shin.
3. The sea phase took place in the **Bay of Bengal**. The harbour phase gave crews an opportunity for professional exchanges.

Sports & Games

Q19. Which role did Chennai Super Kings announce for M. S. Dhoni from the 2027 IPL season?

चेन्नई सुपर किंग्स ने 2027 के आईपीएल सत्र से एम. एस. धोनी के लिए किस भूमिका की घोषणा की?

(a) Head coach
(b) Bowling coach
(c) Director of scouting
(d) Team mentor
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Team mentor

1. **Chennai Super Kings** announced that Dhoni would become **team mentor** after retiring as an **Indian Premier League** player.
2. He began playing for Chennai in **2008** and captained the franchise to **five titles**. His first title as captain came in 2010.
3. The new position keeps him involved in guiding players. The announcement on **17 November** marks a transition from playing to mentoring.

Q20. Which Indian pistol shooter was elected to the ISSF Athletes Committee for the 2026–2030 term?

2026–2030 के कार्यकाल के लिए आईएसएसएफ एथलीट समिति में किस भारतीय पिस्टल निशानेबाज़ को चुना गया?

(a) Sift Kaur Samra
(b) Manu Bhaker
(c) Elavenil Valarivan
(d) Anjum Moudgil
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Manu Bhaker

1. **Manu Bhaker** was elected to represent athletes within the **International Shooting Sport Federation**. The committee includes pistol, rifle and shotgun representatives.
2. At **Paris 2024** she won bronze in the women's 10 m air **pistol** event and in the 10 m air pistol mixed team event.
3. Her mixed team partner was **Sarabjot Singh**. Both medals came in the same **Olympic Games**.

Awards & Honours

Q21. Who received the 2026 Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Puraskar for a lifetime of work in Indian dance?

भारतीय नृत्य में आजीवन योगदान के लिए 2026 का आदित्य विक्रम बिड़ला कला शिखर पुरस्कार किसे मिला?

(a) Padma Subrahmanyam
(b) Sonal Mansingh
(c) Malavika Sarukkai
(d) Alarmel Valli
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Padma Subrahmanyam

1. **Bharatanatyam** dancer and scholar **Padma Subrahmanyam** received the honour in **Mumbai** at the Sangit Kala Kendra awards.
2. Her research examined the **108 karanas** described in the **Natya Shastra**. It informed her work on the dance style Bharata Nrithyam.
3. She had earlier received the **Padma Vibhushan** in 2024. The Kala Shikhar award recognises her contribution to the performing arts.

Books & Authors

Q22. Who co-authored Trust in a Time of Crisis, the book about a citizen-led COVID relief network in Mumbai?

मुंबई के नागरिक-नेतृत्व वाले कोविड राहत नेटवर्क पर आधारित पुस्तक ट्रस्ट इन अ टाइम ऑफ क्राइसिस के सहलेखक कौन हैं?

(a) Sucheta Dalal and Debashis Basu
(b) Ritu Dewan and P. Sainath
(c) Sucheta Dalal and Ritu Dewan
(d) P. Sainath and Harsh Mander
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Sucheta Dalal and Ritu Dewan

1. **Sucheta Dalal and Ritu Dewan** document a relief effort that began with a **WhatsApp** group in **April 2020**.
2. **Moneylife Foundation** linked volunteers and donors with hospitals in Mumbai. The network helped source protective equipment when medical workers faced shortages.
3. The book follows the practical work of matching requests to supplies. Actor **Naseeruddin Shah** released it at the **Mumbai** Press Club.