

15th November 2024

Kartik Purnima

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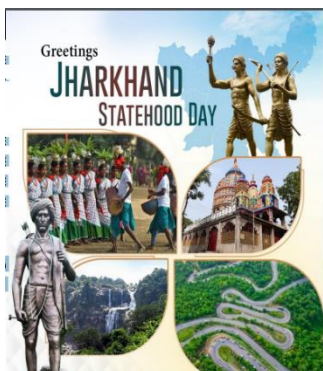
- ❖ Kartik Purnima, also known as Tripurari Purnima or Deva-Deepawali, celebrates Lord Shiva's victory over the demon, Tripurasura. The festival is also celebrated in honour of Lord Vishnu, as on this day, he incarnated as Matsya (fish-incarnation), his very first avatar.



Jharkhand Foundation Day

Key Points:

- ❖ Jharkhand is the 28th state of India. It was formed on November 15, 2000 after a longstanding tribal movement for statehood. Jharkhand was earlier a part of Bihar, more precisely it was then South Bihar. 15th November is the birth anniversary of tribal leader Birsa Munda who was a part of the tribal movement against the British in the 1870s. He was arrested by the British when he got highly involved in the movement and died in a Ranchi jail at the young age of 25 in 1900.



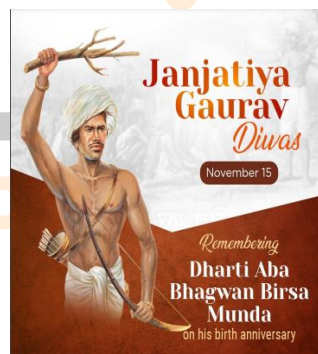
- ❖ Jharkhand state is rich in minerals like coal, iron ore, copper ore, uranium, mica,

bauxite, granite, limestone, silver, graphite, magnetite, and dolomite.

- ❖ Agriculture is the main source of income for 80% of the population in Jharkhand. Rice is an important cultivation in Jharkhand. Chau is the most famous dance form of Jharkhand.

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

- ❖ Government of India has declared 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas dedicated to the memory of brave tribal freedom fighters.
- ❖ Janjatiya Gaurav Divas dedicated to the memory of brave tribal freedom fighters so that coming generations could know about their sacrifices about the country. November 15 is the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda who is revered as Bhagwan by tribal communities across the country.



- ❖ The State of Jharkhand, carved out of Bihar, officially came into being on Munda's birth anniversary in 2000. 15th November 1875, belonged to the Munda tribe in the Chotanagpur Plateau area.
- ❖ Also known as Dharti Aaba (Father of Earth), Birsa Munda is known to have mobilised the tribal community against the British and had also forced the colonial officials to introduce laws protecting the land rights of the tribals.

Munda Rebellion

- ❖ It is one of the most important tribal movements.

- ❖ It was led by Birsa Munda in the south of Ranchi in 1899- 1900.
- ❖ The 'Ulgulan' or the 'Great Tumult' as the movement came to be called, aimed at establishing Munda Raj by driving out the British.
- ❖ On 3rd March, 1900, Birsa Munda was arrested by the British police while he was sleeping with his tribal guerilla army at Jamkopai forest in Chakradharpur (Jharkhand).
- ❖ Birsa died of cholera in the jail and the movement faded out.

Government issues guidelines to curb misleading ads by coaching centers

Key Points:

- ❖ The central Government on Wednesday issued new guidelines aimed at curbing misleading advertisements by coaching institutes, specifically prohibiting false promises such as "100 per cent selection" or "100 per cent job security".
- ❖ Guidelines issued by the Union Consumer Affairs Ministry prohibit coaching centres from claiming assured admissions, high exam scores, guaranteed selections or promotions .
- ❖ The Union Consumer Affairs Ministry has issued guidelines prohibiting coaching institutes from publishing misleading advertisements that make false claims on courses offered, their duration, faculty qualifications, fees and refund policies.
- ❖ Union Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare, talking to reporters on the guidelines, said here on Wednesday that she has written to the Personnel Affairs Ministry against serving officers endorsing coaching centres or their courses after being selected into the civil services.
- ❖ Ms. Khare said the Ministry has issued notices to 45 coaching centres and had imposed penalties of ₹54,60,000 on 18 coaching institutes for misleading advertisements.

- ❖ It also prevents coaching centres from using students' names, photos, or testimonials in advertisements without their written consent.
- ❖ "This provision is intended to reduce the pressure students face when enrolling, as they are often pushed into signing such agreements upfront," Ms. Khare said.
- ❖ Coaching centres will have to disclose the name, rank, and course details alongside the student's photo in an advertisement.
- ❖ "Whether the course was paid for by the student too must be clearly stated. Additionally, any disclaimers will need to be prominently displayed, with the same font size as other important details, ensuring that consumers are not misled by fine print," the guidelines said.

Bulldozer Justice

Key Points:

- ❖ The Supreme Court on Wednesday held that demolishing the properties of citizens without following due process for the sole reason that they may be involved in some crime is contrary to the rule of law and directed that officials indulging in such "highhanded actions" be made accountable.
- ❖ The court also issued certain directions that have to be complied with before properties are demolished. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan ruled that "the executive cannot become a judge and decide that a person accused is guilty and, therefore, punish him by demolishing his residential/commercial property/properties. Such an act of the executive would be transgressing its limits".
- ❖ The verdict came just days after then Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, while hearing a case regarding a man whose home was illegally demolished by the UP government as a part of a road widening project, referred to such demolitions "bulldozer justice".

- ❖ The case pertained to a set of pleas that challenged the “extra-legal” practice of demolishing houses of people accused of criminal activities. The practice has been observed in recent years in BJP-ruled states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. It was also seen in Rajasthan, during Congress rule in 2022.
- ❖ In Ratlam, bulldozers were used to pull down a family’s ancestral home after the owner’s son was arrested for slaughtering a cow in June. In Udaipur, the municipal corporation demolished a tenant’s house for allegedly “encroaching” on forest land.

PROVIDING NOTICE:

- ❖ The SC said a minimum of 15 days prior notice must be given for a person to respond to before demolition is carried out, starting from the date that the owner or the occupier receives the notice.
- ❖ This notice must contain details of the structure, why it is being demolished, and a date for a “personal hearing” to allow owners to contest the demolition.
- ❖ As soon as the notice is served, the local Collector or the District Magistrate should be informed via email, with an arrangement for an auto-reply acknowledgment of the email’s receipt “[t]o prevent any allegation of backdating”, the SC said.

HEARING & FINAL ORDER:

- ❖ After conducting a hearing where the minutes are properly recorded, the SC said the final order must mandatorily contain certain information. This includes the arguments made by the owner or the occupier, why the authority (such as the local municipal corporation) believes the case cannot be settled, and whether the entire construction or only a part is to be demolished. Reasons such as “why the extreme step of demolition is the only option available” should also be mentioned, the SC said.

India International Trade Fair 2024 Returns to Pragati Maidan

Key Points:

- ❖ The 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) runs from November 14 to 27 at Pragati Maidan, Delhi. This year’s theme, **“Vocal for Local, Local to Global,”** emphasizes promoting Indian industries globally.
- ❖ Over 3,500 exhibitors, including participants from 11 countries, will showcase products. The 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) is back at Pragati Maidan, Delhi, from November 14 to 27, showcasing India’s commitment to “Vocal for Local, Local to Global” with products from across the country and the world.
- ❖ The fair is expected to attract over 1 lakh visitors daily, with participation from more than 3,500 exhibitors from India and 11 international countries. This year’s theme highlights India’s push to promote local industries and broaden global trade connections.

Exhibitors and Cultural Highlights

- ❖ States: 33 states, including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand, will showcase their cultural heritage.
- ❖ International Participants: Countries like Egypt, Iran, South Korea, Sweden, Tunisia, and the UAE will also be exhibiting.

Trump Picks Elise Stefanik as U.N. Ambassador

- ❖ President-elect Donald Trump has chosen Rep. Elise Stefanik as his U.N. Ambassador, marking his first Cabinet pick for his second term. A staunch Trump ally and the highest-ranking Republican woman in the House, Stefanik has been a vocal defender of Israel and a key player in GOP leadership.

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- ❖ Stefanik, a staunch defender of Israel and a key Trump ally, has been a prominent voice in Congress, especially on foreign policy and security issues. At 40, Stefanik's career has been marked by her vocal support for Trump and her leadership role within the GOP, making her an influential figure in both domestic and international politics.



Australia Appoints First Anti-Slavery Commissioner to Combat Modern Slavery

Key Points:

- ❖ Australia has appointed Chris Evans as its first Anti-Slavery Commissioner to combat modern slavery, including human trafficking and forced labour.
- ❖ Starting in December 2024, Evans will work to strengthen the nation's efforts in preventing and responding to slavery. In a landmark move, Australia has appointed its first Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Chris Evans, who will serve a five-year term starting in December 2024.
- ❖ The position is designed to strengthen efforts across the government, business, and society to combat modern slavery, which includes human trafficking, forced labour, and deceptive recruiting.
- ❖ The move is in line with the Albanese Government's commitment to address modern slavery, with a focus on victim support, raising awareness, and improving business accountability in supply chains.

Role of the Anti-Slavery Commissioner

- ❖ Chris Evans, a former senator and human rights advocate, will lead the charge against modern slavery in Australia. His work will include strengthening legislative responses and collaborating with civil society to address exploitation. Evans previously served as CEO of Walk Free's Global Freedom Network, playing a key role in the introduction of Australia's Modern Slavery Act 2018. The appointment is a response to the estimated 41,000 people living in modern slavery in the country, as reported by the Walk Free Global Slavery Index.

'Gyan Shakti': South Western Command's New Think Tank in Jaipur

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- ❖ In a move to strengthen Rajasthan's defence industrial base, the Army's Jaipur-based South Western Command has established a think tank named Gyan Shakti.
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Dominica to Award Its Highest National Honour to PM Modi

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- ❖ This prestigious award will be presented to the Indian Prime Minister by Sylvanie Burton, the President of the Commonwealth of Dominica, during the upcoming India-CARICOM Summit in Georgetown, Guyana. The summit is set to take place next week, and the award ceremony will be one of the key highlights of the event.

Recognition of PM Modi's Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- ❖ One of the central reasons for awarding PM Modi the Dominica Award of Honour is his exemplary leadership in supporting Dominica during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ In February 2021, as the world grappled with the devastating impact of the pandemic, PM Modi extended a crucial gesture of goodwill and solidarity by supplying 70,000 doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to Dominica. This generous gift was instrumental in enabling the nation to address its public health needs, not only within its own borders but also by extending support to neighbouring Caribbean countries.

Government Approves 1st Women Reserve Battalion of CISF

Key Points:

- ❖ The government of India has given its green signal to set up a reserve women battalion in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). This information was provided by the Union Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Cooperation, Amit Shah on social media on 12 November 2024. This will be the first reserve women battalion in the CISF.
- ❖ The CISF currently operates 12 reserve battalions which are deployed as a reinforcement for forces permanent duty like safeguarding vital national installations, VIP security etc. and temporary duties like election related deployments.



Reserve Women Battalion in CISF

- ❖ Amit Shah, during the 53rd CISF Day function held in March 2022, directed the top brass of the CISF to prepare a proposal to create a reserve battalion exclusively of women personals.
- ❖ Amit Shah approved the proposal, which was subsequently prepared by the top brass of the CISF.
- ❖ The reserve women battalion which will consist of 1025 personnel, will be raised from the existing women personnel of the CISF. It will be led by a senior woman commandant.
- ❖ Presently, around 7 percent of the CISF force comprises of women personnel.

- ❖ The CISF has started the recruitment and specialised training for its first women reserve battalion at its New Delhi headquarters.

About CISF

- ❖ The CISF was established in 1969 by the Indian government under the Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968.
- ❖ The CISF is responsible for the security of important national establishments, such as central public sector enterprises, historical monuments, the Parliament of India, etc.
- ❖ It also guards the Delhi metro and major Ports in the country.
- ❖ It also provides security to the private sector units, and it charges them for the cost.
- ❖ It provides security to VIPs classified by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs as Zplus, Z, X, and Y.
- ❖ It is the only CAPF that has a dedicated fire wing. Current Director General: R S Bhatti
CISF Day- 10 March The motto of CISF: Protection and Security.

Union Ministry of Mines Sign MoU with IEA on Critical Minerals

Key Points:

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Energy Agency (IEA) to collaborate in the field of critical minerals. The MoU was signed in New Delhi on 13 November 2024 by V. L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, on behalf of the Ministry and for the International Energy Agency, was signed by Dr Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the IEA.



Benefits of the MoU

- ❖ India will get access to the IEA data, analysis, and policy recommendations in the critical mineral sector.
- ❖ It will help improve India's decision-making capabilities and ensure strategic resource management.
- ❖ It will enable India to develop policies, regulations, and investment strategies in the critical mineral sector that comply with global standards and best practices.
- ❖ It will also facilitate capacity building and knowledge exchange between India and the IEA member states.
- ❖ It will foster collaboration in technology development, extraction techniques, and recycling methods for critical minerals.

What are Critical Minerals?

- ❖ Critical minerals are those minerals that are considered essential for the economic development and national security of a country. In 2022, the Union Ministry of Mines constituted a seven-member Committee to define and identify critical minerals in India.
- ❖ The committee was headed by Veena Kumari Dermal, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Mines. The Committee has identified 30 critical minerals: Antimony, Beryllium, Vanadium, Zirconium, Bismuth, Cobalt, Copper, Gallium, Germanium, Graphite, Molybdenum, Niobium, Nickel, PGE, Phosphate, Potash, REE, Rhenium, Hafnium, Indium, Lithium, Silicon, Strontium, Tantalum, Tellurium, Tin, Titanium, Tungsten, Selenium, and Cadmium. According to the Indian government, the country is currently 100 per cent importdependent on Lithium, Cobalt, Beryllium, Tantalum, Nickel, and Vanadium. Niobium, Germanium, Rhenium, and Strontium.

International Energy Agency (IEA)

- ❖ The International Energy Agency was founded in 1974 by the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) in Paris, France.
- ❖ The IEA helps countries needing expertise in the critical minerals and metals needed to develop clean energy technologies.
- ❖ India is not an IEA member country, but it is one of the 13 countries with which the IEA shares its expertise on clean energy technology, including energy efficiency.
- ❖ Headquarters: Paris, France
- ❖ Members: 31 countries

2nd India -Saudi PSSC meeting held in New Delhi

Key Points:

- ❖ The 2nd India -Saudi Arabia ministerial meeting of the Political, Security, Social and Cultural Committee (PSSC) was held in New Delhi on 13 November 2024. The Meeting was co-chaired by the Indian External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar and the visiting Saudi Arabian foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud. The Saudi Arabian foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, was on a 2-day visit to India on 12 and 13 of November 2024.

India-Saudi Arabia Relations

- ❖ India and Saudi Arabia have a close relationship and share a strategic relationship. ➤
- ❖ India is Saudi Arabia's second-largest trading partner, and Saudi Arabia is India's fifth largest trading partner.
- ❖ Saudi Arabia is one of India's top crude oil and petroleum product suppliers.
- ❖ Around 26.50 lakh Indian expatriates live in Saudi Arabia.

About Saudi Arabia

- ❖ It is an Islamic country with the holiest Islamic shrines at Mecca and Medina. It is the birthplace of Islam.
- ❖ The world's largest sand area, the Rub al-Khali, is in Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Capital: Riyadh
- ❖ Currency: Saudi Riyal
- ❖ Head of the State and the Government: King Salman bin Abdulaziz

World's first high-altitude para sports centre to come up in Leh

Key Points:

- ❖ The world's first high-altitude para sports centre will be established in Leh, Ladakh, aiming to advance the skills and confidence of athletes ahead of the 2028 Paralympics. Indian para-athletes have won 29 medals, including seven gold, in the 2024 Paralympics in Paris and it is a testament to the talent we have in our country.



- ❖ A Memorandum and Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, and the Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF).

DRDO successfully conducts maiden flight test of long-range land attack cruise missile

Key Points:

- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted the maiden flight-test of the Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.

The test was carried out using a mobile articulated launcher, and the missile performed as expected, meeting all primary mission objectives.



- ❖ During the flight, the missile's performance was carefully monitored through a range of sensors, including radar, electro-optical tracking systems, and telemetry equipment deployed at various locations along the missile's flight path.
- ❖ Equipped with advanced avionics and software, LRLACM is designed to ensure greater reliability and enhanced operational performance.
- ❖ The LRLACM is a Defence Acquisition Council approved, Mission Mode Project sanctioned under the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN), marking a major step forward in India's missile development capabilities.
- ❖ Developed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) in Bengaluru, LRLACM also saw collaborations from other DRDO laboratories and Indian industries. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) in Hyderabad and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Bengaluru served as the Development-Cum-Production Partners, contributing to missile development and integration.

Kerr and Noman win ICC Player of the Month awards for October

Key Points:

- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the ICC Players of the Month for October 2024 as New Zealand's Amelia Kerr and Pakistan's Noman Ali.
- ❖ All-rounder Kerr was instrumental in her side's surge to victory at the ICC Women's

T20 World Cup in the UAE last month, while Noman was equally pivotal to his side's comeback Test series win over England on home soil.

- ❖ In men's cricket, Noman Ali clinched the ICC Men's Player of the Month title for his stellar performances in Pakistan's Test series against England. His bowling was instrumental in Pakistan's comeback victory at home, turning the series around from a 1-0 deficit to a memorable series win.

12 November – Public Service Broadcasting Day

Key Points:

- ❖ Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed every year on 12 November. The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of Akashvani in Delhi in 1947.
- ❖ The Father of the Nation addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.



Veteran Bengali actor Manoj Mitra passes away

Key Points:

- ❖ Veteran Bengali actor and eminent theatre personality Manoj Mitra passed away at 86. Mitra won many awards for his acting and writing skills. Among them was the much celebrated Sangeet Natak Akademy Award for Best Playwright in 1985 and the Asiatic Society Award in 2005.



- ❖ Some of his most celebrated works include Narak Guljar (The Great Hell), Aswathama, Chakbhanga Madhu (Honey from Broken Hive), Mesh O Rakhash (The Lamb and the

Monster), Sajano Bagan (Decorated Garden), Chhayar Prashad (The Palace of Shadows).

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