

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF NOVEMBER 2020

Awards

The Scottish author who has been awarded the Booker Prize 2020 for his debut novel Shuggie Bain – **Douglas Stuart**

The award instituted by AICTE to encourage awareness about various social issues among women is named – **Lilavati Award**

The State which has been awarded the Best State Award in the National Water Awards 2019, presented by the Vice-President Shri Venkaiah Naidu – **Tamil Nadu**

The Malayalam author who has been chosen for the 2020 JCB Prize for Literature for his debut novel Moustache – **S Hareesh**

Defence

The hypersonic cruise missile test-fired by Russia from its frigate Admiral Gorshkov in the Arctic is named – **Tsirkon**

The 2nd edition of India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise being held from 21 to 22 November 20 in Andaman Sea is named – **SITMEX-20**

The 27th edition of India - Singapore Bilateral Maritime Exercise scheduled from 23 to 25 November 2020 in Andaman Sea – **SIMBEX 2020**

The joint tri-service exercise conducted by armed forces at Teressa Island in the Nicobar islands from 03 to 05 November 2020 was named – **Bull Strike**

The joint naval exercise conducted by Indian, Japanese, United States and Australian navies off Visakhapatnam in Bay of Bengal is named – **Exercise Malabar**

Persons

The veteran Congress leader and 8 times Member of Parliament from Gujarat who passed away on 25.11.2020 – **Shri Ahmed Patel**

The former and longest serving Chief Minister of Assam who passed away on 23 Nov 20, due to COVID-19 induced complications – **Shri Tarun Gogoi**

The former and first Governor of Goa and also a well-known author who passed away on 18.11.2020 – **Mrs. Mridula Sinha**

The well-known film actor from Bollywood who has been appointed as the State Icon of Punjab by the Election Commission of India – **Sonu Sood**

The Prime Minister of Bahrain since 1971 and also the longest serving Prime Minister in the world who passed away on 11.11.2020 – **Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

Places

The place in Uttarakhand where India's first Moss Garden has been inaugurated with around 30 species of moss – **Nainital**

The lake in Agra which has been chosen as a wetland site of international importance under the Ramsar conservation treaty – **Keetham lake**

The lake in Maharashtra's Buldhana district which has been chosen as a wetland site of international importance under the Ramsar conservation treaty – **Lonar lake**

The place in Gujarat between which Ro-Pax ferry service was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Hazira and Ghogha**

The country which has officially withdrawn from the Paris climate accord, one year after it had notified its decision – **United States**

The place at which India's first solar power driven miniature train was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan – **Veli tourist village, Kerala**

The Agriculture Minister of Tamil Nadu who passed away due to Covid-19 on 31.10.2020 – **Shri R. Doraikkannu**

The renowned violinist, recipient of Padma Bhushan (1992), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1974), who passed away on 02.11.2020 – **T.N. Krishnan**

Events and themes

The theme of the 15th G-20 Summit held on 21 and 22.11.2020 under the leadership of Saudi Arabia in virtual format – **Realising Opportunities of 21st Century for All**

The theme of 12th BRICS Summit hosted virtually by Russia on 17 November 2020 – **Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth**

The theme of the 5th National Ayurveda Day 2020 observed on 13 November 2020 – **Ayurveda for COVID-19 Pandemic**

Miscellaneous

The severe cyclonic storm which formed in the Bay of Bengal and affected Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh was named – **Nivar**

China's first domestically developed nuclear reactor with a capacity of generating 10 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity which was connected to the national grid is named – **Hualong One**

The bank with which the amalgamation of Lakshmi Vilas Bank has been approved by Union Cabinet – **DBS Bank India Ltd**

The World's first scientoon book written by Dr Pradeep Srivastava and released by UP Governor, Ms. Anandi Ben is named – **Bye Bye Corona**

The tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh which has been declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve by the international organisation – **Panna Tiger Reserve**

Public Affairs Index 2020

Best Performing Large States

1. Kerala (1.388 PAI Index point), 2. Tamil Nadu (0.912), 3. Andhra Pradesh (0.531) and 4. Karnataka (0.468)

Worst Performing Large States

1. Uttar Pradesh (-1.461), 2. Odisha (-1.201) and 3. Bihar (-1.158)

Best Performing Small States

1. Goa (1.745), 2. Meghalaya (0.797) and 3. Himachal Pradesh (0.725).

Worst Performing Small States

1. Manipur (-0.363), 2. Delhi (-0.289) and 3. Uttarakhand (-0.277)

Indian Premier League 2020

Held from 19.09.2020 to 10.11.2020

Venue: United Arab Emirates

Champions: **Mumbai Indians** (5th title)

Runners-up: **Delhi Capitals**

Most runs (Orange cap): **KL Rahul** (Kings XI Punjab)

Most Wickets (Purple cap) : **Kagiso Rabada** (Delhi Capitals)

Most valuable player: **Jofra Archer** (Rajasthan Royals)

Important Days of November

<p>World Tsunami Awareness Day: 05 November 2019 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2016</p>
<p>World Science Day for Peace and Development: 10 November Designated by : UNESCO Theme: Science for and with Society in dealing with global pandemic First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>World Pneumonia Day: 12 November Designated by : WHO First Observed in: 2009</p>
<p>World Diabetes Day: 14 November Designated by : International Diabetes Federation Theme: The Nurse and Diabetes First Observed in: 1991 by IDF, adopted by UN in 2006</p>
<p>International Day for Tolerance: 16 November Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First observed in : 1995</p>
<p>World Toilet Day: 19 November Designated by : World Toilet Organisation Theme: Sustainable Sanitation and Climate Change First Observed in: 2001 by World Toilet Organisation and accepted by UN in 2013</p>
<p>World Philosophy Day: (3rd Thursday of Nov) 19 November Designated by : UNESCO First Observed in: 2002</p>
<p>World Childrens' Day: 20 November Designated by : UN General Assembly Day established in: 1954</p>
<p>World Television Day: 21 November Designated by : UN General Assembly Day established in: 1997</p>
<p>World Fisheries Day: 21 November Designated by : World Fisheries Forum First Observed in: 1997</p>
<p>International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women: 25 November Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>National Milk Day: 26 November Designated by : Indian Dairy Association Occasion: Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien First Observed in: 2014</p>

Diego Armando Maradona (Born 30.10.1960; Passed away 25.11.2020)

Argentine footballer

Clubs played for: Argentinos Juniors, Boca Juniors, Barcelona, Napoli, Sevilla, and Newell's Old Boys

Points to remember

- He made his international debut at the age of 17 in 1977 against Hungary.
- Won the Golden Ball at both the FIFA U-20 World Cup (1979) and FIFA World Cup (1986)
- Argentina won the 1986 FIFA World Cup under his captaincy.
- He played in World Cups of 1982, 1986, 1990, and 1994.
- He scored 34 international goals in 91 appearances.
- He and Pele were jointly awarded the Player of the Century by FIFA in 2000.
- He was given the nickname "El Pibe de Oro" ("The Golden Kid").
- His autobiography titled I am the Diego was released in 2000.

World Fisheries Day - 21.11.2020

Best Performing States awarded by Government of India for 2019-20

1. Odisha (amongst Marine states)
1. Uttar Pradesh (amongst Inland states)
1. Assam (amongst Hilly and NE states)

Soumitra Chatterjee (Born 19.01.1935; Passed away 15.11.2020)

Indian film actor, director, playwright, writer and poet.

Notable films: Abhijan, Charulata, Aranyer Din Ratri, Ashani Sanket, Sonar Kella, Joi Baba Felunath,

Hirak Rajar Deshe, Ghare Baire, Shakha Proshakha and Ganashatru

Awards:Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1998); Commandeur de l' Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by France (1999);

Padma Bhushan (2004); Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Ratna (2012); Chevalier of Legion d'Honneur by France (2018);

National Film Awards (1991, 2000, 2006); Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2012)

Launch of PSLV C-49

Launch date: 07.11.2020

Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota

Satellite launched: **Earth Observation Satellite** EOS-01. EOS-01 is intended for applications in agriculture, forestry and disaster management support.

In addition, nine customer satellites from Lithuania (1), Luxembourg (4) and USA (4) were launched under a commercial arrangement with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

Books in News

Your Best Day is Today by Anupam Kher

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