

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018**

### **Awards**

The Indian businessman and founder of Wipro who has been conferred the highest French civilian distinction Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur for his contribution to information technology industry in India – **Aziz Premji**

The veteran journalist and Chairman of Hindu group of publications who has been chosen for the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award 2018 by the Press Council of India – **N Ram**

The environmental NGO founded by Anil Kumar Agarwal which has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2018 – **Centre for Science and Environment**

The Indian author who has been awarded the Press Freedom Award for her courage in writing the book "I am a Troll; Inside the Secret World of Bharatiya Janata Party's Digital Army" – **Swati Chaturvedi**

### **Defence**

The bilateral naval exercise by Indian and Royal Navy (UK) being conducted near Goa from 28 Nov to 06 Dec 2018 – **Konkan 2018**

The Indo-US Joint Military Exercise being conducted at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan is named – **Vajra Prahar**

The Indian Army officer, known for his heroic leadership in the famous Battle of Longewala during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 who passed away on 17 November 2018 – **Brig Kuldip Singh Chandpuri**

The place in Uttar Pradesh where the joint military exercise between Indian and Russia EXERCISE INDRA 2018 on combating insurgency under the aegis of United Nations (UN) will be conducted from 18 November 2018 – **Babina**

The India-Indonesia Navy bilateral exercise scheduled to be held from 12 to 18 Nov 2018 at the Surabaya port in Indonesia is named – **Samudra Shakti**

The 25th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise scheduled from 10th to 21st November 2018 off Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal – **SIMBEX-2018**

The new and 12th Chief of Integrated Defence Staff who took charge on 01 Nov 2018 – **Lt Gen PS Rajeshwar**

The joint military exercise between Indian and Japanese armies which commenced at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Vairengete, Mizoram, India on 01 November 2018 is named – **Dharma Guardian - 2018**

### **Sports**

The Norwegian Chess player who has won the FIDE World Chess Championship 2018 defeating Fabiana Caruana (USA) in London, England – **Magnus Carlsen**

The Chinese badminton player who has won the women's singles title in the Syed Modi International Badminton Championships defeating India's Saina Nehwal in the finals at Babu Banarasi Das Stadium in Lucknow – **Han Yue**

The Indian badminton player who has won the men's singles title in the Syed Modi International Badminton Championships defeating China's Guangzu Lu in the finals at Babu Banarasi Das Stadium in Lucknow – **Sameer Verma**

The contestant from Ukraine whom Indian boxer Mary Kom defeated in the finals at the World Boxing Championships to win her SIXTH gold in 48 kg category – **Hanna Okhota**

The Indian athlete and Asian Games gold medallist who has been made the country first youth ambassador by UNICEF – **Hima Das**

### **Persons**

The 1980-batch IAS officer who has been chosen to be the next Chief Election Commissioner from 02 December 2018 – **Sunil Arora**

The playback singer from Assam who has been appointed as the first Youth Advocate for the north-eastern region by the UNICEF to fight for child rights – **Nahid Afrin**

The former Union Railway Minister from 1991 to 1995 who passed away on 25 November 2018 – **CK Jaffer Sharief**

The Kannada actor and former Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting who passed away on 24 November 2018 – **Ambareesh**

The English actress and Emmy Award nominee for her role in STRANGER THINGS, who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador by UNICEF (making her the youngest to become a goodwill ambassador) – **Millie Bobby Brown**

The well-known theatre, film personality and ad film maker who passed away on 17 November 2018 – **Alyque Padamsee**

The creator of iconic comic-book heroes including Spider-Man, the X-Men, Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, the Fantastic Four, Black Panther, Daredevil, Doctor Strange and Ant-Man who passed away on 12 Nov 2018. – **Stan Lee**

The Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers who passed away on 12 November 2018 – **Ananth Kumar**

The new Chairperson of Competition Commission of India appointed to replace Shri Sudhir Mittal – **Ashok Kumar Gupta**

The well-known actor who has resigned from the post of Chairmanship of Film and Television Institute of India – **Anupam Kher**

### **Places**

The venue of 7th International Tourism Mart to be organised by the Ministry of Tourism, GoI from 22 to 24 November 2018 – **Agartala, Tripura**

The place in Goa where the foundation stone of All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy was laid by Minister of state (I/C) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Naik – **Dhargal**

The city of Uttar Pradesh in which the Prime Minister inaugurated the first of the four multi-modal terminals on Ganga river as a part of Jal Marg Vikas project – **Varanasi**

The place in France where a World War - I memorial constructed by the Govt of India was inaugurated by the Vice-President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu – **Villers Guislain**

The place in Andhra Pradesh where setting up of a Central Tribal University has been approved by the Union Cabinet – **Reli, Vizianagaram**

The venue of Women of India Organic Festival 2018 held from 26 Oct to 04 Nov 2018 with the theme "Good For Women. Good For India. Good for You. – **New Delhi**

The venue of World Corporate Games for the year 2019 – **Doha, Qatar**

The countries which have announced their decision to join International Solar Alliance, an organisation initiated by India – **Japan and Botswana**

The airport in Odisha which has been renamed Veer Surendra Sai Airport as approved by the Union Cabinet – **Jharsuguda**

### **Themes and Days**

The theme of World Tolerance Summit held in Dubai, UAE from 16 to 18 Nov 18 in line with International Day for Tolerance on 16 November – **Prospering From Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration**

The theme of Aadi Mahotsav, a National Tribal Festival being held in Delhi from 16 to 30 Nov 2018 – **A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce**

The day in November 2018 which has been chosen to be observed as Naturopathy Day the AYUSH Ministry of the Union Govt – **18 November**

### **Miscellaneous**

The spacecraft of NASA which has successfully landed on planet Mars touching down at Elysium Palinitia, after a six-month journey – **Insight**

The public sector enterprise which has been conferred the Miniratna status by the Govt of India – **National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd**

The former Prime Minister of India after whom the Uttarakhand Govt has decided to rename the Jolly Grant Airport at Dehradun – **Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

The new framework instituted by Department of Defence Production with an aim to boost the Intellectual Property Rights culture in indigenous defence industry is named – **Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti**

The National Festival for Children of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) being conducted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) from 26 to 29 November 2018 – **Hausla 2018**

The word meaning 'poisonous' which has been selected as the Oxford Word of the Year 2018 – **Toxic**

The severe cyclonic storm that hit the eastern coast of Tamil Nadu causing loss of lives and property was named – **Cyclone Gaja**

The denomination in which the Govt has decided to issue a commemorative coin on the occasion of 75 anniversary of Netaji hoisting the tricolour at Port Blair on 30 Dec 1943 – **Rs. 75**

The international organisation which has stripped Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi of its 2009 Ambassador of Conscience Award for not speaking about violence against Rohingya muslim community – **Amnesty International**

India's first microprocessor designed by IIT Madras and fabricated at Semi-Conductor Laboratory of ISRO in Chandigarh is named – **Shakti**

India's first asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge (over river Yamuna) and with pylon height of 165 meters inaugurated by CM of Delhi, Shri Arvind Kejriwal is named – **Signature Bridge**

The rank of India in the Ease of Doing Business rankings released by the World Bank – **77**

### **38th India International Trade Fair**

Venue: **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**

From 14 Nov to 27 Nov 2018

Partner country: **Afghanistan**

Focus country: **Nepal**

Focus State: **Jharkhand**

### **Launch of GSLV MkIII-D2**

GSLV Mk III-D2 - Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III

Launched on: 14 Nov 2018

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

Satellite launched: 3423-kg GSAT-29 satellite

### **Features of GSLV**

- a. GSLV Mk III is a three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle.

b. Two massive boosters with solid propellant constitute the first stage, the core with liquid propellant form the second stage and the cryogenic engine completes the final stage.

### **Features of GSAT-29**

a. GSAT-29 is a multiband, multi-beam communication satellite, intended to serve as test bed for several new and critical technologies.

b. Its Ku-band and Ka-band payloads are configured to cater to the communication requirements of users including those from remote areas especially from Jammu & Kashmir and North-Eastern regions of India.

Note: India has achieved significant milestone with this heaviest launcher lifting off the heaviest satellite from the Indian soil. Chandrayaan-2 and Gaganyaan missions will be launched by this heavy-lifter.

### **Operation Greens**

Aim of Operation Greens: to stabilize the supply of Tomato, Onion and Potato(TOP) crops and to ensure availability of TOP crops throughout the country round the year without price volatility.

Outlay: Rs 500 crores

### **The strategy**

a. Short term Price Stabilisation Measures

b. NAFED will be the Nodal Agency to implement price stabilisation measures. MoFPI will provide 50% of the subsidy on the following two components:

c. Transportation of Tomato Onion Potato(TOP) Crops from production to storage;

d. Hiring of appropriate storage facilities for TOP Crops;

e. Long Term Integrated value chain development projects

f. Capacity Building of FPOs & their consortium

g. Quality production

h. Post-harvest processing facilities

i. Agri-Logistics

j. Marketing / Consumption Points

k. Creation and Management of e-platform for demand and supply management of TOP Crops.

### **Important Days of November**

<p><b>Vigilance Awareness Week:</b> 29 October to 03 November 2016 Theme: Eradicate Corruption: Build a New India</p>
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<p><b>World Tsunami Awareness Day:</b> 05 November 2017  Designated by : United Nations General Assembly  First Observed in: 2016</p>
<p><b>World Science Day for Peace and Development:</b> 10 November  Designated by : UNESCO  Theme: Science, a Human Right  First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p><b>World Pneumonia Day:</b> 12 November  Designated by : WHO  Theme: Stop Pneumonia: 10 years of progress and the path forward  First Observed in: 2009</p>
<p><b>World Diabetes Day:</b> 14 November  Designated by : International Diabetes Federation  Theme: The Family and Diabetes  First Observed in: 1991 by IDF, adopted by UN in 2006</p>
<p><b>International Day for Tolerance:</b> 16 November  Designated by : United Nations General Assembly  First observed in : 1995  The UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence awarded every two years on the occasion has been awarded to social entrepreneur and film maker Manon Barbeau and the Coexist Initiative, a non-profit organisation of Kenya</p>
<p><b>World Philosophy Day:</b> (3rd Thursday of Nov) 16 November  Designated by : UNESCO  First Observed in: 2002</p>
<p><b>World Toilet Day:</b> 19 November  Designated by : World Toilet Organisation  Theme: When Nature Calls  First Observed in: 2001 by World Toilet Organisation and accepted by UN in 2013</p>
<p><b>Universal Childrens' Day:</b> 20 November  Designated by : UN General Assembly  Theme: Children are taking over and turning the world blue  Day established in: 1954</p>
<p><b>World Television Day:</b> 21 November  Designated by : UN General Assembly  Day established in: 1997</p>
<p><b>World Fisheries Day:</b> 21 November  Designated by : World Fisheries Forum  Theme in India: 2022 Ka Hai Sapna...Kisan Ki Aay Ho Dugna - Sankalp Se Siddhi  First Observed in: 1997</p>
<p><b>International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women:</b> 25 November  Designated by : United Nations General Assembly  Theme: Orange the World: #HearMeToo  First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p><b>National Milk Day:</b> 26 November  Designated by : Indian Dairy Association  Occasion: Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien  First Observed in: 2014</p>

### Launch of PSLV -C43

Launched by: ISRO

Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC)

Launch date: 29 Nov 2018

**Main satellite launched:** India's Hyper-Spectral Imaging Satellite (**HysIS**). HysIS is an earth observation satellite built around ISRO's Mini Satellite2 (IMS-2) bus weighing about 380kg. The mission life of the satellite is five years.

Other satellites launched: One micro and 29 nano-satellites from eight countries, including Australia (1), Canada (1), Columbia (1), Finland (1), Malaysia (1), Netherlands (1), Spain (1) and USA (23).

### 49th International Film Festival of India

Venue: Goa

Opening and Closing Ceremony held at: **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium**

Opening Film: **Aspern Papers** (UK/Germany)

Opening film of Indian Panorama: **Kharvas**

Closing Film: **Sealed Lips** (Germany)

Best Film (Golden Peacock) Award: **Donbass** directed by Sergei Loznitsa (Ukraine)

Best Director Award (Silver Peacock): **Lijo Jose Pellissery** for Ee.Ma.Yau (India-Malayalam)

Best Actor (Male) (Silver Peacock): **Chemban Vinod** for Ee.Ma.Yau

Best Actor (Female) (Silver Peacock): **Anastasiia Pustovit** for When the Trees Fall (Ukraine)

Special Jury Award (Silver Peacock): **Milko Lazarov** for Aga (Germany)

Best Debut Feature Film of a Director: **Alberto Monteras II** for Respeto (Philippines)

The ICFT –UNESCO Gandhi Medal: **Walking with the Wind** directed by Praveen Morchhale (India-Ladakhi)

Special Award for his Lifetime Contribution to Cinema: **Salim Khan**

### Women's World Twenty 20

Held from 09 to 24 November 2018

Host: West Indies

Winners: **Australia**

Runners-up: England

Player of the series and most runs: **Alyssa Healy** (Australia)

India lost to England in the semi-finals

The captain of Indian team was Harmanpreet Kaur

### **PAISA**

**PAISA - Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access**

It is a centralized electronic platform for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) launched by the Central Govt.

The web platform has been designed and developed by Allahabad Bank which is the Nodal bank.

All 35 states / UTs & all scheduled commercial banks, RRBs and Cooperative Banks are expected to be on board the PAISA portal the year end.

### **Qaumi Ekta Week (National Integration Week)**

From 19 to 25 November 2018

Programme

November 19, 2018 : **National Integration Day**

November 20, 2018 : **Welfare of Minorities Day**

November 21, 2018 : **Linguistic Harmony Day**

November 22, 2018 : **Weaker Sections Day**

November 23, 2018 : **Cultural Unity Day**

November 24, 2018 : **Women's Day**

November 25, 2018 : **Conservation Day**

### **Leasing out of airports**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the leasing out of six airports of AAI viz.

1. Ahmedabad,
2. Jaipur,
3. Lucknow,
4. Guwahati,
5. Thiruvananthapuram and



## 6. Mangaluru

The lease is for operation, management and development under Public Private Partnership (PPP) through Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC).

Empowered Group of Secretaries headed by CEO, NITI Aayog with Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and Secretary, Department of Expenditure to decide on any issue falling beyond the scope of PPPAC.

### **Ease of Doing Business 2019**

Released by: World Bank

Rank	Country
1.	New Zealand
2.	Singapore
3.	Denmark
4.	Hong Kong
5.	South Korea
46.	China
77.	India
81.	Bhutan
100.	Sri Lanka
110.	Nepal

Note: India's ranking for 2018 was 100.

### **Abbreviations in News**

INSPIRE: International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency

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