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#### 17th November

### INTERNATIONAL

## 1) Kiren Rijiju has arrived in the Maldives to represent India

- Union Minister Kiren Rijiju has arrived in the Maldives to represent India at the swearing-in ceremony of Maldives President-elect Mohamed Muizzu.
- The ceremony is scheduled to take place on November 17 in the capital, Male.

## 2) Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez

- Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has secured a second term, navigating the political landscape with a razor-thin majority.
- The focal point of this victory is an amnesty deal for Catalonian separatists, a move that has polarized the nation but strategically garnered the necessary votes from lawmakers in the country's north.

#### **NATIONAL**

## 1) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft

- On 16th November 2023, India's naval capabilities was achieved as 'Amini,' the fourth of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) Project, was successfully launched at M/s L&T Shipbuilding in Kattupalli.
- The Launch Ceremony, presided over by Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani, Chief of Materiel, showcased the culmination of efforts towards indigenous shipbuilding.

#### STATE NEWS

# 1) International Conference on Plant Health Management

- The International Conference on Plant Health Management (ICPHM) 2023 is set to take place in Hyderabad, India, from 15th to 18th November.
- This significant event is organized by the Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI), an institution with a rich legacy of 50 years in advancing plant protection both nationally and internationally.















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## 2) Secondary Education Board of Assam

- The Assam Cabinet has given its nod for the merger of the Secondary Education Board of Assam (SEBA) and the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC).
- The amalgamated entity will now be known as the 'Assam State School Education Board' (ASSEB). This decision is aimed at enhancing the quality and standards of school education in the state.

### **BANKING NEWS**

### 1) Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently levied a substantial monetary penalty of ₹90.92 lakh on Axis Bank Ltd, citing non-compliance with several key directives issued by the apex bank.
- The penalties were related to the 'Reserve Bank of India (Know Your Customer (KYC)) Directions, 2016, 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions,' 'Guidelines on Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services by banks,' and 'Code of Conduct for Opening and Operating Current Accounts.'

### 2) IndusInd Bank

- Indus Ind Bank has taken a significant leap in the realm of digital payments with the launch of its groundbreaking initiative - the 'IndusInd Bank Platinum RuPay Credit Card' on the UPI platform.
- This collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) marks a pivotal moment in the evolution of seamless and versatile payment options for customers.















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### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Indian American Shakuntla L Bhaya

- US President Joe Biden has recently announced several key appointments, including the notable selection of Indian American Shakuntla L Bhaya to serve in a crucial role.
- According to the White House, Bhaya has been appointed as a member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

### 2) Jio Financial Services

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval for the appointment of key individuals as directors of Jio Financial Services, marking a significant development in the leadership structure of the company.
- The central bank's approval, granted on November 15, underscores the strategic importance of these appointments in shaping the future trajectory of Jio Financial Services.

#### **SPORTS NEWS**

# 1) Indian skydiver Shital Mahajan

- Indian skydiver Shital Mahajan has etched her name in history by jumping off a helicopter from a staggering height of 21,500 ft near the world's highest peak, Mt Everest.
- This remarkable feat marks her as the first woman to accomplish such a daring skydive. Mahajan skillfully landed at Kalapatthar peak, situated at an altitude of 17,444 ft. Shital Mahajan's historic skydive near Mt Everest is an inspiration for aspiring adventurers.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) JSW Infrastructure

- JSW Infrastructure, a key player in the Indian port sector and part of the JSW Group, has recently announced the reception of a letter of award for the development of a state-of-the-art, all-weather, deep-water greenfield port at Keni in Karnataka.
- The port project, valued at Rs.4,119 crore, is set to be executed through a publicprivate partnership.













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# 2) The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences

- The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has announced that Jimmy Kimmel will return as the host for the 96th Academy Awards in 2024, marking his second consecutive year and fourth overall.
- This decision comes after Kimmel's successful stint in 2023, where the ceremony garnered 18.7 million viewers, the highest since the pre-pandemic broadcast in 2020.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) National Epilepsy Day

- National Epilepsy Day is observed on November 17 in India to raise awareness about epilepsy and its impact on individuals, families, and society.
- Dr. Nirmal Surya, through the Epilepsy Foundation of India, initiated this day to provide assistance to those unable to afford treatment, dispel myths, and create awareness about epilepsy symptoms and management.

# 2) "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023,"

The ninth edition of the Joint Military exercise, known as "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023," kicked off in Aundh (Pune). Running from November 16th to 29th, 2023, the exercise aims to strengthen cooperation between the Indian and Sri Lankan military forces.

# 3) International Students' Day 2023

- International Students' Day 2023, observed worldwide on Friday, November 17, is a special occasion that acknowledges the resilience and contributions of students globally.
- This celebration is particularly significant for those studying abroad, facing the challenges of navigating new cultures, languages, financial hurdles, and homesickness.















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