

19th & 20th November

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1) Russian President Vladimir Putin

- Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to participate in a virtual G20 leaders meeting on November 22, as reported by Russian state television.
- This follows his absence from the in-person summit in India in September. Notably, Putin has refrained from attending such meetings in person since the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.
- The upcoming virtual meeting aims to build on the outcomes of the September session, with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasizing its significance.

2) Argentinians have elected Javier Milei as their next president

- Argentinians have elected Javier Milei as their next president, a self-proclaimed anarcho-capitalist whose sensational rhetoric has drawn comparisons to former U.S. President Donald Trump.
- With 55.8% of the votes, Milei's victory marks the widest margin since Argentina's return to democracy in 1983, defying all poll predictions.
- This article delves into the key aspects of Milei's campaign, the economic challenges facing Argentina and the implications of his victory.

3) UK and India for a free trade agreement

- The UK and India for a free trade agreement (FTA) are currently underway, with a key unresolved issue revolving around the level of protection for Geographical Indication (GI) products from the agricultural sector.
- The UK seeks heightened safeguards for its GIs, including renowned items like Scotch whisky, Stilton cheese, and Cheddar cheese.



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4) "Galaxy Leader,"

- A cargo ship named "Galaxy Leader," en route from Turkey to India, has been hijacked by Yemen's Houthi rebels in the Red Sea. Approximately 50 crew members from various nations were on board.
- The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) confirmed the hijacking but clarified that the ship is not Israeli.

5) Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios, - Miss Universe 2023

- Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios, a 23-year-old TV host and model, achieved a significant milestone by being crowned Miss Universe 2023.
- The 72nd Miss Universe event concluded with a grand ceremony at the Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, EI Slvador on 18th November 2023.

STATE NEWS

1)Chhath Puja 2023

- Hindus observe Chhath as a sacred festival devoted to venerating Surya Dev, also known as the Sun God, celebrated from November 17th to 20th.
- This age-old Hindu celebration has its historical origins in the Indian subcontinent, particularly in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Sam Altman

- On November 18, OpenAI, the prominent artificial intelligence research and deployment company, made headlines by announcing the dismissal of its CEO and co-founder, Sam Altman.
- The decision came following an official statement released by the company's board on November 17. In the wake of Altman's departure, Mira Murati has been appointed as the interim Chief Executive Officer of OpenAI.



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SPORTS NEWS 1) ICC World Cup 2023

- The ICC World Cup 2023 witnessed a spectacular display of cricketing prowess, with Indian batting maestro Virat Kohli earning the "Player of the Tournament" title for his exceptional performance.
- However, despite Kohli-record breaking feats, Australia emerged victorious in the high-stakes final at the Narendra Modi Stadium, marking their sixth ODI World Cup win.

2) ICC Cricket World Cup 2023

- Australia has lift the world cup trophy by defeating India with a convincing 6-wicket margin. Australia reached the target in 42.5 overs with six wickets in hand.
- Australia faced an early setback in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 final when David Warner (7) fell to Mohammed Shami, and later, Jaspirt Bumrah dismissed Mitchell Marsh (15) and Steven Smith (4). At 47 for 3, the team was in a precarious position.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2022

- The prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2022 was jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Trained Nurses Association of India.
- The award ceremony took place on November 19, where former Vice-President Hamid Ansari presented the honor to Dr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal, President of the IMA and Professor (Dr.) Roy K. George, President of the Trained Nurses Association of India.

2) President's Colour to the Armed Forces Medical College

- On December 1, President Droupadi Murmu is set to confer the prestigious President's Colour to the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) in a grand ceremony, marking its platinum jubilee year.
- This event holds significant importance, considering AFMC's reputation as a premier establishment within the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) and its standing as one of the leading medical colleges in the country.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Women's Entrepreneurship Day

- Women's Entrepreneurship Day stands as a global movement dedicated to celebrating and supporting female entrepreneurs.
- Recognized annually on November 19th, this day serves as a platform to acknowledge the significant contributions of women in the business world, foster gender-inclusive entrepreneurship, and inspire the next generation of female leaders.

2) International Men's Day

- International Men's Day, observed annually on 19th November, serves as a global platform to recognize and celebrate the positive contributions of men to society.
- This year, the theme for International Men's Day 2023 is "Zero Male Suicide," emphasizing the importance of addressing mental health issues among them.

OBITUARY

1) Renowned filmmaker Sanjay Gadhvi has passed away

- November 19, the film industry lost a creative force with the sudden demise of renowned filmmaker Sanjay Gadhvi.
- Best known for directing the blockbuster films "Dhoom" (2004) and its sequel "Dhoom 2" (2006), Gadhvi's contribution to Indian cinema has left an indelible mark.

2) S. Venkitaramanan has passed away

• Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), S. Venkitaramanan, breathed his last at the age of 92 on November 18, succumbing to age-related issues at a private hospital in Chennai.



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