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### 16th November

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) India and the United States

- India and the United States have taken a significant step to boost collaboration among startups and promote innovation through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on November 14 in San Francisco.
- This partnership, established under the framework of the India-US Commercial Dialogue, aims to enhance innovation ecosystems and address regulatory challenges in the startup landscape.

## 2) San Francisco, U.S. President Joe Biden and China's Xi Jinping

- In a landmark four-hour meeting at the picturesque Filoli estate near San Francisco, U.S. President Joe Biden and China's Xi Jinping engaged in discussions that spanned critical issues ranging from military conflicts to drug trafficking.
- This meeting preceded the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, adding significance to the deliberations.

# 3) ClimateLaunchpad Asia-Pacific'

- In a groundbreaking achievement, Pakistan-based cleantech startup She-Guard emerged victorious at the 'ClimateLaunchpad Asia-Pacific' finals, showcasing their innovative biodegradable and plastic-free sanitary product.
- The startup's mission is to transform banana crop waste into affordable, eco-friendly sanitary napkins, addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change, public health and solid waste management in Pakistan.

# 4) Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently addressed the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue, highlighting India's remarkable economic trajectory amidst global challenges.
- She predicted that by 2027, India would surpass Japan and Germany to become the world's third-largest economy, underlining the resilience of the Indian economy amid global uncertainties.













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## 5) Omegle, a once-popular online chat service

- Omegle, a once-popular online chat service founded in 2009 by Leif K-Brooks, has recently announced its shutdown after more than 14 years of operation.
- The platform, which allowed individuals to connect and talk with strangers, experienced a surge in popularity but ultimately faced challenges that led to its demise.

#### **NATIONAL**

## 1) 3rd Hockey India Senior Women Inter Department National Championship 2023

- In a captivating sporting environment, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, inaugurated the 3rd Hockey India Senior Women Inter Department National Championship 2023 at Shivaji Stadium.
- The ceremony was a thrilling kickoff to an event that promises to showcase the best of women's hockey talent from across the nation.

### 2) Indian International Science Festival

- The 9th edition of the Indian International Science Festival (IISF) is set to be held at the Campus of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) and the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) in Faridabad, Haryana from 17th January to 20th January 2024.
- The mega science fair promises a unique blend of scientific exploration, innovation and public engagement.

# 3) Gas Authority of India Limited

- In a groundbreaking move, Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), the country's leading gas firm, has successfully executed the world's first ship-to-ship liquefied natural gas (LNG) transfer.
- This innovative approach aims to reduce shipping costs and cut emissions significantly, marking a pivotal moment for GAIL as it explores unconventional methods to enhance its business operations.













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### 4) Reserve Bank of India

- In a significant move, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a directive on November 15, instructing Bajaj Finance to cease the sanction and disbursal of loans under two of its lending products, namely 'eCOM' and 'Insta EMI Card.'
- This immediate action stems from the company's non-adherence to the existing provisions outlined in the Digital Lending Guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India.

## 5) 'Financial Information Provider'

In a groundbreaking move, IndusInd Bank has achieved the significant milestone of becoming the inaugural bank to go live as a 'Financial Information Provider' (FIP) under the recently introduced 'Account Aggregator Framework' by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

#### STATE NEWS

## 1) Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award'

- The Maharashtra government has chosen the esteemed playback singer and National Award winner, Suresh Ishwar Wadkar, as the recipient of the prestigious 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023.
- The announcement was made by Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar, recognizing Wadkar's remarkable contribution to the world of music.

# 2) Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the celebration of 'Janjativa Gaurav Diwas' at Birsa College, Khunti, Jharkhand, on 15th November 2023. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, also known as Tribal Pride Day, is celebrated to honor the birth anniversary of the revered tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda.
- This occasion also witnessed the release of the 15th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, reflecting the government's commitment to support farmers and promote inclusive agricultural













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#### **SPORTS NEWS**

### 1) Rohit Sharma

- In a groundbreaking moment, Indian captain Rohit Sharma has left an indelible mark on cricket history by becoming the first player to hit 50 sixes in the World Cup.
- Achieving this remarkable feat during the semifinal clash against New Zealand in Mumbai, the 36-year-old scored an impressive 47 runs from 29 balls, surpassing Chris Gayle's record of 49 sixes in World Cups with a powerful pull shot off fast bowler Trent Boult.

## 2) All India Football Federation

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) to establish a world-class football academy is set to materialize in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on November 21, 2023.
- The AIFF-FIFA academy, initiated under the FIFA Talent Development Scheme (TDS), will be inaugurated by Mr. Arsene Wenger, Chief of Global Football Development at FIFA.

### 3) Mohammed Shami claimed the title of the most wicket-taker

- Mohammed Shami claimed the title of the most wicket-taker in the 2023 Cricket World Cup after a stellar seven-wicket performance against New Zealand in the semifinal held in Mumbai.
- Shami's outstanding bowling display, where he took seven wickets for 57 runs, marked the best ODI bowling figures by an Indian. Following Shami, Adam Zampa secured the second position on the list with 22 wickets in nine matches, while Dilshan Madushanka holds the third spot with 21 wickets in nine games.

# 4) Indian team won by 70 runs in the match against New Zealand

- The Indian team won by 70 runs in the match against New Zealand. This is India tenth successive win and progress to the final of the 2023 World Cup.
- India finish on 397-4 (50 Overs) at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. Mohammed Shami took seven wickets as New Zealand were all out for 327 runs.













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### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

## 1) World-renowned author Salman Rushdie

- World-renowned author Salman Rushdie, celebrated for groundbreaking works like 'The Satanic Verses,' received the inaugural 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' from the Vaclay Havel Center.
- Simultaneously, Egyptian activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah was honored with the 'Disturbing the Peace Award for a Courageous Writer at Risk' during a ceremony held on November 14.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) World Philosophy Day

- World Philosophy Day, observed annually on the third Thursday of November, stands as a testament to the enduring significance of philosophy in the development of human thought, cultural enrichment, and individual growth.
- The theme for World Philosophy Day 2023 is "Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World".

## 2) National Press Day

- National Press Day, observed on November 16 every year in India, holds significance in acknowledging the vital role of a free and responsible press in a democratic society.
- The day commemorates the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI), which acts as a regulatory body for the news media in the country.

# 3) International Day for Tolerance

- International Day for Tolerance, observed annually on November 16th, serves as a global platform to champion tolerance, respect, and understanding among people of diverse backgrounds and cultures.
- In 2023, the theme is "Tolerance: A Path to Peace and Reconciliation,".

#### **OBITUARY**

## 1) N Sankaraiah communist leader has passed away

- N Sankaraiah, one of the oldest communist leaders in the country, passed away in a Chennai hospital after a brief illness on Wednesday morning.
- At the age of 102, he had dedicated his life to the principles of communism and the struggle for a just society. Leaders of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) confirmed his demise, marking the end of an era.













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