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## 12th, 13th & 14th November

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) 33rd Conference of the World Organisation for Animal Health

- In a stride towards advancing animal health and husbandry, India is playing host to the 33rd Conference of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
- The event, slated from November 13 to 16, 2023, is unfolding in the city of New Delhi.

## 2) Joint Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit

- The Joint Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit, which took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Saturday, November 11, 2023, wrapped up yesterday.
- Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, opened the summit, welcoming leaders and representatives from member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the League of Arab States.

# 3) Dr. S Jaishankar embarks on a five-day official visit to the United Kingdom

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar embarks on a five-day official visit to the United Kingdom. This visit aims to strengthen the bilateral partnership between India and the UK, marked by a warm and thriving relationship.
- The focus of these discussions will likely include key diplomatic issues, shared interests, and collaborative initiatives.

# 4) Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. has recently made significant adjustments to its ratings in Asian markets, with a notable downgrade on Hong Kong-traded Chinese stocks and a simultaneous upgrade for Indian equities. The decision is driven by varying factors, including low earnings growth in China and the strategic appeal of the Indian market. NTPC | GROUP-D | ALP



















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## 5) Pablo Picasso's famous painting "Femme à la montre" ("Woman with a Watch")

- Pablo Picasso's famous painting "Femme à la montre" ("Woman with a Watch") sold for a record-breaking \$139 million at a Sotheby's auction in New York on November 8, 2023.
- The most expensive Picasso painting ever auctioned, "Les femmes d'Alger," reached \$179.3 million in 2015, showcasing the enduring appeal of Picasso's work in the art.

#### NATIONAL NEWS

- 1) Ayodhya Sets Guinness Record By Lighting 22 Lakh Diyas
- The seventh Deepotsav in Ayodhya set a new world record by emerging as the largest event of lighting lamps together at one location, with over 22 lakh 'diyas' illuminated along the Saryu river.
- More than 22 lakh 'diyas' illuminated the banks of the Saryu river in Ayodhya during the seventh edition of the Deepotsav, setting a new world record for lighting a large number of lamps simultaneously at one place.
- 2) National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation
- In a move towards fostering economic empowerment and financial inclusion among persons with disabilities, the government has introduced a one percent interest rate rebate for divyang borrowers.
- This initiative is part of the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC), signaling a commitment to alleviating financial burdens and promoting responsible financial practices within this community.
- 3) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with Jocata, a digital lending transformation platform, to launch a groundbreaking initiative named 'Sumpoorn'—a unique MSME Economic Activity Index.
- This index aims to provide a real-time snapshot of India's vital MSME sector, which contributes significantly to the country's Gross Value Added (GVA) and exports.



















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## 4) Asian Development Bank

- India has taken a significant step towards the development of high-quality urban infrastructure with the signing of a \$400 million policy-based loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- The agreement, aimed at improving service delivery and promoting efficient governance systems, underscores the nation's commitment to fostering planned and sustainable urbanization.

### 5) Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines

- The Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA) has announced a groundbreaking target for its 14 member airlines, including newly inducted Air India, to achieved 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage by 2030.
- This move aims to address the aviation industry's carbon emissions challenges, signaling a significant demand for sustainable fuel production.

# 6) 6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue

- The 6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue took place on 9 November 2023, at the OPEC Secretariat in Vienna, Austria.
- The co-chairs of the meeting were HE Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC, and HE Hardeep Singh Puri, Honourable Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs of the Republic of India.

### 7) Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch the PM-PVTG

- On November 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch the PM-PVTG Development Mission, a groundbreaking scheme aimed at fostering the comprehensive development of approximately 28 lakh people belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
- This significant event is scheduled to coincide with the birth anniversary celebration of the revered tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda, observed as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas for the past three years. BANK SSC RAILWAYS



















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# 8) Department of Telecom (DoT) has granted Internet Service Provider

- The Department of Telecom (DoT) has granted Internet Service Provider (ISP) licenses to Jio Satellite Communications and OneWeb.
- This developmental follows a year after both companies obtained permits to offer satellite communication services, marking a crucial milestone in their efforts to revolutionize internet connectivity.

#### STATE NEWS

## 1) Uniform Civil Code

- Uttarakhand is on the brink of making history as it prepares to become the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).
- In a move towards legal uniformity and gender equality, the state government is set to convene a special session post-Diwali to clear the UCC Bill, marking a significant departure from the diverse personal laws that currently govern citizens based on their religious affiliations.

# 2) Geographical Indications

- In a significant recognition of Uttarakhand's rich and diverse heritage, the Geographical Indications (GI) Registry has bestowed the coveted GI tags upon more than 15 products from the state.
- These products, ranging from traditional teas to textiles and pulses, not only reflect the cultural tapestry of Uttarakhand but also hold immense economic potential.

# 3) 42nd edition of the India International Trade Fair

- The 42nd edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2023 kicks off at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- The esteemed event will be inaugurated by Anupriya Patel, the Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry.
- The theme of India International Trade Fair "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam."





















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#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar

- Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar assumed command of the Eastern Fleet, a significant and prestigious position within the Eastern Naval Command.
- This change of command ceremony, marking the transition from Rear Admiral Gurcharan Singh, took place at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam.
- The Eastern Fleet, often regarded as the Sword Arm of the Eastern Naval Command, plays a crucial role in safeguarding maritime interests in the region.

## 2) Dictador, a Polish beverage company, appointed Mika

- In a groundbreaking move, Dictador, a Polish beverage company, appointed Mika, an AI-powered humanoid robot, as its experimental CEO in August of the previous year.
- This decision highlights a growing trend in integrating artificial intelligence into leadership roles.

## 3) U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron

• Rishi Sunak, upon his return from the Deepavali celebrations in his hometown of Southampton, U.K., made waves in the political landscape by resurrecting the political career of former U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron, appointing him to the role of Foreign Secretary.

#### **ECONOMY**

#### 1) "2024 India Economics Outlook,"

In its recently released "2024 India Economics Outlook," Morgan Stanley Research predicts that India's economy will experience substantial growth, hovering around 6.5% for both FY2024 and FY2025. The investment bank attributes this positive outlook to the country's resilient domestic fundamentals, strong corporate and financial sector balance sheets, and the impact of recent policy reforms.





















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#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) World Kindness Day 2023

- World Kindness Day, observed annually on November 13, is a global celebration dedicated to recognizing and promoting acts of kindness.
- The theme of world kindness day of 2023 "Be Kind Wherever Possible".

## 2) Children's Day November 14th

- In India children's day is a special occasion celebrated every year on November 14th. This date was chosen to honor the birthday of India's first prime minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a leader who deeply cherished children and believed in their potential to shape the nation's future.
- The theme of this year's Children's Day, 'For every child, every right'.

## 3) World Diabetes Day

- World Diabetes Day, observed annually on November 14, serves as a crucial platform to bring attention to diabetes as a pressing global public health issue.
- This day is dedicated to not only understanding the risks associated with diabetes but, more importantly, to promote preventative measures, early diagnosis, and timely treatment.
- The theme for World Diabetes Day 2023, "Access to Diabetes Care,"

#### **OBITUARY**

# 1) Lala Kedarnath Aggarwal has passed away

- Lala Kedarnath Aggarwal, the visionary entrepreneur and founder of the renowned sweets and snacks brand Bikanervala, breathed his last at the age of 86.
- His journey from a humble street vendor to the chairman of a successful business empire is a testament to his indomitable spirit and dedication.











