

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF NOVEMBER 2023

Awards

The Irish author who has been awarded the 2023 Booker Prize for his novel Prophet Song – **Paul Lynch**

The Indian actor-comic who has won the International Emmy Award for his stand-up special in the best comedy category – **Vir Das**

The Tamil writer whose book Fire Bird (translated into English by Janani Kannan) has been awarded the 2023 JCB Prize for Literature – **Perumal Murugan**

The 10-year old boy from Bengaluru who has won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2023 in the under 10 years category awarded by Natural History Museum, London – **Vihaan Talya Vikas**

Defence

The joint military exercise conducted by the armies of India and Nepal at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand from 24 Nov to 07 Dec 2023 is named – **Ex. Surya Kiran**

The 14th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces held from 21 Nov to 11 Dec at the Joint Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya) is named – **VAJRA PRAHAR 2023**

The ninth edition of Joint Military exercise by India and Sri Lanka held in Aundh (Pune) from 16th to 29th November 2023 is named – **Exercise Mitra Shakti-2023**

The bilateral naval exercise carried out by the navies of India and Bangladesh in northern Bay of Bengal from 07-09 Nov 2023 was named – **Exercise Bongosagar**

Persons

The former US Secretary of State and recipient of Nobel Peace Prize 1973, who passed away on 29.11.2023 – **Henry Kissinger**

India's first female judge of Supreme Court and former Governor of Tamil Nadu who passed away on 23.11.2023 – **Justice M. Fathima Beevi**

The former Governor of Reserve Bank of India (1990 to 92) and India's former Finance Secretary who passed away on 18 Nov 2023 – **Shri S. Venkitaramanan**

The Argentinian politician, economist and author belonging to the Libertarian Party, who has won the Presidential elections – **Mr. Javier Milei**

The contestant from Nicaragua who has been crowned Miss Universe 2023 at the beauty pageant held in San Salvador – **Ms. Sheynnis Palcios**

The Indian businessman and founder of Sahara India Pariwar who passed away on 14 November 2023 – **Subrata Roy**

The well-known actor who has been appointed as the UPI Safety Ambassador by the National Payments Corporation of India – **Pankaj Tripathi**

The new Chief Information Commissioner of India who has taken over with effect from 06 November 2023 – **Shri Heeralal Samariya**

Places

The country which has closed its embassy in India permanently with effect from 23.11.2023 – **Afghanistan**

The Indian state which has passed bills increasing the quota of reservation for deprived classes from 50% to 65% – **Bihar**

The place in Nepal which was hit by an earthquake measuring 6.4 on Richter scale, resulting in the death of over 150 people – **Jajarkot**

The Indian cities which have been added in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network (UCCN) as the City of Literature and City of Music respectively – **Kozhikode and Gwalior**

Sports

The Indian cueist who has won his 26th IBSF World Billiards Championship defeating Sourav Kothari in the finals at Kuala Lumpur – **Pankaj Advani**

The Indian cricketer who has set a new record of scoring 50 centuries in ODIs, breaking the previous record of 49 centuries held by Sachin Tendulkar – **Virat Kohli**

The three former cricketers who have recently been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame – **Diana Edulji, Virendra Sehwag and Aravinda de Silva**

The team whose membership has been suspended by the International Cricket Council citing reasons of government interference – **Sri Lanka**

The team which was defeated by India in the finals to win Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2023 played at Ranchi, Jharkhand – **Japan**

The Sri Lankan cricketer who has become the first cricketer in the history of international cricket to be timed out (timed out is a method of dismissal when an incoming batsman is not ready to play within a given amount of time of the previous batter being either dismissed or retired) – **Angelo Mathews**

Miscellaneous

The first ever AI-powered humanoid robot to be appointed by Polish company Dictador, as its Chief Executive Officer is named – **Mika**

The word meaning modelling of human mental functions by computer programs, which has been chosen as the Word of the Year 2023 by Collins Dictionary – **AI**

The theme of Vigilance Awareness Week observed from 30 October to 05 November 2023 by all the Ministries of Govt of India – **Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation**

The first International Cruise Liner to sail from India, which was launched from Mumbai by Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal is named – **Costa Serena**

National Games 2023

Host: Goa

Motto: Get, Set Goa

Held from 25 October to 09 November 2023

Mascot: Moga, an Indian Bison

Medals Tally

#	State	G	S	B	Total
1.	Maharashtra	80	69	79	228
2.	Services	66	27	33	126
3.	Haryana	62	55	75	192
4.	Madhya Pradesh	37	36	39	112
5.	Kerala	36	24	27	87

ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

- Host: India
- Held from 05 October to 19 November 2023
- Venue for first and final match: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad
- Mascots: Tonk and Blaze
- Official theme song: Dil Jashn Bole composed by Pritam
- Winner: Australia
- Runners-up: India
- Countries: 10 (Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka)
- Matches: 48

- Player of the series: Virat Kohli
- Most runs: Virat Kohli (765)
- Most wickets: Mohammed Shami (24)

Important Days of November 2023

<p>World Tsunami Awareness Day: 05 November Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2016 Theme: Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future</p>
<p>World Science Day for Peace and Development: 10 November Designated by: UNESCO Theme: Building Trust In Science First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>World Pneumonia Day: 12 November Designated by: WHO First Observed in: 2009</p>
<p>World Diabetes Day: 14 November Designated by: International Diabetes Federation Theme: Access to Diabetes Care First Observed in: 1991 by IDF, adopted by UN in 2006</p>
<p>International Day for Tolerance: 16 November Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed in: 1995</p>
<p>World Philosophy Day: (3rd Thursday of Nov) 16 November Designated by: UNESCO First Observed in: 2002</p>
<p>World Toilet Day: 19 November Designated by: World Toilet Organisation Theme: Accelerating Change First Observed in: 2001 by World Toilet Organisation and accepted by UN in 2013</p>
<p>World Children's Day: 20 November Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: For Every Child, Every Right Day established in: 1954</p>
<p>World Television Day: 21 November Designated by: UN General Assembly Day established in: 1997</p>
<p>World Fisheries Day: 21 November Designated by: World Fisheries Forum First Observed in: 1997</p>
<p>International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women: 25 November Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: UNiTE! Invest to Prevent Violence Against Women & Girls! #No Excuse First Observed in: 2000</p>

National Milk Day: 26 November

Designated by: Indian Dairy Association

Occasion: Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien

First Observed in: 2014

54th International Film Festival of India

- Venue: Goa
- Held from 20 to 28 November 2023
- Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award: Hollywood film director Michael Douglas
- No. of films screened: 270.
- Opening film: Catching Dust (British)
- Closing film: The Featherweight (American)
- Opening film of Indian Panorama (Feature films): Aattam (Malayalam)
- Opening film of Indian Panorama (Non-Feature films): Andro Dreams (Manipuri)
- Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema Award: Madhuri Dixit
- ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal: Drift by Anthony Chen
- Golden Peacock for the Best Film: Endless Borders (Persian)
- Silver Peacock for Best Director: Stephan Komandarev (Bulgaria)
- Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male): Pouria Rahimi Sam for Endless Borders
- Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female): Melanie Thierry for Party of Fools
- Special Jury Award: Rishabh Shetty for Kantara
- Award for Best Debut Feature Film of a Director: Syrian director Reger Azad Kaya for When the Seedlings Grow
- Best Web Series (OTT) Award to Panchayat Season 2

Latest GI Tags

The following items from Uttarakhand have been recently conferred the GI Tag

1. **Berinag** tea; 2. **Bichhu buti** fabrics; 3. **Mandua**, a finger millet grown in Garhwal and Kumaon; 4. **Jhangora**, a home grown millet; 5. **Gahat**, a kind of pulse known for its medicinal use; 6. **Uttarakhand lal chawal**, a red rice organically grown in the Purola region; 7. **Kala bhat** (black soybean); 8. **Malta** fruit; 9. **Chaulai** (ramdana), a grain used on fasting days; 10. **Buransh** juice obtained from the red flowers of the Rhododendron arboreum; 11. **Pahari toor dal**; 12. **Uttarakhand likhai** or wood carvings; 13. **Nainital mombatti** (candles), 14. **Rangwali pichhoda** of Kumaon, 15. **Ramnagar Nainital litchis**; 16. **Ramgarh Nainital peaches**; 17. **Chamoli wooden Ramman masks**, and 18. **Almora Lakhori mirchis**, a chilli variant.