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# Current Affairs Quiz - 23rd November 2018

# **Important Current Affairs 24th November 2018**

- Filmmaker Nandita Das to receive FIAPF Award
  - Filmmaker Nandita Das will be honoured with the 'International Federation of Film Producers Associations' (FIAPF) Award 2018.
  - The award will be given at the '12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards' on 29 November 2018.
  - She will be presented the award in recognition of her achievement in film in the Asia Pacific region.
  - o She started her career as an actor in films like '1947 Earth, 'Fire' etc.
- Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018 announced
  - The 'Forbes India Leadership Awards' was held on November 22 in Mumbai.
  - o The award honours the top executives of companies in India.
  - Azim Premji, Chairman of Wipro Limited, got the 'Lifetime Achievement Award 2018'.
  - Vivek Chaand Sehgal, Chairman of Motherson Sumi Systems, got the 'Entrepreneur for the Year 2018 award'.
- Broadband subscribers at 463.6 mn at Aug.-end









- According to official data by the Department of Telecom (DoT), India's broadband subscriber numbers touched 463.6 million at the end of August 2018.
- The number of broadband subscribers stood at 460.24 million in July 2018.
- o The total number of telephones rose to 1,189.17 million.
- Maximum rise in total telephone connections was recorded in Mumbai followed by Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

#### Baishnab Charan Parida passed away

- Former Rajya Sabha member from Odisha, Baishnab Charan Parida passed away on 22 November 2018.
- o He was a prominent politician, writer, columnist and a social activist.
- Mr Parida was elected to Rajya Sabha in July 2010 and his term ended on July 1, 2016.
- He was president of Odisha Bhasa Suraksha Sammilani and had been fighting for promotion of Odia and use of the language in official works.

#### • Musician Ustad Imrat Khan passed away

- Classical music stalwart Ustad Imrat Khan has died in the U.S. on 23
  November 2018.
- He dedicated his life to promote the sitar and the surbahar worldwide.
- Ustad Imrat Khan belonged to the illustrious Etawa gharana, or the Imdadkhani Gharana.
- The gharana is one of the oldest in India with a musical legacy of over 400 years and traces its roots to Agra.

## • 5% subsidy for non-basmati rice exports

- The government of India will give a subsidy of 5% for non-basmati rice exports from 26 November 2018 to 25 March 2019.
- $_{\circ}$   $\,$  The move is expected to boost the exports of non-basmati rice.
- The subsidy will be given under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS).
- o The products include husked (brown) rice, parboiled and broken rice.

## Jharkhand Day being celebrated at IFFI in Goa

- Jharkhand Day is being celebrated at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa on 24 November 2018.
- For 2018, Jharkhand is the focus state at the International Film Festival of India.





- This is for the first time that any state has been made focus state at the film festival.
- The movies which have been shot in Jharkhand, are being screened at the film festival.

#### • Doval, Wang held India-China border talks

- India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held the '21st round of border talks' in China on 24 November 2018.
- Ajit Doval and Wang Yi are the designated Special Representatives (SRs) for border talks between India and China.
- The India-China border dispute covers 3,488-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC).

#### 'India Skills Report 2019' released

- As per the 'India Skills Report 2019', Andhra Pradesh has topped the list of states with the highest employability followed by Rajasthan and Haryana.
- The report also said that the employability levels of engineering graduates have increased across all the sectors.
- The report was published jointly by Wheebox,
  PeopleStrong and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

#### • J&K Bank made a public sector unit

- The proposal for treating J&K Bank Limited as a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) was approved by the State Administrative Council (SAC).
- The Jammu and Kashmir bank has been brought under the purview of the Right to Information (RTI) act, the Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) guidelines, and the State Legislature.
- The J&K Bank Ltd is the only state government-promoted bank in the country.

## First ever plane with no moving parts launched

- Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have built and flown the first-ever silent aeroplane with no moving propellers or jet turbines.
- o The aeroplane is powered by an ionic wind technology.
- Ionic wind technology uses a powerful electric field to generate charged ions, which are then expelled from the back of the aircraft for generating thrust.











#### Sachin is the brand ambassador of Apollo Tyres

- Tyre maker, Apollo Tyres has appointed cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as its new brand ambassador on 22 November 2018.
- o He will be the ambassador of Apollo Tyres for a period of five years.
- Apart from Apollo Tyres, he is also the brand Ambassador for BMW in India.
- Sachin Tendulkar was the former brand ambassador of MRF Tyres.

#### HDFC ERGO sets up remote sensing lab

- General insurance company 'HDFC ERGO General Insurance' has set up a remote sensing lab for crop insurance.
- The lab will work on accurately assessing the risks of the insurers and will also be able to give early warnings about the losses.
- Remote sensing involves setting up scanning an area through the use of satellite to get deeper information about that region.

## • World Congress on Mountain Medicine begins

- The '12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine' began in Kathmandu on 21 November 2018.
- The theme of the 4-day congress is 'Mountain Medicine in the Heart of the Himalayas'.
- The event mainly focused on science and research aspects of high altitude medicine.
- The event was held for the first time in Nepal and hosted by Mountain Medicine Society of Nepal (MMSN).

## New technology developed by IMD

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has developed a new technology called 'Impact Based Forecasting Approach'.
- It will be used to assess the rise of water level in rivers and reservoirs by rain.
- It can help state governments to minutely monitor the impact of rain and take real-time decisions.

## • 'Jhiri Mela' inaugurated by J-K Governor

- Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik inaugurated a week-long
  'Jhiri Mela' at village Jhiri in Jammu district on 23 November 2018.
- The annual fair is commemorated in the memory of the martyrdom of 'Baba Jittoo'.
- He was a farmer who gave up his life about 500 years ago in protest against the oppressive demands of a landlord.







#### · Jangalmahal Festival inaugurated in Kolkata

- The three-day 'Jangalmahal festival' was inaugurated in Kolkata on 23 November 2018.
- The aim of the festival is to revive and popularise the culture and heritage of the Jangalmahal area.
- The forested areas of West Midnapore, Jhargram, Bankura and Purulia districts in the southern part of the West Bengal form the Jangalmahal area.

#### Non-transport usage of quadricycles allowed

- The government of India has declared quadricycle as a 'non-transport vehicle' under the Motor Vehicles Act 1988.
- This will provide a safe and cheap mode of transport for the last mile connectivity.
- A non-transport vehicle is a vehicle whose usage is allowed under personal capacity only.
- A quadricycle is a vehicle with the size of a three-wheeler but has four tyres and is fully covered.

### Odisha's Baliyatra festival inaugurated

- 'Baliyatra festival' was inaugurated in Odisha on 23 November 2018.
- Baliyatra festival commemorates the ancient maritime glory of Odisha.
- The festival is associated with ancient mariners, who established trade and cultural links through sea routes with different archipelagos of the Indian Ocean.
- The festival will end on 2 December 2018.

## • EIB & SBI to finance wind energy projects

- The European Investment Bank (EIB) and State Bank of India (SBI) have agreed to cooperate on financing renewable energy sector in India.
- The EIB will also provide new support for wind energy projects across India.
- o With this collaboration, the promoters of wind projects in India will get low-cost financing under the dedicated €600 million renewable energy financing programme of EIB.

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