

# **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF**

# **NOVEMBER 2020**

## Awards

The Scottish author who has been awarded the Booker Prize 2020 for his debut novel Shuggie Bain – **Douglas Stuart**

The award instituted by AICTE to encourage awareness about various social issues among women is named – **Lilavati Award**

The State which has been awarded the Best State Award in the National Water Awards 2019, presented by the Vice-President Shri Venkaiah Naidu – **Tamil Nadu**

The Malayalam author who has been chosen for the 2020 JCB Prize for Literature for his debut novel Moustache – **S Hareesh**

## Defence

The hypersonic cruise missile test-fired by Russia from its frigate Admiral Gorshkov in the Arctic is named – **Tsirkon**

The 2nd edition of India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise being held from 21 to 22 November 20 in Andaman Sea is named – **SITMEX-20**

The 27th edition of India - Singapore Bilateral Maritime Exercise scheduled from 23 to 25 November 2020 in Andaman Sea – **SIMBEX 2020**

The joint tri-service exercise conducted by armed forces at Teressa Island in the Nicobar islands from 03 to 05 November 2020 was named  
– **Bull Strike**

The joint naval exercise conducted by Indian, Japanese, United States and Australian navies off Visakhapatnam in Bay of Bengal is named  
– **Exercise Malabar**

## Persons

The veteran Congress leader and 8 times Member of Parliament from Gujarat who passed away on 25.11.2020 – **Shri Ahmed Patel**

The former and longest serving Chief Minister of Assam who passed away on 23 Nov 20, due to COVID-19 induced complications – **Shri Tarun Gogoi**

The former and first Governor of Goa and also a well-known author who passed away on 18.11.2020 – **Mrs. Mridula Sinha**

The well-known film actor from Bollywood who has been appointed as the State Icon of Punjab by the Election Commission of India – **Sonu Sood**

The Prime Minister of Bahrain since 1971 and also the longest serving Prime Minister in the world who passed away on 11.11.2020

– **Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

## Places

The place in Uttarakhand where India's first Moss Garden has been inaugurated with around 30 species of moss – **Nainital**

The lake in Agra which has been chosen as a wetland site of international importance under the Ramsar conservation treaty – **Keetham lake**

The lake in Maharashtra's Buldhana district which has been chosen as a wetland site of international importance under the Ramsar conservation treaty – **Lonar lake**

The place in Gujarat between which Ro-Pax ferry service was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Hazira and Ghogha**

The country which has officially withdrawn from the Paris climate accord, one year after it had notified its decision – **United States**

The place at which India's first solar power driven miniature train was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan – **Veli tourist village, Kerala**

The Agriculture Minister of Tamil Nadu who passed away due to Covid-19 on 31.10.2020  
– **Shri R. Doraikkannu**

The renowned violinist, recipient of Padma Bhushan (1992), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1974), who passed away on 02.11.2020 – **T.N. Krishnan**

## Events and themes

The theme of the 15th G-20 Summit held on 21 and 22.11.2020 under the leadership of Saudi Arabia in virtual format – **Realizing Opportunities of 21st Century for All**

The theme of 12th BRICS Summit hosted virtually by Russia on 17 November 2020 – **Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth**

The theme of the 5th National Ayurveda Day 2020 observed on 13 Novemer 2020 – **Ayurveda for COVID-19 Pandemic**

## Miscellaneous

The severe cyclonic storm which formed in the Bay of Bengal and affected Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh was named – **Nivar**

China's first domestically developed nuclear reactor with a capacity of generating 10 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity which was connected to the national grid is named – **Hualong One**

The bank with which the amalgamation of Lakshmi Vilas Bank has been approved by Union Cabinet – **DBS Bank India Ltd**

The World's first scientoon book written by Dr Pradeep Srivastava and released by UP Governor, Ms. Anandi Ben is named – **Bye Bye Corona**

The tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh which has been declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve by the international organisation – **Panna Tiger Reserve**

## Public Affairs Index 2020

### **Best Performing Large States**

1. Kerala (1.388 PAI Index point), 2. Tamil Nadu (0.912), 3. Andhra Pradesh (0.531) and 4. Karnataka (0.468)

### **Worst Performing Large States**

1. Uttar Pradesh (-1.461), 2. Odisha (-1.201) and 3. Bihar (-1.158)

### **Best Performing Small States**

1. Goa (1.745), 2. Meghalaya (0.797) and 3. Himachal Pradesh (0.725).

### **Worst Performing Small States**

1. Manipur (-0.363), 2. Delhi (-0.289) and 3. Uttarakhand (-0.277)

## Indian Premier League 2020

Held from 19.09.2020 to 10.11.2020

Venue: United Arab Emirates

Champions: **Mumbai Indians** (5th title)

Runners-up: **Delhi Capitals**

Most runs (Orange cap): **KL Rahul** (Kings XI Punjab)

Most Wickets (Purple cap) : **Kagiso Rabada** (Delhi Capitals)

Most valuable player: **Jofra Archer** (Rajasthan Royals)



## Important Days of November

**World Tsunami Awareness Day:** 05 November 2019

Designated by : United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 2016

**World Science Day for Peace and Development:** 10 November

Designated by : UNESCO

Theme: Science for and with Society in dealing with global pandemic

First Observed in: 2001

**World Pneumonia Day:** 12 November

Designated by : WHO

First Observed in: 2009

**World Diabetes Day:** 14 November

Designated by : International Diabetes Federation

Theme: The Nurse and Diabetes

First Observed in: 1991 by IDF, adopted by UN in 2006

**International Day for Tolerance:** 16 November

Designated by : United Nations General Assembly

First observed in : 1995

**World Toilet Day:** 19 November

Designated by : World Toilet Organisation

Theme: Sustainable Sanitation and Climate Change

First Observed in: 2001 by World Toilet Organisation and accepted by UN in 2013

**World Philosophy Day:** (3rd Thursday of Nov) 19 November

Designated by : UNESCO

First Observed in: 2002

**World Children's Day:** 20 November

Designated by : UN General Assembly

Day established in: 1954

**World Television Day:** 21 November

Designated by : UN General Assembly

Day established in: 1997

**World Fisheries Day:** 21 November

Designated by : World Fisheries Forum

First Observed in: 1997

**International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women:** 25 November

Designated by : United Nations General Assembly

Theme: Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect

First Observed in: 2000

**National Milk Day:** 26 November

Designated by : Indian Dairy Association

Occasion: Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien

First Observed in: 2014

## Diego Armando Maradona (Born 30.10.1960; Passed away 25.11.2020)

Argentine footballer

Clubs played for: Argentinos Juniors, Boca Juniors, Barcelona, Napoli, Sevilla, and Newell's Old Boys

Points to remember

- He made his international debut at the age of 17 in 1977 against Hungary.
- Won the Golden Ball at both the FIFA U-20 World Cup (1979) and FIFA World Cup (1986)
- Argentina won the 1986 FIFA World Cup under his captaincy.
- He played in World Cups of 1982, 1986, 1990, and 1994.
- He scored 34 international goals in 91 appearances.
- He and Pele were jointly awarded the Player of the Century by FIFA in 2000.
- He was given the nickname "El Pibe de Oro" ("The Golden Kid").
- His autobiography titled I am the Diego was released in 2000.

## World Fisheries Day - 21.11.2020

Best Performing States awarded by Government of India for 2019-20

1. Odisha (amongst Marine states)
1. Uttar Pradesh (amongst Inland states)
1. Assam (amongst Hilly and NE states)

## **Soumitra Chatterjee (Born 19.01.1935; Passed away 15.11.2020)**

Indian film actor, director, playwright, writer and poet.

Notable films: Abhijan, **Charulata**, **Aranyer Din Ratri**, **Ashani Sanket**, **Sonar Kella**, **Joi Baba Felunath**,

**Hirak Rajar Deshe**, **Ghare Baire Shakha Proshakha** and **Ganashatru**

**Awards:**Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1998); Commandeur de l' Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by France (1999);

Padma Bhushan (2004); Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Ratna (2012); Chevalier of Legion d'Honneur by France (2018);

National Film Awards (1991, 2000, 2006); Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2012)

## Launch of PSLV C-49

Launch date: 07.11.2020

Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota

Satellite launched: **Earth Observation Satellite** EOS-01. EOS-01 is intended for applications in agriculture, forestry and disaster management support.

In addition, nine customer satellites from Lithuania (1), Luxembourg (4) and USA (4) were launched under a commercial arrangement with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

## Books in News

Your Best Day is Today by Anupam Kher