

**EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 26,  
2020**

**TAMIL NADU**

- **Cyclone Nivar - made landfall 30km north of Puducherry and 115 km south of Chennai as a very severe cyclonic storm in the early hours of November 26**

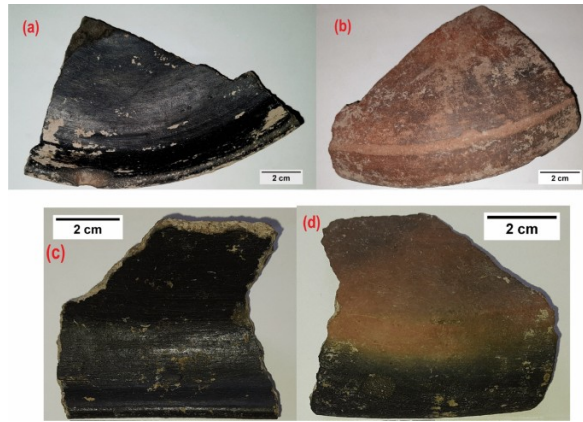


- ✓ The landfall that started from 11.30 pm. on November 25 lasted till 2.30 a.m. on the next day
- ✓ Heavy rain and winds of 120 to 130 kmph, gusting to 145 kmph, lashed the coastal areas of Puducherry and Cuddalore.
- ✓ The 'very severe cyclonic storm' Nivar is the third one that will make landfall in India this year, after 'extremely severe cyclone' Amphan (in May affecting West Bengal and Odisha) and Cyclone Nisarga (in June affecting Maharashtra)
- ✓ Nearly 1.38 lakh people, including 28,161 children, were evacuated to 1,694 relief centres across Tamil Nadu from low-lying areas and unsafe buildings.
- ✓ Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami declared public holiday for 16 districts, including Chennai, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Chengalpet, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Tiruvannamalai, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Kallakurichi, Tirupattur, Vellore and Ranipet, on November 26.

- ✓ There are six NDRF teams on standby in Cuddalore, three teams in Nagapattinam and one each in Thanjavur and Mayiladuthurai.
  - ✓ Similarly, two teams are positioned in Villupuram and three in Chengalpet.
  - ✓ The Army has sent eight 10-member teams and two rescue boats to Chennai, and six more teams and a rescue boat to Trichy.
  - ✓ Multiple teams from the Navy and Indian coast guard too have been deployed across the state.
  - ✓ As on November 25, the state has received an average rainfall with 25% shortage against its normal of 34 cm and Chennai has received 14% excess rain this season
- **On November 24, Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami – launched a new mobile Application ‘Thee’**
- ✓ The mobile app will help the general public to reach out to the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services, in case of need.
  - ✓ After using the App, arrangements have been made to facilitate people to get help within 10 seconds.



- ✓ The application has been designed to help people in case of fire accidents, floods, mishaps in deep wells, rescue of wildlife, chemical or gas leaks, among other accidents.
  - ✓ The ‘Thee’ application can be downloaded on mobile phones free of cost from the Google Playstore and could also be used to alert accidents
  - ✓ Chief Secretary K. Shanmugam, Director General of Police J.K. Tripathy, Director of Fire and Rescue Services M.S. Jaffar Sait and senior officials were present.
- **The scientists – have discovered the world’s first known use of nanotechnology, dating over 2,600 years ago, in broken pieces of pottery found in the excavation site, Keeladi**
- ✓ Before this, the oldest known carbon nanostructures were found in Damascus blades from the 16th-18th century CE
  - ✓ The technique for coating used in Damascus blades appears to have been known only to Indians, indicating that they were also made in India



- ✓ Before that, gold and silver nanoparticles were found in Islamic pottery from the 7th-8th century CE and in the Roman Lycurgus Cup from the 4th century CE.
- ✓ The Keeladi excavators have unearthed the remains of a city belonging to the 3rd-6th century BCE in 2015 at a village located at 450km from Chennai
- ✓ Carbon nanotubes are tubes of carbon that are a billionth of a metre in diameter.
  - ✓ Their occurrence was discovered in 1991 by Japanese scientist Sumio Iijima.
  - ✓ Since then, researchers have come up with many ways to synthesize it, with the most common method is chemical vapour deposition
    - ✓ The method involves a complex process with high temperatures from 800°C.
- ✓ The average diameter of the nanotubes noticed in Keeladi coatings was found to be around 0.6 nanometre (a nanometre is one-billionth of a metre).
- ✓ However, the theoretical limit — a state in which a system is free of defects — is only 0.4 nanometre.
- ✓ This validates the precise control over fabrication process and proof of mastery in that art
- ✓ Another unique feature of Keeladi pottery, which have survived for two and half millennia, is that the coating has retained its surface stability and smoothness, surpassing time-bound wear and tear
- ✓ It is possible that plant-based materials were used which, when put through a firing process for pottery-making, reached temperatures that led to the formation of nanotubes.
- ✓ Carbon nanostructures possess high strength and low weight, and are good conductors of heat and electricity.
- ✓ They are now being explored for use in electronic devices, sensors, transistors, batteries and medical equipment, among several other applications.

## STATES

- **On November 25, Kerala Governor Arif Muhammed Khan – gave his nod to a repeal ordinance nullifying the earlier ordinance that had introduced Section 118A in the Kerala Police Act, 2011.**

- ✓ The amendment (Sec 118A) is aimed at empowering police to suppress all dissenting voices through all mediums, including social media.
- ✓ The governor signed the ordinance after the state government decided to withdraw the amendment
- ✓ Earlier, the cabinet recommended that the governor promulgate a repeal ordinance, the first time such a thing happened in the state.
- ✓ The amendment being nullified had been promulgated on November 21.
- ✓ According to the government, the ordinance amending the law was brought following demands from various sections for a strong law against attacks, especially against women and children, in cyber media.

## NATIONAL

- **Malayalam film Jallikattu - has been selected as India's official entry for Oscars 2021.**



- ✓ The film was based on celebrated writer S Hareesh's short story, Maoist
- ✓ The announcement was made by chairman of the jury Rahul Rawail in Kolkata on November 25
- ✓ The film will compete in the best International feature film category.
- ✓ Jallikattu was chosen as the nominee for the 93<sup>rd</sup> academy awards amongst 27 other films, which included Chaitanya Tamhane's much-feted Marathi film, "The Disciple," Bittersweet (Marathi), Chhlaang (Hindi) and Gulabo Sitabo (Hindi).
- ✓ The film's 42-year-old director Lijo Jose Pellissery was the winner of the best director award at the International Film Festival of India last year.
- ✓ The plot revolves around a bull that escapes from a slaughterhouse in a remote hill village where men gather to hunt down the animal.
- ✓ Jallikattu was premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and was later screened at the Busan International Film Festival and a host of other major venues.
- ✓ Jallikattu is the third Malayalam film after Guru (1997) and Adaminte Makan Abu (2011) to be chosen as the country's official entry for the Oscars.

- **Union Minister for social justice Thaawarchand Gehlot – inaugurated the country’s first shelter home for transgender persons in Vadodara, Gujarat on November 25**



- ✓ A separate portal for transgender persons, aimed at enabling transgenders to seek certification without having to visit any office, was also launched on the occasion
  - ✓ Further, broad details of a comprehensive scheme planned by the government for transgender persons was also revealed during the event
  - ✓ The new scheme proposes at least one government hospital in every state which will be equipped to offer free gender re-assignment surgery and counselling.
  - ✓ The ministry of social justice and empowerment will also be working with states to enable segregation of wards for transgender persons in government hospitals
  - ✓ Further, the government’s decision to provide the facility for gender surgeries can prove to be a significant benefit as such procedures are expensive.
  - ✓ All these initiatives are on provisions of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019
  - ✓ The government is also planning to build twelve more shelter homes, exclusively for the transgenders, in different cities by March 31, 2021
- **On November 25, the Union Cabinet - cleared the merger of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) with DBS Bank India**
  - ✓ The announcement paves the way for lifting of the withdrawal cap of ₹25,000 from November 27.
  - ✓ Soon after Cabinet approval, the RBI said, all the branches of LVB will function as branches of DBS Bank India from November 27.
  - ✓ DBS Bank will be making necessary arrangements to ensure regular service is provided to customers of LVB
  - ✓ The bank’s shares will stop trading on the Bombay Stock Exchange on November 26
  - ✓ Last week, the government had placed LVB under moratorium

- ✓ The RBI had released the draft scheme, paving the way for the Indian subsidiary of Singapore's DBS Bank to take over the stressed lender
  - ✓ This was the first such exercise involving a foreign bank as against the state public lenders
  - ✓ As part of the arrangement, DBS will pump in an additional ₹2,500 crore immediately.
  - ✓ As per the merger scheme, all LVB employees will continue in service and will be deemed to have been appointed at the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions of service as were applicable earlier.
  - ✓ LVB is the second private sector bank after Yes Bank which ran into rough weather during this year.
  - ✓ State bank of India had acquired a 48.21% stake in Yes Bank with the infusion of ₹6,050 crore in March 2020
- **The Airport Authority of India - launched Aviation Awareness Week between November 23, 2020 and November 27, 2020.**



- ✓ The safety awareness week is observed in all airports and also in other places managed by the Airport Authority of India.
  - ✓ Aviation awareness week is being celebrated to raise awareness on aviation safety protocols
  - ✓ During the week, the AAI will undertake employment engagement programs focusing on the safety aspects associated with the aviation industry
  - ✓ The celebrations mainly highlight that safety preventive measures should be adopted at every airport premises irrespective of traffic volume.
  - ✓ They will also stress on the long term objective of zero fatality by 2030 as envisaged by the International Civil Aviation organization under the Global aviation safety plan.
- **On November 23, 2020, the Union Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad - launched the International version of the UMANG application on the completion of three years of UMANG.**
- ✓ UMANG is Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance.

- ✓ It was launched in UK, US, Australia, Canada, Netherlands, UAE, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs
  - ✓ The application will help to take Indian culture to the world through its several government services.
  - ✓ Also, the Common Services Centres are being integrated with the application.
  - ✓ The application was launched under the Digital India initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
  - ✓ The application can also be used to avail several e-government services such as Employment Provident Fund Organisation services, filing Income Tax, pension, e-land records, e-pathshala, Crop Insurance, etc.
  - ✓ Further, the IMD (Indian Meteorological Department) services were also integrated with the App to provide weather forecast of the cities
    - ✓ The application provides forecast of seven weather services such as rainfall information, cyclones, warnings, sunrise, humidity, sunset, etc.
    - ✓ This helps farmers to get timely updates about weather conditions.
  - ✓ In the last three years application has grown immensely providing 2039 services, as against only 643 services in March 2020
  - ✓ This includes 373 from Central departments, 1179 services of utility bill payments and 487 from state departments.
  - ✓ There are more than 2.5 crore registered users of the application, which has seen more than 3.7 crore downloads.
- **The Cherry blossom festival, hosted by Meghalaya – is cancelled this year due to Covid-19 restrictions**
- ✓ It is the only Cherry festival being conducted in India by the Government of Meghalaya every year
  - ✓ The festival hosts live music, stalls showcasing the cuisine, beauty pageants, etc.
  - ✓ Cherry blossom festival is the national festival of Michigan and it is also celebrated in Japan as well.
  - ✓ India is the 26th largest producer of cherry in the world.
  - ✓ The top three producers of cherry are Turkey, USA and Iran
  - ✓ In India, cherry is commercially cultivated in Jammu and Kashmir, which clocks a production of 1.73 tons per hectare.
  - ✓ Cherries require cold climatic conditions and sandy loam soil with high moisture holding capacity.
  - ✓ They grow well at height of 2500 metres above sea level and require 100 to 125 cms of annual rainfall.
  - ✓ The cherry blossom trees in Meghalaya are different from the cherry trees in the regions of Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir
  - ✓ They produce best flowers without producing delicious fruits
  - ✓ Thus, the cherries in the Northern part of India are used for commercial cultivation and those in the North Eastern parts are used to promote tourism

- **The National Green Tribunal - directed all the states and union territories to designate a nodal agency to protect the water bodies in their regions.**
- ✓ The nodal Agencies are advised to hold their regular meetings under the guidance of chief secretaries of the state.
- ✓ Also, the National Green Tribunal has further directed that the meeting should be held on time.
- ✓ The Nodal agency will adopt a mechanism to monitor the water bodies and also address grievances related to them.
- ✓ The National Green Tribunal also asked the central monitoring committee to monitor 351 polluted river structures periodically.
- ✓ The Central Pollution Control Board of India has identified 351 polluted river stretches on 323 rivers during 2018.
- ✓ According to CPCB, these river stretches are mostly located in the states of Gujarat, Assam and Maharashtra.
- ✓ The river stretches in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are less polluted than these three states.
  
- **The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) - has been accepted as a component of the World-Wide Radio Navigation System by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) for its operation in the Indian Ocean Region.**
- ✓ This will enable the vessels to use IRNSS to obtain position information similar to GLONASS and GPS.
- ✓ The information from IRNSS will be available upto 1,500 km from India in the Indian Ocean and can be used by the ships to locate their position at sea
- ✓ Accordingly, Indian ships will no longer depend on US or Russian navigational system to obtain position information at sea
- ✓ However, IRNSS is only a regional navigational system and not a global navigational system.
- ✓ Thus, India has now become the fourth country in the world after US, Russia and China to have independent regional satellite navigation system and recognized by IMO under its WWRNS.
- ✓ The entire process to get recognized for the IRNSS took two years.
- ✓ The IMO is an organization of the United Nations.
- ✓ All the security agencies and the merchant vessels including small fishing boats are authorized to use IRNSS
- ✓ IRNSS is an independent regional navigational satellite system that was developed by India to provide accurate position information services to help ships in their navigation.
- ✓ It has eight constellations in its orbit.
- ✓ The GPS is Global Positioning System owned by the United States, while GLONASS is Global Navigation Satellite System of Russia.
- ✓ The operational name of IRNSS is NavIC.



- On November 20, PM Narendra Modi and Bhutanese PM Lotay Tshering - jointly launched the Phase II of RuPay card.



- ✓ The Phase II, that is being launched now, will allow Bhutanese card holders to access RuPay network in India
- ✓ The phase I was launched earlier in August 2019.
- ✓ The launch of Phase I of Rupay cards enabled visitors from India to access Point of Sale terminals and ATM terminals across Bhutan.

- Mastercard and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) - launched “Project Kirana” recently



- ✓ The programme will support women entrepreneurs to grow and launch more initiatives
- ✓ Under Project Kirana, a two-year programme is to be rolled out in selected cities such as Kanpur, Lucknow and Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The project will work to increase revenue, digital payments and expand financial inclusion.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh was chosen for the Project because more than 10.3% of women population in the state is employed in MSME
- ✓ Also, the state has the largest number of MSMEs, accounting for around 14% of MSME in the country
- ✓ The project aims to build digital literacy and financial literacy of the women in the state, apart from improving business management skills of women.

- ✓ Project Kirana is designed to support women and increase their financial access in the country.
- ✓ In July 2020, Mastercard announced a commitment of Rs 250 crores to revive SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) following the Covid-19 pandemic
- ✓ USAID is an independent agency that is responsible to administer foreign aid and development assistance

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The 2020 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit - was recently hosted 'virtually' by Malaysia on November 20, 2020**



- ✓ The Summit was attended by the US President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping along with leaders from 19 other Asia-Pacific nations.
- ✓ This is the second time Malaysia hosted an APEC meeting, having hosted the earlier meet in 1998.
- ✓ The APEC 2020 ended with the adoption of the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040 and the 2020 Kuala Lumpur Declaration
- ✓ The Putrajaya Vision 2040 is a new 20-year growth vision for an open, resilient peaceful Asia Pacific community, which will replace the existing Bogor Goals
- ✓ The Bogor Goals was agreed by leaders in 1994 for free and open trade and investment among APEC countries
- ✓ The theme of the APEC Malaysia 2020 was “Optimising Human Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress”.
- ✓ The next APEC meeting is to be hosted by New Zealand.
- ✓ Earlier on November 17, 2020, the members of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation held ministerial meeting.
- ✓ The APEC faced several hardships to conduct the Summit since 2018.
- ✓ In 2018, Chile had cancelled the summit due to violent domestic protests.
- ✓ Later at the Papua New Guinea summit in 2018, the APEC economies failed to arrive at a joint statement due to trade war between the United States and China.
- ✓ The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation is an inter-governmental forum for 21 member economies in the Pacific Rim that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
- ✓ It was founded in November 1989 with headquarters in Singapore
- ✓ The APEC mainly includes countries that are bordering the Pacific Ocean.

- ✓ The members of the grouping are Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Hongkong, Chile, Japan, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan and United States of America.
- ✓ India is currently an observer of the grouping.

## PERSONALITIES

- **Uttarakhand-based teen environmental activist Riddhima Pandey - has been included in the recently released BBC list of “100 most influential and inspiring women across the globe who are leading change and making a difference during these turbulent times.”**



- ✓ At 13, the Class IX student Riddhima is the youngest person to feature in the coveted list this year.
- ✓ Among the others from India who made it to the list are anti-CAA protester Dadi Bilkis Bano, para-badminton champion Manasi Joshi, and singer Isaivani.
- ✓ Hailing from Halduchaur in Haldwani, Pandey currently lives in Haridwar with her parents — father Dinesh Pandey, a wildlife activist and mother Vinita, who works in the state forest department.
- ✓ Riddhima, the young activist, gained prominence at the age of nine when she filed a petition against the Union government for “failing to implement the Environment Act properly” in the country.
- ✓ In 2017, she filed a plea in the National Green Tribunal asking the government to prepare a ‘Carbon Budget’ to limit carbon dioxide emissions and create a ‘national climate recovery plan’.
- ✓ Pandey was also among the 16 child petitioners, including Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, who petitioned the United Nations against five nations in 2019 for causing maximum pollution.

- ✓ According to the petition, these five countries were Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany and Turkey.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Scientists across India and China - have studied how massive stars trigger the formation of second-generation stars**
- ✓ The researchers of the report were spread across institutions in Bengaluru, Beijing (China), Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Nainital
- ✓ The second-generation stars are molded from remnants of first-generation star formation activity
- ✓ They were seen in HII regions, which are typically a cloud of partially ionized atomic hydrogen gas, in which star formation has recently taken place
- ✓ The research was done by astronomers based at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital, along with their collaborators from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad and Kavli Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Beijing
- ✓ The scientists were studying an HII region called Sh2-112
- ✓ They found that the nebula and its environment created by a massive star 23 times more massive than Sun, triggered the formation of second-generation stars at the periphery.
- ✓ The study was conducted using Devasthal Fast Optical Telescope ARIES, 2-m Himalayan Chandra Telescope, Giant Metre-wave Radio Telescope (GMRT), among other instruments.

## DEFENCE

- **India - has inducted two MQ-9B Sea Guardian drones for top-notch surveillance missions on lease from an American firm, General Atomics**



- ✓ The move is seen as a big capability jump for the armed forces amidst the ongoing military confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh.

- ✓ The two drones have already kicked off long-range ISR (intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance) missions over the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) from naval air station INS Rajali at Arakkonam in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ The unarmed Sea Guardians, variants of the iconic armed Predator MQ-9 drones, can also be deployed along the land border with China, if required.
- ✓ The naval P-8I maritime patrol aircrafts are already being extensively used along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) to monitor the People's Liberation Army
- ✓ The lease of the two drones from US firm General Atomics is seen as a prelude to India's plan to buy 18 to 30 'hunter-killer' weaponised Sea Guardian or MQ-9 Reaper drones
- ✓ The two Sea Guardians have been taken on a one-year lease from American firm General Atomics, which can be extended for another year.
- ✓ All planning, execution and operations will be with the Indian Navy.
- ✓ The lease is yet another strong indicator of the continuing strategic partnership between India and the US
- ✓ The Guardian has a maximum endurance of 40 hours and a maximum flying altitude of 40,000 feet.
- ✓ The recently released Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 has introduced an option for leasing military platforms.

## AWARDS

- **The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve and the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department - bagged the first international award TX2.**



- ✓ The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve was awarded for doubling its number of tigers in just four years as against the target of ten years, set by the partners of the award in 2010.
- ✓ The partners of the award include - Global Tiger Forum, United Nations Development Programme, Conservation Tiger Standards and Lion's Share.

- ✓ The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve was chosen based on the Tiger Census conducted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority in 2018.
- ✓ According to the census, the reserve has 57 tigers, out of which around 40 have grown in a short span of four years.
- ✓ Apart from India, none of the other thirteen tiger range countries could succeed in doubling the big cat population within a span of ten years.
- ✓ There are thirteen tiger range countries where the tigers still roam around freely, as the tigers need huge territories.
- ✓ A male tiger will require 60 to 100 square kilometres and a tigress will require 20 square kilometres.
- ✓ Of all the tigers in the world, the Siberian tigers have the largest range, spanning more than 10,000 square kilometres.
- ✓ The 13 tiger range countries includes India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, China, Russia, Malaysia, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam and Nepal
- ✓ Every year, the Global Tiger Day is celebrated on July 29.
- ✓ According to the Tiger Census of India, there are 2,967 tigers in the country, showing an increase of 33% as compared to that of 2014.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers followed by Karnataka and Uttarakhand in the country.

## OBITUARY

- **Argentinian football legend and 1986 World Cup-winner Diego Armando Maradona – died at the age of 60 on November 25 in Buenos Aires Province**

Career in numbers	
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	
Caps	91
Goals	34
Goals per game	0.37
<b>WORLD CUP</b>	
Tournaments	4
Appearances	21
Goals	8
Goals per game	0.38
<b>WON THE WORLD CUP IN 1986 AND FINISHED RUNNER-UP IN 1990</b>	
<b>TITLES</b>	
World Cup	1
UEFA Cup	1
<b>AWARDS</b>	
World Cup Golden Ball	1
FIFA Player of the Century	1*
Ballon d'Or (honorary)	1
South American Footballer of the Year	2



\*PELE AND MARADONA SHARED THE PRIZE IN 2000

- ✓ Maradona was admitted to a clinic on November 2, three days after his 60th birthday, with signs of depression, anemia and dehydration.
- ✓ The next day, the soccer great was diagnosed with a subdural hematoma — bleeding that collects in tissues surrounding the brain and can be caused by a head injury — and need to undergo surgery.

# DIEGO MARADONA: THE HAND OF GOD

<b>Date of birth:</b> October 30, 1960	<b>Position:</b> Attacking Midfield
<b>Place of birth:</b> Lanús	<b>Height:</b> 1,67 m
<b>Citizenship:</b> Argentina	<b>National Team:</b> Argentina
<b>Date of death:</b> November 25, 2020	<b>Caps/Goals:</b> 90/34

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- 4x Footballer of the Year
- 1x World Cup winner
- 1x Spanish Cup winner
- 1x Spanish Super Cup winner
- 2x Italian champion
- 1x Italian Cup winner
- 1x Italian Super Cup winner
- 1x UEFA Cup winner
- 1x Under-20 World Cup champion
- 1x Argentina champion
- 1x Spanish League Cup winner

IANS GRAPHICS



MAIN  
POSITION

ATTACKING  
MIDFIELD

OTHER  
POSITION

SECOND  
STRIKER



### CAREER

- At the age of eight, he joined Las Cebollitas (The Little Onions), a boys' team that went on to win 136 consecutive games and a national championship
- He signed with Argentinos Juniors at age 14 and made his first-division debut in 1976
- Four months later he made his debut with the national team, becoming the youngest Argentine ever to do so
- In 1981, he helped Boca Juniors win the championship
- He played for FC Barcelona (1982) and then for Napoli (1984-91)
- In 1990, he was arrested in Argentina for cocaine possession and was suspended for 15 months from playing football
- Maradona's career with the Argentine national team included World Cup appearances in 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1994
- In 1986, in the 2-1 quarterfinal victory over England, he scored two of the most memorable goals in World Cup history.
- He again got suspended during 1994 World Cup after testing positive for

- ✓ Maradona led Argentina to the World Cup in 1986, scoring one of the game's most controversial goals and one of its most celebrated in the span of four minutes during the quarterfinals against England.
- ✓ In 2000, he and Pele of Brazil were voted by FIFA as the sport's two greatest players.
- ✓ Maradona was hospitalised in April 2004 with what doctors described as a weakened heart and acute breathing problems.
- ✓ He then entered a psychiatric hospital and, that September, left for further rehabilitation treatment in Havana.

## SPORTS

- **Greg Barclay - has been named the new independent chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC), the sport's governing body**
- ✓ He prevailed over Imran Khwaja to succeed Shashank Manohar, the incumbent chairman from India



- ✓ The former New Zealand Cricket chief needed a two-thirds majority of the 16-person ICC board and received the all-important 11th vote from Cricket South Africa.
- ✓ Khwaja had been the interim chairman since Manohar stepped down in July.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

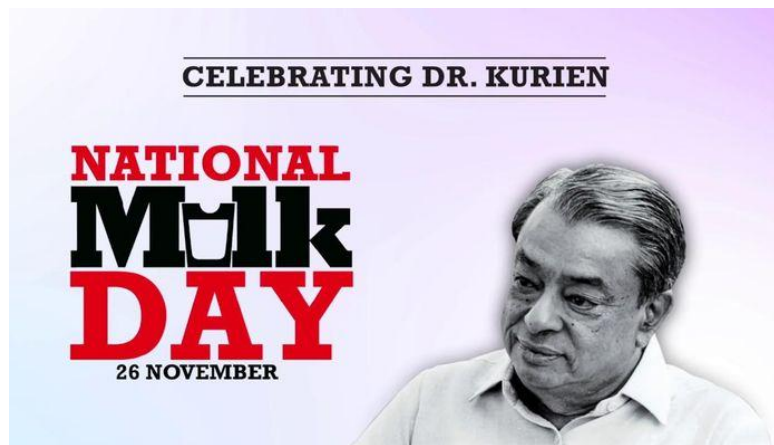
### ➤ Constitution Day – November 26



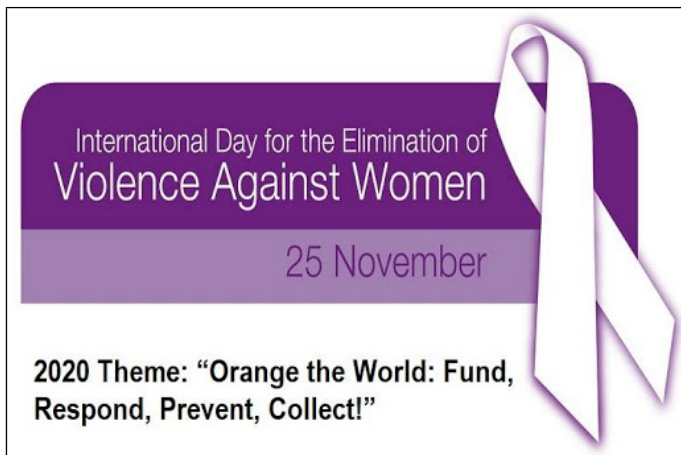
- ✓ The day is celebrated to mark the adoption of Constitution on November 26, 1949.
- ✓ The Constitution day is also called Samvidhan Divas or National Law Day.
- ✓ The Constitution came into effect on January 26, 1950, which marks the Republic Day of the country
- ✓ The Constitution Day was first declared in 2015, which marked the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar, the father of Indian Constitution
- ✓ The Supreme Court Bar Association under Dr L M Singhvi proposed to observe the National Law Day on November 26.
- ✓ The day celebrates the freedom of legal profession
- ✓ Indian Constitution is the longest written Constitution in the world
- ✓ It took two years, eleven months and seventeen days for the drafting committee to frame the constitution

### ➤ National Milk Day – November 26, 2020





- ✓ The National Milk Day is celebrated every year on November 26, and it was established by the Food and Agricultural Organisation in 2014.
- ✓ This day is basically observed to honour Dr Verghese Kurien, who is known as the father of India's White Revolution.
- ✓ This year marks the 99<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Milk man of India, who launched 'Operation Flood'
- ✓ This program single-handedly transformed India from a milk deficit nation to becoming the largest producer of milk in the world, overtaking the USA
- ✓ Between 1970 and 1995, Operation Flood laid a solid foundation for milk production, processing and marketing of milk across India through a network of 177,000 local village cooperatives.
- ✓ Operation Flood completely transformed the lives of farmers and the health of citizens of this country
- ✓ Dr Kurien, born in Kozhikode on November 26, 1921, had graduated in Science from Loyola College in 1940 and obtained an Engineering degree from Guindy College of Engineering in Chennai.
- ✓ Verghese has won several awards, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Wateler Peace Prize, World Food Prize, Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan.
- ✓ The first National Milk Day was observed on November 26, 2014, in which various milk producers from 22 states participated.
- ✓ India is the largest milk producing country in the world, producing 22% of the world's milk at 188 MT in 2018
- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) selected June 1 in 2001 as World Milk Day, which celebrates the contributions of the dairy sector to sustainability, economic development, livelihoods and nutrition.
  
- **International Day for Elimination of violence against women – November 25**
- ✓ The day is marked by the United Nations and other agencies every year.
- ✓ It is observed to create awareness about the various abuses - domestic violence, rape and other forms of violence – faced by the women around the world
- ✓ Theme 2020 - "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect"



- ✓ On this day in the year 1960, three Mirabal sisters were assassinated upon orders from the Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo.
- ✓ In 1981, activists from Caribbean Feminist Encuentros and Latin America marked November 25 as day to raise awareness of violence against women.
- ✓ According to the World Health Organization, one in three women (that is 35% of women) are experiencing physical violence.
- ✓ The International Day of Elimination of Violence against women also starts the “16 Days of Activism against Gender-based violence”.
- ✓ It is a campaign, first initiated in 1991, that runs every year between November 25 and December 10, which is observed as the Human Rights Day.
- ✓ More than 6,000 organizations from 187 countries participate in the campaign.
- ✓ The following are the significant dates, marked by the United Nations, in the course of the campaign
  - ✓ November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against women
  - ✓ November 29: International Women Human Rights Defenders Day
  - ✓ December 1: World AIDS Day
  - ✓ December 5: International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
  - ✓ December 10: International Human Rights Day

