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## 1. SpaceX to launch India's communication satellite GSAT-20.

India's heavy communication satellite GSAT-20, weighing 4,700 kg, will be launched on November 19, 2024 by Elon Musk's company SpaceX from Cape Canaveral in the US. The satellite has been developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and will provide essential communication services, including internet, to remote areas.



## 2. Victoria Kjer Thelvig becomes Denmark's first Miss Universe.

Victoria Kjer Thelvig of Denmark scored a historic win at the 73rd Miss Universe pageant held in Mexico, becoming Denmark's first Miss Universe crowned. The 21-year-old Victoria, who hails from Soborg, Denmark, beat 125 contestants, including India's Riya Sinha. With her intelligence, elegance, and advocacy for social awareness, Victoria earned the honour and inspired millions globally.



## 3. Manoj Bajpayee's 'The Fable' wins at Leeds International Film Festival.

Manoj Bajpayee's film "The Fable" has strengthened its global recognition by winning the Best Film award at the 38th Leeds International Film Festival. Directed by director Ram Reddy, the film won the award in the Constellation Feature Film Competition, which honors revolutionary cinema globally. The film was praised for its unique story and impressive portrayal of magical realism.



## 4. From Congress to Intelligence to National Intelligence: Tulsi Gabbard's New Role.

On November 13, 2024, Donald Trump appointed former Democratic Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard as the US Director of National Intelligence (DNI). Gabbard was given the responsibility of overseeing the operations of 18 intelligence agencies, executing national intelligence programs, and preparing the President's daily intelligence briefing.



## 5. Nigeria confers 'Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger' award on PM Modi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be conferred the prestigious Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) by Nigeria, a significant milestone in India-Nigeria relations. The honour is reserved for exceptional global leaders, and was previously conferred only on Queen Elizabeth II in 1969. Modi has received 17 international awards so far with this honour.



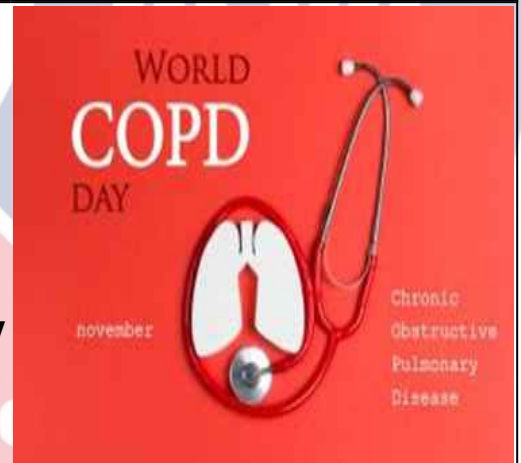
## 6. Ashutosh Gowariker to chair IFFI 2024 international jury.

Film director Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed chairman of the international jury of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to be held in Goa from November 20 to November 28, 2024. Gowariker, whose notable films include 'Lagaan' (2001) and 'Jodhaa Akbar' (2008), expressed his honour at the appointment, saying cinema is evolving with time and there is no better place than a film festival to witness this evolution.



## 7. World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day 2024.

Every year on the third Wednesday of November, "World COPD Day" is organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD). This year it was celebrated on 20 November. It was started in 1997 by WHO, GOLD and other institutions of the US, and this day is celebrated with the aim of raising awareness about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).



## 8. Karnataka Bank launches innovative financial products for students.

Karnataka Bank has introduced two new financial products for students: 'KBL Peak' education loan and 'KBL Genius' student savings account. These products aim to help students achieve their academic goals and promote their financial independence. 'KBL Peak Education Loan' offers an amount of up to Rs 2 crore, which covers expenses such as tuition, accommodation, travel, books, and laptops for higher education in India and abroad.



1. Which country honoured PM Modi with the 'Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger' award?

A - South Africa

B - Nigeria

C - Niger

D - Egypt

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2. Who will chair the international jury at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 in Goa?

A - Ashutosh Gowariker

B - Rajkumar Hirani

C - Karan Johar

D - Zoya Akhtar

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A - Maria Fernanda Beltran

B - Victoria Kjer

C - Riya Singha

D - Kanidimma Adeteshina

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4. When is the International Day for Tolerance celebrated?

A - 16 November

B - 18 November

C - 20 November

D - 21 November

The International Day for Tolerance is celebrated on 16 November with the aim of promoting tolerance in society and spreading awareness against violence, discrimination, and negativity. The day was introduced by the United Nations General Assembly in 1996 and was started on the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



**5. On the occasion of whose 150th birth anniversary, Sarai Kale Khan ISBT Chowk in Delhi was renamed to honour him?**

- A - Jawaharlal Nehru  
B - Birsa Munda  
C - Vinoba Bhave  
D - Subhash Chandra Bose

A controversy has arisen between the Delhi and the central government over renaming Sarai Kale Khan Chowk to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk. Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the renaming on the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, aimed at honouring the tribal freedom fighter.



**6. Which organization signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen India's video gaming industry at the Indian Game Developers Conference (IGDC) 2024?**

- A - FICCI and GDAI  
B - FICCI and NASSCOM  
C - NMDC and NASSCOM  
D - FICCI and CII

FICCI and Game Developers Association of India (GDAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Indian Game Developers Conference 2024. The partnership aims to promote innovation, skill development and building a strong ecosystem in India's video gaming industry.



**7. Super Typhoon Man-Yi, also known locally as Pepito, has caused widespread devastation in the northern region of which country?**

- A - Japan  
B - Philippines  
C - Indonesia  
D - Thailand

Super Typhoon Man-Yi, known in the Philippines as Pepito, has made landfall on Luzon island for the second time, bringing strong winds, torrential rains and deadly storm surges. The powerful storm wreaked havoc, especially in the Cantanduanes region, where trees were uprooted, buildings were damaged and power supplies were disrupted.



**8. When will the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims be observed in 2024?**

- A - February 10  
B - November 17  
C - October 28  
D - December 12

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDoR) will be observed on November 17, 2024, to remember the millions of people lost and injured on the roads. This year's theme is 'The Day That Lasts', recalling stories of accidents that changed the lives of victims forever. The day underlines the importance of road safety and calls for action for safer roads.





## One Liner

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9. Where will the Indian Army honour the heroes of the 1962 Indo-China War with commemorative events on November 17 and 18? - **Tong and West Kameng**
10. Which country sent 425 metric tonnes of food grains and food items to support Suriname's social welfare program? - **India**

