

National

1. 47th Foundational Day of Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for PwD

Dr Jitendra Sharma Director of Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for PwD presided over the 47th foundational Day of the Institute. Shri Mallikarjuna Aitha was the Guest of Honour at the event. Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for PwD is an Autonomous organisation under MoSJE established in 1976.

2. Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan

In a bid to spread the message of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan of Government of India, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has entered into an MoU with ISKCON. Shri Sundar Gopal Das, Chairman ISKCON India Youth Council congratulated the Ministry for launching such a mass campaign.



3. REC honoured with Best Employer in Diversity and Inclusion Award

REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under Ministry of Power received the "Best Employer in Diversity and Inclusion" Award by Assocham. The award was given at 4th Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Awards and Conclave organised by Assocham.

4. Launch of SIF and GDPIR

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi launched two India led initiatives namely Social Impact Fund(SIF) and Global Digital Public Infrastructure Repository(GDPIR) . The initiatives are aimed at promoting the development of Social Impact Fund to advance Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in the Global South.

5. Mapping of the Archives Book

The Kalanidhi division held a book launch at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) for the book "Mapping of the Archives in India". Descriptive e-catalogue of "Aagam-Tantra-Mantra-Yantra" was also launched.

6. DGFT sign MoU with Amazon India

To boost e-commerce exports from the country and to enable Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) signed a MoU with Amazon India. It will leverage Districts as an Export Hubs initiative and promote e-commerce exports from the country.

7. 8th IWIS in New Delhi

Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 8th edition of the Indian Water Impact Summit (IWIS) 2023 at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. The Summit is organised by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGANGA).

8. VIKSIT BHARAT SANKALP YATRA

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra launched by PM Modi is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at saturating the benefits of Central Government schemes across Nation. It was launched on 15th November 2023 from Khunti, Jharkhand. It aims to create awareness and deliver the benefits of welfare programs directly to the people.

9. ISHA Insight - The DNA of Success

Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship participated in the 12th edition of ISHA INSIGHT- The DNA of Success. The event was organised at Coimbatore.

The event witnessed a fireside chat between Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev and the Union Minister.

10. AGNI to promote Ayurveda

The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda

Sciences (CCRAS) under Ministry of Ayush launched a new program namely "Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative" (AGNI) to promote Innovations by Ayurveda practitioners. It will promote research for mainstreaming the pragmatic Ayurveda practices through scientific validation and evidence based Appraisal.

11. New Education for New India campaign

The President of India Shri Droupadi Murmu launched a new Educational campaign called "New Education for New India" of Brahma Kumaris at Sambalpur, Odisha. The campaign is to inculcate values and uplift the consciousness of students which will lead to better society.



12. AIM and NITI AAYOG launched new accelerator RISE

The AIM and NITI AAYOG launched a new accelerator called Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE) to support Australian and Indian circular economy startups. Startups and small to mid sized Enterprises in India and Australia working on Circular technologies and solutions will benefit from it.

13. E-registration portal for Sari Walkathon launched

Union Minister of State for Textiles Srimati Dardhana Jardosh launched the E-registration portal of Sari Walkathon. The Sari Walkathon will be organised in Mumbai at MMRDA Ground.

14. 27th meeting of the Committee on protection of SC/ST held

The 27th meeting of the committee took place at

Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan for effective coordination to devise ways and means to curb offences of untouchability and atrocities against SCs and STs. The committee is under the chairmanship of the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.

15. Operation Clean Sweep

The Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) busted a syndicate of 48 fake firms availing Fraudulent ITC of over 199 crores, under Operation Clean Sweep. Operation Clean Sweep was launched against fake billers, based on human intelligence.

16. State Educational Achievement Survey 2023

The State Educational Achievement Survey 2023 by PARAKH was successfully conducted. It was conducted to understand the baseline performance in the development of the competencies at the end of foundational, preparatory and middle stages. 80 lakh students from 3 lakh schools at 5917 blocks across the nation participated in the survey.

17. Sant Mirabai Janmotsav

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi will visit Mathura to participate in the Sant Mirabai Janmotsav. The Program is being organised to celebrate 525th Birth Anniversary of Sant Mirabai. The program will also mark the initiation of year-long programmes in the memory of Sant Mirabai.

18. President launched projects on her visit to Odisha

The President of India Shrimati Droupadi Murmu launched various projects on her official visit to Odisha. She flagged off three new trains from Badhampur Railway Station, Inaugurated new Rairangpur Postal Division etc. PM JANMAN (PM-Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyaan) was also launched on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas for development of PVTGs.



19. International Mart at Shillong

The Ministry of Tourism organised the International Tourism Mart at Shillong, Meghalaya to create awareness about the tourism potential of the North East Region. The program is held annually in one of the North Eastern States on a rotational basis with the objective to provide a bigger platform to North Eastern stakeholders.

20. A specialised Teacher Training workshop was organised as part of the Knowledge and Awareness Mapping Platform (KAMP)'s third Continuous Professional Development (CPD) program for educators in collaboration with CSIR-CSIO and CBSE. The central theme of the workshop was "Nano Quest-A Journey of Exploration Through Nanoworld".

21. 48 hour Film Challenge

The Union Minister Anurag Thakur launched the 48 hour "Film Challenge" as part of the "75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow" at 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). The program is set to witness the dynamic celebration of innovation and storytelling prowess by young creative talents.

22. Digital Government Senior Leaders Program

The National e-Governance Division in collaboration with IIM-Bangalore organised the Digital Government Senior Leaders Program under Digital India. The six day intensive workshop is intended to equip the participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead and navigate the complexities of digital

transformation in the government sector.

23. 36th annual conference of AISWA

The President of India Shrimati Droupadi Murmu graced the Inaugural session of 36th Annual Conference and Literary Festival of All India Santa lists Writers Association (AISWA). The AISWA has been promoting Santali lists since its establishment in 1988.

24. FoSCoS portal

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched its Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) portal in four regional languages. It was launched in Hindi Language in September. The four regional languages include Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu and Marathi.

25. GHOST FACULTY in Medical Colleges

The National Medical Commission (NMC) in a proactive measure to eliminate GHOST FACULTY from medical colleges underscores the significance of implementing Aadhar enabled biometric attendance system (AEBAS) for faculty members before inspection.

26 Fire Bird wins 2023 JCB Prize for Literature

Writer Perumal Murugan won the JCB Prize for Literature 2022 for his novel Fire Bird. It is translated from Tamil into English by Janani Kannan. The novel was published by Penguin Random House India.

27. 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas launched in Odisha

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha. Shri Pradhan stat3s to achieve the goal of a developed India by 2047.

28. 2nd Voice of Global South Summit

India to host the 2nd Voice of Global South Summit

bringing together 125 countries of the Global South to share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform. India also hosted the Inaugural session of the Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS).

29. Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting

- The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) hosted the Pre-National Conference Webinar on Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR): Tracking the Journey of Non-financial Disclosures by businesses in India.
- The webinar has central focus on key issues of diversity, materiality and Occupational health and safety (OHS).

30. WHO and AYUSH Ministry sign PCA

- The World Health Organisation and Ministry of AYUSH signed the traditional and complementary Medicine "Project Collaboration Agreement".
- The main objective is to integrate aspects like standardisation, quality and safety of Traditional and Complementary Medical Systems into the National Health System and to disseminate them at International level.

31. Hello Nariyal FoCT call centre

The Coconut Development Board officially launched Hello Nariyal FoCT call centres which cater to the needs of coconut farmers in coconut harvesting and other plant management practices. It is a call centre in Kerala that functions from the Headquarters of the Board in Kochi.

32. Aerospace and Aviation on 2047 exhibition

The President of India Sri Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a two day International Conference cum exhibition on Aerospace and Aviation in 2047 in New Delhi. It is being organised by the Aeronautical Society

of India (AeSI) at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre. It is being organised to commemorate 75 years of excellence of AeSI.

33. Indian Art, Architecture and Design Biennale

The Ministry of Culture is organising Indian Art, Architecture and Design Biennale 2023 at Red Fort. The Biennale is an innovative initiative to celebrate the rich tapestry of our country's artistic heritage, spanning ancient, modern, contemporary and Tech driven art, architecture and design.



34. 60th NPG on Sectoral Plan for Efficient Logistics (SPEL)

The 60th Network Planning Group (NPG) meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (Logistics), DPIIT, Smt Sumita Dawra. The meeting focused on discussions on the Sectoral plan for efficient logistics (SPEL) by individual line Ministries and Departments. This initiative proposed under CLAP on National Logistics Policy was proposed to ensure that a focused approach is taken in addressing logistics related requirements at individual sector level.

International

1. ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023

The ASEAN-India Millet Festival is being organised in Indonesia by the Indian mission to ASEAN in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The aim of the festival is to raise awareness

and create a market for millets and Millet based products among the ASEAN member states.

2. International Financing of Gas fired power plants

The report by Friends of the Earth, US has identified four power plants that directly contradicted the United States directive on ending International financing for new fossil fuel projects by Multinational Development Bank's. The four power plants will emit over 6 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent a year at their lowest estimates.

3. Former US first lady Rosalynn Carter passed away

Roselyn Carter, also described as "the Steel Magnolia", passed away. She was a pivotal figure during President Jimmy Carter's tenure. She was known for her active promotion of mental health causes and played a significant role in various initiatives alongside her husband.



4. USA PHILIPPINES sign Nuclear Deal

The USA and Philippines signed a landmark nuclear deal. The deal would allow Washington to export nuclear technology and material to Manila which is exploring the use of nuclear power to decarbonise and boost energy independence.

5. Cambridge Word of the Year 2023 HALLUCINATE

- The Cambridge Dictionary team chose Hallucinate as its Word of the Year 2023 as "it recognized that the new meaning gets to the heart of why people are talking about AI".

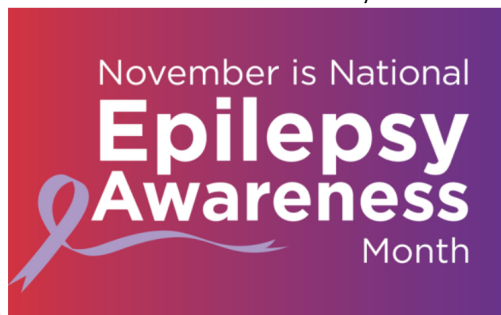
The Dictionary updated the meaning of Hallucinate to account for its new usage in the Context of artificial

intelligence algorithms.

Days

1. National Epilepsy Day observed on November 17

National Epilepsy Day is celebrated every year in India on November 17 to raise awareness around the brain disorder and bust myths surrounding the disease. Epilepsy is a brain disorder that can cause seizures due to abnormal brain activity.



Sports

1. Roshibina Devi won silver at World Wushu Championship 2023

Asian Game Solver medallist Roshibina Devi won Silver in the Women's 60 kg category at 16th World Wushu Championship. She lost to Vietnam's Thi Thu Nguyen in the final. India ended its campaign with 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.

2. First ever Khelo India Para Games

The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the first ever Khelo India Para Games to be held in New Delhi. The mega event will witness over 1350 Para athletes from 32 states and Union Territories. A total of 7 disciplines will be held across three Sports Authority of India stadiums.

3. Sai-Chirag advance to 2nd round at China Masters Super 750

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty advance at

the China master's Super 750. The top seeds beat Akira Koga and Taichi Saito of Japan 21-15 and 21-16 to sail through to the quarterfinals.



4. India's 15 game unbeaten run at home shatters with a loss against QATAR

India lost to Qatar in the FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifier 0-3. India's record of 15 games unbeaten at home was shattered by the Qataris. Coach Igor Stimac's move to bench Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu backfired.

5. Novak Djokovic claims 7th ATP Finals crown

The Lawn Tennis Superstar Novak Djokovic claimed his seventh ATP Finals Crown sweeping aside local hero Jannik Sinner 6-3, 6-3. It was his 40th Masters 1000 title.

6. Australia won ICC ODI Cricket World Cup 2023

Australia won the ICC Men's ODI Cricket World Cup title for the sixth time after beating in-form India by six wickets. The final took place at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. Travis Head of Australia became Player of the Match with unbeaten 137 runs in 120 balls.

7. Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team to perform at India-Australia ICC World Cup Final

The Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team is set to amaze spectators at Narendra Modi Stadium with a ten minute air show before India-Australia ICC

World Cup Final. The team will feature a fleet of nine HAWK aircraft.

8. PV sindhu joins Prakash Padukone in quest of Olympic Gold

Two time Olympic Medallist PV Sindhu disclosed of training under Prakash Padukone at his academy in Bengaluru in the lead up to the Paris Olympics. Sindhu made it onto the final four in Malaysia Masters, Canada Open, Arctic Open and Denmark Open in 2023.



Person in News

1. Col Sunita becomes first woman to command AFTC

In a historic moment to the nation Army Medical Corps Officer Col Sunita BS became first women to assume the role of Commanding Officer at Armed Forces Transfusion Centre (AFTC), Delhi Cantt. She was previous Commanding a strategically important Field Hospital in Arunachal Pradesh.

2. Visitors Ophthalmologist Dr SS Badrinath passes away

Dr SS Badrinath the founder of India's biggest Charitable Eye hospital Sankara Nethralaya passes away at his residence. He is a renowned vitreoretinal surgeon. In 1978 he founded the Medical Research Foundation of which Sankara Nethralaya is the hospital unit, a registered society and a charitable non profit Ophthalmic organisation.



3. Luc Frieden elected as Prime Minister of Luxembourg

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi congratulated the newly elected Prime Minister of Luxembourg Luc Frieden. He was the ex finance minister. Outgoing Prime Minister Xavier Bettel said that his Democratic Party reached an agreement with Christian Social People's Party to form a government.

4. New CIC Heeralal Samariya calls on Union Minister Jitendra Singh

The Chief Information Commission of India today called on Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh. He updated the RTI disposal rate having crossed 90 percent this year. This is the first meeting between CIC and DoPT Minister since Samariya was sworn in as CIC.

5. COAS Manoj Pande to visit Republic of Korea

General Manoj Pande, the Chief of Army Staff, made an official visit to the Republic of Korea. The aim of the visit is to further reinforce the robust Defence ties between the two nations. The visit commenced on 20th November which is a historic day. It is on this day 73 years back, 60 Para Field Ambulance of the Indian Army landed in Busan to provide much needed medical support during the Korean War.

6. Pedro Sanchez re elected as Spanian President

The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi congratulated Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on his re-election as the President of Spain. Sanchez was voted for another term after a prolonged

deadlock following the General election in July. Spain is a Parliamentary monarchy and Prime Minister in the head of the Government whose official title is the President of Government.



Miscellaneous

1. World Toilet Day observed on November 19

World Toilet Day, a United Nations Official international Observance day was celebrated on 19th November. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) initiated the Clean Toilets Campaign. The cities are to focus on Sanitation, Mechanised Desludging and Used Water Management.

Science and Tech/Space/Defence

1. MoU between HQ IDS and CSIR

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff and the CSIR. The MoU focused on the subject matter of technical collaboration and joint research and development in the field of Defence Technology.

2. INS SUMEDHA deployed ar Maputo

The Indian Naval Ship Sumedha as a part of the ongoing Extended Operational Deployment to Africa arrived at Maputo, Mozambique. It is aimed at strengthening long standing diplomatic relations, reinforce maritime cooperation and boost interoperability between both the navies.

3. AUSTRAHIND-23

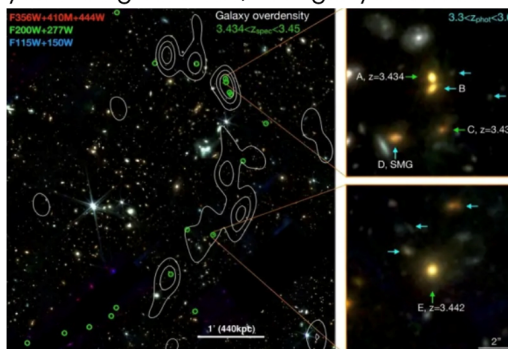
The 2nd edition of Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23 commenced at Perth, Australia between Indian and Australian Armed Forces. The Indian Armed Forces contingent comprising of 81 personnel departed for Australia to take part on the exercise.

4. Atmospheric Wave Experiment (AWE) of NASA

NASA is set to launch the Atmospheric Wave Experiment (AWE) aimed at studying the interactions between Terrestrial and Space weather. It will be attached to the exterior of the International Space Station and will study colourful bands of light in Earth's atmosphere called Airglow.

5. James Webb Telescope discovered Cosmic Vine

The James Webb Telescope discovered a massive chain of 20 galaxies in the early universe nicknamed as Cosmic Vine. It swoops through space in a Bow shape estimated to stretch more than 13 million light-years long and 650,000 light years wide.



6. Annual UN Forum 2023

The United Service Institution (USI) of India organised the Annual UN Forum 2023 on "International Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping" in New Delhi. The Forum is being organised in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Centre for UN Peacekeeping Operations. The USI is the country's oldest think tank established in 1870 for research and debate on national security and military affairs.

7. Launch of MCA Barge, LSAM 10

The Missile cum Ammunition Barge, LSAM 10 (Yard 78) built by MSME Shipyard, M/s SECON Engineering Projects pvt Ltd (SEPPL), Visakhapatnam for the Indian Navy. The launching ceremony was presided over by Cmde Shanmugam Sabesan, CRO (EAST). The Barge was launched at Guttenadeevi, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh.

8. NASA achieved First Light with DSOC Experiment

- NASA's Deep Space Optical Communications Experiment achieved its First Light after a flight laser transceiver aboard the Agency's Psyche spacecraft transmitted and received near-infrared signals from Earth.
- The Space Agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California reportedly oversees the DSOC Experiment.

9. Indian Navy Ocean Sailing Race 2023

The Indian Navy organised an inter-command Ocean Sailing race 2023 from Kochi to Goa. It was organised under the aegis of Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) based at Naval Headquarters (NHQ), New Delhi. They serve to impart the values of courage, camaraderie, endurance and esprit-de-corps amongst budding Naval Personnel.

10. Zorawar Light Tank

India's indigenously designed and developed light tank named Zorawar to be installed at China border. The tank is designed for operations in high altitude regions. The DRDO collaborated with Larsen and Toubro for this project, aiming to equip the Indian Military with a highly mobile and accurate firepower platform.

11. Digital India RISC-V Program

Union Minister Rajeev Chandrashekhkar flagged off Nationwide roadshow on Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V)

program. It is being jointly organised by C-DAC, IEEE, Indian Council and MeitY. The program will offer opportunities to students, Startups and entrepreneurs further catalysing the Semiconductor ecosystem in India.

Health/Enviroment/Agriculture

1. State of Cryosphere Report 2023

The state of Cryosphere 2023- Two degrees is Too High report shows that all of the Earth's frozen parts will experience irreversible damage at 2 degree centigrade of global warming. It will be disastrous for millions of people, societies and nature.

2. WHO-CDC report on Measles Cases

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) released a report on Measles cases and deaths. The report stated that due to the decline in Measles Vaccination, cases in 2022 rose by 18 percent and Deaths were up by 43 percent globally compared to 2021. Measles deaths were highest in low-income countries.

3. New Plant Species discovered in Western Ghats

Scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) report two new plant species from evergreen patches at the southern end of Western Ghats. The new species are named as Musseanda Conferta and Rungia Longistachya.

