

## GK Digest - Fourth Week of Nov '17 (20th -26th)

### **National**

#### **Manushi Chhillar wins Miss World 2017 title**

- India's **Manushi Chhillar** (20), a medical student, was crowned **Miss World** for the year 2017. She is the sixth Indian winner of the long-running contest, now in its **67th edition**.
- India now levels with Venezuela as the countries with most victories. The crown was previously brought home by **Priyanka Chopra in 2000**.

#### **NASA launches Joint Polar Satellite System-1**

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched a next-generation satellite called the **Joint Polar Satellite System-1 (JPSS-1)**.
- It was launched into orbit atop United Launch Alliance-built Delta II rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

#### **Union Government cancels Israeli Missile deal worth \$500-million**

- Indian Government decided to cancel a **\$500 million deal** for procuring Spike ATGM (Anti-Tank Guided Missile) from Israel, which was expected to be signed after price negotiations that was completed last year.
- Union Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** wants that **Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)** for the Indian Army should be indigenously developed and build by DRDO.

#### **India becomes Second Largest Fish producing Country in the World**

- November 21 is celebrated as World Fisheries Day, worldwide every year. India, which is the second largest fish producing country celebrates it from November 21, 2014 and it is being celebrated for the fourth consecutive year.
- The **theme** of this year is "**2022 ka hai sapnaa..... kisaan ki aay ho duguna - Sankalp se siddhi** (which states 'the dream for the upliftment of farmers by 2022')."

### India asks UN to declare 2018 as International Year of Millets

- Indian Government has written a letter to United Nations (UN) urging to declare 2018 as the '**International Year of Millets,**' which in turn will help to spread awareness about the nutritional value of millets across the world.
- Millets have higher nutritional value compared to wheat and rice as it contains a high level of protein with a more balanced amino acid profile, crude fiber, and minerals.

### Indian Railways installs Asia's Largest Solid State Interlocking (SSI) in Kharagpur

- Indian Railways has installed Asia's largest **Solid State Interlocking (SSI)** system in Kharagpur, which will **enable** station masters **to set 800 different routes for trains in a matter of minutes.**
- Interlocking is a railway signal apparatus that prevents conflicting movements of trains. **Asia's largest** Solid State Interlocking (SSI) system has been installed in **Kharagpur** at a cost of **Rs. 39 crore.**

### IFFI Nominates Nine Movies for ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal

- The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) nominated **nine** movies for this year's International Council for Films, Television and Audio-visual Communication (ICFT)-UNESCO Gandhi Medal. Out of nine films, five are from India.
- The Indian films competing for the prestigious ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal are **Kshitij - A Horizon, Manusangada, Poorna, Railway Children and Take-Off.**

### Nabaneeta Dev Sen honored with Big Little Book Award

- Adding to notable Padma Shri and Sahitya Akademi Awards, Popular Bengali writer **Nabaneeta Dev Sen** declared as winner in 'Author in the Bengali language' category at the second edition of Big Little Book Award.

- The Big Little Book Award honors authors and illustrators who have contributed to children's literature that are global in appeal and contextual in nature.

### **Rajkummar Rao's Newton win big at Asia Pacific Screen Awards**

- Bollywood movie '**Newton**' secured two wins with Rajkummar Rao winning the best actor award at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards in Brisbane, Australia.
- Mayank Tewari and Amit V. Masurkar secured the best screenplay honor, adding another win for the movie.

### **IKEA opens first 'Hej HOME' in India at Hyderabad**

- Swedish home furnishing major **IKEA launched** its first experiential center '**IKEA Hej HOME**' in **Hyderabad**, ahead of opening its first store in the country at the same state in Spring 2018.

### ***International***

#### **Qatar the Richest Country in the World**

- **Qatar** has been named the world's richest country as per the recent **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** report.
- The per capita GDP (gross domestic product) of Qatar is over Rs. 81 lakh.

#### **Google offers 1,30,000 scholarships for developers and students for Skill India mission**

- To boost '**Skill India**' mission, **Google** now joined hands with **Pluralsight and Udacity** for a **new scholarship program** that will help 130K developers and students from India to gain the necessary skills needed to be successful in the constantly changing technology landscape.

#### **Beyonce named 2017's Highest-Paid Woman in Music according to Forbes**

- **American singer Beyonce** has been named the **highest-paid woman** in music for 2017 by the Forbes.

- Her earnings, mainly from album '**Lemonade**' and **Formation World Tour**, have been estimated to be **\$105 million (Rs. 682 crore)**.

### **Indonesia's Kevin Lilliana Crowned as Miss International 2017**

- Indonesia's **Kevin Lilliana** was crowned **Miss International 2017** on November 14, 2017.
- The coronation night was held at the Tokyo Dome City Hall in Japan. This is the **first Miss International title for Indonesia**.

### **Sports**

#### **Basel to become first city to jointly host Badminton and Para Badminton World Championships in 2019**

- **Basel, Switzerland** will become the first city to jointly host the **Badminton and Para-Badminton World Championships in 2019**.
- The Badminton World Federation (BWF) confirmed that the two tournaments: Badminton and Para-Badminton World Championships will be held simultaneously for the first time.

#### **Afghanistan Wins Maiden Under-19 Asia Cup**

- Afghanistan stunned favorites Pakistan by a massive 185 runs to clinch their **maiden Under-19 Asia Cup title**, in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.
- **Ikram Ali Khil** was the **man of the match** against Pakistan U19 in the ACC U19 Youth Asia Cup Final for his **107 not out** and **Mujib Zadran** was the **man of series** for his **20 wickets** in the tournament.

#### **Lionel Messi Wins His Fourth European Golden Shoe Award**

- **Lionel Messi** leveled it with Cristiano Ronaldo after winning His **Fourth European Golden Shoe Award** at the award ceremony in Barcelona, Spain.
- The FC Barcelona superstar claimed the prize – handed to Europe's Top Goal-scorer for his 37 LaLiga strikes in 2016-17.

### Ritu Phogat bags silver medal in U-23 World Wrestling Championship

- Indian female wrestler **Ritu Phogat** bagged the **Silver medal** in the **48kg category** in U-23 Senior World Wrestling Championship at Bydgoszcz, Poland.
- Phogat defeated Bulgarian Wrestler Selishka by 4-2 points in the quarterfinal and defeated Chinese Wrestler Jiang Zhu by 4-3 points in the semifinal.

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