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Today's Event – 13th November 2021

- 1841 James Braid first sees a demonstration of *animal magnetism* by Charles Lafontaine, which leads to his study of the subject he eventually calls *hypnotism*
- 1887 Bloody Sunday clashes in central London.
- 1901 The 1901 Caister lifeboat disaster.
- 1927 The Holland Tunnel opens to traffic as the first Hudson River vehicle tunnel linking New Jersey to New York City.
- 1940 Walt Disney's animated musical film *Fantasia* is first released, on the first night of a roadshow at New York's Broadway Theatre.
- 1947 The Soviet Union completes development of the AK-47, one of the first proper assault rifles.
- 1950 General Carlos Delgado Chalbaud, President of Venezuela, is assassinated in Caracas.
- 1954 Great Britain defeats France to capture the first ever Rugby League World Cup in Paris in front of around 30,000 spectators.
- 1956 The Supreme Court of the United States declares Alabama laws requiring segregated buses illegal, thus ending the Montgomery bus boycott.
- 1966 In response to Fatah raids against Israelis near the West Bank border, Israel launches an attack on the village of As-Samu.
- 1982 Ray Mancini defeats Duk Koo Kim in a boxing match held in Las Vegas. Kim's subsequent death (on November 17) leads to significant changes in the sport.
- 1982 The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. after a march to its site by thousands of Vietnam War veterans.
- 1985 The volcano Nevado del Ruiz erupts and melts a glacier, causing a lahar (volcanic mudslide) that buries Armero, Colombia, killing approximately 23,000 people.
- 1985 Xavier Suárez is sworn in as Miami's first Cuban-born mayor.
- 1989 Hans-Adam II, the present Prince of Liechtenstein, begins his reign on the death of his father.
- 1990 In Aramoana, New Zealand, David Gray shoots dead 13 people in a massacre before being tracked down and killed by police the next day.
- 1991 The Republic of Karelia, an autonomous republic of Russia, is formed from the former Karelian ASSR
- 1992 The High Court of Australia rules in *Dietrich v The Queen* that although there is no absolute right to have publicly funded counsel, in most circumstances a judge should grant any request for an adjournment or stay when an accused is unrepresented.
- 1994 In a referendum, voters in Sweden decide to join the European Union.
- 1995 Mozambique becomes the first state to join the Commonwealth of Nations without having been part of the former British Empire



- 2000 Philippine House Speaker Manny Villar passes the articles of impeachment against Philippine President Joseph Estrada.
- 2001 War on Terror: In the first such act since World War II, US President George W. Bush signs an executive order allowing military tribunals against foreigners suspected of connections to terrorist acts or planned acts on the United States.
- 2002 Iraq disarmament crisis: Iraq agrees to the terms of the UN Security Council Resolution 1441.
- 2002 During the *Prestige* oil spill, a storm bursts a tank of the oil tanker MV *Prestige*, which was not allowed to dock and sank on November 19, 2002, off the coast of Galicia, spilling 63,000 metric tons of heavy fuel oil, more than the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill.
- 2012 A total solar eclipse occurs in parts of Australia and the South Pacific.
- 2013 Hawaii legalizes same-sex marriage.
- 2013 4 World Trade Center officially opens.
- 2015 Islamic State operatives carry out a series of coordinated terrorist attacks in Paris, including suicide bombings, mass shootings and a hostage crisis. The terrorists kill 130 people, making it the deadliest attack in France since the Second World War

National Events-

- The Mizoram Government has partly halted construction activities along the border with Assam, following the Centre's directive to maintain a status quo at the inter-state boundary, a senior Home Department official said on Friday.
- Dubbing Bollywood actress and Padma Shri recipient Kangana Ranaut as an "agent of hate, intolerance and rabidity", Mahatma Gandhi's great grand-son Tushar A Gandhi said here on Friday that it was natural that a "vicious and petty person" like Kangana to feel that India got its freedom in 2014.
- After Punjab it is the turn of Bengal to take a resolution against the alleged "attempt of the Centre to usurp States' powers." Come November 16, the ruling Trinamool Congress will bring a resolution in Bengal Assembly against the expansion of the jurisdiction of Border Security Force from 15 km to 50 km.
- Intensifying counter terrorist operations, a joint team of security forces eliminated three terrorists including a close relative of Adil Dar, suicide bomber who had rammed his four wheeler against the CRPF convoy near Lethpora in South Kashmir's Pulwama district killing 40 CRPF jawans, in two seprarate enclounters in Kulgam and Srinagar on Friday. So far 133 terrorists including several top commanders have been neutralized across Kashmir valley in different operations.
- While most people have been affected by Covid-19 infections, some have naturally resisted the infectious disease, despite clearly being exposed to the virus. According to researchers at the University College London, understanding this resistance mechanism can lead to the development of universal vaccines against the debilitating virus, said the study published in the journal Nature.

International Events-

• Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Friday that the Gulf nation of Qatar has agreed to represent American interests in Afghanistan following the closure of the US Embassy in Kabul in late August.



- Negotiators at this year's UN climate talks in Glasgow appeared to be backing away from a call to end all use of coal and phase out fossil fuel subsidies completely, but gave poor countries hope for more financial support to cope with global warming.
- A Taliban provincial spokesman says a bomb exploded in a mosque during Friday prayers, wounding at least 15 people in eastern Afghanistan, where Islamic State group militants have been waging a campaign of violence.
- In yet another immigration-friendly move that would benefit thousands of Indian-American women, the Biden administration has agreed to provide automatic work authorisation permits to the spouses of H-1B visa holders, most of whom are Indian IT professionals.
- India has highlighted the need to focus on the emissions related to two and three wheelers alongside other vehicles as part of a zero emissions target at the COP26 summit in Glasgow.

Job alerts-

- Oil India Limited Jobs for Grade VII Work Persons and other posts. Last date Dec 9, 2021
- Kerala Public Service Commission (KPSC) Jobs for Police Constable and other posts. Last date Dec 1, 2021
- Odisha Public Service Commission Jobs for Medical Officers (Asst. Surgeon) and other posts. Last date Dec 13, 2021

Sports-

- For the second day running, a seemingly doomed chase proved anything but as Australia matched New Zealand in getting home with an over to spare thanks to some spectacular late hitting against Pakistan.
- Vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane will lead India in the first Test against New Zealand before regular skipper Virat Kohli returns for the second match even as some all-format bigwigs got complete rest from the assignment in line with the BCCI's workload management of players.
- Just when he is doubted, Harry Kane finds new ways to conjure the spectacular. A right-footed scissor kick from the England captain did more than just complete a perfect hat trick against Albania after a header and left-footed strike.
- Lewis Hamilton is running out of time in his quest to win a fifth straight Formula One title, and the Brazilian Grand Prix offers the British driver little hope of catching leader Max Verstappen.
- Brazil is celebrating as the first South American team to qualify for the World Cup in Qatar with several matches in hand and more than a year before the tournament begins in Qatar.

Technology-

- Smartphone brand realme on Saturday announced its mainline expansion across India with a total of 200 exclusive stores. The stores are now operational and will enable users to experience all the latest realme products.
- Tech giant Apple has updated the Apple Store app for iOS with a new feature that makes it easier for users to save items to lists and share those lists with Apple
- According to AppAnnie's report, smartphone users in India spent 4.8 hours a day on average using various mobile apps in Q3 2021



- Taiwanese chipmaking giant MediaTek has finally become the largest smartphone SoC maker this year globally, CEO Rick Tsai said.
- Android 12 stable release rolled out last month to eligible Pixel phones. However, other Android OEMs need to wait a bit longer.

Economy -

- Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has a second and final payment from those who were issued 42.26 crore company shares in a rights issue. And to assist shareholders, it has re-activated WhatsApp Chatbot 7977111111.
- Indian economy is back in action and it is clear from several indicators such as rising exports and increasing foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into the country, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday. He said that merchandise exports during April-October this fiscal stood at USD 232 billion and total FDI during the first four months of this fiscal rose by 62 per cent.
- National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) registered a handsome rise in net profit for Q2 FY 21-22 at Rs 748 crore, posting a jump of 600% over Rs 107 crore achieved during corresponding period of last year. This is one of the strongest performance in a decade, with Net Profit soaring to Rs 1095 crore at half-yearly stage. The net profit has soared by 783% to Rs 1095 crore, as against Rs 124 crore for the corresponding period of previous year.
- For the convenience of the Metro Railway commuters, Metro will run 272 daily services (136 UP & 136 DN) instead of 266 services from Monday to Friday from 07:00 hrs. to 22:30 hrs. w.e.f. 15.11.
 2021 (Monday). Metro is going to run 06 additional daily services on weekdays. Out of these 272 services, 173 services (86 UP & 87 DN) will run in between Kavi Subhash and Dakshineshwar instead of 167 services (83 UP & 84 DN). During morning and evening peak hours, Metro will run services at an interval of 5 minutes.
- The 30-share BSE Sensex spurted by 767 points or 1.28 per cent to close at 60,686.69 points with 25 of its stocks ending with gains. The broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange jumped by 229.15 points or 1.28 per cent to settle at 18,102.75, the highest closing level since October 27. Gains in IT, realty and energy stocks helped indices break three-day losing run.

Local –

- 5 people injured Bhinwadi metro work mishap in Maharashtra
- 90 crores worth heroin seized in Delhi
- Admission surge in Karnataka run PU colleges
- Kolkata colleges gearing for reopening next week
- Supreme Court directs Tripura to ensure security for poll campaigners

GK –

Which social media platform has launched two cyber safety campaigns named 'Safe Stree' and 'My Kanoon'?

[A] SnapChat

- [B] Instagram
- [C] Facebook
- [D] Twitter



The National Achievement Survey (NAS) is conducted once in how many years?

[A] Two years

[B] Three years

[C] Five years

[D] Six years

Which is the only state/UT in the country to have metro facilities in five districts?

[A] West Bengal[B] New Delhi[C] Uttar Pradesh[D] Kerala

Which country's Army Chief was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army recently?

[A] Nepal [B] Sri Lanka

[C] Bangladesh

[D] Bhutan

'Clean Green Village week' has been observed under which scheme?

[A] DDU GKY

[B] MGNREGS

[C] DAY NRLM

[D] DAY NULM