

November 21st news:

International:

Dalveer Bhandari In ICJ as UK Pulls Out Of Race

India's Dalveer Bhandari, made it to the International Court of Justice as Britain pulled out its candidate Christopher Greenwood following a stalemate in the hard-fought race. Voting for the last seat was held earlier tonight. Mr Greenwood had support in the UN Security Council, and Dalveer Bhandari had won the vote in the General Assembly. This will be the first time since the ICJ was established in 1945 that there will be no British judge.

National:

48th IFFI begins in Goa

The 48th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) began on 20th November, the festival was inaugurated by Shah Rukh Khan.

- Around 200 films from 82 countries will be screened during the nine-day festival in Panaji
- Apart from 20 Oscar-nominated movies, this year's festival will have over 10 Asia premiers, 3 world premieres and 64 India premiers of international films.
- 'Beyond the clouds' by legendary Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi was the opening film, while Indo-Argentine film 'Thinking of Him' by Pablo César will be the closing movie.
- 26 feature films and 16 non-feature films belonging to different languages and regions will be screened in the Indian Panorama Section of the festival.
- Vinod Kapri-directed Hindi film Pihu will be the opening movie in the feature film category, while Pushkar Puran by Kamal Sawroop will open the non-feature film category of Indian Panorama.
- IFFI will also screen two movies - Hindi Medium and Secret Superstar - for visually impaired persons with special audio-described technology. Seven award-winning films from BRICS countries will also be screened at the festival.

Forty Second International Congress of Military Medicine Begins

The 42nd World Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) organized by the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) began in New Delhi. The five-day event is being organized for the first time in India and is the largest medical conference ever organized by the AFMS. The theme of this 42nd World Congress is "Military Medicine in Transition: Looking Ahead."

Economy:

Government raises Rs 14,500 cr from Bharat-22 ETF

The government on 20th November increased the new fund offer (NFO) size of Bharat-22 ETF by over 81% to raise 14,500 crore as it decided to accept most of the over-subscriptions from the retail and retirement funds. The basic offer size of the first tranche of the broad-based ETF, comprising its stakes in several blue-chip PSUs and private companies, was `8,000 crore with an option to retain some of the over-subscriptions.

The NFO of the ETF, which closed on 17th November, received bids of about `32,000 crore — a mutual fund record, department of investment and public asset management secretary Neeraj Kumar Gupta said.

Sports:

Afghanistan Wins Maiden Under-19 Asia cricket Cup

Afghanistan defeated 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 Mujeeb Zadran was the man of series for his 20 wickets in the tournament. The tournament was held in Malaysia from 10 to 19 November 2017

Award:

Girish Karnad: Actor-playwright Girish Karnad was on 20th November conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of theatre at the Tata Literature Live in Mumbai. Mr Karnad, who has been writing plays, has had his works translated into various Indian languages and helmed by directors like Ebrahim Alkazi, B V Karanth and Alyque Padamsee among others.

At the eighth edition of the Tata Literature festival the 79-year-old playwright, famously known for writing 'Tughalak', spoke on the topic 'Playing on Twenty Tongues' after receiving the honour.

Tata Trusts' Big Little Book Awards', for Author in Bengali Children's Literature, went to Nabaneeta Dev Sen. This year, in its second edition, 'BLBA' recognised champions of Bengali children's literature.