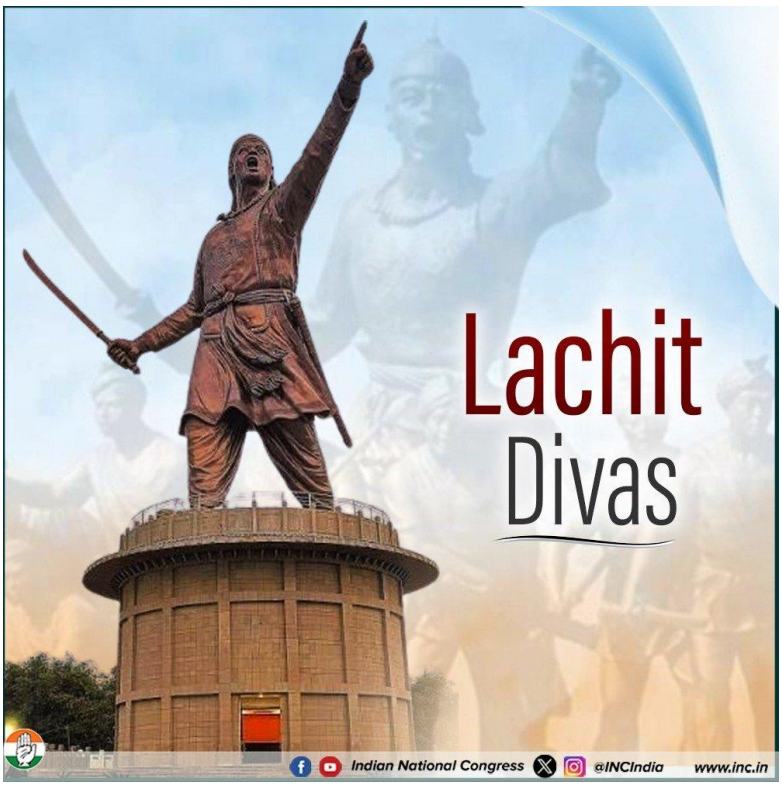
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Lachit Divas 2026

- In 2026 Lachit Divas celebrated in Assam on November 24. This celebrates the birth anniversary of **Lachit Borphukan**, an acclaimed Ahom Kingdom military leader who successfully led the Ahom army to victory against the Mughal's in the **1671 Battle of Saraighat.**
- It celebrates his bravery and leadership and his role in resisting the Mughal's attempt to expand into the Brahmaputra Valley.
- It also acknowledges the efforts of Ahom soldiers, who fought for their country and resisted the Mughal's attempts to expand. Schools, colleges and other bodies hold various events to commemorate Lachit Borphukan and to discuss and celebrate his military endeavours.
- Lachit was the child of Momai Tamuli Borbarua, a key civil and military figure who worked for **Ahom King Pratap Singha**. Thus, Lachit was brought up within the civil and military culture of the Ahom kingdom.
- Within the Ahom Kingdom, the Borphukan was a high-ranking civil and military position. The individual in this role managed the western region of the kingdom and handled crucial military duties.
- During the time that the Mughal Empire was endeavouring to re-establish control over areas within the Brahmaputra Valley, Lachit's military expertise was of great importance.
- The Ahom Kingdom was set up by a Tai prince, Sukaphaa, who moved into the Brahmaputra Valley in 1228. Over time the Ahoms established a formidable kingdom in today's Assam. They were able to remain independent for many centuries.



Guru Nanak Jayanti 2026

- Guru Nanak Jayanti (alternatively called Gurpurab and Prakash Parv) will take place on Tuesday 24th November 2026. It is to celebrate the birthday of Guru Nanak Dev, who was the originator of Sikhism and the first of the ten Sikh Gurus.
- Guru Nanak Dev preached about worshipping one God, equality, truth and selfless service. Gurdwaras run prayer sessions, sing and also provide communal food to celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti.
- Guru Nanak Dev was born in 1469 in a village now called Nankana Sahib in Pakistan. His father was Mehta Kalu (Kalyan Das) and his mother was Mata Tripta.
- Teaching and Description
- **Naam Japna**: Meditation and recollection of the singular God
- **Kirat Karni**: Working ethically to generate income
- **Vand Chakna**: Giving away income and possessions, particularly to those less well off.



Bharat to Establish Offshore IIT Campus in Nepal

- PM Narendra Modi announced on November 23, 2026, that India will establish an offshore campus of the IIT in Nepal. He made the announcement in New Delhi after talks with visiting Nepalese Prime Minister Balendra Shah at Hyderabad House.
- Shah's first bilateral visit to India took place from November 22 to 23, 2026. Alongside the IIT campus, India committed to setting up a startup incubator and an innovation hub in Nepal, and to expanding scholarships for Nepali students pursuing law and technology studies in India.
- The initiatives form part of the Joint Vision Document for "**Viksit Bharat" and "Samunnat Nepal: Reimagining the Partnership**", which sets out cooperation between the two countries.
- Nepal is set to become the third country outside India to host an IIT offshore campus, after IIT Madras opened a campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania, in 2023 and IIT Delhi opened one in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, in 2024.
- As of November 24, 2026, the campus location and operational model in Nepal remained to be finalised through bilateral discussions, Education Ministry officials said.



2026 Tata Transformation Prize Recognises Three Indian Researchers

- The New York Academy of Sciences and Tata Sons announced the 2026 Tata Transformation Prize winners on 23 November. The three Indian researchers were recognised in Food Security, Sustainability and Healthcare.
- Lakshminarayana Rao of the Indian Institute of Science won the Food Security award for developing plasma-activated water as a sustainable alternative to conventional nitrogen fertilisers.
- Amol Kulkarni of CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory received the Sustainability award for solvent-free processes to produce dyes, zeolites and pharmaceuticals using screw reactors.
- Colin Jamora of the Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence won in Healthcare for research into using stem cells from hair follicles to treat diabetic foot ulcers.
- Each winner will receive ₹2 crore, approximately US$215,000–240,000, to advance research and support real-world application. An international jury selected the winners from 217 nominations representing 19 Indian states.
- A ceremony is scheduled in Mumbai in December 2026. Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran said the prize recognises scientific innovation addressing food security, cleaner manufacturing and healthcare.



FIFA Awards 2031 and 2035 Women's World Cup Hosting Rights

- On 23 November 2026, FIFA awarded the 2031 Women's World Cup to the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica, and the 2035 edition to the United Kingdom.
- Delegates approved both decisions by acclamation at a virtual Extraordinary FIFA Congress in Zurich, Switzerland. Neither tournament had a rival bid.
- The 2031 regional bid offers stadiums in 20 cities: 14 in the United States, four in Mexico, and one each in San José, Costa Rica, and Kingston, Jamaica. Jamaica will stage its first World Cup matches, and its national team will qualify automatically as a co-host.
- The 2035 bid, led by England, includes England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It proposes 19 venues, including Wembley Stadium in London. It will be the first time the four UK football associations collectively host a Women's World Cup.
- The 2031 tournament will be the first Women's World Cup with 48 teams and is scheduled to feature 104 matches. FIFA President Gianni Infantino and the host bids pledged to pursue commercially successful tournaments and reinvest all profits in women's football.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. Lachit Divas is celebrated every year in Assam on which date?

A. 22 November

B. 23 November

C. 24 November

D. 25 November

Correct

Correct Answer: C. 24 November

Lachit Divas is observed on 24 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan.

Q2. Lachit Borphukan is associated with which famous battle fought in 1671?

A. Battle of Plassey

B. Battle of Saraighat

C. Battle of Buxar

D. Battle of Haldighati

Correct

Correct Answer: B. Battle of Saraighat

Lachit Borphukan led the Ahom forces to victory against the Mughal army in the Battle of Saraighat in 1671.

Q3. Who founded the Ahom Kingdom in 1228?

A. Lachit Borphukan

B. Pratap Singha

C. Sukaphaa

D. Momai Tamuli Borbarua

Incorrect

Correct Answer: C. Sukaphaa

The Ahom Kingdom was established by the Tai prince Sukaphaa in 1228 in the Brahmaputra Valley.

Q4. Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism, was born at which place?

A. Amritsar

B. Patna Sahib

C. Nankana Sahib

D. Anandpur Sahib

Incorrect

Correct Answer: C. Nankana Sahib

Guru Nanak Dev Ji was born in 1469 at Rai Bhoi Ki Talwandi, now known as Nankana Sahib in Pakistan.

Q5. Which of the following is NOT one of the three fundamental teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji?

A. Naam Japna

B. Kirat Karni

C. Vand Chakna

D. Ahimsa Param Dharma

Incorrect

Correct Answer: D. Ahimsa Param Dharma

The three teachings are Naam Japna, Kirat Karni and Vand Chakna.

Q6. Which country is set to host India's proposed third offshore IIT campus?

A. Sri Lanka

B. Nepal

C. Bhutan

D. Bangladesh

Correct

Correct Answer: B. Nepal

India announced plans to establish an offshore IIT campus in Nepal following bilateral talks between Narendra Modi and Balendra Shah.

Q7. Who received the 2026 Tata Transformation Prize in the Sustainability category?

A. Lakshminarayana Rao

B. Colin Jamora

C. Amol Kulkarni

D. N. Chandrasekaran

Incorrect

Correct Answer: C. Amol Kulkarni

Amol Kulkarni of CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory was recognised for developing solvent-free manufacturing processes.

Q8. How much prize money will each winner of the 2026 Tata Transformation Prize receive?

A. ₹1 crore

B. ₹1.5 crore

C. ₹2 crore

D. ₹5 crore

Incorrect

Correct Answer: C. ₹2 crore

Each of the three awardees will receive ₹2 crore.

Q9. Which countries will jointly host the 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup?

A. USA, Canada, Mexico and Jamaica

B. USA, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica

C. England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland

D. Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay

Incorrect

Correct Answer: B. USA, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica

The 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup will be hosted by the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica.

Q10. Which FIFA Women's World Cup edition will be the first to feature 48 teams?

A. 2027

B. 2031

C. 2035

D. 2039

Incorrect

Correct Answer: B. 2031

The 2031 edition will be the first 48-team FIFA Women's World Cup, featuring 104 matches.