

Current Affairs : November 17, 2024

1. **Lala Lajpat Rai's 96th Death Anniversary**



- On November 17, 2024, the nation remembered Lala Lajpat Rai, also known as "Punjab Kesari," on his 96th death anniversary. He died after being severely injured by the British police while leading a peaceful protest against the Simon Commission. A tribute ceremony was held in his native village in Moga, Punjab.

2. **Prime Minister Modi Conferred Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger**



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the 'Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger' by Nigeria. During his visit, Modi expressed happiness about India's strengthened ties with Nigeria, emphasizing cooperation on issues affecting the Global South.

3. **India's GSAT-20 Satellite to be Launched by SpaceX**



- India's GSAT-20 communication satellite, weighing 4,700 kg, is set to be launched by SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket from Cape Canaveral on November 19, 2024. This heavy satellite, one of India's largest, will provide essential services like internet connectivity to remote areas across the country.

4. ****Ayush Ministry's Yoga at Work Program Receives Award****



- The Ayush Ministry's Yoga at Work program, Y-Break, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for its outstanding performance on the iGOT Karmayogi Bharat platform. The program's success in promoting physical and mental health among government officials has been remarkable, with over 8.7 lakh participants.

5. ****New Data Shows Top Polluting Cities in the World****



- A report at the United Nations Climate Talks revealed that cities in Asia and the United States are the largest contributors to global greenhouse gas emissions. Shanghai, Tokyo, New York, and Houston were listed as the top polluting cities, highlighting the need for urgent action on climate change.

6. ****India Sends Humanitarian Aid to Nigeria****



- Following severe flooding in Nigeria, India sent 15 tons of humanitarian aid to support the country's relief efforts. The aid was part of India's ongoing efforts to assist nations in need, reaffirming its commitment to global solidarity in addressing natural disasters.

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