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Daily Current Affairs - 2 November 2026

Important Days & Their Themes

Q1. On which date is the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists observed?

पत्रकारों के विरुद्ध अपराधों के लिए दंडमुक्ति समाप्त करने का अंतरराष्ट्रीय दिवस किस तिथि को मनाया जाता है?

(a) 1 November
(b) 2 November
(c) 3 November
(d) 5 November
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 2 November

1. The observance falls on **2 November**. It promotes accountability for attacks on journalists and recognises that press freedom depends on journalists being able to work safely.
2. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the day in **2013** through Resolution **A/RES/68/163**, following the killing of two French journalists in Mali on **2 November** 2013.
3. The 2026 UNESCO campaign uses the words **Threats evolve. Impunity endures.** It draws attention to changing threats, including new technologies and weapons used in conflict zones.
4. UNESCO means United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Its 2026 reporting puts unresolved journalist killings at **86%**, underscoring the need for investigation, protection and prosecution.

Economy & Finance

Q2. What was India's gross Goods and Services Tax collection in October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 में भारत का सकल वस्तु एवं सेवा कर संग्रह कितना था?

(a) Rs 1,88,125 crore
(b) Rs 2,03,356 crore
(c) Rs 2,31,290 crore
(d) Rs 1,59,044 crore
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Rs 2,31,290 crore

1. Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue in October 2026 was **Rs 2,31,290 crore**, an increase of **22.9%** over the corresponding month of the previous year.
2. Net GST revenue, after refunds, was **Rs 2,03,356 crore** and rose 25.6%. Gross and net figures should be distinguished when comparing monthly tax data.
3. Domestic collections contributed Rs 1,59,044 crore, while import-related revenue contributed Rs 72,246 crore. These components together equal the reported gross total.
4. April-October 2026 gross collections were approximately **Rs 14.78 lakh crore**, up 13.2%. **Maharashtra** led the state-wise collection figures with Rs 35,150 crore, followed by Karnataka and Gujarat.

State News

Q3. Which state launched BRICS Sustainable Lifestyle Week 2026 at Khuman Lampak in Imphal?

इंफाल के खुमान लंपक में ब्रिक्स सतत जीवनशैली सप्ताह 2026 का शुभारंभ किस राज्य ने किया?

(a) Assam
(b) Manipur
(c) Tripura
(d) Meghalaya
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Manipur

1. **Manipur** launched the programme at **Khuman Lampak**, Imphal, on 1 November 2026. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh inaugurated the state-level activities.
2. The week runs from **1 to 7 November** and encourages environmentally responsible daily habits through public participation, rather than awareness messaging alone.
3. The launch included an environmental pledge, sapling plantation and a cyclothon involving around **200 cyclists**. These activities connected individual behaviour with community conservation efforts.
4. The wider initiative builds on Mission LiFE, meaning **Lifestyle for Environment**. BRICS originally takes its name from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa; the grouping has subsequently expanded.

Q4. Which state announced plans for its tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel during Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026?

राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस 2026 पर सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की राज्य की सबसे ऊंची प्रतिमा स्थापित करने की योजना किस राज्य ने घोषित की?

(a) Gujarat
(b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Bihar
(d) Madhya Pradesh
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Bihar

1. **Bihar** Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary announced the **proposed statue** on **31 October 2026** during the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas programme at **Bapu Sabhagar** in **Patna**.
2. The announcement concerned a planned monument honouring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The report did not specify a final height, project cost or completion date.
3. Patel was independent India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister. He is closely associated with the political integration of princely states after Independence.
4. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, or National Unity Day, is observed on Patel's birth anniversary, 31 October. Distinguish an announced proposal from a completed or inaugurated statue.

National News

Q5. Which institution celebrated its 67th Foundation Day on 1 November 2026 with a doodle activity and a bird walk?

1 नवंबर 2026 को डूडल गतिविधि और बर्ड वॉक के साथ अपना 67वां स्थापना दिवस किस संस्थान ने मनाया?

(a) National Zoological Park, New Delhi
(b) Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad
(c) Alipore Zoological Garden, Kolkata
(d) Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) National Zoological Park, New Delhi

1. The **National Zoological Park** (NZP), New Delhi, marked its **67th Foundation Day** on **1 November 2026**. The programme combined creative outreach with field-based biodiversity learning.
2. A wildlife-conservation doodle activity attracted participation and appreciation from approximately **1,500 visitors**, including children and families.
3. The accompanying 19th Sunday Bird Walk was conducted under ornithologist Dr Paritosh Ahmed. Eighteen participants recorded **46 bird species** and more than 500 individual birds.
4. Such observations contribute to citizen science: members of the public help document biodiversity. Bird identification also helps explain ecological relationships and the role of birds as indicators of ecosystem health.

Q6. Severe Cyclonic Storm Murasu was forecast on 2 November 2026 to approach the coast of which state?

2 नवंबर 2026 के पूर्वानुमान के अनुसार भीषण चक्रवाती तूफान मुरासु किस राज्य के तट की ओर बढ़ रहा था?

(a) Odisha
(b) West Bengal
(c) Kerala
(d) Andhra Pradesh
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Andhra Pradesh

1. The **2 November** forecast concerned the **Andhra Pradesh** coast. **Murasu** had intensified over the west-central **Bay of Bengal** and was moving towards the coast.
2. The **India Meteorological Department** (IMD) forecast landfall between Nellore and Narsapur, near Ongole, around midnight on **2 November** to early 3 November. This was a forecast at the edition's cutoff.
3. Expected sustained winds were 100-110 kilometres per hour, with gusts up to 120 kilometres per hour. Heavy rain, rough seas and coastal inundation were identified as risks.
4. The name **Murasu** was contributed by India and means drum in Tamil. Cyclone naming supports clear identification and communication about a weather system.

Q7. Where were the National Organ Transplant Games 2026 inaugurated by Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan?

उपराष्ट्रपति सी. पी. राधाकृष्णन ने राष्ट्रीय अंग प्रत्यारोपण खेल 2026 का उद्घाटन कहां किया?

(a) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai
(b) Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi
(c) Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru
(d) Balewadi Stadium, Pune
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi

1. The Games were inaugurated at **Talkatora Stadium** in New Delhi on **1 November 2026**. The event brought transplant recipients, donors and healthcare professionals together.

2. The Vice-President highlighted organ donation and the resilience of transplant recipients. The programme also recognised medal winners from the World Transplant Games 2025.
3. A group of **570** transplant recipients and donors performed Tadasana together. The World Book of Records, New Delhi, recognised the congregation after the attempt.
4. The **Zindagi Dobara** Calendar was released. NOTTO, the **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization** under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was associated with the initiative.

International News

Q8. MINURSO, which entered liquidation in November 2026, was the United Nations mission associated with which territory?

नवंबर 2026 में परिसमापन चरण में प्रवेश करने वाला संयुक्त राष्ट्र मिशन मिनुर्सो किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित था?

(a) Western Sahara
(b) South Sudan
(c) Kosovo
(d) East Timor
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Western Sahara

1. MINURSO stands for United Nations Mission for the Referendum in **Western Sahara**. Established in **1991**, it operated in connection with the dispute over Western Sahara.
2. The mission monitored the ceasefire between **Morocco** and the **Polisario Front** and was intended to support a referendum on the territory's future status.
3. Its mandate expired at the end of October 2026 after the Security Council failed to agree on renewal. A liquidation period began on 1 November after **35 years**.
4. Liquidation involves an orderly withdrawal and management of mission equipment and assets. The end of this mission does not itself settle the territory's political status or end wider UN diplomatic engagement.

Appointments

Q9. Who assumed charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India on 1 November 2026?

1 नवंबर 2026 को भारतीय भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण के 55वें महानिदेशक का कार्यभार किसने संभाला?

(a) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir
(b) Thomas Oldham
(c) M. Ravichandran
(d) V. Narayanan
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir

1. **Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir** took charge as the **55th Director General** of the **Geological Survey of India** (GSI) on **1 November 2026**.
2. Before this appointment he was Additional Director General and head of the Central Region at Nagpur. His work spans geological investigations, mineral exploration and engineering geology.
3. He joined GSI in 1994 and has worked on critical-mineral exploration. As National Mission Head-II, he contributed to the preparation of 202 critical-mineral blocks, including 40 subsequently auctioned.
4. GSI was established in 1851 and functions under the **Ministry of Mines**. Its work includes geological mapping and assessing mineral resources; critical minerals are important for industrial and strategic supply chains.

Q10. Who assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में भारतीय वायु सेना के 29वें वायुसेनाध्यक्ष का कार्यभार किसने संभाला?

(a) Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh
(b) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(c) Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal
(d) Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

1. Air Chief Marshal **Ashutosh Dixit** assumed charge as the **29th Chief of the Air Staff** on **1 November 2026**, succeeding Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh.
2. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is the air component of India's armed forces. The Chief of the Air Staff is its professional head.

3. Dixit is an Experimental Test Pilot and Qualified Flying Instructor. His previous appointments included Vice Chief of the Air Staff and senior operational and joint-service roles.
4. He outlined the **VAYU** vision: Vigilance, Victory and Readiness; Aatmanirbharta; Yukti; and **Unity of Effort**. The priorities connect operational preparedness, indigenous capability, innovation and jointness.

Q11. Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of which IAF command on 1 November 2026?

एयर मार्शल मेहताब सिंह देसवाल ने 1 नवंबर 2026 को भारतीय वायु सेना की किस कमान के एयर ऑफिसर कमांडिंग-इन-चीफ का कार्यभार संभाला?

(a) Western Air Command
(b) Central Air Command
(c) Eastern Air Command
(d) Southern Air Command
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Eastern Air Command

1. Air Marshal **Mehtab Singh Deswal** took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of **Eastern Air Command** on **1 November 2026**.
2. He was commissioned as a fighter pilot on **14 June 1989** and has more than **3,200 hours** of flying experience. His expertise includes strike aircraft and air-defence roles.
3. Before this appointment, he was Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) at South Western Air Command. He had also served as Director General (Weapon Systems) and as Air Attache in Pakistan.
4. His decorations include the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) and Vayu Sena Medal (VM). Match Deswal with **Eastern Air Command**, while Ashutosh Dixit became Chief of the Air Staff.

Sports & Games

Q12. Who won the men's category at Ironman 70.3 Goa 2026 with a new course record of 4:24:29?

आयरनमैन 70.3 गोवा 2026 की पुरुष श्रेणी में 4:24:29 का नया कोर्स रिकॉर्ड बनाकर किसने जीत हासिल की?

(a) Konstantin Belousov
(b) Nihal Baig
(c) Biten Singh
(d) Anirudh Ravichandran
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Biten Singh

1. Indian Army athlete **Biten Singh** won the men's race at Ironman 70.3 Goa 2026 in **4 hours, 24 minutes and 29 seconds**.
2. His time improved the previous course record of **4:25:47**, set by Uzbekistan's Konstantin Belousov in 2025. A course record relates to that event and route.
3. Ironman 70.3 is a triathlon combining **swimming, cycling and running**. The number denotes the combined race distance in miles, rather than the distance of a single discipline.
4. The Goa event was its **sixth edition** and took place along the Miramar area. Russia's Marina Shliakhtina won the women's category; the competition brought together international endurance athletes.

Q13. Which country won both the men's and women's titles at the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026?

प्रथम राष्ट्रमंडल कबड्डी चैंपियनशिप 2026 में पुरुष और महिला दोनों खिताब किस देश ने जीते?

(a) India
(b) Sri Lanka
(c) Uganda
(d) Bangladesh
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) India

1. **India** won both titles at the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship, held in **Ahmedabad**, Gujarat. The finals were played on **31 October 2026**.
2. The **India**n men defeated **Sri Lanka 54-20**. India's women beat **Uganda 35-15**, completing a double-title result for the host country.
3. The championship ran from 23 to 31 October at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex. It gave national teams a dedicated Commonwealth-level kabaddi competition.
4. The men's and women's finals had different opponents: Sri Lanka and Uganda respectively. Keep each opponent paired with the correct category and score when revising the results.

Q14. Which player's 2007-08 Manchester United season was highlighted as the winning choice in coverage of the BOAT fan vote?

BOAT प्रशंसक मतदान की खबरों में मैनचेस्टर यूनाइटेड के लिए किस खिलाड़ी के 2007-08 सत्र को विजेता पसंद बताया गया?

(a) Lionel Messi
(b) Cristiano Ronaldo
(c) Ronaldo Nazario
(d) Marco van Basten
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Cristiano Ronaldo

1. The reported fan-vote choice was **Cristiano Ronaldo**'s 2008 Ballon d'Or-winning season with Manchester United. BOAT expands to **Ballon d'Or of All Time**.
2. The organiser describes BOAT as a **public poll** celebrating fans' preferred Ballon d'Or-winning season, rather than an additional official Ballon d'Or trophy.
3. Ronaldo scored **42 goals** across competitions in the **2007-08** season, including 31 in the Premier League. Manchester United also won the UEFA Champions League.
4. UEFA means Union of European Football Associations. The fan poll concerns an earlier award-winning season; it should be kept separate from the annual 2026 Ballon d'Or result.

Q15. Who became Formula One's youngest Drivers' World Champion at the Mexico City Grand Prix on 1 November 2026?

1 नवंबर 2026 को मेक्सिको सिटी ग्रां प्री में फॉर्मूला वन का सबसे युवा ड्राइवर्स विश्व चैंपियन कौन बना?

(a) Max Verstappen
(b) George Russell
(c) Kimi Antonelli
(d) Lando Norris
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Kimi Antonelli

1. **Mercedes** driver **Kimi Antonelli** secured the 2026 Formula One Drivers' World Championship at **20 years and 68 days** of age.
2. He finished **third** at the Mexico City Grand Prix on 1 November. Max Verstappen won the race, so the race winner and the driver clinching the championship were different.
3. Antonelli surpassed **Sebastian Vettel**'s youngest-champion record. Vettel had won the championship at 23 years and 134 days.
4. Antonelli is an Italian driver born on 25 August 2006. Formula One season standings award points across races, allowing a driver to secure a title without winning the clinching race.

Q16. Whom did P. V. Sindhu defeat to win the Hylo Open 2026 women's singles title?

हाइलो ओपन 2026 का महिला एकल खिताब जीतने के लिए पी. वी. सिंधु ने किसे हराया?

(a) Carolina Marin
(b) An Se-young
(c) Akane Yamaguchi
(d) Line Kjaersfeldt
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Line Kjaersfeldt

1. **P. V. Sindhu** defeated Denmark's **Line Kjaersfeldt 21-12, 21-14** in the women's singles final on 1 November 2026.
2. The Hylo Open took place in **Saarbrucken, Germany**. Sindhu's success accompanied Lakshya Sen's men's singles victory, giving India both singles titles.
3. The victory was Sindhu's second tournament title of the 2026 season. She is a two-time Olympic medallist in badminton.
4. The Badminton World Federation (BWF) oversees the world tour. For revision, associate Sindhu with Kjaersfeldt of Denmark and distinguish this result from Sen's final against Jonatan Christie.

Q17. Who won the Hylo Open 2026 men's singles title by defeating Jonatan Christie?

जोनाथन क्रिस्टी को हराकर हाइलो ओपन 2026 का पुरुष एकल खिताब किसने जीता?

(a) Lakshya Sen
(b) H. S. Prannoy
(c) Kidambi Srikanth
(d) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Lakshya Sen

1. **Lakshya Sen** beat Indonesia's **Jonatan Christie 21-17, 21-10** in the men's singles final at Saarbrucken, Germany, on 1 November 2026.
2. This was Sen's **second Hylo Open title**, after his **2019** success. It was also his first BWF World Tour title of the 2026 season.
3. BWF stands for Badminton World Federation. The event gave India a singles double, as P. V. Sindhu won the women's championship.
4. The key pairings are Sen-Christie in men's singles and Sindhu-Kjaersfeldt in women's singles. Recording category, opponent and venue together helps distinguish two results from the same tournament.

Q18. Who surpassed Suryakumar Yadav's Indian record for the most men's T20I runs in a calendar year in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में एक कैलेंडर वर्ष में सर्वाधिक पुरुष टी20 अंतरराष्ट्रीय रन बनाने का सूर्यकुमार यादव का भारतीय रिकॉर्ड किसने तोड़ा?

(a) Abhishek Sharma
(b) Sanju Samson
(c) Ishan Kishan
(d) Shreyas Iyer
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Ishan Kishan

1. **Ishan Kishan** reached **1,220** T20 International runs in 2026 during the fifth match against New Zealand at Hamilton on 1 November.
2. He surpassed Suryakumar Yadav's previous Indian calendar-year total of **1,164** runs, recorded in **2022**. Kishan scored 61 from 32 balls in the match.
3. T20I means Twenty20 International. The milestone is a calendar-year aggregate, which counts runs across that year rather than a single series or a player's entire career.
4. The distinction is an **Indian record**, not the overall world record. Keep the record-holder, total, reference year and scope together when comparing international cricket statistics.

Awards & Honours

Q19. Which police force received the President's Colour during its 60th Raising Day celebrations in 2026?

2026 में अपने 60वें स्थापना दिवस समारोह के दौरान किस पुलिस बल को राष्ट्रपति निशान प्रदान किया गया?

(a) Delhi Police
(b) Chandigarh Police
(c) Haryana Police
(d) Punjab Police
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Chandigarh Police

1. **Chandigarh Police** received the **President's Colour**, also called Rashtrapati ka Nishan, during its Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** presented the honour.
2. The recognition honours distinguished service by a police or uniformed organisation. It is an institutional honour for exemplary service, rather than an individual sports or literary prize.
3. The force's formation is associated with **1 November 1966** and the reorganisation of Punjab. Its 2026 Raising Day therefore marked **60 years**.
4. The celebrations also included induction of 141 vehicles for improved patrolling and emergency response. Chandigarh is a Union Territory and the shared capital of Punjab and Haryana.

Q20. Which public broadcaster received two recognitions in the ABU Prizes and engineering awards coverage for 2026?

2026 के एबीयू पुरस्कारों और इंजीनियरिंग सम्मान की खबरों में किस सार्वजनिक प्रसारक को दो सम्मान मिले?

(a) BBC
(b) Prasar Bharati
(c) NHK
(d) ABC Australia
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Prasar Bharati

1. **Prasar Bharati** was recognised in the **Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union** (ABU) awards coverage in **Colombo**, Sri Lanka. ABU is a regional association of broadcasting organisations.
2. Akashvani Bengaluru received a special commendation in the Audio Public Service Announcement category for **Beyond the Call**.
3. **Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh** of **Prasar Bharati** won the ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026 for contributions to broadcasting technology.
4. His innovations include DDPlayout, an indigenous automated playout system, and DDSlowMo, a lower-cost slow-motion replay system. Distinguish the programme commendation from the engineer's technology award.

Q21. Who won the fifth Rohini Nayyar Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Development in 2026?

2026 में ग्रामीण विकास में उत्कृष्ट योगदान के लिए पांचवां रोहिणी नैयर पुरस्कार किसने जीता?

(a) Prashant Chaudhary
(b) Amitabh Kant
(c) Deepak Nayyar
(d) Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Prashant Chaudhary

1. **Prashant Chaudhary**, founder of **CodeYogi Foundation**, received the **fifth Rohini Nayyar Prize**. Amitabh Kant presented it in New Delhi on 31 October 2026.
2. The prize honours contributions to rural development by people below 40 years of age. It carries **Rs 10 lakh**, a citation and a trophy.
3. CodeYogi uses smartphone-based learning in Indian languages to widen access to technology and artificial intelligence (AI) education among underserved students.
4. The initiative has reached more than **3.5 lakh students** across nine states and 120 districts. Chaudhary said he would donate the prize money to the foundation; the award recognises the link between education access and rural opportunity.

Q22. Who was selected for the 34th Ezhuthachan Award, Kerala's highest literary honour, in 2026?

2026 में केरल के सर्वोच्च साहित्यिक सम्मान 34वें एझुथाचन पुरस्कार के लिए किसे चुना गया?

(a) K. G. Sankara Pillai
(b) K. Satchidanandan
(c) Methil Radhakrishnan
(d) Sarah Joseph
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Methil Radhakrishnan

1. Malayalam writer **Methil Radhakrishnan** was selected for the 2026 **Ezhuthachan Award**, also called Ezhuthachan Puraskaram. He is the **34th recipient**.
2. The state's highest literary honour carries **Rs 5 lakh**, a citation and a plaque. A jury chaired by poet **K. G. Sankara Pillai** selected him unanimously.
3. The jury recognised writing that brings science, philosophy and psychology into creative literature. His work spans fiction, poetry and science essays.
4. The award is named after Thunchaththu Ezhuthachan, a foundational figure in Malayalam literature. The announcement of selection should be distinguished from the later presentation ceremony.