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Daily Current Affairs - 6 November 2026

National News

Q1. Which four countries are the founding participants in the Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries (BOB-NOR)?

बंगाल की खाड़ी मत्स्य महासागर शोधकर्ता नेटवर्क (BOB-NOR) के चार संस्थापक सहभागी देश कौन-से हैं?

(a) India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives
(b) India, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh
(c) India, Thailand, Myanmar and Indonesia
(d) Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Malaysia and the Maldives
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives

1. **BOB-NOR** brings together India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives to connect ocean science with fisheries management. The Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (**BOBP-IGO**) coordinates the initiative.
2. The network was launched on **3 November 2026** at the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), **Kochi**, alongside the TREVOR–SAFARI Symposium.
3. It promotes the use of ocean observations, climate information, satellite data and scientific collaboration to understand changing marine conditions and their effects on fisheries.
4. It complements the Bay of Bengal Stock Assessment Network (**BOBSAN**). BOBSAN focuses on fish-stock status and exploitation, while **BOB-NOR** strengthens the environmental and oceanographic dimension of fisheries research.

Q2. Where was the Martyrs' Memorial of the First War of Independence of 1857 inaugurated by Amit Shah in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में अमित शाह ने 1857 के प्रथम स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के शहीद स्मारक का उद्घाटन कहां किया?

(a) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
(b) Ambala Cantonment, Haryana
(c) Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
(d) Barrackpore, West Bengal
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Ambala Cantonment, Haryana

1. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated the memorial at **Ambala Cantonment**, Haryana, on **5 November 2026**.
2. The project was developed across **22 acres** at a cost of approximately **₹594 crore**. Its **22 galleries** present the events and sacrifices associated with the uprising of 1857.
3. Virtual reality, holography and interactive projections are combined with historical material and traditional arts to explain the freedom struggle.
4. The complex also includes an open-air theatre and a light-and-sound presentation. Its educational purpose is to preserve the memory of the uprising and highlight Ambala's contribution to that history.

International News

Q3. Which country became the 116th member of the International Solar Alliance in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन का 116वां सदस्य कौन-सा देश बना?

(a) Fiji
(b) The Bahamas
(c) Barbados
(d) Seychelles
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) The Bahamas

1. The Commonwealth of **The Bahamas** joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as its **116th** member. Its Instrument of Accession was handed over during the **Ninth Session** of the ISA Assembly in New Delhi.
2. **The Bahamas**' High Commissioner Peter Nicholas Symonette Jr. submitted the document to P.S. Gangadhar, Joint Secretary for Economic Diplomacy and Head of the Depository.
3. **India and France** jointly launched the ISA at COP21 in Paris in 2015. Its headquarters are in **Gurugram**, Haryana, and its Framework Agreement entered into force on 6 December 2017.
4. The alliance supports cooperation, capacity building and investment in solar energy. Such cooperation is particularly relevant to Small Island Developing States seeking more resilient and diversified energy supplies.

Reports & Rankings

Q4. How did the 2026 Antarctic ozone hole rank by area in NASA and NOAA's 48-year monitoring record?

NASA और NOAA के 48 वर्षों के निगरानी रिकॉर्ड में क्षेत्रफल के आधार पर 2026 के अंटार्कटिक ओजोन छिद्र का स्थान क्या था?

(a) Third largest
(b) Fifth largest
(c) Seventh largest
(d) Tenth largest
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Seventh largest

1. NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported that the 2026 Antarctic ozone hole was the **seventh largest** by area in 48 years of monitoring.
2. Its average area during 7 September–13 October was about **25 million** square kilometres. It reached a daily maximum of **27.1 million** square kilometres on 18 September.
3. The lowest South Pole reading was **105 Dobson Units** on 17 October. The ozone-hole boundary is conventionally defined by ozone concentrations below 220 Dobson Units.
4. A strong polar vortex helped sustain ozone-depleting conditions. The 1987 **Montreal Protocol** continues to support long-term recovery; one unusually large seasonal hole does not by itself overturn that recovery trend.

Science & Technology

Q5. Which asteroid was identified by the Minor Planet Center as a likely temporary mini-moon of Earth?

माइनर प्लैनेट सेंटर ने किस क्षुद्रग्रह को पृथ्वी का संभावित अस्थायी लघु उपग्रह बताया?

(a) 2026 ED138
(b) 2024 YR4
(c) 2026 QQ8
(d) 99942 Apophis
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 2026 QQ8

1. The object is **2026 QQ8**, previously known by the provisional identifier **Sar2901**. The **Minor Planet Center** (MPC) discussed it in its October 2026 newsletter.
2. Follow-up astrometric observations extended the measured orbital arc. Researchers also estimated the effect of **solar radiation pressure** on the object's motion.
3. These measurements helped rule out an artificial origin and supported the interpretation of a natural object, most likely a temporary mini-moon of Earth. The MPC published observations in **MPEC 2026-U95**.
4. A mini-moon is temporarily captured by Earth's gravity. It differs from the Moon, Earth's long-lived natural satellite, and from an artificial satellite or discarded rocket component.

Defence

Q6. Which indigenous quasi-ballistic missile was successfully flight-tested from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island on 5 November 2026?

5 नवंबर 2026 को डॉ. एपीजे अब्दुल कलाम द्वीप से किस स्वदेशी क्वासी-बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल का सफल उड़ान परीक्षण हुआ?

(a) Pralay
(b) Akash
(c) Astra
(d) Nag
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Pralay

1. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested **Pralay** at about 11:10 AM on **5 November 2026**, off the **Odisha** coast.
2. The test formed part of user evaluation trials. Data recorded by instruments of the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, confirmed that all test objectives were met.
3. **Research Centre Imarat** (RCI), Hyderabad, developed the missile with other DRDO laboratories. **Bharat Dynamics Limited** (BDL) produced the system as a development-cum-production partner.
4. **Pralay** is a solid-propellant surface-to-surface quasi-ballistic missile intended for precision strikes. A successful evaluation trial is a step towards induction and should not be described as proof that induction has already occurred.

Q7. Which Indian naval ship arrived at Yokosuka, Japan, for Exercise MALABAR 2026?

अभ्यास मालाबार 2026 के लिए कौन-सा भारतीय नौसैनिक पोत जापान के योकोसुका पहुंचा?

(a) INS Vikrant
(b) INS Sahyadri
(c) INS Kolkata
(d) INS Kiltan
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) INS Sahyadri

1. **INS Sahyadri**, an indigenous guided-missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet, arrived at **Yokosuka** Naval Base on **4 November 2026**.
2. Exercise MALABAR 2026 brings together the navies of **India, Japan**, the United States and Australia to improve operational coordination and interoperability.
3. The harbour phase includes professional interactions and coordinated planning. It is followed by a sea phase involving the participating naval units.
4. Sahyadri is a **Shivalik-class**, Project 17 frigate. Exercise Malabar began in 1992 as a bilateral India–United States exercise and subsequently developed into a multilateral naval engagement.

Sports & Games

Q8. Who became the first Indian woman to reach a Youth Olympic badminton singles final at Dakar 2026?

डकार 2026 में युवा ओलंपिक बैडमिंटन एकल फाइनल में पहुंचने वाली पहली भारतीय महिला कौन बनीं?

(a) Unnati Hooda
(b) Tanvi Sharma
(c) Anmol Kharb
(d) Tanvi Patri
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Tanvi Patri

1. **Tanvi Patri**, the 15-year-old shuttler from Odisha, reached the women's singles final at the **Dakar 2026** Youth Olympic Games in Senegal.
2. She beat Japan's **Yuzuno Watanabe** 21-14, 11-21, 21-19 in the semifinal, assuring India of its first women's singles badminton medal at the Games.
3. The final has since been completed: Tanvi won **silver** after losing to China's **Zhang Yi Xin**, who won 15-21, 21-13, 26-24 in an 82-minute match on 5 November.
4. Her medal follows Indian men's singles **silver**s by H.S. Prannoy in 2010 and Lakshya Sen in 2018. **Dakar 2026** is the first Olympic sporting event hosted on African soil.

Q9. India defeated which team 4-1 to win its sixth Men's Asian Champions Trophy hockey title in 2026?

2026 में अपना छठा पुरुष एशियाई चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी हॉकी खिताब जीतने के लिए भारत ने किस टीम को 4-1 से हराया?

(a) Malaysia
(b) South Korea
(c) Japan
(d) Pakistan
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Japan

1. India defeated **Japan** **4-1** in the final at Mohali, Punjab, on 5 November 2026, claiming a record-extending **sixth** Men's Asian Champions Trophy title and a **third consecutive** championship.
2. The final was played at the Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium. Shilanand Lakra, Dilpreet Singh, Jugraj Singh and Sukhjeet Singh scored for India.
3. The victory provided a farewell to midfielder **Nilakanta Sharma**, who played his last international match. Hardik Singh also marked his 200th senior international appearance.
4. Malaysia took bronze by defeating South Korea 5-2. Krishan Bahadur Pathak was named Goalkeeper of the Tournament, while Harmanpreet Singh received the Hero of the Tournament award.

Q10. Which Indian shooter won men's 10m air pistol silver and secured an LA28 Olympic quota for India at Doha 2026?

डोहा 2026 में पुरुष 10 मीटर एयर पिस्टल में रजत और भारत के लिए LA28 ओलंपिक कोटा किस निशानेबाज ने हासिल किया?

(a) Sarabjot Singh
(b) Saurabh Chaudhary
(c) Jaypal Malviya
(d) Arjun Babuta
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Jaypal Malviya

1. **Jaypal Malviya** won silver in the men's 10m air pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship in Doha, Qatar, on 5 November 2026.
2. He scored **242.2** in the final. China's **Hu Kai** won gold with 243.9, while Czechia's Jindrich Dubovy took bronze with 220.9. All three medallists secured quota places for their National Olympic Committees for **Los Angeles 2028**.

3. India also won women's 10m air pistol team silver through Manu Bhaker, Suruchi Singh and Sainyam, whose combined score was **1738-61x**. China won that team event with 1745-65x.
4. An Olympic quota earned in shooting belongs to the National Olympic Committee. It should not be presented as an unconditional personal selection of the athlete for the Olympic team.

Awards & Honours

Q11. Aldrei Ong won the 2026 James Dyson Award's sustainability prize for which invention?

अल्द्रेई ओंग को किस आविष्कार के लिए 2026 जेम्स डायसन अवॉर्ड का सस्टेनेबिलिटी पुरस्कार मिला?

(a) Sentinel
(b) Rumble Rims
(c) Bobo
(d) SIVO.GO
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Sentinel

1. **Sentinel**, invented by Filipino structural engineer **Aldrei Ong**, won the 2026 global sustainability prize of the James Dyson Award, announced on 4 November.
2. Ong is a graduate of De La Salle University in the **Philippines**. The award provides **£30,000** to support further development of his invention.
3. **Sentinel** converts a concrete spacer block into a sensor using electrically conductive self-sensing concrete. Cracks and internal damage change its **electrical resistance**, allowing monitoring of otherwise hidden structural damage.
4. The system connects measurements to an electronic module and an online dashboard. It is designed to make building-condition monitoring more affordable, including after earthquakes, while further validation and engineering development continue.

Q12. Which ministry secured first position for the maximum number of buildings solarized under the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award 2026?

पीएम सूर्य घर उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार 2026 में सर्वाधिक भवनों के सौरकरण के लिए किस मंत्रालय ने प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया?

(a) Ministry of Education
(b) Ministry of Railways
(c) Ministry of Defence
(d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Ministry of Railways

1. Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan presented the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award to the **Ministry of Railways** on **5 November 2026** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
2. The ministry ranked first in Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries/Departments. It had equipped **12,495** of 15,868 feasible railway buildings with rooftop solar, about 79%.
3. Railways had commissioned **351 megawatts** (MW) against a target of 424 MW and aims to solarize its remaining feasible buildings by **March 2027**.
4. PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched in February 2024 to promote rooftop solar, including a target of one crore households. The award recognises the ministry's contribution to public-building solarisation.

Agreements & MoUs

Q13. The Ministry of Culture signed an MoU with which platform to digitise and share India's cultural heritage?

भारत की सांस्कृतिक विरासत के डिजिटलीकरण और प्रसार के लिए संस्कृति मंत्रालय ने किस प्लेटफॉर्म के साथ समझौता किया?

(a) Microsoft Learn
(b) Google Arts & Culture
(c) Amazon Web Services Educate
(d) UNESCO Global Geoparks
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Google Arts & Culture

1. The Ministry of Culture signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Google Arts & Culture** on **5 November 2026**.
2. The virtual signing took place in the presence of Culture Secretary Vivek Aggarwal and Amit Sood, Vice President and Founder of **Google Arts & Culture**.
3. The partnership covers Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) monuments, national museum collections, manuscripts under **Gyan Bharatam**, crafts and performing traditions.
4. A central focus is the **Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum** being developed in New Delhi's **North and South Blocks**. Digital documentation and Indian-language access aim to widen public engagement while preserving heritage records.