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Daily Current Affairs

29 October 2026

Important Days & Their Themes

1. World Stroke Day is observed annually on which date?

वशि्व स्ट्रोक दविस प्रतविर्ष कसि तथि को मनाया जाता है?

(a) 24 October
(b) 27 October
(c) 29 October
(d) 31 October
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 29 October

1. World Stroke Day falls on **29 October**. The observance brings attention to the burden of stroke and the importance of awareness, timely recognition, treatment and rehabilitation.

2. The World Stroke Organization (**WSO**) coordinates the World Stroke Campaign. Its **2026** activities mark **20** years of the campaign, connecting public education with efforts to improve stroke care.

3. Stroke concerns interruption of blood supply to the brain or bleeding in the brain. Prevention, emergency care and rehabilitation address different stages of the same health challenge.

4. For revision, remember the date together with the organisation: **29 October** and **WSO**. The campaign is a health observance, distinct from a country-specific public holiday.

2. What is the 2026 theme of the International Day of Care and Support?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय देखभाल और सहायता दविस 2026 की थीम क्या है?

(a) Care for climate action
(b) Building sustainable care and support systems through decent work
(c) Digital care for every city
(d) Healthy oceans, healthy lives
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Building sustainable care and support systems through decent work

1. The **2026** theme is **Building sustainable care and support systems through decent work**. It links reliable care services with fair and safe employment for the people who provide them.

2. The International Day of Care and Support is observed on **29 October**. The United Nations General Assembly established it through resolution A/**RES**/**77**/**317**, adopted on **24** July **2023**.

3. Care includes paid professional work and unpaid support within families and communities. Recognition of unpaid care helps explain its connection with gender equality and economic participation.

4. Decent work covers fair remuneration, labour rights, workplace safety and representation. Sustainable care systems therefore require investment in both services and the workforce delivering them.

RBI, SEBI & Banking News

3. SEBI signed an October 2026 MoU on clearing-corporation oversight with which institution?

अक्टूबर 2026 में समाशोधन नगिमों की नगिरानी हेतु सेबी ने कसि संस्था के साथ समझौता कयि?

(a) Bank of Japan
(b) European Central Bank
(c) Bank of England
(d) Reserve Bank of Australia
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Bank of England

1. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) signed the memorandum with the **Bank of England** on **28 October 2026**. It establishes cooperation concerning clearing corporations recognised by **SEBI**.

2. A central counterparty (**CCP**) stands between buyers and sellers in cleared transactions. Managing counterparty exposure is a central part of its contribution to the financial market infrastructure.

3. The arrangement facilitates information exchange and supervisory coordination. It enables the **Bank of England** to use relevant information from Indian oversight when carrying out its own responsibilities.

4. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) supports cooperation under each authority's legal framework. It does not mean that one regulator transfers its statutory powers to the other.

Economy & Finance

4. India reached which global position by size of its automobile industry, according to the October 2026 update?

अक्टूबर 2026 के अपडेट के अनुसार भारत का वाहन उद्योग वशि्व में कसि स्थान पर पहुँचा?

(a) First
(b) Second
(c) Third
(d) Fifth
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Third

1. India was described as the world's **third**-largest automobile industry, ahead of Japan. The United States and China remained ahead of India in the comparison cited by Union minister Nitin Gadkari.

2. The industry's value was put at around Rs **22 lakh** crore. The update contrasted the new position with seventh place in **2014**, illustrating the sector's expansion over time.

3. Automobile production has links with steel, components, electronics, transport and employment. Improvements in highways and logistics can reduce the costs of moving both inputs and finished vehicles.

4. The aspiration to become the largest industry within five years is a future ambition. In an examination answer, distinguish the achieved **third** position from that stated target.

5. Which federal funds target range did the US Federal Reserve retain on 28 October 2026?

28 अक्टूबर 2026 को अमेरकिी फेडरल रजिर्व ने संघीय नधिि दर की कौन-सी लक्ष्य सीमा बरकरार रखी?

(a) 3.00–3.25%
(b) 3.25–3.50%
(c) 3.50–3.75%
(d) 3.75–4.00%
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 3.75–4.00%

1. The Federal Reserve retained the target range at **3.75–4.00%**. The decision was taken by the Federal Open Market Committee (**FOMC**), the body responsible for **US** monetary-policy decisions.

2. The vote was **10**–**2**. Lisa D. Cook and Beth M. Hammack preferred a quarter-percentage-point increase, reflecting differing judgements about the appropriate response to inflation.

3. The policy discussion referred to elevated inflation, continued economic activity and relatively stable unemployment. The Federal Reserve's longer-run inflation objective remains **2**%.

4. A target range specifies an interval for the federal funds rate; it is not a fixed retail deposit rate. The next scheduled policy meeting was listed for **8**–**9 December 2026**.

Government Schemes & Policies

6. What is the approved outlay of the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme?

खेलो इंडयिा खेल सामान वनिरि्माण योजना का स्वीकृत परविय कतिना है?

(a) Rs 1,856.67 crore
(b) Rs 7,395.55 crore
(c) Rs 105 crore
(d) Rs 22,000 crore
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Rs 1,856.67 crore

1. The scheme has an approved outlay of **Rs 1,856.67 crore** for financial years **2026**–**27** to **2033**–**34**. Cabinet approval was reported on **28 October 2026**.

2. Its focus is production of sports goods in India. Investment, manufacturing capacity, exports and opportunities for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are connected objectives.

3. The design includes manufacturing zones, research and development, start-up support and skills. Investment and turnover incentives account for Rs **1,130 crore**, while quality certification has Rs **105 crore**.

4. Sports-goods manufacturing is the supply side of the sports economy. The scheme's industrial emphasis should be distinguished from programmes that primarily organise competitions or train athletes.

7. PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana has a total approved outlay of how much?

पीएम वकिसति ग्राम स्वराज योजना का कुल स्वीकृत परविय्यय कतिना है?

(a) Rs 2,526.07 crore
(b) Rs 4,869.48 crore
(c) Rs 7,395.55 crore
(d) Rs 1,856.67 crore
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Rs 7,395.55 crore

1. The total outlay is **Rs 7,395.55 crore** for **2026–27** to **2030–31**. It comprises a central share of Rs **4,869.48 crore** and a state share of Rs **2,526.07 crore**.

2. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme strengthens Panchayati Raj institutions. Better local planning, digital processes, public participation and accountability are key parts of the approach.

3. Training is envisaged for around **32 lakh** elected representatives and other stakeholders. The programme also supports preparation of about **2.55 lakh** Gram Panchayat Development Plans each year.

4. AuditOnline and capacity building connect financial accountability with planning. Remember that the total outlay combines both government shares, rather than referring only to central funding.

State News

8. Where was Sikkim's first Himalayan Yak Festival organised in October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 में सक्किमि का पहला हमिालयन याक महोत्सव कहाँ आयोजति हुआ?

(a) Gnathang Valley
(b) Ziro Valley
(c) Nubra Valley
(d) Spiti Valley
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Gnathang Valley

1. The festival was held at **Gnathang Valley** in East Sikkim on **28 October 2026**. Sikkim's Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department organised the event.

2. The programme combined conservation with livelihood promotion. Around **400–500** yaks, yak products and demonstrations of animal-husbandry techniques formed part of the activities.

3. Yak herding supports high-altitude communities through transport and animal products. Shrinking grazing areas, declining populations and reduced youth participation present challenges for the occupation.

4. The Sikkimese yak was recognised as an indigenous breed by **ICAR**-**NBAGR** in August **2026**. **ICAR** denotes the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; **NBAGR** is the National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources.

National News

9. How much firm annual green-hydrogen offtake had India secured by October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 तक भारत ने हरति हाइड्रोजन की कतिनी वार्षकि सुनश्चिति खरीद प्रतबिद्धता प्राप्त की?

(a) 55,610 tonnes
(b) 555,610 tonnes
(c) 5 million tonnes
(d) 18 million tonnes
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 555,610 tonnes

1. Firm offtake commitments reached **555,610** metric tonnes per annum (**MTPA**) in green-hydrogen equivalent. Offtake means an agreement to purchase future output, helping producers plan investment.

2. Eighteen agreements signed in **2026** covered more than **400,000** **MTPA**. The contracts include derivatives such as green ammonia and green methanol, which help connect production with end users.

3. More than **70**% of the **23** contracts counted since the National Green Hydrogen Mission targeted exports. The commitments could support investment of over Rs **90,000 crore**.

4. The mission seeks annual green-hydrogen production of **5 million** tonnes by **2030**. That

production goal is different from the smaller quantity already supported by firm purchase commitments.

10. The Punah Bharan app helps identify suitable locations for which activity?

पुनः भरण ऐप कसि गतविधि के लए उपयुक्त स्थान पहचानने में मदद करता है?

(a) Marine fishing
(b) Artificial groundwater recharge
(c) Highway toll collection
(d) Satellite launch planning
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Artificial groundwater recharge

1. Punah Bharan supports identification of **artificial groundwater recharge** locations. It uses geospatial information to show potentially suitable zones within a radius of up to **3 km**.

2. **BISAG**-N developed the application with the National Water Mission. **BISAG**-N is the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics.

3. Rainfall, groundwater levels and yield, slope and drainage are relevant inputs. Geographic Information System (**GIS**) layers allow these characteristics to be considered together rather than in isolation.

4. Village-level zonation maps help narrow down possible sites. A map-based recommendation still needs technical examination and field validation before a recharge structure is constructed.

International News

11. India supported a UN General Assembly resolution calling for an end to the US embargo against which country?

भारत ने कसि देश के वरिुद्ध अमेरकिी प्रतबिंध समाप्त करने के संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा प्रस्ताव का समर्थन कयि?

(a) Iran
(b) Cuba
(c) Venezuela
(d) North Korea
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Cuba

1. India voted in favour of the resolution concerning the **US** embargo against **Cuba** on **28 October 2026**. The vote took place during the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**).

2. The recorded division was **130** votes in favour, **17** against and **25** abstentions. India's intervention stressed dialogue and its position against extraterritorial application of domestic laws.

3. The discussion covered the effects of restrictions on food, medicines and services. Humanitarian consequences were a central part of the case presented for ending the embargo.

4. General Assembly resolutions of this kind are non-binding. Adoption expresses the position of member states but does not, by itself, repeal another country's sanctions legislation.

Reports & Rankings

12. Which Indian museum ranked ninth in the World's 100 Best Museums 2026 list?

वशि्व के 100 सर्वश्रेष्ठ संग्रहालय 2026 की सूची में कौन-सा भारतीय संग्रहालय नौवें स्थान पर रहा?

(a) National Museum, Delhi
(b) Indian Museum, Kolkata
(c) Bihar Museum, Patna
(d) Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Bihar Museum, Patna

1. Bihar Museum in Patna secured ninth place globally and first place in Asia. It was the only Indian museum included in the **2026** list described in the update.

2. The ranking was published by the German travel guide Worth a Journey. Identifying the publisher is essential because a ranking reflects a particular assessment rather than a universal statutory classification.

3. Mexico City's Museo Nacional de Antropologia led the list, followed by Madrid's Museo del Prado. The Metropolitan Museum of Art was tenth and the Louvre was placed thirty-first.

4. For revision, connect Bihar Museum with Patna, Bihar, and the ninth global position. The institution's placement also highlights museums as centres for heritage interpretation and cultural

tourism.

13. What was the global average surface CO2 concentration for 2025 in WMO's Greenhouse Gas Bulletin No. 22?

डब्ल्यूएमओ के ग्रीनहाउस गैस बुलेटिन संख्या 22 के अनुसार 2025 में औसत वैश्विक सतही CO2 सांद्रता कितनी थी?

(a) 420.0 ppm
(b) 426.8 ppm
(c) 1,948 ppm
(d) 339.1 ppm
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 426.8 ppm

1. The World Meteorological Organization (**WMO**) reported carbon dioxide at **426.8** parts per million (ppm). Bulletin No. **22** was issued on **27 October 2026** and summarises observations for **2025**.

2. Methane measured **1,948** parts per billion (ppb), while nitrous oxide measured **339.1** ppb. The different units matter: one part per million equals one thousand parts per billion.

3. These measurements describe atmospheric concentrations, which reflect accumulated gases and their removal over time. They should not be confused with the amount of emissions released during a single year.

4. Greenhouse gases retain heat in the atmosphere. Long-lived carbon dioxide means that today's concentration has consequences extending beyond one season or annual reporting period.

Summits & Conferences

14. Which declaration emerged from the second ARISE Cities Forum in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में दूसरे ARISE सिटीज फोरम से कौन-सी घोषणा सामने आई?

(a) Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals 2026
(b) Kochi Declaration on Maritime Safety
(c) Patna Declaration on Cultural Heritage
(d) Busan Declaration on Trade
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals 2026

1. The forum concluded on **28 October 2026** with the **Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals 2026**. It connects city-level implementation with wider climate commitments.

2. **ICLEI** South Asia and the National Institute of Urban Affairs organised the forum with support from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. More than **200** participants represented over **50** cities and **18** countries.

3. Discussions addressed urban resilience, inclusive development and climate finance. Multilevel governance refers to coordination among local, regional and national authorities rather than action by municipalities alone.

4. The declaration was intended to inform COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, scheduled for **9–20 November 2026**. **COP** means Conference of the Parties in the international climate-negotiation process.

Science & Technology

15. Allocaecilius nilgiriensis, described by ZSI researchers, is a new species of which organism?

जेडएसआई शोधकर्ताओं द्वारा वर्णित Allocaecilius nilgiriensis किस जीव की नई प्रजाति है?

(a) Barklouse
(b) Frog
(c) Orchid
(d) Freshwater crab
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Barklouse

1. Allocaecilius nilgiriensis is a **barklouse** described from the southern Western Ghats. Researchers of the Zoological Survey of India (**ZSI**) reported the finding in Zootaxa on **12 October 2026**.

2. The species was associated with moist, shaded high-altitude shola and evergreen habitats in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. These habitat details help explain the biological importance of the Western Ghats.

3. The description brought the genus to **13** known species globally. It represented the second recorded occurrence of the genus in India, rather than the second **barklouse** species in the

country.

4. Taxonomic work distinguishes organisms through diagnostic features and formal scientific descriptions. The two-part name contains the genus Allocaecilius followed by the species epithet nilgiriensis.

Obituaries

16. Dolores Huerta, who died in October 2026, co-founded which labour organisation?

अक्टूबर 2026 में दविंगत डोलोरेस हुएर्ता ने कसि श्रमकि संगठन की सह-स्थापना की थी?

(a) United Farm Workers
(b) International Labour Organization
(c) World Federation of Teachers
(d) American Medical Association
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) United Farm Workers

1. Dolores Huerta co-founded the **United Farm Workers** (**UFW**) with Cesar Chavez. Her foundation confirmed that she died on **28 October 2026** at the age of **96**.

2. Born on **10** April **1930** in New Mexico, she became a prominent labour organiser and civil-rights advocate. Her work sought improved wages, working conditions and collective bargaining for farmworkers.

3. The Delano grape strike and boycott became major episodes in the farmworker movement. Collective bargaining involves workers negotiating employment terms through their representatives.

4. Huerta received the **US** Presidential Medal of Freedom in **2012**. Her slogan Si se puede, meaning Yes, we can, became closely associated with organising and collective action.

17. Neeraj Yadav, remembered in the October 2026 update, was associated with which field?

अक्टूबर 2026 के अपडेट में स्मरण कएि गए नीरज यादव कसि क्षेत्र से जुड़े थे?

(a) Para-athletics
(b) Classical music
(c) Space science
(d) Chess
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Para-athletics

1. Neeraj Yadav was an Indian para-athlete associated with the F55 category in throwing events. The update reported his death in Delhi on **28 October 2026** at the age of **42**.

2. Born on **10** February **1984** in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, he initially played wheelchair tennis before moving to **para-athletics**. Javelin and discus became his principal events.

3. At the **2018** Asian Para Games in Jakarta, his javelin throw of **29.84** metres earned gold and an Asian record. This is a useful historical result to connect with his name.

4. His two gold medals from the **2023** Hangzhou Asian Para Games were subsequently revoked following anti-doping proceedings. Revision notes should distinguish those revoked results from the **2018** achievement.

Defence

18. Which Indian naval ship visited Busan for cooperation with the Republic of Korea Navy in October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 में कोरयिा गणराज्य की नौसेना के साथ सहयोग हेतु कौन-सा भारतीय नौसैनकि पोत बुसान पहुँचा?

(a) INS Vikramaditya
(b) INS Sahyadri
(c) INS Vikrant
(d) INS Arihant
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) INS Sahyadri

1. **INS Sahyadri** arrived at Busan, South Korea, on **26 October 2026**. The visit supported bilateral engagement between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Korea Navy (RoKN).

2. Sahyadri is a guided-missile stealth frigate of the Shivalik class under Project **17**. It was commissioned in July **2012**; **INS** stands for Indian Naval Ship.

3. Harbour activities included professional exchanges, cross-deck visits, training and sports. These interactions help personnel understand procedures and build practical working relationships.

4. Coordinated activities involved **ROKS** Munmu the Great. Interoperability means the ability of different forces to operate together effectively, a central aim of such maritime engagements.

Sports & Games

19. Who was the most expensive player at the WPL 2027 auction held in Kochi?

कोच्चि में आयोजित WPL 2027 नीलामी की सबसे महँगी खिलाड़ी कौन रहीं?

(a) Jess Jonassen
(b) Kiran Navgire
(c) Sophie Molineux
(d) Grace Harris
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Sophie Molineux

1. Australian all-rounder **Sophie Molineux** was the highest-priced player, bought by **UP** Warriorz for Rs **1.10 crore**. The auction took place in Kochi on **28 October 2026**.

2. The Women's Premier League (**WPL**) auction sold **25** players, including seven overseas players. A player's auction price is separate from the total value of a franchise's retained and newly assembled squad.

3. Kiran Navgire joined Delhi Capitals for Rs **75 lakh**, the highest price for an Indian player in this auction. One crore equals **100 lakh**, so Molineux's price was Rs **110 lakh**.

4. For examination revision, pair the player with both team and price: **Sophie Molineux**, **UP** Warriorz, Rs **1.10 crore**. Auction venue and date provide the supporting event context.

20. Which 15-year-old Karnataka all-rounder became the youngest player to secure a WPL contract in October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 में कर्नाटक की कौन-सी 15 वर्षीय ऑलराउंडर WPL अनुबंध पाने वाली सबसे कम उम्र की खिलाड़ी बनीं?

(a) Deeya Yadav
(b) Uma Kashvi Kandikuppa
(c) Shafali Verma
(d) G. Kamalini
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Uma Kashvi Kandikuppa

1. **Uma Kashvi Kandikuppa**, also referred to as Kashvi Kandikuppa, secured a Delhi Capitals contract for Rs **10 lakh**. She became the first **15-**year-old to obtain a **WPL** contract.

2. Born on **9** April **2011**, the Karnataka cricketer is a right-handed batter and right-arm off-spinner. She surpassed the earlier youngest-player mark associated with Deeya Yadav.

3. Her **BCCI** Under-**15** one-day performances included **516** runs at an average of **172**, with three centuries and one fifty. **BCCI** expands to Board of Control for Cricket in India.

4. An auction contract marks selection by a franchise; it does not itself establish an international appearance. Remember her age, state and Delhi Capitals together for accurate identification.

Awards & Honours

21. Which UAE honour was awarded to Captain Smit Machchhar in October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 में कैप्टन स्मति मच्छर को यूएई का कौन-सा सम्मान दिया गया?

(a) First Class Order of Zayed II
(b) Order of the Nile
(c) Legion of Honour
(d) Order of Australia
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) First Class Order of Zayed II

1. Captain Smit Machchhar received the **First Class Order of Zayed II** on **27 October 2026**. The recognition concerned his actions during the flydubai flight FZ1073 emergency of **30** September.

2. The aircraft diverted safely to Tabuk in Saudi Arabia. His role in managing a serious cockpit emergency was central to the honour described in the update.

3. He became the third Indian recipient of this distinction after Navdeep Singh Suri and Sunjay Sudhir. Those two earlier recipients are associated with India's diplomatic representation in the **UAE**.

4. **UAE** stands for United Arab Emirates. For revision, connect the recipient with the exact award title and awarding country, while keeping the flight incident separate from the award date.