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Daily Current Affairs - 3 November 2026

Important Days & Their Themes

Q1. When is the International Day for Biosphere Reserves observed?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय जैवमंडल आरक्षित क्षेत्र दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer: (c) 3 November

1. The International Day for Biosphere Reserves falls on **3 November**. **UNESCO** proclaimed it in 2021, with the first observance held in 2022.
2. **UNESCO** means United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Its Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme began in **1971**.
3. Biosphere reserves combine **three** functions: conserving biodiversity, supporting sustainable development, and providing logistic support for research, monitoring and education.
4. The 2026 global network comprises **797** reserves in 145 countries. India has 18 nationally notified reserves, of which **13** belong to the **UNESCO** network.

Q2. World Jellyfish Day, observed on 3 November, draws attention to animals mainly belonging to which phylum?

3 नवंबर को मनाए जाने वाले विश्व जेलीफ़िश दिवस में प्रमुख रूप से किस संघ के जीवों के प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ाई जाती है?

(a) Mollusca
(b) Cnidaria
(c) Arthropoda
(d) Annelida
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Cnidaria

1. World Jellyfish Day is observed on **3 November** to encourage appreciation of jellyfish and the marine ecosystems in which they live.
2. True jellyfish are cnidarians, belonging to the phylum **Cnidaria**. Their specialised **stinging cells** help them capture prey and defend themselves.
3. Jellyfish play a role in marine food webs as both predators and prey. Their soft bodies are largely composed of water.
4. Green Fluorescent Protein (**GFP**), originally studied in the jellyfish Aequorea victoria, became an important tool for observing biological processes.

Economy & Finance

Q3. What was the HSBC India Manufacturing PMI reading for October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 में HSBC भारत विनिर्माण PMI का स्तर कितना था?

(a) 55.1
(b) 54.9
(c) 50.0
(d) 54.7
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 54.7

1. The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at **54.7** in October 2026, compared with **55.1** in September.
2. A PMI above **50** indicates **expansion** relative to the previous month; below 50 indicates contraction. Thus, the lower October reading still signalled growth.
3. The survey is compiled by **S&P Global** for HSBC. New export orders grew at their fastest rate in six months.
4. Input cost inflation eased, while employment continued to rise. The headline result therefore indicates slower **expansion** rather than a fall in manufacturing activity.

Government Schemes & Policies

Q4. Within how many days must grievances be resolved under the VB–G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026?

VB–G RAM G शिकायत निवारण नियम, 2026 के तहत शिकायतों का समाधान कितने दिनों के भीतर होना चाहिए?

(a) 7 days
(b) 10 days
(c) 15 days
(d) 30 days
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 15 days

1. The Ministry of **Rural Development** notified the grievance rules on 2 November 2026. A complaint must be resolved within **15 days** of receipt.
2. The enquiry must be completed within **seven working days**. This enquiry period should not be confused with the overall resolution deadline.
3. The mechanism operates at gram panchayat, block and district levels. Complaints can be submitted through physical, telephone and digital channels.
4. **VB–G RAM G** stands for Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin). Registration numbers, tracking, escalation and appeals support accountability.

National News

Q5. Which organisation launched WhatsApp services for PF balance and passbook access on its 74th Foundation Day?

किस संगठन ने अपने 74वें स्थापना दिवस पर PF शेष राशि और पासबुक के लिए WhatsApp सेवाएँ शुरू कीं?

(a) EPFO
(b) ESIC
(c) PFRDA
(d) NPS Trust
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) EPFO

1. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (**EPFO**) introduced the services on **1 November 2026**, during its 74th Foundation Day celebrations.
2. Union Labour and Employment Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** launched the facility. Members can obtain PF balance, passbook information and their latest five transactions.
3. The service also provides assistance related to the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY).
4. A separate initiative enables automatic settlement of eligible Aadhaar-verified inoperative accounts with balances up to **₹1,000**. It is expected to benefit about one lakh accounts.

Q6. Who heads the examination reform task force whose tenure was extended until January 2027?

जनवरी 2027 तक कार्यकाल बढ़ाए गए परीक्षा सुधार कार्यबल के अध्यक्ष कौन हैं?

(a) S. Somanath
(b) Nandan Nilekani
(c) V. Kamakoti
(d) Tapan Deka
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Nandan Nilekani

1. The **six-member** task force on examination reforms is chaired by **Nandan Nilekani**, the Infosys co-founder.
2. The Centre extended its tenure until **January 2027**, allowing additional time for consultations and recommendations on improving examination systems.
3. The panel was constituted in July 2026 amid concerns about examination irregularities and paper leaks. It received more than **50,000** stakeholder suggestions.
4. Its membership includes S. Somanath, Tapan Deka and V. Kamakoti. The chairperson should be distinguished from these other members.

Appointments

Q7. Who was re-elected GSMA Board Chairperson for the 2027–2028 term?

2027–2028 कार्यकाल के लिए GSMA बोर्ड का अध्यक्ष किसे दोबारा चुना गया?

(a) Sunil Bharti Mittal
(b) Akash Ambani
(c) Gopal Vittal
(d) Kumar Mangalam Birla
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Gopal Vittal

1. The **GSMA** Board re-elected **Gopal Vittal** on 2 November 2026 for its **2027–2028** term, extending his chairmanship until **December 2028**.
2. Vittal is Bharti Airtel's Executive Vice-Chairman. He has served on the **GSMA** Board for a decade and as its chair since 2025.
3. **GSMA** is the GSM Association, an international body representing the mobile communications industry.
4. Vodafone's Margherita Della Valle and MTN's Ralph Mupita serve as deputy chairpersons. Priorities include network security, advanced connectivity and artificial intelligence.

Q8. Deepali Masirkar assumed charge as Executive Director (Chief Security) of which company?

दीपाली मसीरकर ने किस कंपनी के कार्यकारी निदेशक (मुख्य सुरक्षा) का पदभार संभाला?

(a) Indian Oil Corporation
(b) Coal India
(c) GAIL
(d) ONGC
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) ONGC

1. **Deepali Masirkar** assumed charge as Executive Director–Chief Security at **ONGC** on **28 October 2026**.
2. **ONGC** stands for Oil and Natural Gas Corporation. The appointment places an experienced police officer in a senior corporate security role.
3. Masirkar is a **2008-batch** Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Nagaland cadre. Her earlier policing experience includes assignments in Nagaland and Maharashtra.
4. Her career also includes central government assignments. The examination-relevant pairing is **Deepali Masirkar** — **ONGC** — Executive Director (Chief Security).

Summits & Conferences

Q9. Which city hosted the first International Maize Conference from 2–4 November 2026?

2–4 नवंबर 2026 को प्रथम अंतरराष्ट्रीय मक्का सम्मेलन किस शहर में आयोजित हुआ?

(a) Hyderabad
(b) New Delhi
(c) Ludhiana
(d) Bengaluru
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Hyderabad

1. The first International Maize Conference was held at JD Convention Centre in **Hyderabad** from 2 to 4 November 2026.
2. Its theme was Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World, abbreviated as **M4FS**.
3. Dr. M. L. Jat, Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**), called for increasing maize production to **75 million tonnes** over the next decade.
4. The discussions covered crop productivity, improved breeding, efficient resource use and value chains. Farmer participation was emphasised alongside the multiple uses of maize.

Science & Technology

Q10. Which institution developed a 3D-printed device for studying drug penetration through layered tumour models?

स्तरीकृत ट्यूमर मॉडल में दवा के प्रवेश का अध्ययन करने वाला 3D-प्रिंटेड उपकरण किस संस्थान ने विकसित किया?

(a) IIT Madras
(b) IISc Bengaluru
(c) AIIMS New Delhi
(d) IIT Bombay
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) IISc Bengaluru

1. Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (**IISc**), Bengaluru, developed a low-cost 3D-printed device for investigating solid-tumour microenvironments.
2. The device supports the Cells-in-Gel-in-Paper (**CiGiP**) model, which uses stacked paper layers containing cells to reproduce three-dimensional tissue conditions.
3. The layered arrangement helps study how oxygen, nutrients and anticancer drugs reach different depths. Deeper layers can become **hypoxic**, meaning oxygen-deficient.
4. Experiments examined cell survival and **doxorubicin** penetration. The work, published in Analytical Methods, supports laboratory drug screening rather than constituting an approved cancer treatment.

Obituaries

Q11. William D. Nordhaus, who died in October 2026, was associated with which influential climate-economy model?

अक्टूबर 2026 में दिवंगत विलियम डी. नॉर्डहाउस किस प्रभावशाली जलवायु-अर्थव्यवस्था मॉडल से जुड़े थे?

(a) IS–LM
(b) Harrod–Domar
(c) DICE
(d) Heckscher–Ohlin
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) DICE

1. **William D. Nordhaus** died on 30 October 2026 at the age of 85. He was a long-serving Yale University economist.

2. He developed **DICE**, the Dynamic Integrated Climate-Economy model, which links economic activity, emissions, climate change and their economic consequences.
3. He shared the **2018** Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences with Paul Romer. Nordhaus was recognised for integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis.
4. His work supported **carbon pricing** as an approach to reducing emissions. **DICE** helps compare the costs of climate damage with the costs of mitigation.

Defence

Q12. The fifth Tiger Triumph exercise, opened in Visakhapatnam in November 2026, involved India and which country?

नवंबर 2026 में विशाखापत्तनम में शुरू हुए पाँचवें टाइगर ट्रायम्फ अभ्यास में भारत के साथ कौन-सा देश शामिल था?

(a) France
(b) Russia
(c) Japan
(d) United States
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) United States

1. Tiger Triumph 2026 is an India–**United States** bilateral tri-service exercise. Its opening ceremony took place in Visakhapatnam on 2 November.
2. The **fifth** edition was conducted as a Tabletop Exercise (**TTX**), concentrating on joint planning and coordination.
3. Its main focus is Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (**HADR**), with participation across the Army, Navy, Air Force and specialist operational domains.
4. The National Disaster Response Force (**NDRF**) participated for the first time in this edition. The exercise aims to improve interoperability during large-scale relief operations.

Q13. Where did India host the inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise from 30 October to 3 November 2026?

30 अक्टूबर से 3 नवंबर 2026 तक भारत ने प्रथम बिम्सटेक समुद्री सुरक्षा अभ्यास कहाँ आयोजित किया?

(a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(b) Lakshadweep
(c) Kochi
(d) Mumbai
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

1. The inaugural exercise took place in the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**, bringing together all **seven BIMSTEC** member countries.
2. **BIMSTEC** means **Bay of Bengal** Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation. Its members are Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
3. The programme sought stronger maritime domain awareness, interoperability and coordination in the **Bay of Bengal**.
4. The Andaman and Nicobar Command, India's first integrated tri-service command, provides a strategically important base close to major sea lanes.

Q14. Under the ₹53,866.50 crore Navy contracts signed in November 2026, how many Next Generation Corvettes will GRSE and GSL build respectively?

नवंबर 2026 में हस्ताक्षरित ₹53,866.50 करोड़ के नौसेना अनुबंधों के तहत GRSE और GSL क्रमशः कितने अगली पीढ़ी के कॉर्वेट बनाएँगे?

(a) 4 and 4
(b) 5 and 3
(c) 3 and 5
(d) 6 and 2
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 5 and 3

1. The Ministry of Defence signed contracts on 2 November 2026 for **eight** Next Generation Corvettes (NGCs), valued at **₹53,866.50 crore**.
2. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (**GRSE**) will construct **five** ships, while Goa Shipyard Limited (**GSL**) will build **three**.
3. The warships are designed indigenously by the Indian Navy. Their roles include anti-submarine warfare, coastal defence and maritime surveillance.
4. The programme strengthens domestic shipbuilding and associated supply chains. It also supports employment in shipyards, ancillary industries and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Sports & Games

Q15. Which Australian all-rounder announced retirement from international cricket in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में किस ऑस्ट्रेलियाई ऑलराउंडर ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा की?

(a) Marcus Stoinis
(b) Mitchell Marsh
(c) Glenn Maxwell
(d) Cameron Green
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Glenn Maxwell

1. **Glenn Maxwell** announced his retirement from international cricket after a career of approximately **14 years**.
2. The Australian all-rounder was known for aggressive batting, off-spin bowling and athletic fielding.
3. He was part of Australia's ODI World Cup-winning teams in **2015 and 2023**, and its 2021 T20 World Cup-winning squad.
4. His unbeaten **201** against Afghanistan in the 2023 ODI World Cup remains a signature innings. International retirement is separate from continued participation in franchise T20 cricket.

Q16. Who scored a record 14-ball half-century for Uttarakhand in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy?

सीनियर महिला टी20 ट्रॉफी में उत्तराखंड के लिए रिकॉर्ड 14 गेंदों में अर्धशतक किसने बनाया?

(a) Richa Ghosh
(b) Shafali Verma
(c) Smriti Mandhana
(d) Prema Rawat
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Prema Rawat

1. **Prema Rawat** reached her half-century in **14 balls** for Uttarakhand against Hyderabad at Gahunje, Pune.
2. Her unbeaten 50 helped Uttarakhand reach **187/2**. She then returned bowling figures of **2/12** in four overs.
3. Uttarakhand restricted Hyderabad to 98/8 and won by **89 runs**. Rawat's all-round performance earned particular attention.
4. The innings surpassed the previous fastest recorded women's T20 half-century mark of 15 balls. The record concerns women's T20 cricket generally, rather than only T20 Internationals.

Q17. Who became the first Indian swimmer to win a Youth Olympic medal at Dakar 2026?

डकार 2026 में युवा ओलंपिक पदक जीतने वाली पहली भारतीय तैराक कौन बनीं?

(a) Dhinidhi Desinghu
(b) Maana Patel
(c) Shivani Kataria
(d) Vritti Agrawal
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Dhinidhi Desinghu

1. **Dhinidhi Desinghu** won **bronze** in the women's **100m freestyle** at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Senegal.
2. The 16-year-old swimmer from Bengaluru clocked **56.27 seconds**, establishing a national record.
3. She finished behind Croatia's Ana Bobanovic and New Zealand's Alyssa Lawson, who won gold and silver respectively.
4. The result marked India's first Youth Olympic swimming medal. Remember the pairing **Dhinidhi Desinghu — 100m freestyle — bronze**.

Q18. How many medals did India win while topping the 2026 International Tammer Boxing Tournament medal table?

2026 अंतरराष्ट्रीय टैमर मुक्केबाज़ी टूर्नामेंट की पदक तालिका में शीर्ष पर रहते हुए भारत ने कितने पदक जीते?

(a) 12
(b) 14
(c) 16
(d) 18
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 14

1. India won **14 medals** at the 46th International Tammer Boxing Tournament, held in **Tampere, Finland**.
2. The tally comprised **four gold**, **two silver** and **eight bronze** medals. This placed India at the top of the standings.
3. Aarti Dhariyal, Ankushita Boro, Arundhati Chaudhary and Pawan Bartwal won gold. Mohammed Hussamuddin and Jaismine Lamboria secured silver.

4. The event was held from 30 October to 1 November 2026. Tammer is an international boxing tournament associated with **Tampere**.

Awards & Honours

Q19. Manju Pradhan and Sonamoni Halder were recognised at which 2026 awards?

मंजू प्रधान और सोनामोनी हलदर को 2026 में किस पुरस्कार समारोह में सम्मानित किया गया?

(a) National Teachers' Awards
(b) Nari Shakti Puraskar
(c) India Childcare Champion Awards
(d) National Florence Nightingale Awards
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) India Childcare Champion Awards

1. **Manju Pradhan** and **Sonamoni Halder** were honoured at the India Childcare Champion Awards for their work in child care and safety.
2. They are associated with the Child in Need Institute (**CINI**) and its KAVACH initiative in West Bengal's **Sundarbans**.
3. The recognition highlights the contribution of frontline care workers to early childhood development and safe crèche services.
4. The New Delhi ceremony recognised 14 care workers. It was linked to the International Day of Care and Support, observed on 29 October.

Q20. Which documentary won the Creativity category of the 2026 UN SDG Action Awards?

2026 संयुक्त राष्ट्र SDG एक्शन अवॉर्ड्स की क्रिएटिविटी श्रेणी किस वृत्तचित्र ने जीती?

(a) Writing with Fire
(b) All That Breathes
(c) The Elephant Whisperers
(d) Mothers of Courage
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Mothers of Courage

1. **Mothers of Courage** won the **Creativity** category at the 2026 UN Sustainable Development Goals (**SDG**) Action Awards.
2. The documentary presents a women-led grassroots movement supporting girls' education and challenging child marriage, particularly in Bihar.
3. Directed by Vandana R Jayakumar and produced by Butterfly Effect Media, it showcases the **Shikshagraha** movement and community Shiksha Chaupals.
4. The award ceremony took place in **Rome** on 29 October 2026. Its recognition connects creative storytelling with collective action for sustainable development.

Miscellaneous

Q21. Which organisation launched the Social Startups Programme for professionals seeking to establish grassroots civil society organisations?

जमीनी स्तर के नागरिक समाज संगठन स्थापित करने के इच्छुक पेशेवरों के लिए सोशल स्टार्टअप्स कार्यक्रम किसने शुरू किया?

(a) Azim Premji Foundation
(b) Tata Trusts
(c) Reliance Foundation
(d) Infosys Foundation
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Azim Premji Foundation

1. The **Azim Premji Foundation** launched the Social Startups Programme to help experienced development professionals establish locally rooted civil society organisations.
2. The first cohort will include about **100** participants from Odisha, Northeast India, eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bengaluru Urban.
3. Applicants must be **below 40**, hold a graduate degree and have at least three years of field experience. Applications run from 1 November to **31 December 2026**.
4. An eight-month seeding phase begins on **1 April 2027**. Successful participants may subsequently qualify for a two-year seed grant after evaluation.