# Current Affairs November 2026

For UPSC, SSC, banking, railway and state PSC examinations. Every item is dated, checked at the source named with it, and written with the form the question takes. Checked 11 November 2026. Free from brolly — the same items are on the current-affairs pages, by day, week, topic and exam.

## Economy and banking

| Date | What happened | Why it is asked · source |
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| 10 November | PLFS July–September 2026: unemployment rate 5.1 per cent, female labour force participation 34.7 per cent. The NSO's quarterly bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey for July–September 2026 puts the unemployment rate for persons aged 15 and above at 5.1 per cent in current weekly status, down from 5.4 per cent in April–June, and the rural rate at 4.3 per cent (4.8 per cent the quarter before). The labour force participation rate rose to 55.5 per cent from 54.6, the worker population ratio to 52.7 per cent, and women's LFPR to 34.7 per cent from 33.2. The survey's sampling was revised from January 2025 to give monthly and quarterly estimates for rural and urban India. | PLFS, the NSO under MoSPI and current weekly status are standard economy terms; the 5.1 per cent unemployment rate and the female LFPR are the likely figures. (PIB, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, 10 November 2026 (release ID 2334749).) |
| 10 November | Coal gasification incentive scheme: round 2 closes with two NTPC bids, round 3 opens. The Ministry of Coal closed the second round of the ₹37,500-crore scheme to promote surface coal and lignite gasification projects, approved by the Union Cabinet on 13 May 2026, with two applications from NTPC Limited — one for urea and one for methanol and dimethyl ether — and opened a third round on 10 November 2026. The scheme serves the national target of 100 million tonnes of coal gasification capacity by 2030. | Coal gasification, its end products and the 100-million-tonne 2030 target are recurring economy and energy questions; the outlay and the NTPC end products are the direct hooks. (PIB, Ministry of Coal, 10 November 2026 (release ID 2334719).) |
| 6 November | Government doubled the OMSS (D) rice sale target to 50 lakh tonnes and made rice and paddy stock disclosure mandatory. The target for selling rice through e-auction under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) for 2026-27 rose from 25 LMT to 50 LMT; 25 LMT had been sold up to 31 October, against 11 LMT in the same period last year. An order of 6 November requires traders, retailers, big chain retailers and processors to declare rice and paddy stocks every Friday on the Food Stock Portal, and Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana may impose stock limits up to 31 January 2027. | OMSS (D), the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Bharat Rice agencies (NAFED, NCCF, Kendriya Bhandar) are the static hooks; the 50 LMT figure and the five southern states are the likely direct questions. (PIB, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, 6 November 2026.) |
| 5 November | Fourth Conference of Mining Ministers in Goa opened the 9th tranche of critical mineral block auctions. The Ministry of Mines' two-day Fourth Conference of Mining Ministers opened in Goa on 5 November 2026. The first day launched the 9th tranche of critical and strategic mineral block auctions, offering 20 blocks in 8 states including rare earth elements, graphite and vanadium, and the 3rd tranche of exploration licence auctions, with 11 blocks in 6 states. | Critical minerals are a standing theme: the tranche number, the block counts and the minerals named are what a question will lift, alongside the National Critical Mineral Mission. (PIB, Ministry of Mines, 5 November 2026.) |

## Government schemes

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| 10 November | PLI scheme for medical devices reopened for applications and extended to 2035-36. The Centre invited fresh applications under the Production Linked Incentive scheme for domestic manufacturing of medical devices, now extended to 2035-36, using about ₹2,700 crore of the available outlay. Applicants get three years to set up units in one of four target segments — consumables, disposables and implants (TS-1), critical components (TS-2), high-end medical devices (TS-3) and TS-4 — with tapering incentives averaging about 5 per cent for TS-1, 9 per cent for TS-2 and TS-3 and 6 per cent for TS-4. The minimum-sales condition is dropped and the minimum investment cut. Since 2021-22 the scheme has brought domestic manufacture of over 60 high-end devices and components, including 1.5-tesla MRI, linear accelerators, CT scanners and cath labs. | PLI schemes by sector, their ministries and outlays are standard economy questions; the extension to 2035-36, the four target segments and the ₹2,700-crore figure are the direct hooks. (PIB, 10 November 2026 (release ID 2334792).) |
| 9 November | Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, the tenth edition, will be awarded by the President on 11 November. President Droupadi Murmu will confer the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 11 November 2026. The tenth edition of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' cleanliness survey under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, on the theme "Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel – Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath", assessed over 4,751 cities on 43 indicators in 10 areas, with more than 3,000 assessors; the survey began with 73 urban local bodies in 2016. The awards also recognise the Swachh Shehar Jodi initiative, which paired 70 mentor cities with 191 mentee cities in 33 states and UTs. | Swachh Survekshan, its ministry and SBM-Urban are standard scheme questions; the edition number, theme, city count and the award date are the likely direct ones, with the winners to follow on 11 November. (PIB, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, 9 November 2026.) |

## India

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| 10 November | Delhi's first recreational river cruise opened on the Yamuna (National Waterway 110). Union Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, with Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, opened the first recreational cruise service on the Yamuna at Sonia Vihar on 10 November 2026: a 30-seat electric vessel on about 6 km of the Sonia Vihar–Jagatpur stretch, with a musical fountain, floating jetties and other facilities. The Yamuna is National Waterway-110 under the National Waterways Act, 2016; cargo on national waterways rose from 18 million tonnes in 2013-14 to 218 million tonnes in 2025-26, and overnight river-cruise vessels from 5 to 26. | National waterway numbers (NW-1 Ganga, NW-110 Yamuna) and the 2016 Act are static GK; the electric vessel and the cargo growth figure are the current hooks. (PIB, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, 10 November 2026 (release ID 2334784).) |
| 6 November | NHAI issued guidelines to standardise toll plazas for barrier-free Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling. The National Highways Authority of India's policy circular prescribes uniform layouts, lane configuration, gantries, lighting and signage for barrier-less toll plazas on four-lane and above National Highways. It applies to all future and under-construction projects: those at the Detailed Project Report stage take the new design into their documents, and awarded projects adopt it through contract provisions. | MLFF and the four-lane threshold are what a question will lift, in the infrastructure section alongside FASTag. (PIB, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, 6 November 2026.) |
| 5 November | NPPA capped the trade margin on 137 anti-cancer medicines at 30 per cent; revised prices apply from 9 November. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority capped the trade margin on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines, including patented ones, at 30 per cent of the maximum retail price on 17 October 2026, with revised prices from 9 November. By 4 November, 70 companies had reported revised MRPs for 120 drugs, with average reductions of 20 to 70 per cent, a highest cut of 96.45 per cent and estimated savings of ₹3,357.49 crore. | NPPA's role, the difference between scheduled and non-scheduled medicines and the 30 per cent figure are the likely questions; the item pairs with the Drugs (Prices Control) Order in polity and health sections. (PIB explainer "Cheaper Cancer Medicines: What the New Margin Cap Means for Patients", November 2026.) |

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| 5 November | MSME Ministry and Samsung India signed a three-year skilling MoU across 15 Technology Centres. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises signed a memorandum of understanding with Samsung India Electronics to promote industry-oriented skilling and employment for young people. It is initially valid for three years and will run at 15 MSME Technology Centres across the country. | A short fact for MSME and skilling questions: the partner, the term and the number of centres. (PIB, Ministry of MSME, 5 November 2026.) |
| 5 November | Railways marked the closing phase of the 150 years of Vande Mataram commemoration. The Ministry of Railways held a cultural programme at Rail Bhawan on 5 November 2026 under the fourth phase of the year-long commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram, the closing week of 1–7 November 2026. The commemoration began with mass singing on 7 November 2025. | The anniversary and its dates recur in general awareness papers, especially for railway exams. (PIB, Ministry of Railways, 5 November 2026.) |

## Science and technology

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| 4–5 November | National tabletop exercise VAJRA-SAT tested readiness for foot-and-mouth disease serotype SAT-1. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, with ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru, held the two-day exercise VAJRA-SAT on 4–5 November 2026, with 83 participants from 25 states, three Union Territories and national institutions, under the theme “Detect Early, Confirm Fast, Contain Together”. FMD serotype SAT-1 has not been reported in India; the exercise was prompted by its spread beyond Africa to parts of West Asia. | Transboundary animal disease and One Health preparedness suit prelims and state papers; note that SAT-1 is not reported in India. (PIB, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, November 2026.) |

## Defence

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| 9 November | INS Surat reached Muscat for the 15th edition of the India–Oman naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr. The Indian Navy’s INS Surat arrived at Muscat, Oman, on 8 November 2026 for the 15th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze), to be followed by a Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) with the Royal Navy of Oman. The release places the visit under the MAHASAGAR vision (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions). | Exercise names by partner country are a fixed defence question; Naseem Al Bahr, Oman and MAHASAGAR are the hooks. (PIB, Ministry of Defence, 9 November 2026.) |
| 9 November | The largest batch to pass out from INS Chilka — over 3,300 Navy Agniveers and Coast Guard Naviks — parades on 13 November. INS Chilka, the Indian Navy’s ab-initio training establishment, will hold the passing out parade of the ninth batch of Navy Agniveers and Indian Coast Guard Naviks on 13 November 2026, reviewed by the Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Krishna Swaminathan. More than 3,300 trainees complete 16 weeks of training, the largest batch to pass out from INS Chilka. | INS Chilka (Odisha) as the Agniveer training establishment, the batch size and the current Navy chief are likely questions in defence and SSC papers. (PIB, Ministry of Defence, 9 November 2026.) |
| 6 November | India and Myanmar held their first tri-services HADR exercise, Rahat Mitra, at Chennai. The maiden bilateral Tri-Services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise Rahat Mitra ran at Chennai on 5–6 November 2026 under the aegis of the Indian Navy, with more than 300 personnel from all three services of both countries and the theme ‘Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership’. | Exercise name, partner country and venue are the standard questions; the release ties it to Neighbourhood First and MAHASAGAR. (PIB, Ministry of Defence, 6 November 2026.) |

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| 5 November | GRSE delivered Amini, an Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, to the Indian Navy. Amini, indigenously designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata, was delivered to the Navy on 5 November 2026. The waterjet-propelled craft carries lightweight torpedoes, indigenous rocket launchers and sonars, has over 80 per cent indigenous content, and takes its name from Amini Island in Lakshadweep, continuing the name of the Petya III class corvette INS Amini, decommissioned in 2002. | Ship name, builder, class and the island it is named after are the standard defence questions. (PIB, Ministry of Defence, “Delivery of Amini”, 6 November 2026.) |
| 5 November | Fifth India–US Exercise Tiger Triumph closed at Visakhapatnam. The fifth edition of the bilateral tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 between India and the United States ran from 31 October to 5 November 2026 and closed at Visakhapatnam. It comprised a staff exercise and a tabletop exercise, with emphasis on joint amphibious operations. | Exercise name, partner country, edition, type and venue are the usual question points. (PIB, Ministry of Defence, “Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 culminates with closing ceremony”, November 2026.) |
| 3 November | The maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise closed at Sri Vijaya Puram. Held from 30 October to 3 November 2026 under the Andaman and Nicobar Command, India’s only operational tri-service command, the exercise brought together INS Taragiri, INS Karmuk and INS Saryu, Myanmar’s UMS King Aung Zeya and Sri Lanka’s SLNS Gajabahu, with a sea phase off Sri Vijaya Puram on 2–3 November. | BIMSTEC membership and secretariat, the Andaman and Nicobar Command and the renamed Sri Vijaya Puram are all standing questions. (PIB, Ministry of Defence, 6 November 2026.) |

## Sports

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| 5 November | India won 114 medals at the Asian Para Games, including 30 gold. The Prime Minister, meeting the contingent, noted that India’s Asian Para Games medal count has risen from 14 to 114, with 30 gold medals, five world records, nine Asian records and clean sweeps of the podium in four events. Of 61 first-time participants, 36 won medals, and 34 of the 56 women in the team won medals. | The tally and gold count are the direct questions; pair them with the October Asian Games figures. (PIB, Prime Minister’s Office, 5 November 2026.) |

# Current affairs quiz — November 2026

15 questions from the items above. Answer key on the last page.

Q1. In November 2026 the PLI scheme for medical devices was reopened for applications and extended up to which year?
(A) 2029-30
(B) 2030-31
(C) 2032-33
(D) 2035-36

Q2. According to the PLFS quarterly bulletin for July–September 2026, the unemployment rate (CWS, age 15+) was
(A) 4.3 per cent
(B) 5.1 per cent
(C) 5.4 per cent
(D) 6.0 per cent

Q3. India’s national target for coal gasification capacity by 2030 is
(A) 50 million tonnes
(B) 75 million tonnes
(C) 100 million tonnes
(D) 150 million tonnes

Q4. Under the National Waterways Act, 2016, the Yamuna is declared as National Waterway number
(A) NW-1
(B) NW-2
(C) NW-68
(D) NW-110

Q5. Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, whose awards are conferred on 11 November 2026, is which edition of the survey?
(A) 8th
(B) 9th
(C) 10th
(D) 11th

Q6. Naseem Al Bahr, whose 15th edition began in November 2026, is a bilateral naval exercise between India and
(A) Oman
(B) Saudi Arabia
(C) the UAE
(D) Qatar

Q7. The OMSS (D) rice sale target for 2026-27 was raised in November 2026 from 25 LMT to
(A) 30 LMT
(B) 40 LMT
(C) 50 LMT
(D) 75 LMT

Q8. NHAI’s November 2026 guidelines standardise toll plaza design to support
(A) Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling
(B) Distance-based toll on two-lane roads
(C) Cash-only toll lanes
(D) State highway toll pooling

Q9. Exercise Rahat Mitra, held at Chennai in November 2026, is a tri-services HADR exercise between India and
(A) Sri Lanka
(B) Myanmar
(C) Bangladesh
(D) Thailand

Q10. The trade margin cap on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines, effective 9 November 2026, was set by NPPA at

(A) 10 per cent of MRP
(B) 20 per cent of MRP
(C) 30 per cent of MRP
(D) 42 per cent of MRP

Q11. The 9th tranche of critical and strategic mineral block auctions launched at Goa on 5 November 2026 offers
(A) 11 blocks in 6 states
(B) 20 blocks in 8 states
(C) 24 blocks in 10 states
(D) 34 blocks in 12 states

Q12. The ASW Shallow Water Craft Amini, delivered to the Navy on 5 November 2026, was built by
(A) Cochin Shipyard
(B) Goa Shipyard
(C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
(D) Mazagon Dock

Q13. India’s medal count at the 2026 Asian Para Games, as noted by the Prime Minister on 5 November, was
(A) 85
(B) 106
(C) 111
(D) 114

Q14. Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026, which closed at Visakhapatnam on 5 November, is a tri-service HADR exercise between India and
(A) Australia
(B) France
(C) Japan
(D) the United States

Q15. The maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise of November 2026 was conducted under
(A) Eastern Naval Command
(B) Southern Naval Command
(C) Andaman and Nicobar Command
(D) Western Naval Command

# Answer key

Q1. D. 2035-36 — 2035-36; about ₹2,700 crore of the outlay is available, across four target segments.

Q2. B. 5.1 per cent — 5.1 per cent, down from 5.4 per cent in April–June 2026; 4.3 per cent is the rural rate.

Q3. C. 100 million tonnes — 100 million tonnes (10 crore tonnes) by 2030; the ₹37,500-crore incentive scheme opened its third round on 10 November 2026.

Q4. D. NW-110 — NW-110; Delhi's first recreational cruise on it opened at Sonia Vihar on 10 November 2026.

Q5. C. 10th — The 10th edition; it assessed over 4,751 cities on 43 indicators across 10 assessment areas.

Q6. A. Oman — India and Oman; INS Surat arrived at Muscat on 8 November 2026 for the exercise and a coordinated patrol.

Q7. C. 50 LMT — 50 LMT; 25 LMT had already been sold through e-auctions up to 31 October 2026.

Q8. A. Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling — Barrier-less Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling on four-lane and above National Highways.

Q9. B. Myanmar — Myanmar; it was the maiden edition, held on 5–6 November 2026.

Q10. C. 30 per cent of MRP — 30 per cent of the MRP, ordered on 17 October 2026; 70 companies had reported revised MRPs for 120 drugs by 4 November.

Q11. B. 20 blocks in 8 states — 20 blocks in 8 states; the 3rd tranche of exploration licence auctions, launched the same day, covers 11 blocks in 6 states.

Q12. C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers — GRSE, Kolkata; the name comes from Amini Island in Lakshadweep and the ship has over 80 per cent indigenous content.

Q13. D. 114 — 114 medals including 30 gold, up from 14; five world records and nine Asian records were set.

Q14. D. the United States — The United States; it was the fifth edition and ran from 31 October to 5 November 2026.

Q15. C. Andaman and Nicobar Command — The Andaman and Nicobar Command, at Sri Vijaya Puram, from 30 October to 3 November 2026.

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