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West Bengal Specific Current Affairs



- **Jhargram Tiger Safari:** West Bengal approved transferring six Royal Bengal tigers from Bengal Safari Park, with five allocated to a proposed 65-acre Jhargram safari park and one to Rajarhat New Town Mini Zoo.
- **Jobs for Political Violence Victims:** West Bengal notified a scheme providing one eligible family member of victims killed in political violence since 1 January 2001 with Group D government employment.
- **Central Tax Devolution:** The Union Finance Ministry released ₹7,866 Crore to West Bengal as its share of central taxes.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **Bihar Dairy Support DBT:** Bihar transferred ₹68.51 crore to 1,06,063 milk producers and launched the Sudha Sampark Call Centre and Integrated Command and Control Centre in Patna.
- **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS):** Union Cabinet approved a ₹10,000 crore scheme for domestic container manufacturing over 13 years (FY 2027–28 to FY 2039–40).
- **NORKA Private Industrial Estate Scheme 2026:** Kerala launched the scheme for returning expatriate entrepreneurs, offering up to ₹3 crore infrastructure reimbursement.
- **Textile PLI Scheme (Round 4):** Ministry of Textiles reopened applications from 1 November to 31 December 2026 and reduced the minimum Part 2 turnover threshold to ₹100 crore.
- **Banglar Yuba Sathi Scheme 2026:** West Bengal launched monthly DBT assistance of ₹1,500 for educated unemployed youth aged 21–40 years with Madhyamik qualification, for up to five years.



Banking & Financial Updates

- **Banking Regulations Review:** Department of Financial Services appointed its Joint Secretary (Banking) as Member Secretary to review the regulatory framework for RRBs and cooperative banks.
- **Advance Tax Devolution:** Centre released an additional ₹1,09,019 crore to states, including ₹10,845 crore to Bihar and ₹7,866 crore to West Bengal.
- **57th GST Council Reforms:** New reforms simplifying e-commerce seller compliance and expediting refunds came into effect on 1 November 2026.



- **GST Collections:** October 2026 gross GST revenue reached ₹2,31,290 crore, registering 23% year-on-year growth.

Appointments & Persons in News

- **Member Secretary, Banking Regulations Committee:** Joint Secretary (Banking), Department of Financial Services, was appointed Member Secretary of the committee reviewing RRB and cooperative bank regulations.
- **43rd Commandant of MCEME:** Lieutenant General I. S. Rathore assumed charge at the Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering, Secunderabad.
- **55th Director General of GSI:** Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir became the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India.
- **Eastern Air Command AOC-in-C:** Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal assumed charge at Headquarters, Shillong.
- **29th Chief of the Air Staff:** Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge on 1 November 2026 and unveiled the VAYU vision – Vigilance, Atmanirbharta, Yukti and Unity.



Awards & Honours

- **National Organ Transplant Games 2026:** Dresden World Transplant Games 2025 Indian medalists were felicitated during the inauguration at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.
- **Krishi Gaurav Samman 2026:** Six farmers from Meghalaya received the award at Umiam, Meghalaya.
- **Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2026:** Malayalam writer Maythil Radhakrishnan was selected for Kerala's highest literary honour.
- **Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak 2026:** MHA announced awards for 490 personnel, including 358 for Special Operations, 123 for Investigation and 9 for Forensic Science.



Books, Authors & Important Days

- **Other Observances (2 November):** All Souls' Day and Guru Ram Das Birth Anniversary.
- **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists:** Observed on 2 November to raise awareness of crimes against journalists and their impunity.
- **Other State Formation Days:** Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab commemorate their formation on 1 November; Chhattisgarh marks its foundation in 2000.
- **Haryana Day:** Observed on 1 November to mark its separation from Punjab in 1966.
- **Kerala Piravi:** Observed on 1 November to commemorate the formation of Kerala in 1956.



- **Karnataka Rajyotsava Day:** Observed on 1 November to mark the unification of Kannada-speaking regions in 1956.
- **Dr. Narendra Dabholkar Birth Anniversary:** 1 November marks the birth anniversary of the social reformer, rationalist and founder of Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti (MANS), born in 1945.

Sports & Games

- **Senior World Wrestling Championships:** Manisha Bhanwala won gold in the 59 kg freestyle category at Astana, Kazakhstan, becoming the first Indian woman to win Senior World Championships gold.
- **AFC Women's Champions League:** East Bengal FC defeated Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City FC 2–1 in Kolkata, becoming the first Indian club to register multiple group-stage wins.
- **Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026:** India won double gold as the women's team defeated Uganda 35–15 and the men's team defeated Sri Lanka 54–20.



- **Asian Hockey Champions Trophy:** India defeated Malaysia 4–2 in Jalandhar, with captain Harmanpreet Singh scoring a hat-trick.
- **Indian Badminton Achievement:** Indian shuttlers swept both singles titles at a BWF Super 500 or higher event for the first time since 2022.
- **Hylo Open Super 500 (Germany):** Lakshya Sen defeated Jonatan Christie 21–17, 21–10, while P. V. Sindhu defeated Line Højmark Kjaersfeldt 21–12, 21–14 to win the men's and women's singles titles.

Summits & International Affairs

- **World Bank Poverty Brief:** India's extreme poverty rate declined from 27.1% in 2011 to 2.6% in 2023.
- **Gelephu Mindfulness City:** Union Minister Kiren Rijiju represented India at the consecration of 108 stupas along Bhutan's Aie River, with Stupa No. 76 dedicated to the Indian Prime Minister.
- **G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting:** S. Jaishankar represented India in Atlanta, advocating diplomatic solutions to global conflicts, non-weaponisation of supply chains and protection of Black Sea grain corridors.

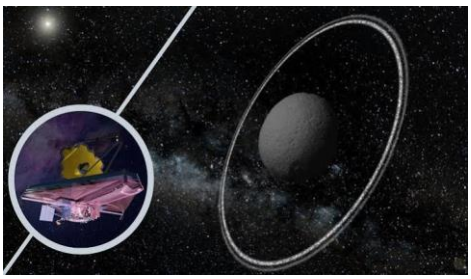


- **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, hosting the 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen (2–5 November).

Science, Space & Technology

- **Digi Yatra International Trials:** Ministry of Civil Aviation started international passenger trials at Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai and Amritsar airports.

- **Kulasekharapatnam Launch Centre:** ISRO's second launch centre in Tamil Nadu is expected to conduct its first launch by March–April 2027, while Chandrayaan-4 is targeted for 2028.
- **Hubble and James Webb Discovery:** Joint observations identified 27 Trans-Neptunian Objects beyond Neptune that have remained unchanged since the origin of the Solar System.



- **NASA Swift Observatory:** NASA's 22-year-old Swift Space Telescope is expected to re-enter Earth's atmosphere around 6 November 2026, with southern India within the predicted re-entry band.

Defence Updates

- **VISV-2026 Conclave:** DRDO and CENJOWS organised the Viksit Bharat 2047 defence technology conclave and released foreign-language product compendiums in Arabic, Spanish and French.
- **MCEME Commandant:** Lieutenant General I. S. Rathore assumed charge as the 43rd Commandant of MCEME, Secunderabad.
- **INS Kesari:** Indian Navy's Shardul-class Landing Ship Tank INS Kesari (L15) reported water ingress while berthed at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- **Next Generation Corvette Deal:** Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth ₹53,866.50 Crore for eight NGCs, with GRSE Kolkata building five and Goa Shipyard Limited building three.



Miscellaneous

- **National Organ Transplant Games Record:** 570 organ recipients and donors performed Tadasana at Talkatora Stadium in a world-record attempt and released the calendar Zindagi Dobara.
- **Coal Production:** Coal India recorded its highest-ever October production of 67.2 million tonnes, while coal imports declined by 5.83% in August 2026.
- **CISF Restructuring:** CISF reorganised into eight functional sectors, with Coal Sector Headquarters at Ranchi and Steel Sector Headquarters at Bhilai.



- **Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express:** Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off India's third Vande Bharat Sleeper train from SMVT Bengaluru, with 16 coaches and 823-passenger capacity.

Daily Current Affairs MCQs

1. The proposed Jhargram Tiger Safari Park in West Bengal will receive how many Royal Bengal tigers from Bengal Safari Park?

A) Three
B) Four
C) Five
D) Six

Answer: C) Five

2. Under the Banglar Yuba Sathi Scheme 2026, how much monthly financial assistance is provided to eligible educated unemployed youth?

A) ₹1,000
B) ₹1,500
C) ₹2,000
D) ₹3,000

Answer: B) ₹1,500

3. Who became the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)?

A) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir
B) I. S. Rathore
C) Mehtab Singh Deswal
D) Ashutosh Dixit

Answer: A) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir

4. Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2026, Kerala's highest literary honour, was awarded to which writer?

A) M. Mukundan
B) Maythil Radhakrishnan
C) K. Satchidanandan
D) S. Hareesh

Answer: B) Maythil Radhakrishnan

5. The Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS) was approved with an outlay of:

A) ₹5,000 crore
B) ₹7,500 crore
C) ₹10,000 crore
D) ₹15,000 crore

Answer: C) ₹10,000 Crore

6. Which Indian football club defeated Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City FC 2–1 in the AFC Women's Champions League?

A) East Bengal FC
B) Mohun Bagan Super Giant
C) Bengaluru FC
D) Odisha FC

Answer: A) East Bengal FC

7. ISRO successfully launched the NVS-03 navigation satellite using which launch vehicle?

A) PSLV-C60
B) GSLV-F18
C) LVM3-M5
D) SSLV-D4

Answer: B) GSLV-F18

8. Haryana Day is observed on 1 November to commemorate the separation of Haryana from which state in 1966?

A) Rajasthan
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Punjab
D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: C) Punjab

9. Which Indian Navy ship reported water ingress while berthed at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam?

A) INS Vikrant
B) INS Kesari
C) INS Chennai
D) INS Arihant

Answer: B) INS Kesari

10. Which shipyard in Kolkata will build five of the eight Next Generation Corvettes under the defence contract worth ₹53,866.50 Crore?

A) Cochin Shipyard Limited
B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)
D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Answer: C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)

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