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Key Highlights of Today's Current Affairs:

- Deepak Rajawat appointed CEO of Air India Express
- Karthik Muralidharan appointed ADB Chief Economist
- Shekhar C. Mande appointed to UN science group
- Public sector banks' first-half FY 2026-27 performance
- SBI Funds Management partners with PNB
- NIELIT's national cyber security conference
- Redevelopment of Khalsa Diwan Gurudwara in Manila
- Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2026
- Barak missile system upgrade contract
- World Philosophy Day 2026
- World Toilet Day 2026

1. Deepak Rajawat appointed CEO of Air India Express



Air India Express

Indian low-cost airline

Key News

- Air India Express appointed its Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Deepak Rajawat, as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective **1 December 2026.**

Remember for Exams

- **CFO → CEO**
- Effective: **1 December 2026**
- Owner: **Air India Limited**
- Founded: **March 2005**
- Headquarters: **Gurugram, Haryana**

Related Original MCQ – Q1

Deepak Rajawat, who previously served as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which airline, effective from 1 December 2026?

1. IndiGo
2. Air India Express
3. Akasa Air
4. SpiceJet
5. Air India

Correct answer – 2. Air India Express

2. Karthik Muralidharan appointed ADB Chief Economist



Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Albert Park

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Karthik Muralidharan

Key News

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) appointed Karthik Muralidharan as its Chief Economist and Director General of the Economic Research and Development Impact Department.
- He will succeed Albert Park.

Remember for Exams

- Formed: 19 December 1966
- Headquarters: Manila, Philippines
- Members: 69 countries (69th: Israel)
- 11th President: Masato Kanda (Japan)

Related Original MCQ – Q2

Karthik Muralidharan has been appointed as the Chief Economist and Director General of the Economic Research and Development Impact Department of which international financial institution, succeeding Albert Park?

1. World Bank
2. IMF
3. AIIB
4. ADB
5. NDB

Correct answer – 4. ADB

3. Shekhar C. Mande appointed to UN science group

United Nations

10 members

2026–2028

Key News

- Indian scientist Shekhar C. Mande was appointed to the United Nations' 10-Member Group on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2026–2028.
- UN Secretary-General António Guterres reconstituted the group.

Remember for Exams

- Established: 24 October 1945
- Headquarters: New York, USA
- 193 member states
- 9th Secretary-General: António Guterres (Portugal)

Related Original MCQ – Q3

Which Indian scientist was appointed to the United Nations' 10-Member Group on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the 2026–2028 term, following its reconstitution by United Nation Secretary-General António Guterres?

1. Ajay Kumar Sood
2. Raghunath Mashelkar
3. Shekhar C. Mande
4. K. VijayRaghavan
5. Ashutosh Sharma

Correct answer – 3. Shekhar C. Mande

4. Public sector banks' first-half FY 2026–27 performance



Net Profit

₹1,09,540 crore

+16.9% YoY

19 November PDF

Total Business

₹301.6 lakh crore

+15.5% YoY

20 November PDF (Q4)

Key News

- India's 12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded an aggregate net profit of ₹1,09,540 crore, approximately ₹1.10 lakh crore.
- The period was April–September 2026, the first half of FY 2026–27. Net profit grew 16.9% year-on-year.

Remember for Exams

- Q4 figure from the 20 November PDF: Total business of ₹301.6 lakh crore, with 15.5% year-on-year growth.

Related Original MCQ – Q4

What was the total business recorded by India's 12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during the first half (April–September) of Financial Year 2026–27, reflecting a year-on-year growth of 15.5%?

1. ₹285.4 lakh crore
2. ₹312.8 lakh crore
3. ₹296.5 lakh crore
4. ₹325.6 lakh crore
5. ₹301.6 lakh crore

Correct answer – 5. ₹301.6 lakh crore

5. SBI Funds Management partners with PNB



SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML)

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SBI Mutual Fund schemes

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PNB branches across India

Key News

- SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML) entered into a distribution partnership with Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- The partnership will make SBI Mutual Fund schemes' available through PNB's branch network across India.

Remember for Exams

- Distribution partner: Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- SBI Mutual Fund schemes

Related Original MCQ – Q5

SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML) signed a distribution partnership with which public sector bank to offer SBI Mutual Fund schemes through its nationwide branch network?

1. Punjab National Bank
2. Bank of Baroda
3. Canara Bank
4. Union Bank of India
5. Bank of India

Correct answer – 1. Punjab National Bank

6. NIELIT holds third national cyber security conference



NCCDFI 2026

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Third edition

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New Delhi

Key News

- The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) organised the third National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence (NCCDFI) 2026 in New Delhi.
- Theme – Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future

Remember for Exams

- NIELIT is a society that offers IT and electronics training at different levels.
- It operates under the administrative control of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Formed – 9 November 1994
- Director General – Madan Mohan Tripathi

Related Original MCQ – Q6

Which edition of the National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence (NCCDFI) was organised by NIELIT in New Delhi in 2026 under the theme "Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future"?

1. Second
2. Fourth
3. Fifth
4. Third
5. Sixth

Correct answer – 4. Third

7. Khalsa Diwan Gurudwara redevelopment in Manila



Philippines
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Manila
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Khalsa Diwan Gurudwara

Key News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Khalsa Diwan Gurudwara in Manila, the capital of the Philippines.
- He led the ceremony to lay the foundation stone for rebuilding it.

Remember for Exams

- It is the **oldest Gurudwara in the Philippines.**

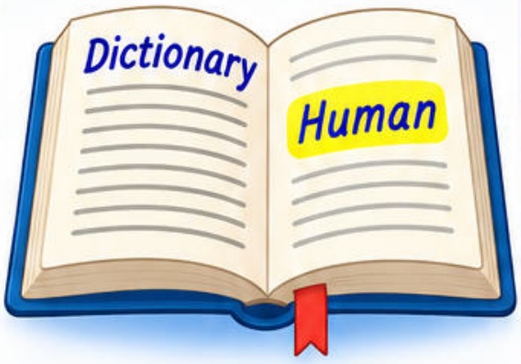
Related Original MCQ – Q7

What is the name of the oldest Gurudwara in the Philippines, for whose redevelopment Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone during his visit to Manila?

1. Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha
2. Khalsa Diwan Gurudwara
3. Guru Nanak Darbar Gurudwara
4. Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib
5. Gurudwara Bangla Sahib

Correct answer – 2. Khalsa Diwan Gurudwara

8. Cambridge Dictionary selects 'Human'



Human

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Human-written
(means written by a person.)

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Human-generated
(means produced by people.)

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Human-made
(means created by humans.)

Key News

- Cambridge Dictionary selected 'human' as its Word of the Year 2026. The choice reflects discussion about human identity and creativity in an age increasingly influenced by Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Remember for Exams

- **Human-written** means written by a person.
- **Human-generated** means produced by people.
- **Human-made** means created by humans.

Related Original MCQ – Q8

Which word was selected as Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2026, highlighting discussions about human identity and creativity in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

1. Authentic
2. Manifest
3. Hallucinate
4. Brat
5. Human

Correct answer – 5. Human

9. ₹1,976.40 crore Barak upgrade contract



Ministry of Defence
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Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)
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₹1,976.40 crore
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Barak Point Defence Missile System upgrade

Key News

- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,976.40 crore contract with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) to upgrade the Barak Point Defence Missile System deployed aboard Indian Navy warships.

Remember for Exams

- The agreement was signed in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh.

Related Original MCQ – Q9

What was the value of the contract signed by the Ministry of Defence with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) to upgrade the Barak Point Defence Missile System deployed on Indian Navy warships?

1. ₹1,976.40 crore
2. ₹2,176.40 crore
3. ₹1,876.40 crore
4. ₹2,476.40 crore
5. ₹1,576.40 crore

Correct answer – 1. ₹1,976.40 crore

10. World Philosophy Day 2026



Third Thursday of November

- Critical thinking
- Dialogue
- Tolerance
- Peace

Key News

- World Philosophy Day is observed annually on the third Thursday of November. In 2026, it fell on 19 November.

Remember for Exams

- The observance encourages critical thinking, dialogue, tolerance and peace.

Related Original MCQ – Q10

On which date was World Philosophy Day observed in 2026, following its annual observance on the third Thursday of November to promote critical thinking, dialogue, tolerance and peace?

1. 20 November
2. 18 November
3. 21 November
4. 19 November
5. 16 November

Correct answer – 4. 19 November

11. World Toilet Day 2026



Awareness of the global sanitation crisis

Access to safe toilets for everyone

Safe toilets. Equal futures.

Key News

- World Toilet Day is observed annually on 19 November. It raises awareness about the global sanitation crisis and promotes access to safe toilets for everyone.

Remember for Exams

- The 2026 campaign is 'Safe toilets. Equal futures.'

Related Original MCQ – Q11

On which date is World Toilet Day observed annually to raise awareness about the global sanitation crisis and promote access to safe toilets for everyone, with the 2026 campaign titled 'Safe toilets. Equal futures.'?

1. 18 November
2. 19 November
3. 20 November
4. 17 November
5. 21 November

Correct answer – 2. 19 November

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