

Weekly Current Affairs (17th – 23rd November 2025)

IN National Affairs

- **India signs LPG import deal with US:** A one-year agreement to strengthen energy security and diversify supply chains.
- **Afghanistan's Minister Alhaj Nooruddin Azizi visits India:** 5-day official trip to boost trade and industrial cooperation.
- **TRAI adopts 1600 series for official calls:** Banks, NBFCs, and mutual funds to use this series for service and transactional calls.
- **Indigenous CRISPR therapy launched:** Developed at IGIB, New Delhi, this gene-editing technology offers a breakthrough cure for sickle cell disease.
- **PM pays tribute to Sathya Sai Baba:** At centenary celebrations in Puttaparthi, AP; released ₹100 coin, postal stamps, and inaugurated South India Natural Farming Summit in Coimbatore.
- **Australian FM Penny Wong in New Delhi:** Attended the 16th India–Australia Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue.
- **44th India International Trade Fair:** Held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- **Union Minister Kiren Rijiju celebrates Chindang festival:** At Ditchik village, Arunachal Pradesh, highlighting post-harvest traditions.

International Affairs

- **Japan woman marries AI partner:** In Okayama, a 32-year-old married an AI partner created using ChatGPT.
- **7th Colombo Security Conclave (CSC):** Hosted by India; attended by Bangladesh, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka; Seychelles as observer, Malaysia as guest.
- **India opens two new consulates in Russia:** At Yekaterinburg and Kazan, expanding diplomatic outreach.
- **Australian Defence Updates:**
 - Army plans induction of women into Territorial Army (TA).
 - Navy to commission **INS Mahe**, 3rd ASW-SWC warship after INS Arnala and INS Androth.
 - Army validates new battle architecture during **Exercise Poorvi Prachand Prahar** in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **New Army Units:**
 - **Bhairav Battalion** – integrated multi-arm teams.
 - **Divyastra Battery** – modern artillery with drones and anti-drone systems.
 - **Ashni Units** – precision strike drones (kamikaze).
- **France to sell 100 Rafale jets to Ukraine.**

- **India–UK Exercise Ajeya Warrior-25:** 8th edition at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- **US sells \$700M NASAMS to Taiwan:** Taiwan joins Australia and Indonesia as Indo-Pacific operators.
- **BSF sets up Hi-Tech Research Hub:** At Gwalior Academy in collaboration with IIT Madras.
- **Operation Pawan Commemoration:** Army to hold first official remembrance of IPKF mission at National War Memorial, New Delhi.

Sports

- **Dhruv Goswami wins 28th National Racing Championship:** Teenager from Bengaluru clinched the LGB Formula 4 title.
- **Curaçao qualifies for FIFA World Cup 2026:** Becomes the smallest nation (population 156,000) ever to qualify, breaking Iceland’s record.
- **Roger Federer elected to International Tennis Hall of Fame:** Induction scheduled for August 2026 at Newport, Rhode Island.

□ Obituary

- **Paige Greco (Australia):** Paralympic gold medalist cyclist passed away at 28; remembered for winning Australia’s first gold at Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

⚔ Awards & Honours

- **6th National Water Awards:** President Droupadi Murmu presented Jal Sanchay–Jan Bhagidari Awards; Maharashtra won Best State, followed by Gujarat and Haryana.
- **Dalai Lama nominated for 68th Grammy Awards:** Best Audio Book category; music by Amjad Ali Khan, Amaan & Ayaan Ali Bangesh; production by Kabir Sehgal.
- **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace (2024):** Awarded to Michelle Bachelet, Chile’s first woman President and former UN Human Rights Chief.

Punjab Affairs

- **Jitender Singh Shunty appointed to Punjab Human Rights Commission:** Padma Shri awardee known for humanitarian service.
- **Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji’s 350th Martyrdom Anniversary:** Commemorated at Takht Sri Keshgarh Sahib, Anandpur Sahib.
- **NOC no longer needed for power connections:** PSPCL removes requirement, easing access to electricity in unapproved colonies.

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