

Highlights of 04 October 2026 Current Affairs

- King Mohammed VI of Morocco has officially appointed **Fatima Ezzahra El Mansouri** as the country's Prime Minister (Head of Government), making history as the **first woman to hold the office** in the North African kingdom.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has officially approved the implementation of a comprehensive **Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS)** for the national capital, backed by an estimated financial outlay of **₹1,789.52 crore**. To be spearheaded and implemented by the **Delhi Police**, the ambitious project aims to modernize urban mobility, cut down chronic congestion, and enhance road safety across the capital's busiest thoroughfares.
- The second edition of the **ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026)** has officially commenced at **Subic Bay, Philippines**. The multilateral engagement brings together navies from India and all member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) under the core theme **“Anchored in Trust, United at Sea.”**
- The **Bankers’ Books Evidence Act, 2026** officially came into force on **October 1, 2026**, replacing the colonial-era **Bankers’ Books Evidence Act of 1891**. Following presidential assent on August 13, 2026, the landmark legislation brings India’s judicial and evidentiary procedures in line with contemporary digital, virtual, and cloud-based banking infrastructure. Moving far beyond traditional paper ledgers, day-books, and cash-books, the new law explicitly encompasses records stored across **digital, electronic, virtual, and off-site cloud platforms**, including backups and disaster recovery servers.
- World Animal Day observed annually on **October 4**, **World Animal Day** is an international day of action dedicated to advocating for animal rights, improving welfare standards, and raising awareness about the protection of species across the globe.
- Rohit became the **third Indian batter** (and seventh overall) to cross **12,000 runs in men's One Day Internationals**, joining legendary company alongside Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli. He achieved the feat in his **282nd innings** (290 matches), surpassing Sachin Tendulkar (300 innings) to become the second-fastest player in ODI history to reach the mark, trailing only Virat Kohli (242 innings). In the same innings, Rohit achieved an unprecedented global milestone, becoming the **first batter in ODI history to hit 200 sixes in a single country**.
- Senior bureaucrat **Narendra Bhooshan** officially assumed charge as the Secretary of the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**.
- World Space Week 2026 observed globally from **October 4 to October 10**, **World Space Week** is the largest annual international event dedicated to celebrating space science, technology, and their contributions to the betterment of the human condition.
 - **Historical Milestone Anchors:** The fixed dates commemorate two pivotal moments in space history:
 - **October 4, 1957:** The launch of *Sputnik 1*, the first human-made Earth satellite, which ushered in the space age.
 - **October 10, 1967:** The entry into force of the *Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies* (the Outer Space Treaty).

- California has officially become the **18th U.S. state to completely ban child marriage**, following Governor Gavin Newsom's signing of **Assembly Bill (AB) 1267**.
- Following approval from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, Kotak Mahindra Bank has announced the appointment of **Anup Kumar Saha** as its next Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Saha will assume office on **January 1, 2027**, for an initial tenure of **three years**. He succeeds **Ashok Vaswani**, whose three-year term concludes on December 31, 2026, after Vaswani decided not to seek reappointment for personal reasons.
- The Government of Gujarat has announced that it will honor **Captain Smit Machchhar** with the prestigious **Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award**, accompanied by a **₹25 lakh cash reward**, in recognition of his exceptional bravery during a critical mid-air emergency aboard a Flydubai flight. Captain Machchhar was piloting Flydubai flight FZ1073 from Dubai to Tel Aviv carrying 174 passengers when an altercation and violent assault broke out in the cockpit. Despite sustaining serious stab injuries and severe blood loss, he managed to trigger the cockpit release, enabling crew members and passengers to step in, neutralize the attacker, and safely divert the aircraft to Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.
- Following clearance from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), HDFC Bank has officially announced the appointment of **Anup Bagchi** as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Bagchi will assume charge for a **three-year term starting October 27, 2026**, running through October 26, 2029. He succeeds **Sashidhar Jagdishan**, whose tenure as MD and CEO concludes on October 26, 2026. Bagchi's appointment marks a high-profile transition, bringing in an external leader for India's largest private sector bank.
- The central government, in coordination with the Union Territory administration of Ladakh, has formally standardized and integrated **28 geographical places and features** onto the official **Survey of India map**. This cartographic update is designed to ensure standard referencing, prevent ambiguities, enhance administrative precision, and boost public awareness of the region's diverse topography.
- The Mumbai Port Authority officially declared the **Jawahar Dweep Marine Oil Terminal** (historically known as Butcher Island) as **India's first plastic-free oil terminal**. The milestone announcement was made during the *Swachhata Abhiyan 2026* cleanliness drive, underlining a major push toward sustainable port operations and marine environmental protection in India's critical maritime hubs.
- The Government of Andhra Pradesh officially laid the foundation stone for the ambitious **Global Horticulture Hub** (also styled as "**Rayalaseema Rising**") in **Madanapalle** (Annamayya district). Formally launched by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu alongside Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan, the mega initiative aims to transform the traditionally drought-prone Rayalaseema region into the preeminent "Fruit Bowl of India" and a major global exporter.
- The **Gujarat Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, 2026** has officially received assent from President **Droupadi Murmu**, clearing the final legislative hurdle to become law. Following formal publication in the Gujarat Government Gazette, the landmark legislation has been notified as **Gujarat Act No. 15 of 2026**. Gujarat now stands as the **second state in India** after Uttarakhand to enact and formalize a unified civil code framework.