

Highlights of 27 October 2026 Current Affairs

1. Kimi Antonelli Wins the 2026 United States Grand Prix

Italian Formula One driver Kimi Antonelli won the United States Grand Prix held in Austin, Texas,. Representing Mercedes, Antonelli finished ahead of Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc, who secured second place, and Red Bull driver Max Verstappen, who finished third. He secured victory through a strong opening lap and a one-stop tyre strategy, finishing 13.078 seconds ahead of Leclerc. The result marked Antonelli's ninth Grand Prix victory of the 2026 season and strengthened his position in the Formula One Drivers' Championship.

2. Tata Communications to Invest \$450 Million in AI Super Highway

Tata Communications announced plans to invest up to \$450 million over the next three to five years to build an AI Super Highway in India. The project aims to develop a high-capacity fibre network connecting major data centres and artificial intelligence hubs, with the first phase covering Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad and Chennai. Rupesh Chokshi, Executive Vice President and Global Business Head for Network Services at Tata Communications, outlined the investment plan. The company aims to capture 30–40% of the data centre connectivity market, making this development important for questions on artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure and private-sector investment in India.

3. Former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda Dies at 90

Yasuo Fukuda, former Prime Minister of Japan, died at the age of 90, with his death announced. He served as Japan's 91st Prime Minister from 2007 to 2008 and previously held the position of Chief Cabinet Secretary. During his tenure, Fukuda emphasised diplomatic engagement with Asian countries, particularly China, and chaired the G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit in 2008.

4. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva Re-elected President of Brazil

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was re-elected President of Brazil after winning the presidential runoff election held. According to Brazil's electoral authorities, Lula, representing the Workers' Party (PT), secured 51.79% of the valid votes, equivalent to 64,256,232 votes, defeating his opponent Flávio Bolsonaro of the Liberal Party. The victory secured Lula a fourth, non-consecutive presidential term, with his next term scheduled to begin on 5 January 2027.

5. Professor Mahesh Chander Saxena, Renowned Shimla Sculptor, Dies at 92

Professor Mahesh Chander Saxena, popularly known as Professor M.C. Saxena, a renowned sculptor, painter and literary figure, died in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, at the age of 92. He was widely recognised for his contribution to the artistic identity of Shimla, particularly through the iconic 'Him Bala' statue at Daulat Singh Park and the heritage murals along Mall Road. His sculptures and artworks depicted Himachal Pradesh's traditional culture, rural life and rich

artistic heritage. His passing is significant for state-level general knowledge examinations relating to Himachal Pradesh's art, culture and notable personalities.

6. SJVN Organises the 29th Inter-CPSU Carrom Tournament

SJVN Limited organised the 29th Inter-CPSU Carrom Tournament in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, under the aegis of the Power Sports Control Board (PSCB), Ministry of Power, Government of India. The tournament brought together 12 teams representing the Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and various central public sector undertakings, including SJVN, NHPC, REC, THDC India, Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL). The closing ceremony and prize distribution took place on 26 October 2026, with Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel), SJVN, attending as the chief guest. In the men's team championship, the Central Electricity Authority emerged as champion, while the Ministry of Power and NEEPCO secured the first and second runner-up positions, respectively.

7. 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum Opens in New Delhi

The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at the historic Samvidhan Sadan in the Parliament House Complex, New Delhi. Hosted by India under its 2026 BRICS chairship, the two-day forum brought together parliamentary leaders and delegations from BRICS member and partner countries. The discussions focus on people-centric development, ethical artificial intelligence, digital transformation, global governance reforms, sustainable development and parliamentary cooperation.