Highlights of 08 November 2026 Current Affairs

- Today, the festival of Diwali is being celebrated in India and all over the world with enthusiasm and joy. It is the festival of lights and the triumph of light over darkness. On this day, Sri Ram Chandra Ji, along with his brother Sri Lakshman Ji and his wife Mata Sita Ji, returned from 14 years of exile to Ayodhya, where the people of Ayodhya lit earthen lamps to welcome Sri Ram Chandra Ji.
- On the occasion of Diwali, Sikhs all over the world also celebrate Bandi Chhor Divas, when the sixth Guru, **Guru Hargobind Singh Ji**, was released along with 52 kings from Gwalior jail under the Mughal Emperor Jahangir. When Sri **Guru Hargobind Singh Ji** reached Amritsar on the day of Diwali, the people of Amritsar lit desi ghee diyas to welcome him and burst firecrackers.
- The 10th Military Literature Festival will be organised in Chandigarh from 13 November to 15 November for those interested in military history. It will bring together people from all over India and from diverse backgrounds to learn about the bravery, courage, and martyrdom of Indian military personnel.
- On 8 November 2026, Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji celebrates his 99th birthday, as he was born on 8 November 1927 in Karachi, now in Pakistan. He is one of the most senior and veteran leaders of the BJP, who participated in and organised the Rath Yatra for Ram Janmabhoomi in Uttar Pradesh."
- Ueno Bank in Paraguay has recently faced a major financial crisis and collapse, as it was serving half of the country's population. Therefore, as a competitive exam aspirant, you should know the name of this bank and the country, as it may be directly asked in questions.
- The Jindal Panthers won the Indian Masters Polo Championship, defeating Vimal Arions by a score of 12-11, thanks to two crucial goals by Naveen Jindal.
- Bangladeshi cricketer Towhid Hridoy scored 242 not out against the West Indies and became the highest individual scorer for Bangladesh in Test cricket, breaking the previous record of 219 not out set by Mushfiqur Rahim against Zimbabwe in 2018.
- Indian star pacer Mohammad Shami has announced his retirement from international Test cricket. Having represented the Indian men's cricket team in numerous matches, he has also won many awards for the country. Notably, he was India's 279th Test cap.
- On 8 November 1895, the German scientist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen discovered X-rays using a cathode ray vacuum tube. These rays can pass through opaque objects, and for this discovery, he won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901. This discovery of X-rays has revolutionized the medical field.
- The indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) craft, INS Amini, has been successfully delivered to the Indian Navy by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. The handing-over ceremony was held at Kattupalli, Tamil Nadu. INS Amini is built with 80% indigenous components and is designed for shallow-water warfare.
- The Uttarakhand Police received the President's Colour (Rashtrapati ka Nishan) award for exceptional commitment to service, dedication, professionalism, and contribution to keeping the public safe over the past 25 years. By receiving this President's Colour award, the Uttarakhand Police has become the 16th state police force to receive this honour.
- Karnataka has now become the first state in India to declare an official state amphibian: the Malabar Tree Toad, which is a species of frog.
- In a new development regarding the National Book Trust, the Supreme Court of India has ruled that it has now become a 'State' under Article 12 of the Indian Constitution, which falls under Part III (Fundamental Rights). The Supreme Court made this ruling due to the government's

deep and pervasive financial, functional, and administrative control over the National Book Trust.

- The Government of Chhattisgarh has planned to relocate 50 blackbucks to the Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary, a species that has been absent from the sanctuary for the last 50 years. These 50 blackbucks (*Antilope cervicapra*) will be translocated from the Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary to enhance biodiversity in the grassland area and to improve wildlife conservation in the state.