Highlights of 11 November 2026 Current Affairs

- Brenda Williams of Britain has broken the Guinness World Record for becoming the world's loudest woman. A town crier, Brenda Williams, recorded her voice at an event at 105.9 decibels, which is louder than the sound of an aeroplane taking off and a helicopter.
- The State Netball Inter-Ward Championship will start on 13 November at the Panjab University ground in Sector 14, Chandigarh. The championship will be organised by the Netball Sports Promotion Association, Chandigarh.
- The Government of India is going to start excavating potash at 35 locations using borewells in the two Punjab districts of Fazilka and Sri Muktsar Sahib in April 2027, as India imports 100% of its potash requirements from foreign countries. The presence of potash in Fazilka and Sri Muktsar Sahib was first identified in 1987.
- President Droupadi Murmu will confer the Swachh Survekshan Awards for the year 2025–26 at a ceremony to be held in New Delhi today.
- Bunker Roy, a social activist, rural development pioneer, and the person behind the establishment of the renowned Barefoot College, which teaches basic engineering, medicine, and arts to local villagers, passed away at the age of 81.
- The unemployment rate in India among people aged 15 years and above has improved slightly to 5.1%, down from 5.2% in the July–September period, according to data released by the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) Sarbananda Sonowal has laid the foundation stone for a waterfront promenade at Visakhapatnam Port, which will allow people to walk along the waterfront. The project has a total budget of ₹19 crore. Along with this, he also announced a package of ₹560 crore for other development works at the port.
- Indian Navy Ship (INS) Trishul has successfully concluded its port call at Safaga, Egypt. This port call strengthened India–Egypt defence and maritime ties under the 11th India–Egypt Joint Defence Committee (JDC) meeting.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been observing Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada across the country from 1 November to 15 November 2026, marking the birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda. These nationwide celebrations aim to honour tribal heritage, empower tribal communities, and accelerate the last-mile delivery of various welfare schemes for tribal communities in India.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is going to organise the inaugural National Tribal Literary Festival in New Delhi from 12 to 13 November 2026. This two-day literary festival will bring together tribal writers, poets, scholars, and cultural practitioners who focus on preserving local tribal languages, oral traditions, and India's indigenous literary heritage.
- 11 November is commemorated as the birth anniversary of India's first Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was born on 11 November 1888 in Mecca, Ottoman Empire. He was a freedom fighter, journalist, and scholar who served as India's first Education Minister from 1947 to 1958. 11 November is also celebrated as National Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
- The Government of India has approved the continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme for the next five years to promote entrepreneurship among women, Scheduled Castes (SCs), and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

- India and Norway will explore technologies to convert industrial waste, particularly from the cement and construction industries, into useful resources through waste management and resource recovery. A dialogue titled “Waste to Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sector” was organised at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi.