Highlights of 12 November 2026 Current Affairs

- On 12 November 2014, the mission named Rosetta, launched by the European Space Agency, became the first spacecraft to successfully soft-land on a comet using its Philae lander. The spacecraft landed on Comet 67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko. The mission was launched in 2004 and reached the comet after travelling for about 10 years.
- In one of the biggest player trades in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL), Mumbai Indians have released all-rounder Hardik Pandya to Punjab Kings in exchange for Arshdeep Singh, who is currently the world's No. 1 bowler. As part of this trade, Arshdeep Singh will move to Mumbai Indians.
- Indian shooter Niraj Kumar won the bronze medal in the men's 50-metre rifle 3-positions event at the ISSF World Championships in Doha, Qatar. With this bronze medal, he secured an Olympic quota for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. Jaypal Malviya also secured an Olympic quota for India by winning the silver medal in the men's 10-metre air pistol event, becoming the first Indian shooter to secure a quota for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.
- The Punjab Mandi Board has won the prestigious Major Innovation Award presented by the World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) in China. This is the first time that an Indian organisation has received this award from the World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM).
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has asked ministries and departments to make electric vehicles (EVs) the preferred choice for their staff cars and set a price limit of ₹20 lakh per vehicle.
- The newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of WhatsApp, Kunal Shah, said that WhatsApp will use artificial intelligence (AI) in the app to save users' time and allow them to complete tasks, such as paying bills, within chats. This will help improve the app's efficiency.
- Credit rating agency Moody's has said that the Indian economy is expected to grow by 7% in the current fiscal year, which is slightly higher than its earlier growth estimate of 6.5%.
- A 24-carat pink diamond ring, which was auctioned in Geneva, has been sold for $14.6 million. The emerald-cut Bulgari pink diamond ring originated from the Golconda mines in India. This piece of jewellery is also known as the "Mona Lisa of Pink Diamonds."
- The 31st CII Partnership Summit was held in Visakhapatnam under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal. Diplomats and global industry leaders from 58 countries participated in the summit.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal will inaugurate the 45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 13 November 2026. The fair will be organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO). The theme of IITF 2026 is ‘Vikas aur Virasat’.
- Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched three digital initiatives for the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS). These include the AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) with the ‘Samiksha’ AI Bot, the KVS-Samvaad Parent Connect App and Web Portal, and the KVS Alumni Connect Portal. These initiatives are aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

- The Government of Odisha, under Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, has approved the Bovine Breeding (Regulation) Bill, 2026, to regulate cattle and buffalo breeding services in the state. Through this legislation, the state also aims to increase milk production and improve the livelihoods of farmers.