Highlights of 16 November 2026 Current Affairs

- India won the Under-19 Asia Cup by defeating Pakistan in a record-breaking chase at the Al Amerat Cricket Stadium in Oman. In the final, the Indian Under-19 men's cricket team chased down a target of 338 runs, the highest successful run chase by any team in an Under-19 Asia Cup final. With this victory, India secured its ninth Under-19 Asia Cup title, making it the most successful team in the tournament's history.
    - Aaryavir Sehwag was named Player of the Tournament after scoring 361 runs in five innings, making him the tournament's highest run-scorer. Mohit Ulva, who scored an impressive 49 runs and hit the winning run off the final ball, was named Player of the Match in the final.
- Indian-origin Abhishek Awasthi, who became the Mayor of the Australian city of Greater Bendigo for the 2026–27 term, hails from the Himachal Pradesh city of Mandi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, to attend the 23rd ASEAN–India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit, held alongside the 49th ASEAN Summit. During this visit, the relationship between India and ASEAN countries will be strengthened, and maritime security and trade cooperation will be discussed. The full form of ASEAN is the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which has 11 members (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam).
    - *(Note: India is a Comprehensive Strategic Partner and Dialogue Partner, not a member of ASEAN.)*
- Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen won the Kumamoto Masters in Japan by beating the Japanese player Koki Watanabe in the final. With this, Lakshya Sen became the first Indian to achieve this victory by winning the Kumamoto Masters title. This is Lakshya's second consecutive title, as two weeks ago he won the HYLO Open in Germany.
- In a first-of-its-kind initiative in Himachal Pradesh, a donkey farm has been started in the Bilaspur district, where donkey milk will be sold at a rate of ₹5,000 to ₹7,000 per liter. Donkey milk powder is also very expensive, as it is used to make premium cosmetics and skincare products.
- In the latest release of the men's tournament schedule by the International Cricket Council (ICC), India received the hosting rights for the 2029 Champions Trophy, along with co-hosting rights for the 2031 ODI World Cup with Bangladesh.
- India and Malaysia will conduct a joint military exercise named Harimau Shakti from November 18 to 30 in Malaysia. This is the 6th edition of the exercise, and the previous 5th edition was held at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan. This exercise first started in 2012 between the Indian Army and the Malaysian Army in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 16 November is remembered as the death anniversary of the revolutionary Kartar Singh Sarabha, who was martyred for his motherland at the age of 19. He joined the Ghadar Party at the age of 15 to fight against British rule and achieve Indian independence. He was executed in the Lahore Conspiracy Case on 16 November 1915 at Central Jail, Lahore (now in Pakistan).
    - Kartar Singh Sarabha was born on 24 May 1896 in Sarabha village in Ludhiana district, Punjab. His father's name was Sardar Mangal Singh Grewal (a fact

frequently asked in PSSSB exams), and his mother's name was Sahib Kaur. Shaheed Bhagat Singh referred to him as his Guru.

- The 7th India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee meeting was held on 15 November 2026 in Cairo, the capital city of Egypt. The meeting was attended by India's Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, and Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade, Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh. Both sides discussed the possibility of a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) or a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- 16 November is celebrated every year as the International Day for Tolerance. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared this day in 1995 to promote mutual respect, understanding, and cultural diversity among people.