Highlights of 25 November 2026 Current Affairs

- The 20th edition of **Exercise Suryakiran**, a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Nepali Army, will be held at the Nepali Army Battle School in Saljhandi, Rupandehi, Nepal. The theme of the exercise is **'Two Nations. One Mission. An Enduring Bond.'** The previous, 19th edition of the exercise was held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, India.
- The **Tata Transformation Prize 2026** has been awarded to three Indian scientists for their contributions to **food security, sustainability and healthcare**. The award recipients are **Lakshminarayana Rao, Amol Kulkarni and Colin Jamora**. Each scientist will receive prize money of ₹2 crore.
- Every year, **25 November** is observed as the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**. The theme for 2026 is **"Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity."**
- Vaibhav Suryavanshi, the sensational 15-year-old cricketer, has broken records by becoming the fastest player to score a century, 150 and a double century in List A cricket. He broke the previous record for the fastest century, held by Australia's Jake Fraser-McGurk, who had scored a century in 29 balls. Vaibhav Suryavanshi completed his century in just 28 balls, breaking that record. He also broke the record for the fastest double century, previously held by Chad Bowes, who had scored one in 52 balls.
- According to a report by Tracxn Technologies, funding for India's AI sector doubled in the first nine months of 2026, reaching $1.6 billion in equity funding.
- S&P Global Ratings has estimated India's GDP growth at 7% for both the current and the next fiscal year.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed a new facility called **Trusted Person** for bank customers to help authenticate and stop high-value transactions debited from their bank accounts. Under this facility, customers will be able to register a trusted person who can approve transactions exceeding a threshold set by the customer.
    - Once the trusted person receives the transaction details, including the amount and transaction narration, they will have one hour to approve or disapprove the transaction.
- South Korea has nominated **Lee Jae-myung** as the country's first National Intelligence Service (NIS) director.
    - **Capital:** Seoul
    - **Currency:** South Korean Won (KRW)
- BepiColombo has become the first joint European-Japanese spacecraft mission to capture close-up images of Mercury, the closest planet to the Sun in our solar system.
- Flipkart's Kalyan Krishnamurthy stepped down from his position as the company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He joined the company as CEO in 2017.
- Wayanad, a district in Kerala, has become India's first e-waste-free district. It scientifically processes electronic waste collected from households, government offices, educational institutions, tourist centres and other public establishments.
- Gujarat-based Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre Society (Vantara) and Madagascar's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) have signed a ten-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to further animal conservation efforts and reintroduce animals that have been confiscated abroad.

- Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, has launched the **Single Access Mechanism for All Verticals of Empowerment & Social Harmony (SAMAVESH)** and the **revised version of the e-Anudaan Portal** at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. These initiatives aim to enhance the availability of public services for the general public, beneficiaries and others.
- Jennifer Barreto of Puerto Rico won the Miss Universe title at the 75th edition of the pageant, which was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This is the sixth Miss Universe title for Puerto Rico.
- The Solomon Islands and Australia signed an agreement to strengthen bilateral security cooperation and expand support for infrastructure, education, renewable energy and sports.
- **Rahul Madan**, currently the Managing Director of the Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIIPI), has been appointed Chairperson of the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)**.