# Weekly Current Affairs – Top 20 (02–05 Nov 2026)

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The 20 most exam-worthy current affairs for TNPSC and UPSC from our daily current affairs of 02–05 November 2026 – one crisp pointer each, with a link to the full day's notes, followed by a 10-question self-test.

| # | Pointer | Date |
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| 1 | **Infrastructure · Ports**<br>Vizhinjam International Seaport near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, received its first import container on 31 Oct 2026 – it came from Ningbo, China, aboard 'MSC Sabrina III' and was cleared by customs at Vizhinjam itself; the port, with a natural depth of nearly 20 m, has a 40-year PPP with APSEZ. | 02-11-2026 |
| 2 | **Transport · Aviation**<br>DigiYatra, the facial-recognition-based paperless air-travel system, began trials for international passengers on 1 Nov 2026 (till December 2026) at 7 airports – Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai, Chennai and Amritsar – for Indian e-passport holders flying Air India or IndiGo; immigration checks continue as usual, and a wider rollout is planned for 2027. | 02-11-2026 |
| 3 | **Sports**<br>By finishing third at the Mexico City Grand Prix on 1 Nov 2026, Mercedes' Italian driver Andrea Kimi Antonelli clinched the 2026 Formula One Drivers' World Championship with four rounds left; aged 20 years 68 days, he is F1's youngest-ever world champion (previous record: Sebastian Vettel, 2010, aged 23) and Italy's first champion since Alberto Ascari (1953). | 02-11-2026 |
| 4 | **Defence · Exercises**<br>The 5th edition of 'Tiger Triumph', the India–US tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) amphibious exercise begun in 2019, opened at Visakhapatnam on 2 Nov 2026 as a Tabletop Exercise; the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is taking part for the first time. | 03-11-2026 |
| 5 | **Science & Technology · Indices**<br>NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri launched the 'India S&T Scoreboard', an interactive platform comparing States' and UTs' research and innovation, on 3 Nov 2026; Tamil Nadu ranked first in research publications in 2024–25 (44,611; UP 29,298; Maharashtra 28,947) and first in patent applications too. | 03-11-2026 |

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| 6 | **Environment · Water**<br>With the 'Bihar Water Resources Restoration and Silt Management Policy 2026' (approved by the State Cabinet on 15 Sept 2026), Bihar is the first State to adopt a comprehensive silt-management framework; on 3 Nov 2026 Bihar and MoRTH signed an MoU under 'Nadi Sanjeevani' for NHAI to use desilted material in National Highway works (about 1,078 lakh cubic metres in all, 43 projects). | 03-11-2026 |
| 7 | **Governance · Regulators**<br>TRAI issued the Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026 on 2 Nov 2026: operators' complaint centres must work 24×7, with human assistance for at least 16 hours a day; complaints and appeals can also be filed through the operator's mobile app, the appeal window is cut from 30 to 15 days and the Advisory Committee stage is dropped. | 03-11-2026 |
| 8 | **Internal Security**<br>CRPF Director General G.P. Singh announced on 2 Nov 2026 that the force – India's largest Central Armed Police Force (about 3.25 lakh personnel) – had gone 12 straight months without an operational fatality (the last was on 30 Oct 2025), the first such stretch in 47 years (the previous one ended in January 1979); PM Modi hailed it on 3 Nov as 'A ZERO that speaks volumes'. | 03-11-2026 |
| 9 | **Education · Rankings**<br>In the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027 (released 3 Nov 2026; 1,722 universities), India has 325 institutions, but 71% of returning Indian universities slipped; IIT Delhi (66th) remains India's best, followed by IISc (79) and IIT Bombay (83), while the University of Hong Kong is Asia's No. 1. | 04-11-2026 |
| 10 | **Defence · Air Defence**<br>The fifth and final S-400 'Triumf' air-defence squadron under India's 5 Oct 2018 deal with Russia (about $5.43 billion for 5 squadrons; called 'Sudarshan Chakra' in India) is now expected in January–February 2027 instead of November 2026, reports of 2–3 Nov 2026 said; the first squadron arrived in December 2021 and the fourth in May–June 2026, and the DAC cleared five more squadrons in March 2026. | 04-11-2026 |
| 11 | **Agriculture · Fisheries**<br>Soreng district of Sikkim is India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY); on a visit to Sikkim on 2 Nov 2026, Union Fisheries Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh) launched the SOP for organic certification of fisheries for the North-Eastern region and inaugurated PMMSY projects worth ₹3.75 crore. | 04-11-2026 |
| 12 | **Tamil Nadu · Environment**<br>Tamil Nadu reconstituted its State Board for Wildlife (G.O.(D) No. 198, 28.10.2026, under Section 6(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972): CM C. Joseph Vijay chairs it, the Forest Minister is Vice-Chairperson and the PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden is Member-Secretary; its 30 members include 3 MLAs. | 04-11-2026 |

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| 13 | **Tamil Nadu · Sericulture**<br>CM C. Joseph Vijay on 4 Nov 2026 opened, by video link, the ₹19.20-crore Integrated Government Silk Cocoon Market Complex (about 80,000 sq ft) at Sokkathur, Dharmapuri district, where cocoons will be sold by e-auction; the market, about 40 years old, handles an average of 600 tonnes of cocoons a year from farmers of 15–20 districts. | 04-11-2026 |
| 14 | **Environment · Ozone**<br>NOAA and NASA reported on 4 Nov 2026 that the 2026 Antarctic ozone hole was the 7th largest in 48 years of records – average about 25 million sq km (7 Sep – 13 Oct), peak 27.1 million sq km on 18 Sep – owing to an unusually strong polar vortex; full recovery is expected by the 2070s. | 05-11-2026 |
| 15 | **International Relations**<br>The Bahamas handed over its instrument of ratification of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement in New Delhi on 3 Nov 2026, on the sidelines of the 9th ISA Assembly, and became the ISA's 116th member; the ISA was launched at COP21 in Paris on 30 Nov 2015 and is headquartered in Gurugram (Haryana). | 05-11-2026 |
| 16 | **Science · Earthquakes**<br>Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's 183rd seismological observatory at Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir, on 2 Nov 2026 – the UT's fourth, after Jammu, Srinagar and Udhampur; it will send real-time data to the National Center for Seismology (NCS), New Delhi, whose network has grown from about 84 stations in 2014 to 183. | 05-11-2026 |
| 17 | **International Relations · Fisheries**<br>India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives launched the 'Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries' (BOB-NOR) at ICAR–CMFRI, Kochi (reported 5 Nov 2026), to study how sea temperature, monsoon changes, salinity and ocean currents affect fish movement, breeding and numbers, by combining satellite data, sea surveys and climate and fisheries data. | 05-11-2026 |
| 18 | **Tamil Nadu · Environment**<br>On 3 Nov 2026 a Madras High Court Bench ordered the immediate closure of all 87 resorts in the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve area (Erode district) that had no DTCP planning/building approval or HACA clearance, and steps to demolish them as per law; the reserve, a tiger reserve since 2013, covers 1,408.4 sq km. | 05-11-2026 |
| 19 | **Geography · Railways**<br>Reports on 5 Nov 2026 said the Railway Ministry has prepared the DPR for the 489-km broad-gauge Bilaspur–Manali–Leh line, with a station planned beneath Ladakh's Tanglang (Taglang) La at about 5,256 m – higher than China's Tanggula station (about 5,068 m), now the world's highest; the cost is about ₹1.31 lakh crore and construction is not yet sanctioned. | 05-11-2026 |
| 20 | **Sports**<br>Cristiano Ronaldo (41) announced his retirement from international football on 5 Nov 2026 – 146 goals in 234 matches for Portugal, the men's world records for most international goals and appearances; he captained Portugal to the Euro 2016 title and will continue to play club football for Al Nassr (Saudi Arabia). | 05-11-2026 |

## Questions

**1. Vizhinjam International Seaport, which received its first import container on 31 Oct 2026, is in which State?**

A. Kerala
B. Tamil Nadu
C. Karnataka
D. Andhra Pradesh

**2. Which of the following airports is NOT among the seven where DigiYatra's trial for international passengers began on 1 Nov 2026?**

A. Chennai
B. Amritsar
C. Kolkata
D. Kochi

**3. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, who became Formula One's youngest-ever world champion on 1 Nov 2026, drives for which team?**

A. Ferrari
B. Mercedes
C. Red Bull
D. McLaren

**4. In NITI Aayog's 'India S&T Scoreboard' (launched 3 Nov 2026), which State ranked first in research publications in 2024–25?**

A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Maharashtra
C. Karnataka
D. Tamil Nadu

**5. Which is India's top-ranked institution in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027?**

A. IISc Bengaluru
B. IIT Bombay
C. IIT Madras
D. IIT Delhi

**6. India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under the PMMSY is in which State?**

A. Assam
B. Sikkim
C. Tripura
D. Nagaland

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**7. According to NOAA and NASA (4 Nov 2026), the 2026 Antarctic ozone hole was the ___ largest in 48 years of records.**

A. 3rd
B. 5th
C. 7th
D. 10th

**8. India's 183rd seismological observatory, inaugurated on 2 Nov 2026, is located at**

A. Udhampur
B. Doda
C. Kishtwar
D. Leh

**9. On 3 Nov 2026 the Bahamas became which member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?**

A. 106th
B. 116th
C. 120th
D. 126th

**10. The Madras High Court on 3 Nov 2026 ordered the closure of 87 unauthorised resorts in which tiger reserve?**

A. Sathyamangalam
B. Mudumalai
C. Anamalai
D. Kalakad Mundanthurai

## Answers with explanations

1. **A) Kerala** – Vizhinjam is near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; the first import container came from Ningbo, China, aboard 'MSC Sabrina III'.

2. **C) Kolkata** – The seven airports are Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai, Chennai and Amritsar; the trial is for Indian e-passport holders flying Air India or IndiGo.

3. **B) Mercedes** – Mercedes – he clinched the title aged 20 years 68 days, breaking Sebastian Vettel's record (2010, aged 23).

4. **D) Tamil Nadu** – Tamil Nadu – 44,611 publications (UP 29,298; Maharashtra 28,947); it is first in patent applications too.

5. **D) IIT Delhi** – IIT Delhi – 66th (59th last year); then IISc 79, IIT Bombay 83, IIT Madras 85.

6. **B) Sikkim** – Soreng district, Sikkim; on 2 Nov 2026 the SOP for organic certification of fisheries in the North-Eastern region was launched there.

7. **C) 7th** – 7th largest by seasonal mean area (about 25 million sq km); an unusually strong polar vortex was the cause.

8. **C) Kishtwar** – Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir – the UT's fourth after Jammu, Srinagar and Udhampur; it sends real-time data to the National Center for Seismology, New Delhi.

9. **B) 116th** – 116th – it handed over its instrument of ratification in New Delhi on the sidelines of the 9th ISA Assembly; ISA HQ is in Gurugram.

10. **A) Sathyamangalam** – Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (Erode district) – the resorts had no DTCP approval or HACA clearance.


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