

Daily Current Affairs: 11 May 2026 Important Current Affairs

Today is May 11, 2026. We are back with the most significant news stories from India and abroad. Staying updated with current affairs is essential for competitive exam preparation. This report covers major updates ranging from top defence leadership appointments to political shifts in West Bengal.

National News

01 New Appointments in Defence Forces

The Indian government has announced key appointments to two top military positions. Lieutenant General **N. S. Raja Subramani** is set to take charge as the new **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)**. He will succeed General Anil Chauhan on May 30, 2026. In the meantime, Vice Admiral **Krishna Swaminathan** has been appointed as the new **Chief of the Naval Staff**, taking over from Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi on May 31, 2026.

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- **CDS Post Origin:** Established in 2019 to improve synergy between the three armed forces.
- **First CDS:** General Bipin Rawat was the first to hold this post.
- **Department:** The CDS heads the Department of Military Affairs under the Indian government.

02 Launch of 'Janani Digital Platform'

To enhance maternal and child healthcare, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the '**Janani Digital Platform**'. This is an upgraded version of the previous 'Reproductive and Child Health' portal. The system will now allow real-time monitoring of vaccinations and post-natal child health.

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- **Ministry:** Managed by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **Digital Card:** The system issues digital MCH cards equipped with QR codes.

03 Odisha's Success in PMAY-U 2.0

Odisha has been named the top-performing state for house construction under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban 2.0). Since the second phase began in September 2024, Odisha has excelled in maintaining construction quality and rapid geo-tagging.

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- **Chief Minister:** Mohan Charan Majhi is the current CM of Odisha.
- **Governor:** Raghubar Das is the current Governor.

State News: West Bengal

04 New Chief Minister of West Bengal: Suvendu Adhikari

On May 9, 2026, **Suvendu Adhikari** took the oath of office as the 9th Chief Minister of West Bengal. He is the first BJP CM in the state's history. In the recent assembly elections, the BJP secured a massive victory, winning **207 out of 294 seats**. Notably, Suvendu Adhikari won from both the Bhawanipur and Nandigram constituencies.

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- **Governor:** R. N. Ravi is the current Governor of West Bengal.
- **Assembly Seats:** There are 294 seats in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Reports and Indices

05 NITI Aayog's School Education Report

NITI Aayog has recently published a detailed report on the Indian school education system. Data reveals that India hosts the world's largest school education network, comprising **14.71 lakh schools** and **24.69 crore students**. Over the last decade, there has been a significant boost in female enrollment and the number of smart classrooms.

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- **NITI Aayog:** Established on January 1, 2015, replacing the Planning Commission.
- **Chairperson:** The Prime Minister of India serves as the ex-officio Chairperson.

06 UNCTAD Trade Report: 'Invisible Barriers'

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has released a report on global trade. It states that for **88%** of countries, the cost of meeting 'Non-Tariff Measures' (like product quality and packaging standards) has exceeded traditional taxes, heavily impacting the exports of developing nations.

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- **Headquarters:** Located in Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Foundation:** The organization was founded in 1964.

Defence and Security

07 BRO's 67th Raising Day

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 67th Raising Day on May 7, 2026. The event was marked by 'Project Brahmanak' in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. The theme for 2026 was **"BRO Creates, Connects, and Cares"**.

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- **Foundation:** BRO was established on May 7, 1960.
- **Ministry:** It operates under the Ministry of Defence.

08 INS Sagar Dhvani's Vietnam Visit

The Indian Navy's oceanographic research ship, 'INS Sagar Dhvani', is currently docked at Cam Ranh Port in Vietnam. This visit is part of the 5th edition of the 'Sagar Maitri' initiative. DRDO and Vietnam's 'Institute of Oceanography' will collaborate on oceanographic and climate change research.

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- **Initiative:** 'Sagar Maitri' is a joint program by the Indian Navy and DRDO.
- **Construction:** Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.

09 SEBI Forms Cyber Security AI Task Force

To bolster stock market security, SEBI has created a dedicated task force called 'Cyber Security AI'. The objective is to utilize artificial intelligence to identify cyber threats and address market vulnerabilities.

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- **Foundation:** SEBI was established in 1988 and gained statutory status in 1992.
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai.

Judicial News

10 2nd National Lok Adalat of 2026

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) conducted the second National Lok Adalat of the year on May 10, 2026. These courts focus on resolving minor property disputes and bank recovery cases quickly. India's first Lok Adalat was held in 1982 in Junagadh, Gujarat.

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- **NALSA:** Established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- **Article:** Article 39A of the Constitution provides for free legal aid.

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