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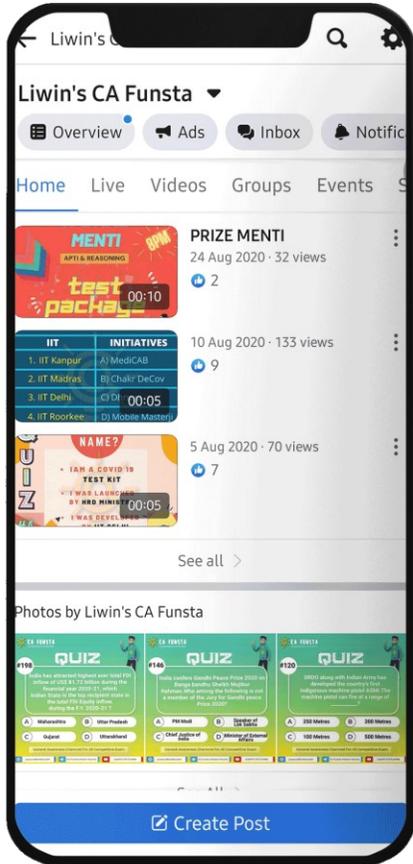


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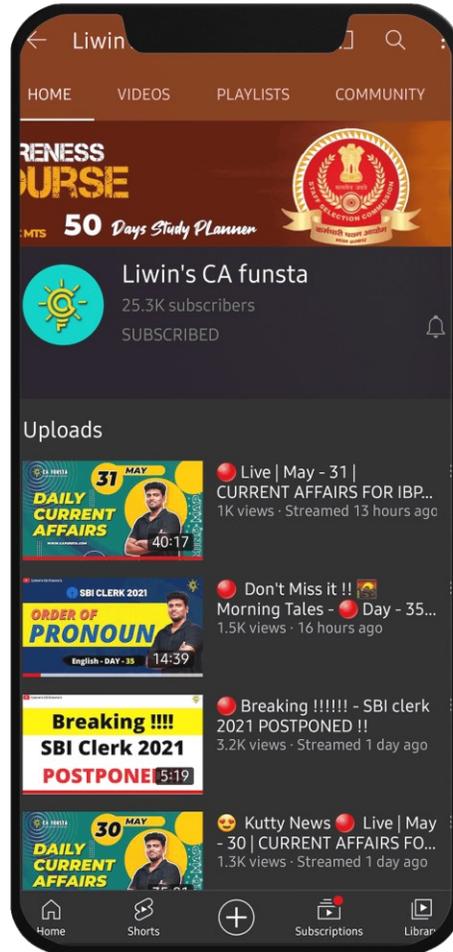
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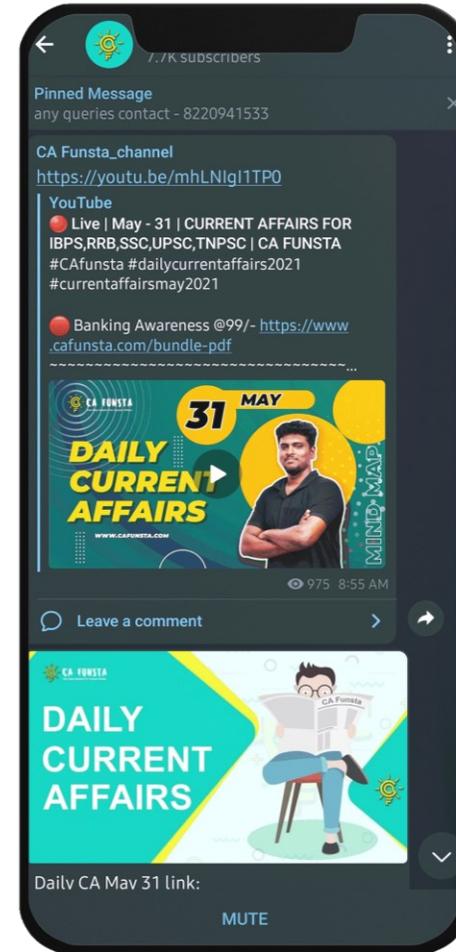
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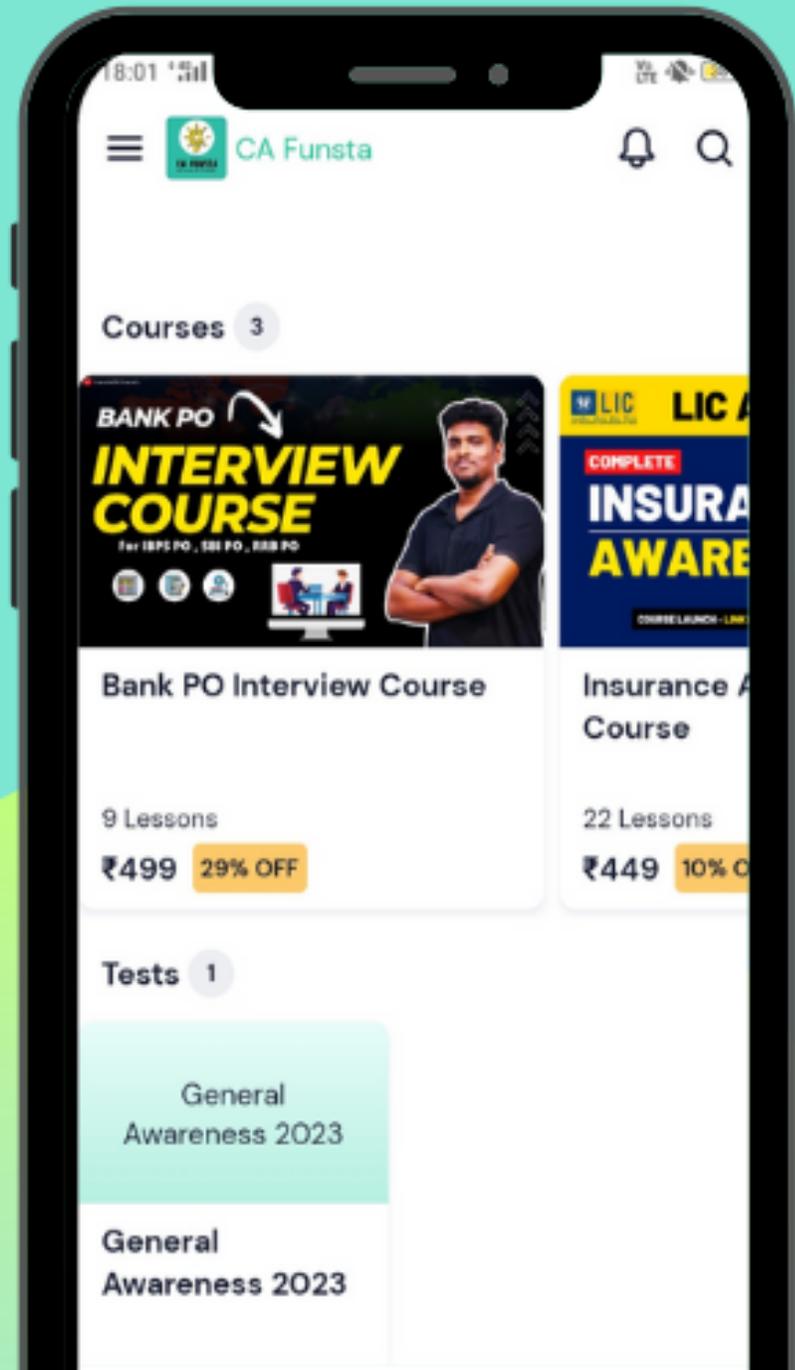
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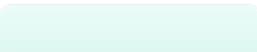


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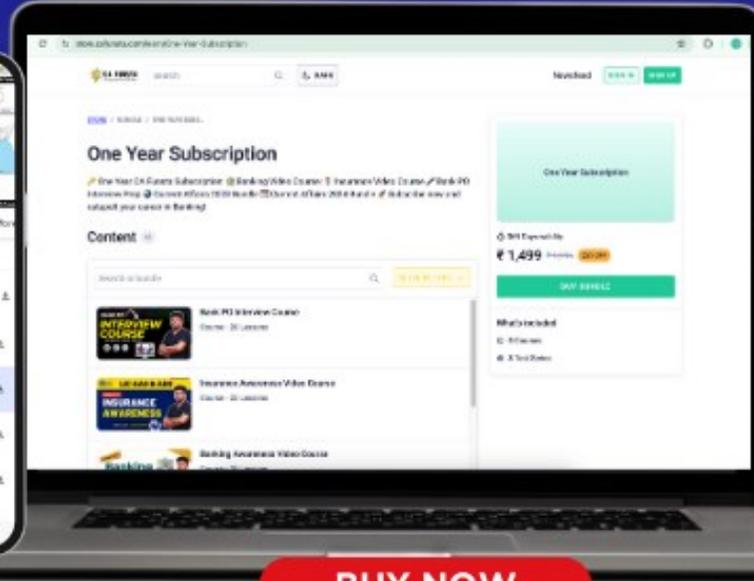
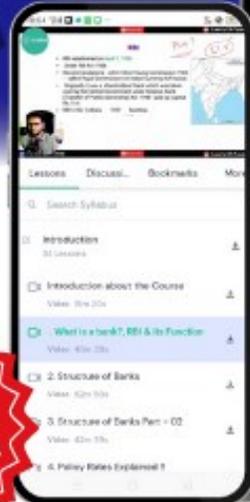
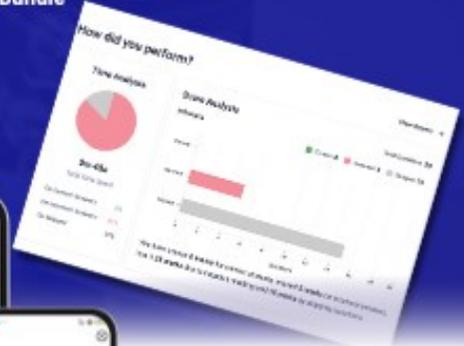


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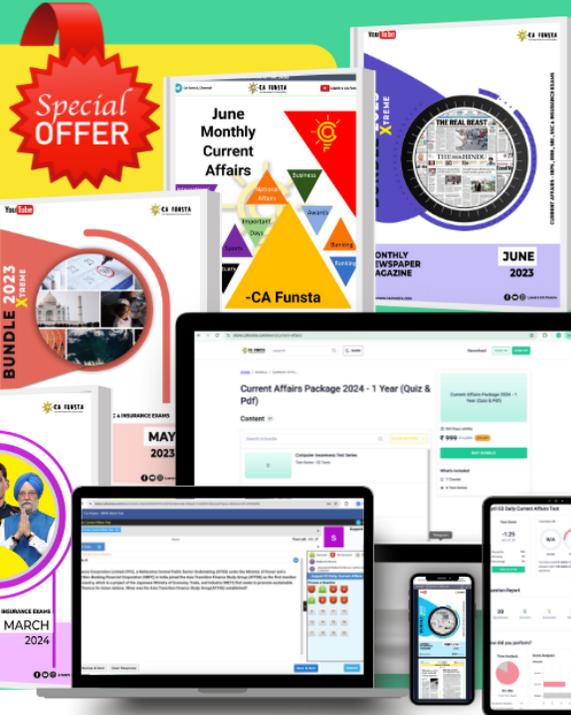
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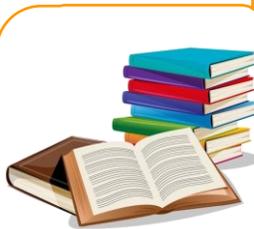
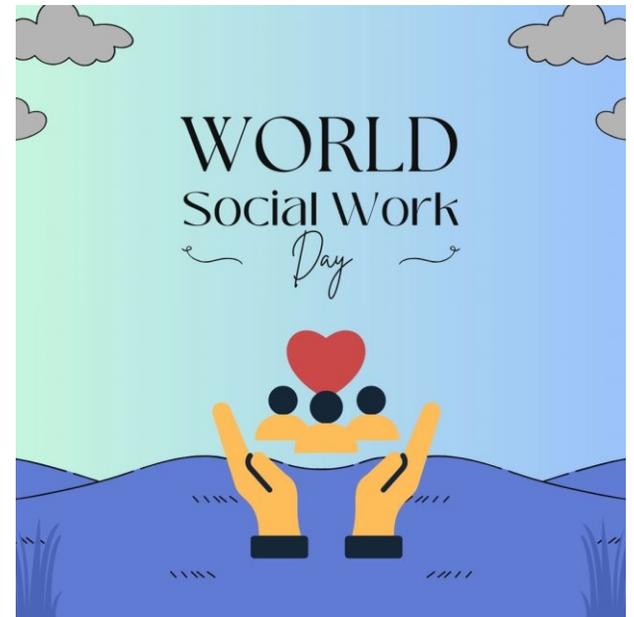
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► On which date will World Social Work Day 2026 be observed?

- A) 8 March 2026
- B) 15 March 2026
- C) 17 March 2026
- D) 21 March 2026
- E) 31 March 2026

**Answer**

**C) 17 March 2026**



# Important Days

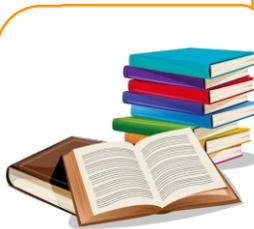


## Event and Location:

**Event:** World Social Work Day 2026 will be observed to recognize the contribution of social workers in promoting justice, inclusion, and community cooperation

Location: Worldwide

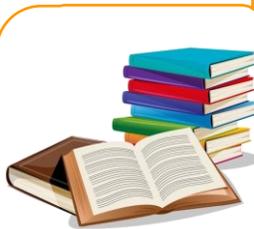
Date: 17 March 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

**Mandates:** World Social Work Day will be observed globally on the third Tuesday of March with the 2026 theme focused on unity, cooperation, and collective responsibility in divided societies

**Objectives:** The day aims to recognize the work of social workers, promote human rights, encourage social justice, strengthen community participation, and support inclusive and sustainable societies

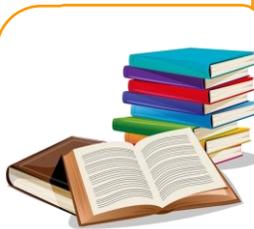


# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

**World Social Work Day:** It is an annual global observance held on the third Tuesday of March to recognize the work and contribution of social workers worldwide

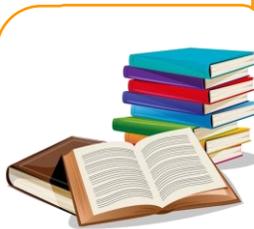


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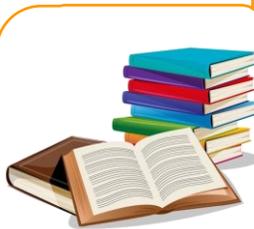
## Important Terms Explained:

**Social Justice:** It refers to fairness, equality, and the protection of rights and opportunities for all members of society



## Important Terms Explained:

**Harambee:** It is an African philosophy originating from Kenya that means pulling together or all for one and reflects collective responsibility and community cooperation

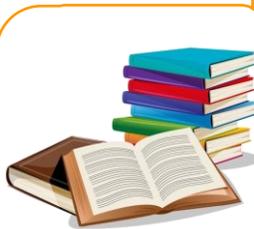


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## Important Terms Explained:

**Human Rights:** These are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person and are central to the work of social workers

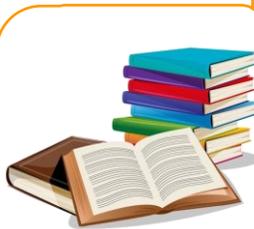


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## Important Terms Explained:

**International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW):** It is the global body associated with the recognition and promotion of the social work profession internationally

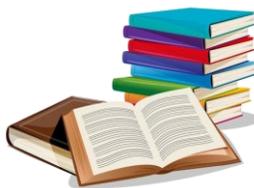


# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Social Work Day 2026
Announcement date	17 March 2026
Location	Worldwide
Issuing authority	International social work community led by IFSW
Policy/series name	Annual World Social Work Day observance
Key figures	Theme is “Co-Building Hope and Harmony: A Harambee Call to Unite a Divided Society”
Purpose/reason	To recognize social workers and promote justice, inclusion, unity, and cooperation
Strategic/significant value	It highlights the role of social workers in building inclusive and harmonious societies
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods

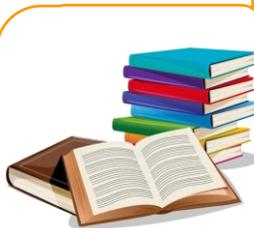


► Which state topped the Fiscal Health Index 2026 released by NITI Aayog?

- A) Goa
- B) Gujarat
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Odisha



**Answer**  
**E) Odisha**

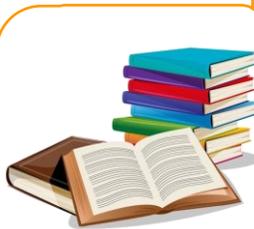


## Event and Location:

**Event:** NITI Aayog released the Fiscal Health Index 2026, in which Odisha emerged as the top-performing state

**Location:** India

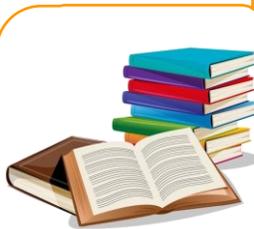
**Date:** March 17, 2026



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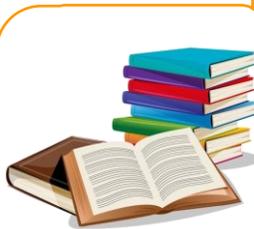
**Mandates:** The Fiscal Health Index 2026 evaluates the fiscal performance of Indian states for FY 2023-24 on the basis of expenditure quality, revenue mobilization, fiscal prudence, debt index, and debt sustainability

**Objectives:** The index aims to assess how efficiently states manage public finances, maintain fiscal discipline, and ensure long-term financial stability



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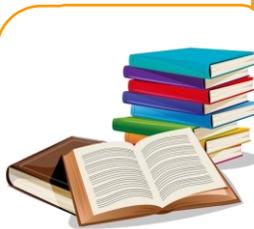
Fiscal Health Index 2026: Top 10 States Ranking Table



## Important Terms Explained:

**Fiscal Health Index (FHI):** It is an index released by NITI Aayog to measure the financial health and fiscal management of Indian states

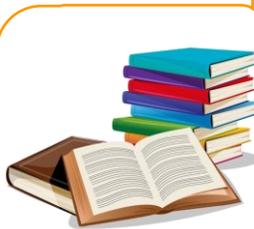
**Revenue Mobilization:** It refers to the ability of a state to generate income through taxes and other sources



## Important Terms Explained:

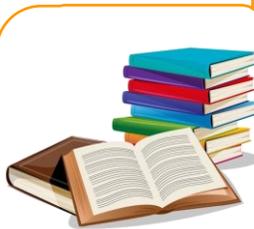
**Fiscal Prudence:** It means careful and disciplined management of public finances to avoid excessive deficits and wasteful expenditure

**Debt Sustainability:** It refers to a state's ability to manage and repay its debt without harming its long-term financial stability



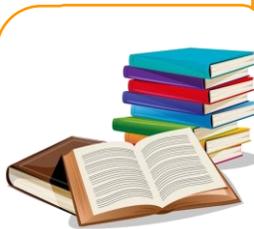
## Important Terms Explained:

**Debt Index:** It is an indicator used to assess the debt position and borrowing-related strength of a state



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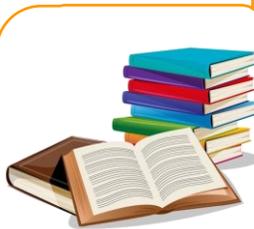
Rank	State
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2	Goa
3	Jharkhand
4	Gujarat
5	Maharashtra
6	Chhattisgarh
7	Telangana
8	Uttar Pradesh
9	Karnataka
10	Madhya Pradesh



➤ **India's Wholesale Price Index inflation rose to what level in February 2026?**

- A) 1.55%
- B) 1.81%
- C) 2.13%
- D) 2.92%
- E) 4.73%

**Answer**  
**C) 2.13%**

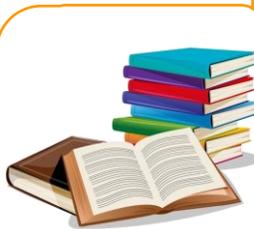


## Event and Location:

**Event:** India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to 2.13% in February 2026 due to higher food prices, manufacturing costs, and non-food articles

Location: India

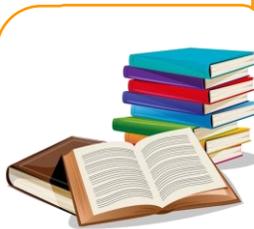
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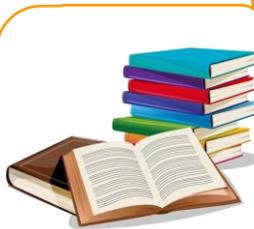
**Mandates:** The government released the latest WPI inflation data showing an increase in wholesale prices for February 2026, with higher inflation in food articles, manufactured products, and non-food items, while fuel and power remained in deflation

**Objectives:** The purpose is to track changes in wholesale-level prices, assess producer-side inflation trends, and monitor cost pressures across sectors of the economy



## Important Terms Explained:

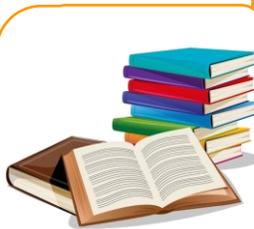
**Wholesale Price Index (WPI):** It measures the average change in prices of goods traded in bulk at the wholesale level before they reach retail consumers



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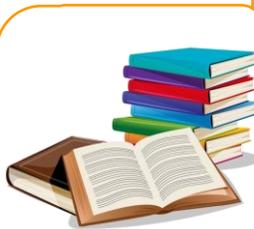
**Inflation:** It refers to the rise in the general price level of goods and services over a period of time

**Deflation:** It refers to a decline in prices, as seen in the fuel and power category in this report



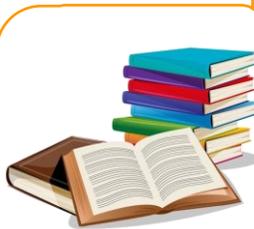
## Important Terms Explained:

**Manufactured Products:** These are industrially produced goods, and inflation in this category reflects rising production costs in sectors such as textiles and basic metals



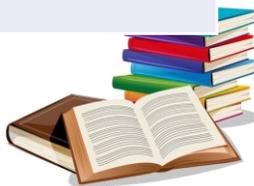
## Important Terms Explained:

**Food Inflation:** It refers to the increase in prices of food-related items such as pulses, potatoes, eggs, meat, and fish



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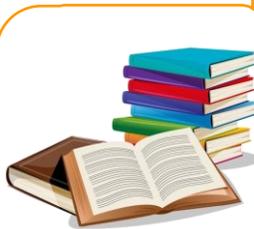
Parameter	Details
Event name	Fiscal Health Index 2026 released by NITI Aayog
Announcement date	March 17, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	NITI Aayog
Top state	Odisha ranked first with a score of 73.1
Top 3 states	Odisha, Goa, and Jharkhand
Purpose/reason	To assess state-level fiscal strength through revenue, expenditure, and debt indicators
Strategic/significant value	The index highlights fiscal discipline as states account for nearly one-third of India's total public debt
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



► According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), what was India's unemployment rate in February 2026?

- A) 4.2%
- B) 4.9%
- C) 5.0%
- D) 5.1%
- E) 6.6%

**Answer**  
**B) 4.9%**

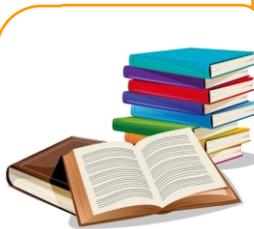


## Event and Location:

**Event:** India's unemployment rate declined to 4.9% in February 2026 as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)

Location: India

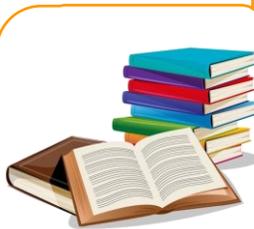
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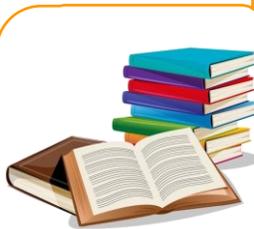
**Mandates:** The National Statistics Office (NSO) released the latest PLFS data for February 2026, showing a marginal decline in overall unemployment, an improvement in urban unemployment, a notable fall in female unemployment, and a stable labour force participation rate

**Objectives:** The purpose is to measure employment and unemployment trends, assess labour market conditions in rural and urban areas, and provide statistical inputs for policy planning and labour market analysis



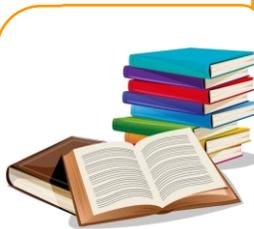
## Important Terms Explained:

**Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS):** It is a national survey that provides data on employment, unemployment, and labour force indicators in India



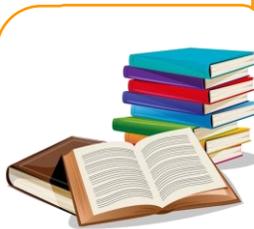
## Important Terms Explained:

**National Statistics Office (NSO):** It is the government statistical agency responsible for collecting, compiling, and publishing official socio-economic data in India



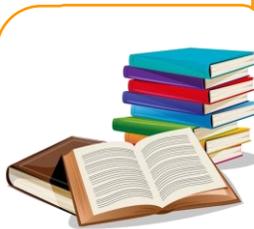
## Important Terms Explained:

**Unemployment Rate:** It is the percentage of people in the labour force who are willing to work and are actively seeking work but are not employed



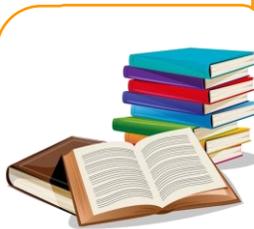
## Important Terms Explained:

**Urban Unemployment Rate:** It refers to the unemployment level among people living in urban areas and indicates job market conditions in cities



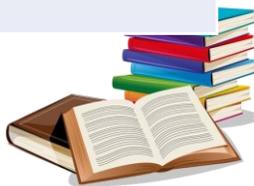
## Important Terms Explained:

**Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR):** It is the percentage of the population that is either employed or actively seeking employment



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Rise in India's Wholesale Price Index inflation
Announcement date	March 17, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Wholesale Price Index data for February 2026
Key figures	WPI inflation at 2.13%, food inflation at 2.19%, manufactured products inflation at 2.92%
Purpose/reason	To measure wholesale price trends and production-side inflation in the economy
Feature details	Inflation rose due to food articles, non-food articles, and manufactured products, while fuel and power remained in deflation
Validity or status	Latest official inflation reading for February 2026
Strategic/significant value	It indicates rising cost pressures in the production chain and helps assess inflationary trends in the economy

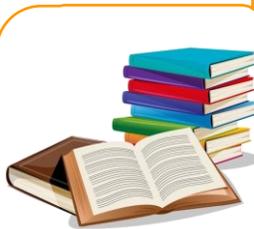


► **India's trade deficit widened to what level in February 2026 as imports surged sharply?**

- A) \$14 billion
- B) \$24 billion
- C) \$27.1 billion
- D) \$36.61 billion
- E) \$63.71 billion

**Answer**

**C) \$27.1 billion**

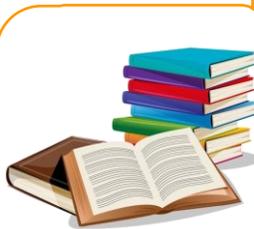


## Event and Location:

**Event:** India's trade deficit widened to \$27.1 billion in February 2026 due to a sharp rise in imports and a slight contraction in exports

Location: India

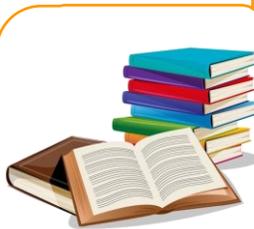
Date: March 17, 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

**Mandates:** The Commerce Department released India's February 2026 trade data showing higher imports, lower exports, and a widening trade deficit, with gold and silver purchases being a major reason for the import surge

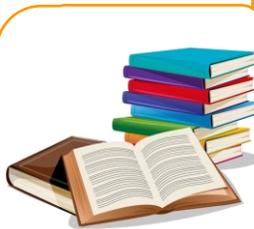
**Objectives:** The data aims to monitor the country's external trade performance, assess the balance between imports and exports, and understand the impact of global geopolitical and logistics conditions on trade



## Important Terms Explained:

**Trade Deficit:** It is the situation in which the value of a country's imports is higher than the value of its exports

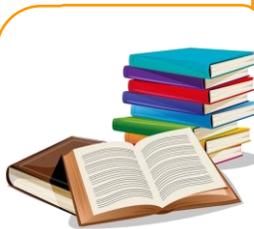
**Imports:** These are goods and services purchased by a country from other countries



## Important Terms Explained:

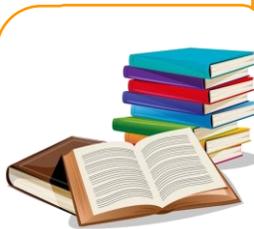
**Exports:** These are goods and services sold by a country to other countries

**Balance of Trade:** It refers to the difference between the value of exports and imports of a country over a period



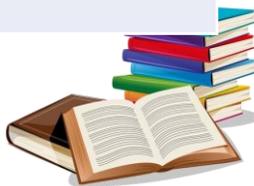
## Important Terms Explained:

**Strait of Hormuz:** It is a strategically important maritime route through which a large share of global trade and energy shipments passes



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's unemployment rate fell to 4.9% in February 2026
Announcement date	March 17, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	National Statistics Office
Policy/series name	Periodic Labour Force Survey
Key figures	Overall unemployment 4.9%, urban unemployment 6.6%, rural unemployment 4.2%
Feature details	Female unemployment declined, and labour force participation remained stable at 55.9%
Strategic/significant value	The data indicates a marginal improvement in labour market conditions
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



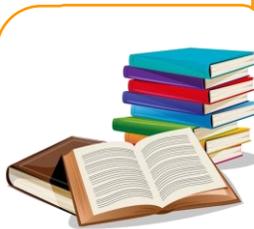
➤ Who has been re-elected as the Chairman of ATMA?

- A) Rajarshi Moitra
- B) Sanjay Chatterjee
- C) Arun Mammen
- D) Rajiv Budhraja
- E) Ajay Banga



**Answer**

**C) Arun Mammen**



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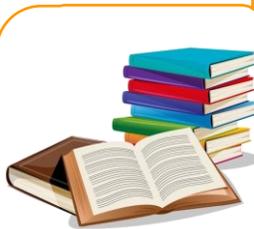


## Event and Location:

**Event:** Arun Mammen has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA)

Location: India

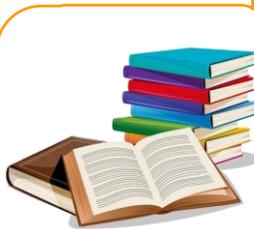
Date: 16 March 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

**Mandates:** ATMA announced the re-election of Arun Mammen as Chairman, appointed Rajarshi Moitra as Vice Chairman, and elevated Sanjay Chatterjee as Director General

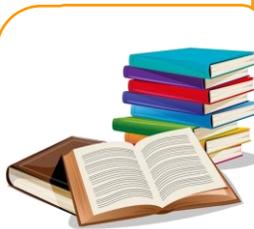
**Objectives:** The leadership changes aim to strengthen industry representation, guide the tyre sector on policy and competitiveness issues, and support coordination within India's automotive tyre industry



## Important Terms Explained:

**ATMA:** Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association is the apex industry body representing tyre manufacturers in India

**Tyre Industry:** It refers to the manufacturing sector engaged in the production of tyres for vehicles and related automotive use

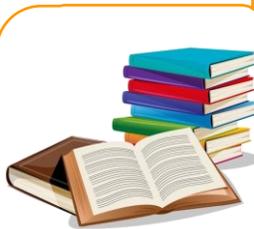


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## Important Terms Explained:

**Director General:** It is the senior executive position responsible for managing the operational and administrative functions of an organization

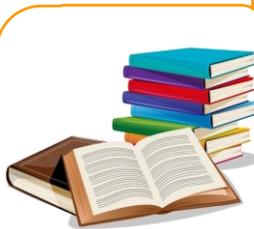


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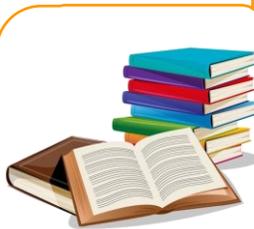
## Important Terms Explained:

**Vice Chairman:** It is a leadership position that supports the Chairman in organizational decision-making and policy direction



## Important Terms Explained:

**MRF Ltd:** It is one of India's leading tyre manufacturing companies and is associated with Arun Mammen through his role as Vice Chairman and Managing Director

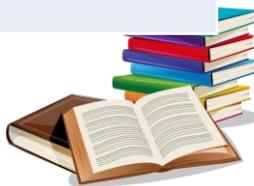


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's trade deficit widens in February 2026
Announcement date	March 17, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Commerce Department of India
Key figures	Trade deficit \$27.1 billion, exports \$36.61 billion, imports \$63.71 billion
Purpose/reason	Imports surged mainly due to higher purchases of gold and silver
Feature details	Exports contracted by 0.81% while imports rose by 24% in February 2026
Strategic/significant value	Global geopolitical tensions and logistics bottlenecks, especially around the Strait of Hormuz, affected trade flows
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



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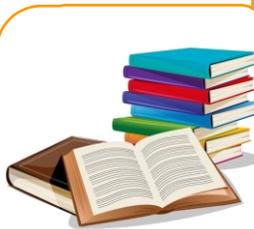


➤ Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Uniqlo in India?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) Hardik Pandya
- E) Shubman Gill

**Answer**

**C) Jasprit Bumrah**



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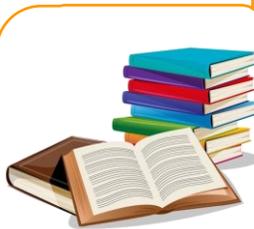


## Event and Location:

**Event:** Uniqlo appointed Jasprit Bumrah as its brand ambassador for India

**Location:** India

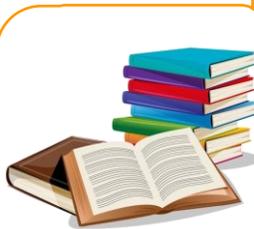
**Date:** 16 March 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

**Mandates:** Uniqlo announced its partnership with Jasprit Bumrah and launched a new campaign in India centred on the brand's LifeWear philosophy across digital, social media, and retail platforms

**Objectives:** The partnership aims to strengthen Uniqlo's brand visibility in India, connect with sports and youth audiences, and promote comfortable, simple, and functional everyday clothing



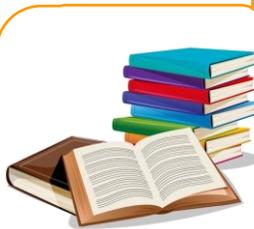
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## Important Terms Explained:

**Uniqlo:** It is a global apparel brand known for everyday clothing focused on comfort, simplicity, and functionality

**Brand Ambassador:** It is a person chosen by a company to represent and promote its brand, products, and values



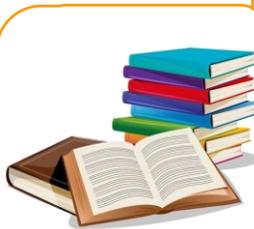
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## Important Terms Explained:

**LifeWear:** It is Uniqlo's clothing philosophy that focuses on practical, durable, comfortable, and timeless everyday wear

**Campaign:** It refers to the organized promotional activity launched by a brand across various platforms to reach consumers

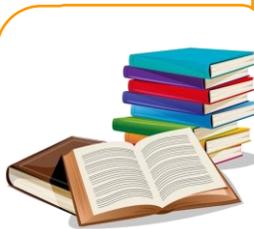


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## Important Terms Explained:

**Retail Platforms:** These are physical store channels through which a brand displays and sells its products to customers



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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Arun Mammen re-elected as ATMA Chairman
Announcement date	16 March 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association
Key figures	Arun Mammen re-elected Chairman, Rajarshi Moitra appointed Vice Chairman, Sanjay Chatterjee elevated as Director General
Purpose/reason	To strengthen leadership in India's tyre industry body
Feature details	ATMA represents India's USD 12 billion tyre industry and over 80% of tyre production
Strategic/significant value	The leadership changes are important for policy advocacy, industry coordination, and competitiveness in the tyre sector
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



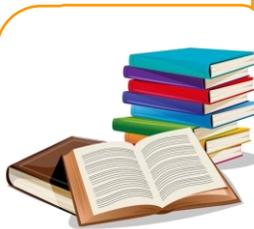
► The Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 was announced for literary works in how many Indian languages?

- A) 18
- B) 20
- C) 22
- D) 24
- E) 28

**Answer**  
**D) 24**



**Sahitya Akademi Award 2025**

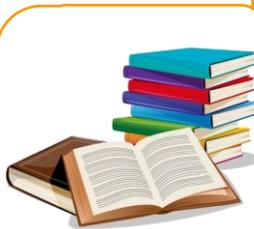


## Event and Location:

**Event:** The Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 was announced to honour outstanding literary works across 24 Indian languages

Location: India

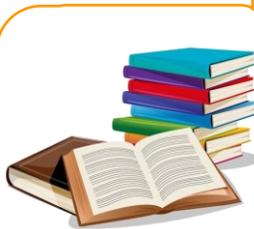
Date: March 16, 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

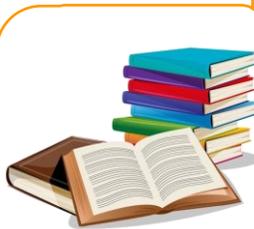
**Mandates:** Sahitya Akademi announced the winners of its annual literary awards for 2025 across 24 Indian languages, covering categories such as poetry, novels, short stories, essays, literary criticism, autobiography, and memoirs, and scheduled the award ceremony in New Delhi on March 31, 2026

**Objectives:** The award aims to recognize excellence in Indian literature, encourage literary creativity in multiple languages, and celebrate original contributions across diverse literary traditions in India



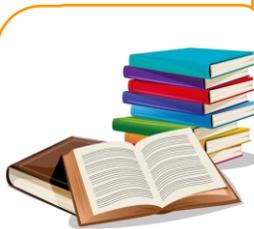
## Mandates and Objectives:

Sahitya Akademi Award 2025: Language-wise Winners  
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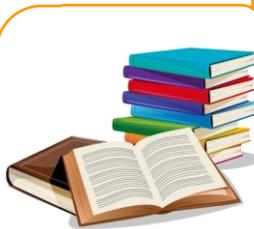
## Important Terms Explained:

**Sahitya Akademi:** It is India's National Academy of Letters and the apex literary institution that promotes literature, publishing, translation, and cultural exchange in multiple Indian languages



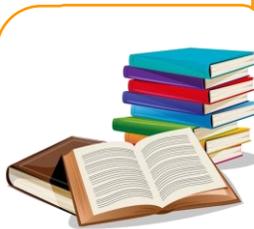
## Important Terms Explained:

**Sahitya Akademi Award:** It is an annual literary honour given by Sahitya Akademi to recognize outstanding books in the languages officially recognized by the Akademi



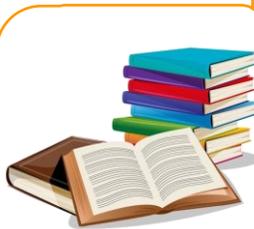
## Important Terms Explained:

**National Academy of Letters:** It refers to the national institution dedicated to the promotion and development of literature and literary culture in the country



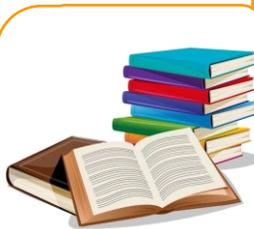
## Important Terms Explained:

**Literary Criticism:** It is the study, interpretation, and evaluation of literary works based on style, theme, structure, and cultural significance



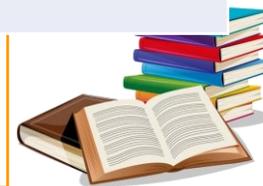
## Important Terms Explained:

**Memoir:** It is a literary form in which an author writes about personal experiences, memories, and reflections from life



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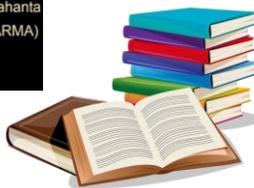
Parameter	Details
Event name	Uniqlo appoints Jasprit Bumrah as brand ambassador for India
Announcement date	16 March 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Uniqlo
Policy/series name	Uniqlo India brand campaign
Key figures	Jasprit Bumrah appointed as brand ambassador
Purpose/reason	To promote Uniqlo's LifeWear philosophy and strengthen brand presence in India
Strategic/significant value	The partnership connects fashion branding with Indian cricket and youth-focused consumer outreach
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



► The animated short film **CHYIMI** won which award at the New York Short Animation Festival 2026?

- A) Best Film
- B) Best Screenplay
- C) Best Director
- D) Best Animation Design
- E) Jury Special Award

**Answer**  
**C) Best Director**

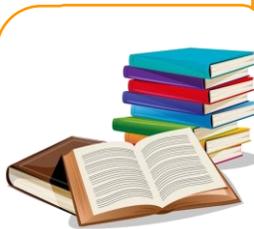


## Event and Location:

**Event:** The Indian animated short film CHYIMI, directed by Dr. Partha Sarathi Mahanta, won the Best Director award at the New York Short Animation Festival 2026

Location: New York, United States

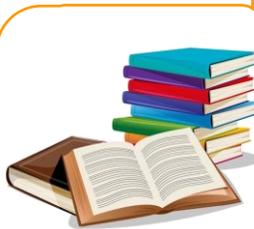
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## Mandates and Objectives:

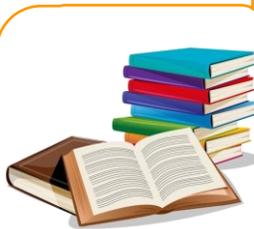
**Mandates:** The New York Short Animation Festival 2026 recognized CHYIMI with the Best Director award for excellence in animated storytelling, creativity, and artistic direction

**Objectives:** The recognition aims to honour outstanding achievement in animation direction and highlights the growing international presence of Indian and Assamese storytelling on global creative platforms



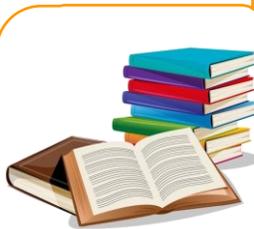
## Important Terms Explained:

**CHYIMI:** It is an Indian animated short film directed by Dr. Partha Sarathi Mahanta that received international recognition at NYSAF 2026



## Important Terms Explained:

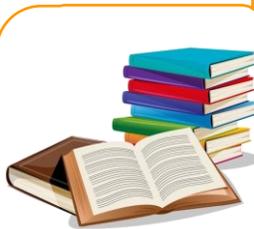
**New York Short Animation Festival (NYSAF):** It is an international festival that showcases animated short films from different countries and recognizes excellence in animation and storytelling



## Important Terms Explained:

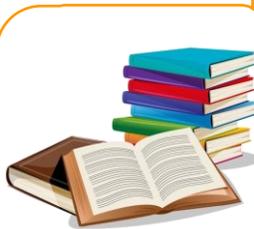
**Best Director Award:** It is an award given to honour outstanding direction, artistic vision, and storytelling execution in a film

**Animated Short Film:** It is a short-duration film created through animation techniques to tell a story or convey an idea



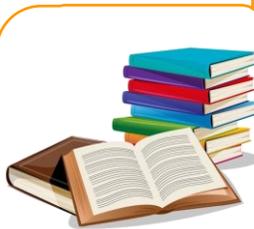
## Important Terms Explained:

**Assamese Storytelling:** It refers to storytelling rooted in the culture, experiences, and creative traditions of Assam



## Tabular Summary:

Language	Title of Work
Assamese	Karhi Khelar Sadhu
Bengali	Shrestha Kabita
Bodo	Dwngnwi Lama Mwnse Gathwn
Dogri	Thakur Satsayie
English	Crimson Spring
Gujarati	Bhatkhadaki
Hindi	Jeete Jee Allahabad
Kannada	Dada Seerisu Tande
Kashmiri	Najdavanek'y Pot Aalav
Konkani	Konkani Kavyem: Rupani Ani Rupakam



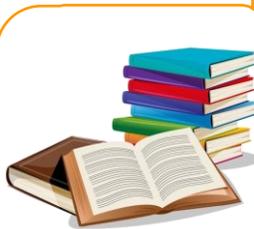
➤ **India submitted its first National Report on the Nagoya Protocol to which international convention?**

- A) Ramsar Convention
- B) Convention on Biological Diversity
- C) UN Convention to Combat Desertification
- D) Paris Agreement
- E) Basel Convention



**Answer**

**B) Convention on Biological Diversity**

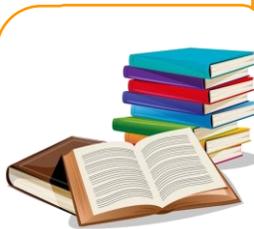


## Event and Location:

**Event:** India submitted its first National Report on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Location: India

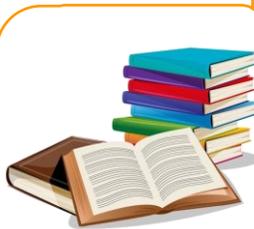
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## Mandates and Objectives:

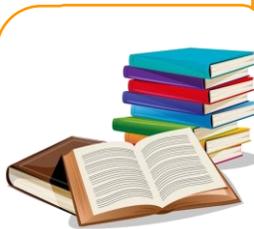
**Mandates:** The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in collaboration with the National Biodiversity Authority submitted India's first national report under Article 29 of the Nagoya Protocol, covering progress made between 1 November 2017 and 31 December 2025 in access and benefit sharing, biodiversity governance, and community participation

**Objectives:** The report aims to show India's progress in implementing Access and Benefit Sharing rules, ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge, and strengthen biodiversity conservation through national, state, and local institutions



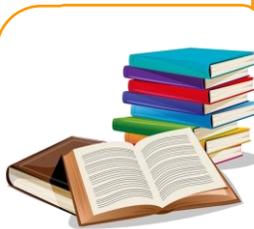
## Important Terms Explained:

**Nagoya Protocol:** It is an international agreement adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2010 to ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources



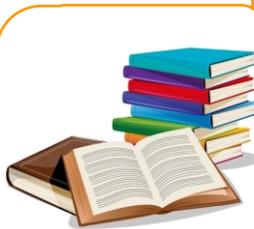
## Important Terms Explained:

**Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS):** It is the system through which benefits from the use of biological resources and traditional knowledge are shared with the countries and communities providing them



## Important Terms Explained:

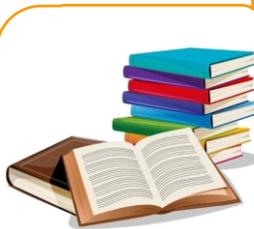
**Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):** It is an international treaty focused on biodiversity conservation, sustainable use of biological resources, and fair sharing of benefits



## Important Terms Explained:

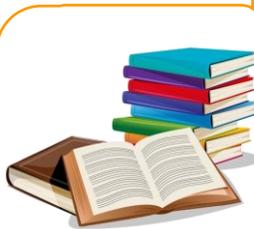
### **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan**

**(NBSAP):** It is a national framework that guides biodiversity conservation and implementation of global biodiversity targets



## Important Terms Explained:

Biological Diversity Act, 2002: It is India's main law for the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components, and fair sharing of benefits from biological resources



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 announcement
Announcement date	March 16, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Sahitya Akademi
Policy/series name	Sahitya Akademi Award 2025
Key figures	Awards announced in 24 languages with winners across poetry, novels, essays, memoirs, autobiography, criticism, and short stories
Purpose/reason	To recognize outstanding literary works and promote excellence in Indian literature
Feature details	The awards cover 8 poetry books, 4 novels, 6 short story collections, 2 essay books, 1 literary criticism work, 1 autobiography, and 2 memoirs
Validity or status	Winners announced and award ceremony scheduled for March 31, 2026
Strategic/significant value	The award strengthens literary recognition across Indian languages and supports the preservation of diverse literary traditions



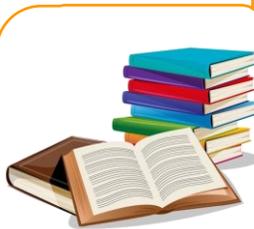
► India submitted its **Seventh National Report (NR-7)** to which international convention?

- A) Ramsar Convention
- B) Convention on Biological Diversity
- C) Paris Agreement
- D) Basel Convention
- E) CITES



**Answer**

**B) Convention on Biological Diversity**

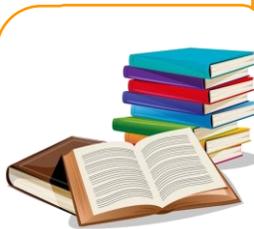


## Event and Location:

**Event:** India submitted its Seventh National Report (NR-7) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) highlighting progress in biodiversity conservation, forest cover, wildlife protection, and community participation

Location: India

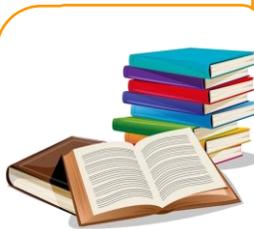
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## Mandates and Objectives:

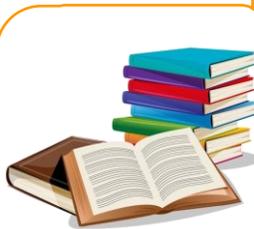
**Mandates:** The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change submitted India's Seventh National Report under Article 26 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, presenting progress across biodiversity indicators, forest and tree cover, wetlands, wildlife conservation, and national biodiversity targets

**Objectives:** The report aims to show India's progress in biodiversity conservation, sustainable use of natural resources, fair and equitable sharing of benefits from genetic resources, and alignment with global biodiversity commitments under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework



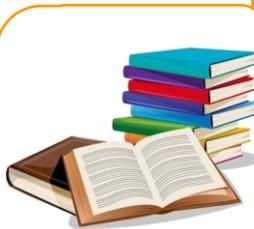
## Important Terms Explained:

**Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):** It is an international environmental treaty adopted in 1992 to conserve biodiversity, ensure sustainable use of biological resources, and promote fair sharing of benefits from genetic resources



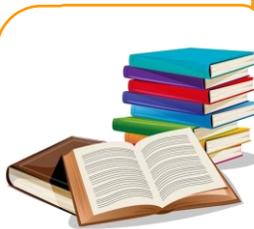
## Important Terms Explained:

Seventh National Report (NR-7): It is India's latest national submission to the CBD presenting progress in biodiversity conservation and implementation of national and global biodiversity commitments



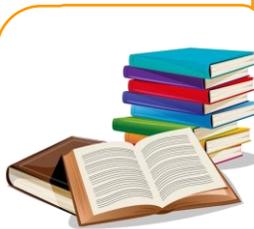
## Important Terms Explained:

**National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs):** These are country-level biodiversity goals used to measure progress in conservation, sustainable use, and ecosystem management



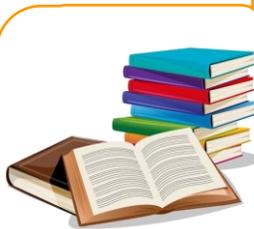
## Important Terms Explained:

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF): It is a global agreement aimed at halting and reversing biodiversity loss by 2030



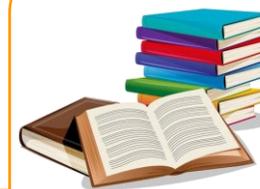
## Important Terms Explained:

**Ramsar Wetlands:** These are wetlands recognized under the Ramsar Convention for their international ecological importance



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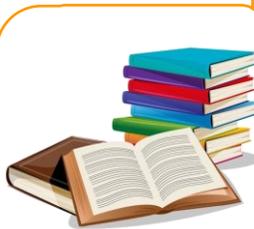
Parameter	Details
Event name	CHYIMI wins Best Director at NYSAF 2026
Announcement date	March 17, 2026
Location	New York, United States
Issuing authority	New York Short Animation Festival
Policy/series name	NYSAF 2026
Key figures	CHYIMI directed by Dr. Partha Sarathi Mahanta won Best Director
Purpose/reason	To honour excellence in animation direction and storytelling
Strategic/significant value	The award highlights the rising global recognition of Indian and Assamese animation
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



► India has started negotiations for a PTA with which country under the newly signed Terms of Reference?

- A) Maldives
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Philippines
- D) Thailand
- E) Indonesia

**Answer**  
**C) Philippines**

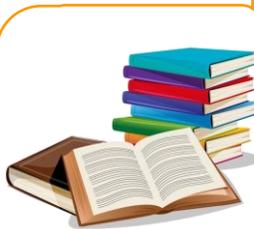


## Event and Location:

**Event:** India signed Terms of Reference (ToR) with the Philippines and Maldives to begin negotiations for new trade agreements

**Location:** India, Philippines and Maldives

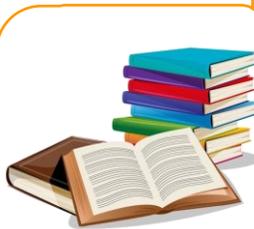
**Date:** March 17, 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

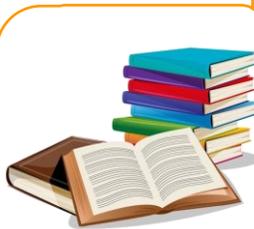
**Mandates:** India will negotiate a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with the Philippines and a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Maldives after signing the Terms of Reference for the proposed trade talks

**Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen bilateral economic ties, promote trade, improve market access, reduce tariff barriers, and expand cooperation in goods, services, and investments



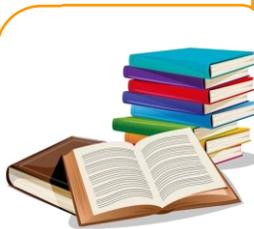
## Important Terms Explained:

**Terms of Reference (ToR):** It is a formal framework that defines the scope, structure, and agenda for negotiations between countries



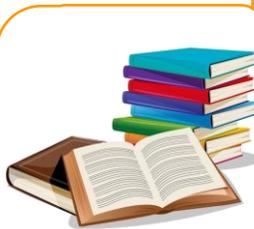
## Important Terms Explained:

**Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA):** It is a trade arrangement under which partner countries reduce or remove import duties on selected goods



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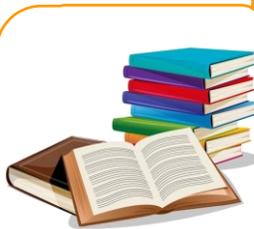
**Free Trade Agreement (FTA):** It is a broader trade agreement that reduces or eliminates tariffs on a wide range of goods and often includes services and investment provisions



## Important Terms Explained:

**Tariff:** It is a tax imposed on imported goods, and trade agreements often aim to reduce or remove such duties

**Bilateral Trade:** It refers to trade in goods and services between two countries



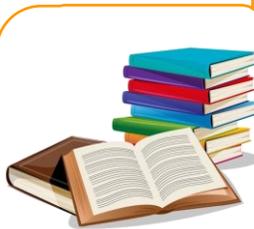
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Parameter	Details
Event name	India submits first National Report on the Nagoya Protocol
Announcement date	27 February 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	MoEFCC in collaboration with NBA
Policy/series name	Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing
Key figures	₹216.31 crore mobilized through NBA approvals, ₹139.69 crore distributed to benefit claimers, ₹51.96 crore generated through SBB approvals
Purpose/reason	To report India's progress in access and benefit sharing and biodiversity governance from 2017 to 2025
Strategic/significant value	It reflects India's commitment to biodiversity conservation, community participation, and fair sharing of benefits from genetic resources
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods

➤ The 24 Speed Post service launched by India Post guarantees delivery within what time frame in its first phase?

- A) Same day
- B) Next day
- C) Two days
- D) Three days
- E) One week

**Answer**  
**B) Next day**

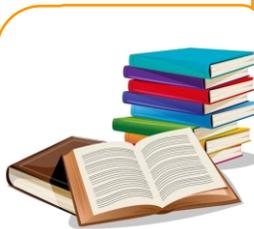


## Event and Location:

**Event:** India Post launched the 24 Speed Post service to provide next-day guaranteed delivery for urgent consignments in selected metro cities

Location: India

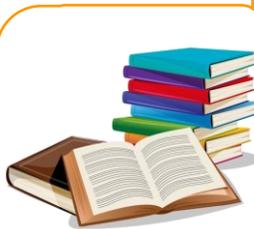
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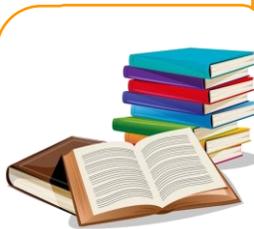
**Mandates:** The Department of Posts launched 24 Speed Post from 17 March 2026 with next-day guaranteed delivery in six major cities, supported by dedicated processing, priority air transport, OTP-based delivery confirmation, tracking alerts, BNPL facility, and money-back guarantee

**Objectives:** The service aims to improve the speed, reliability, security, and transparency of postal deliveries for urgent documents and parcels, especially for business and high-demand urban users



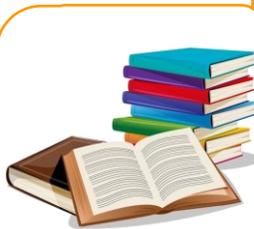
## Important Terms Explained:

24 Speed Post: It is a new premium postal delivery service launched by India Post for guaranteed next-day delivery of urgent consignments in selected cities



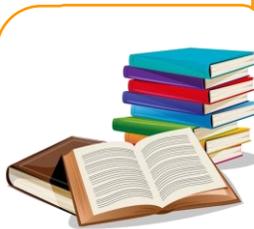
## Important Terms Explained:

**Department of Posts:** It is the government department responsible for postal services in India and operates under the Ministry of Communications



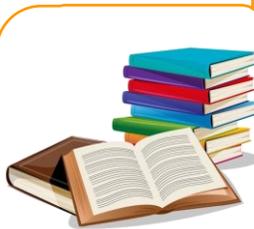
## Important Terms Explained:

OTP-based Delivery: It is a secure delivery method in which a one-time password is used to confirm that the item has been delivered to the correct recipient



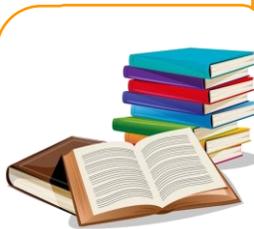
## Important Terms Explained:

**BNPL:** Buy Now Pay Later is a payment facility that allows business customers to use services first and make payments later as per approved billing arrangements



## Important Terms Explained:

Money-back Guarantee: It means customers are eligible for compensation or refund if the guaranteed delivery timeline is not met



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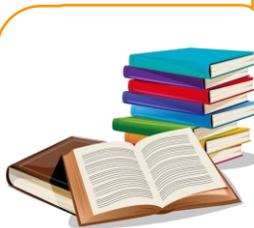
Parameter	Details
Event name	India submits Seventh National Report to Convention on Biological Diversity
Announcement date	26 February 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Policy/series name	Seventh National Report under Convention on Biological Diversity
Key figures	All 23 National Biodiversity Targets are on track and the report uses 142 national indicators
Purpose/reason	To present India's progress in biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and benefit sharing
Strategic/significant value	It reflects India's alignment with global biodiversity goals and highlights progress in forests, wetlands, and wildlife conservation
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods

► The Uttar Pradesh Clean Air Management Program launched with support from the World Bank involves an agreement worth how much?

- A) \$150 million
- B) \$200 million
- C) \$250 million
- D) \$299.66 million
- E) \$350 million

**Answer**

**D) \$299.66 million**

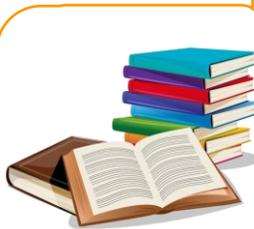


## Event and Location:

**Event:** The World Bank, the Government of India, and the Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the Uttar Pradesh Clean Air Management Program to improve air quality across the state

**Location:** Uttar Pradesh, India

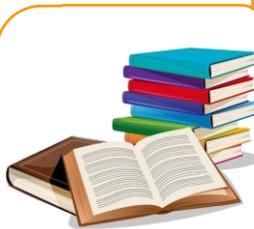
**Date:** March 17, 2026



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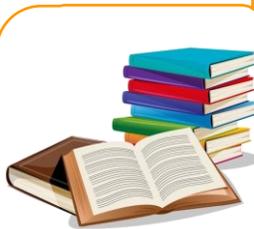
**Mandates:** The program will improve air quality through expanded air monitoring, promotion of clean transport, cleaner industrial practices, cleaner agriculture-related interventions, and transition of brick kilns to resource-efficient technologies

**Objectives:** The program aims to reduce emissions from transport, industry, and agriculture, strengthen real-time air quality monitoring, attract private investment in clean mobility and emission control, and support cleaner development in one of the most polluted regions of India



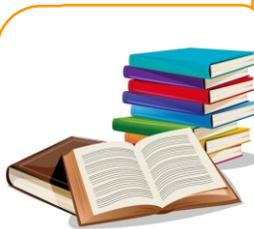
## Important Terms Explained:

**Uttar Pradesh Clean Air Management Program:** It is a state-level air quality improvement program supported by the World Bank to reduce emissions and strengthen pollution monitoring across Uttar Pradesh



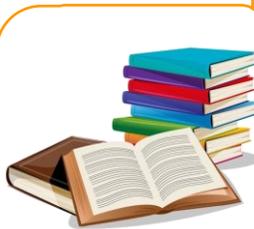
## Important Terms Explained:

**Air Quality Monitoring Stations:** These are stations that measure pollutants in the air and provide real-time data to help authorities monitor and manage air pollution



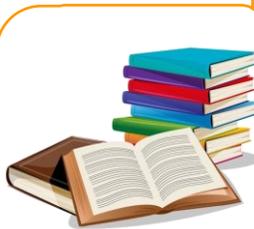
## Important Terms Explained:

**Electric Buses:** These are public transport vehicles powered by electricity instead of fossil fuels and help reduce urban transport emissions



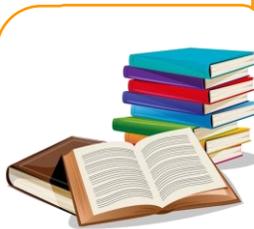
## Important Terms Explained:

**Brick Kilns:** These are industrial units used for making bricks and are a major source of particulate pollution in northern India when older technologies are used



## Important Terms Explained:

Regional Air Quality Management Program in the Indo Gangetic Plains and Himalayan Foothills (IGP-HF): It is a broader regional initiative supported by the World Bank to address severe air pollution across the Indo-Gangetic region



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India begins trade pact talks with Philippines and Maldives
Announcement date	March 17, 2026
Location	India, Philippines and Maldives
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Policy/series name	PTA talks with Philippines and FTA talks with Maldives
Key figures	India exports to Philippines rose to \$2.16 billion, while exports to Maldives fell to \$56.88 million in 2024-25
Purpose/reason	To strengthen trade relations and improve bilateral economic cooperation
Strategic/significant value	The move expands India's regional trade engagement through targeted tariff reduction and broader market access
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



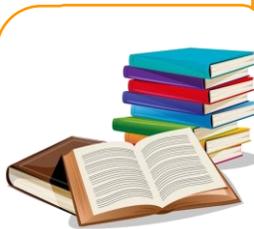
➤ **The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar is known as which of the following?**

- A) India's largest rose garden
- B) Asia's largest tulip garden
- C) World's highest botanical park
- D) India's first floral reserve
- E) South Asia's largest orchid park



**Answer**

**B) Asia's largest tulip garden**

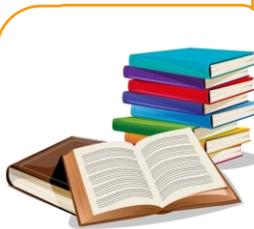


## Event and Location:

**Event:** Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar was inaugurated by Omar Abdullah, marking the beginning of Kashmir's spring tourism season

**Location:** Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

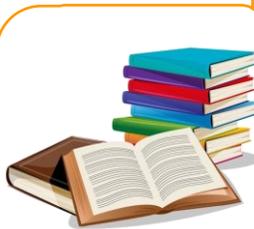
**Date:** 16 March 2026



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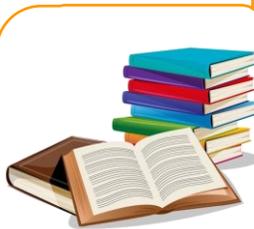
**Mandates:** The tulip garden was opened for visitors for the 2026 spring season with 1.8 million tulips spread across 74 acres and multiple seasonal flower varieties on display

**Objectives:** The inauguration aims to promote spring tourism in Kashmir, attract domestic and international visitors, and showcase the region's floral and natural beauty



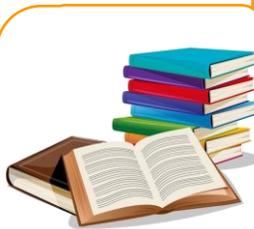
## Important Terms Explained:

**Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden:** It is a famous tulip garden in Srinagar known as Asia's largest tulip garden and a major spring tourism attraction in Jammu and Kashmir



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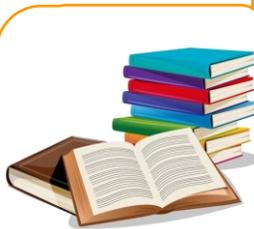
**Spring Tourism Season:** It refers to the period during spring when blooming flowers and pleasant weather attract large numbers of tourists to Kashmir



## Important Terms Explained:

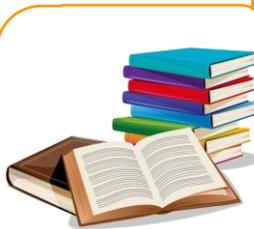
**Zabarwan Range:** It is a mountain range near Srinagar at whose foothills the tulip garden is located

**Dal Lake:** It is a major lake in Srinagar overlooking the tulip garden area and one of the most prominent tourist attractions in Kashmir



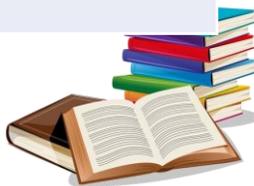
## Important Terms Explained:

**Netherlands:** It is the country from where many tulip varieties planted in the garden have been imported



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of 24 Speed Post service
Announcement date	17 March 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Department of Posts
Policy/series name	24 Speed Post
Key figures	Service launched in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad
Purpose/reason	To provide guaranteed next-day delivery for urgent parcels and documents
Feature details	OTP-based delivery, tracking alerts, BNPL facility, free pickup for bulk consignments, API integration, centralized billing, and money-back guarantee
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods

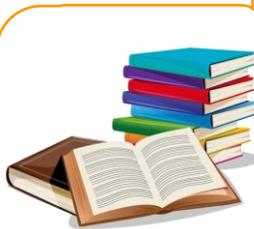


➤ **Under which programme has Gujarat launched its statewide Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination drive?**

- A) Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- B) National Livestock Mission
- C) National Animal Disease Control Programme
- D) Dairy Development Programme
- E) Animal Health Security Mission

**Answer**

**C) National Animal Disease Control Programme**

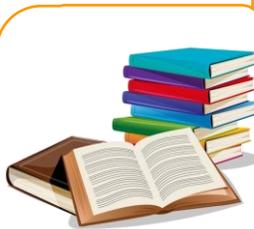


## Event and Location:

**Event:** Gujarat launched a statewide Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination drive to protect livestock and prevent disease outbreaks

Location: Gujarat

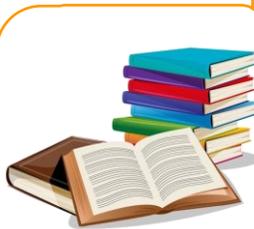
Date: March 1, 2026



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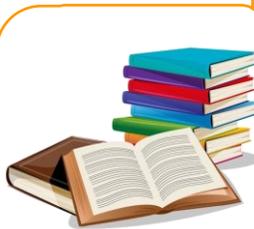
**Mandates:** The Gujarat government is conducting a statewide FMD vaccination campaign from March 1 to April 15 under the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP), covering cattle, buffaloes, sheep, and goats, with veterinary teams visiting villages and dairy farms

**Objectives:** The campaign aims to prevent the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease, protect livestock health, reduce production losses, and safeguard the livelihoods of farmers and dairy owners



## Important Terms Explained:

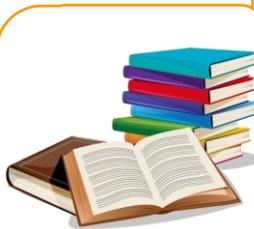
**Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD):** It is a highly contagious viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, buffaloes, sheep, and goats



## Important Terms Explained:

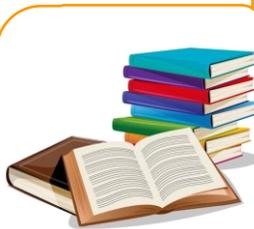
### **National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP):**

It is a central government programme aimed at controlling and eliminating major livestock diseases such as FMD and brucellosis



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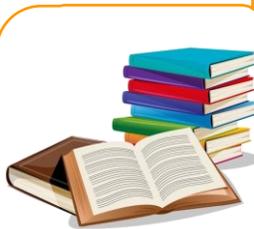
**INAPH:** Information Network for Animal Productivity and Health is a digital platform used to track livestock identification, vaccination, and health records



## Important Terms Explained:

**Ear Tagging:** It is the process of attaching an identification tag to an animal's ear for monitoring and record-keeping

**Livestock:** It refers to domesticated farm animals raised for milk, meat, wool, and other agricultural purposes



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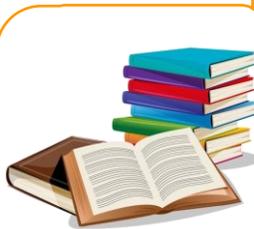
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Uttar Pradesh Clean Air Management Program
Announcement date	March 17, 2026
Location	Uttar Pradesh, India
Issuing authority	World Bank, Government of India, and Government of Uttar Pradesh
Policy/series name	Uttar Pradesh Clean Air Management Program
Key figures	\$299.66 million agreement with nearly 200 new air quality monitoring stations
Purpose/reason	To improve air quality by reducing emissions from transport, industry, agriculture, and brick kilns
Strategic/significant value	It supports long-term clean air action in Uttar Pradesh and contributes to regional air quality improvement in the Indo-Gangetic Plains
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



- The Himachal Pradesh government signed an MoU with which organization to strengthen the dairy sector?

- A) NABARD
- B) NDDB
- C) NCDC
- D) FCI
- E) APEDA

**Answer**  
**B) NDDB**

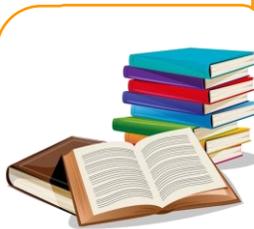


## Event and Location:

**Event:** The Himachal Pradesh government signed an MoU with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to strengthen the dairy sector in the state

**Location:** Himachal Pradesh, India

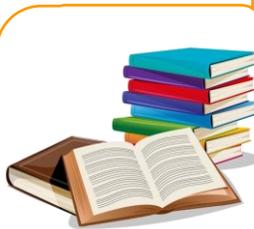
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## Mandates and Objectives:

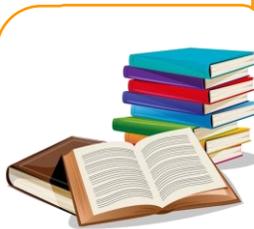
**Mandates:** The Himachal Pradesh government and NDDDB signed an MoU to improve dairy infrastructure, enhance milk processing capacity, operate the Dagwar dairy project, introduce modern processing technology, and promote dairy products under the HIM brand

**Objectives:** The agreement aims to strengthen the dairy sector, reduce wastage, improve supply chains, generate employment for farmers, and support dairy-based industry in the state



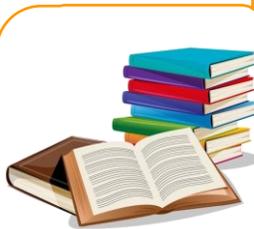
## Important Terms Explained:

**MoU:** A Memorandum of Understanding is a formal agreement between two parties that outlines their shared intentions and areas of cooperation



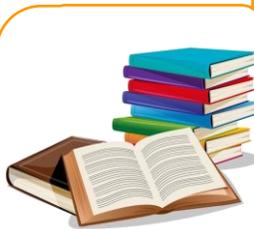
## Important Terms Explained:

**National Dairy Development Board (NDDB):** It is a national institution that works for the development of the dairy sector in India through infrastructure, technology, and cooperative support



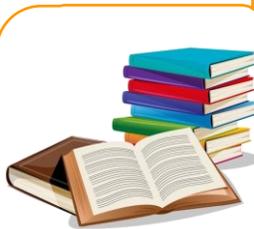
## Important Terms Explained:

**Dagwar Dairy Project:** It is a major dairy processing project in Himachal Pradesh intended to expand milk processing capacity and act as a key dairy hub in the state



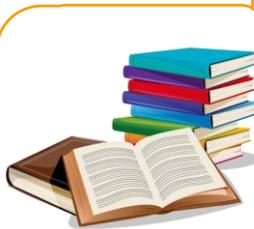
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**HIM Brand:** It is the proposed state brand under which dairy products from Himachal Pradesh will be marketed



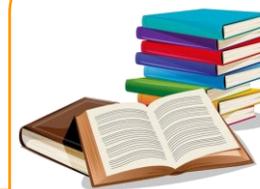
## Important Terms Explained:

**Milk Processing Capacity:** It refers to the volume of milk that can be collected, processed, and converted into dairy products through modern facilities



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Asia's largest tulip garden
Announcement date	16 March 2026
Location	Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir
Issuing authority	Jammu and Kashmir government
Policy/series name	Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden spring opening
Key figures	1.8 million tulips across 74 acres with 70 to 75 varieties
Purpose/reason	To mark the start of Kashmir's spring tourism season
Strategic/significant value	The garden is a major seasonal tourism attraction in the region
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods

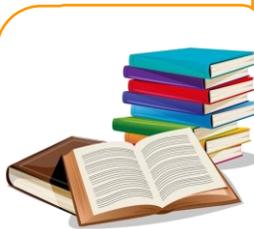


➤ **Kusunpur village, which is set to become Odisha's first smart village, is located in which district?**

- A) Puri
- B) Cuttack
- C) Kendrapada
- D) Balasore
- E) Ganjam

**Answer**

**C) Kendrapada**

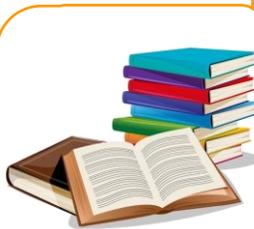


## Event and Location:

**Event:** Kusunpur is set to become Odisha's first smart village under a CSIR initiative

**Location:** Kusunpur village, Kendrapada district, Odisha

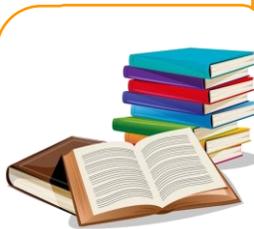
**Date:** March 17, 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

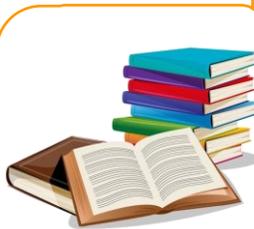
**Mandates:** The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has launched a smart village initiative in Kusunpur to introduce modern technologies in agriculture, infrastructure, renewable energy, sanitation, safe drinking water, and skill development through collaboration among multiple research institutions

**Objectives:** The project aims to create a self-reliant, climate-resilient, and sustainable rural model that can serve as a blueprint for smart village development in other parts of India



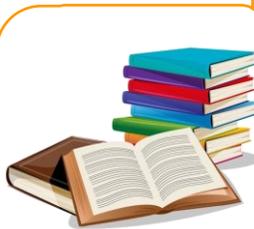
## Important Terms Explained:

**Smart Village:** It is a village development model that uses technology, sustainable infrastructure, clean energy, and improved services to enhance rural living standards



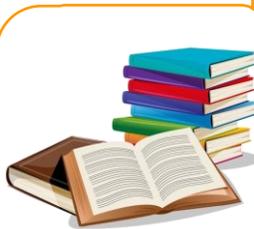
## Important Terms Explained:

**CSIR:** The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is a premier scientific research organization in India working under the Ministry of Science and Technology



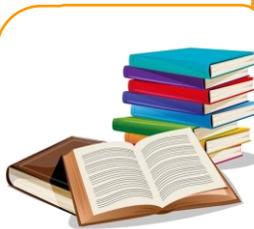
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Climate-resilient Infrastructure: It refers to buildings and facilities designed to withstand environmental and climate-related challenges such as cyclones and extreme weather



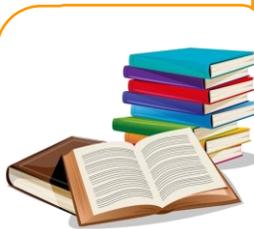
## Important Terms Explained:

**Renewable Energy:** It refers to energy generated from natural replenishable sources such as solar power



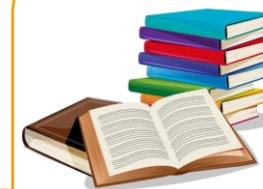
## Important Terms Explained:

**Anganwadi:** It is a rural child care and mother-care centre that provides basic health, nutrition, and early childhood services under government welfare programmes



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Gujarat launches Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination drive
Announcement date	March 1, 2026
Location	Gujarat
Issuing authority	Government of Gujarat
Policy/series name	National Animal Disease Control Programme
Key figures	Campaign runs from March 1 to April 15 and covers cattle, buffaloes, sheep, and goats
Purpose/reason	To prevent Foot and Mouth Disease outbreaks and protect farmers' livelihoods
Strategic/significant value	It strengthens livestock health management and supports dairy and rural economy
Validity or status	Observed annually on 3 March
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global conservation efforts and highlights the role of medicinal and aromatic plants in health and livelihoods



# QUICK RECALL

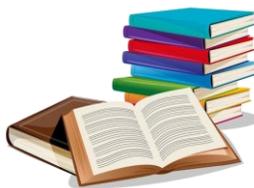
**World Social Work Day 2026 will be observed globally on 17 March 2026.**

**Odisha topped the Fiscal Health Index 2026 released by NITI Aayog with a score of 73.1.**

**India's Wholesale Price Index inflation increased to 2.13% in February 2026 from 1.81% in January 2026.**

**India's unemployment rate declined marginally to 4.9% in February 2026 from 5.0% in January 2026.**

**India's trade deficit widened to \$27.1 billion in February 2026.**



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**Arun Mammen has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association.**

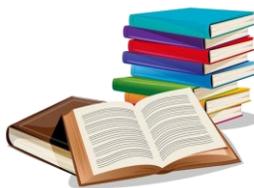
**Uniqlo appointed Indian cricketer Jasprit Bumrah as its brand ambassador for India.**

**The Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 was announced on March 16, 2026 for literary works in 24 Indian languages.**

**The Indian animated short film CHYIMI won the Best Director award at the New York Short Animation Festival 2026.**

**India submitted its first National Report on the Nagoya Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 27 February 2026.**

**India submitted its Seventh National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 26 February 2026.**



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**India signed Terms of Reference with the Philippines and Maldives to begin negotiations for new trade agreements.**

**India Post launched the 24 Speed Post service on 17 March 2026 for faster delivery of urgent consignments.**

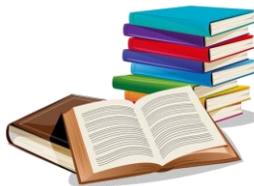
**The World Bank, the Government of India, and the Government of Uttar Pradesh signed a \$299.66 million agreement to improve air quality in the state.**

**The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar was inaugurated on 16 March 2026 by Omar Abdullah.**

**Gujarat launched a statewide Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination drive on March 1, 2026.**

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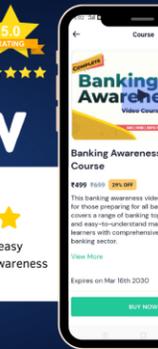
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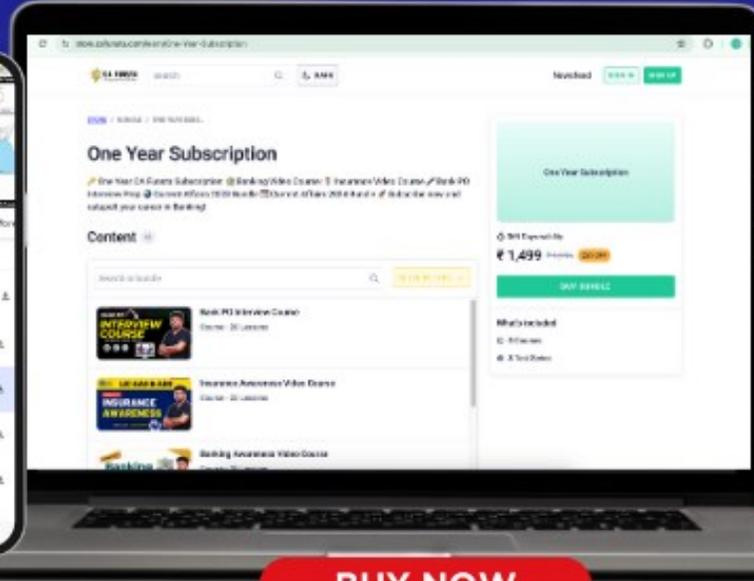
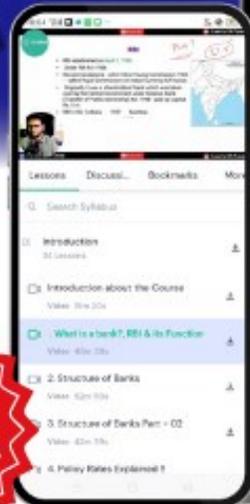


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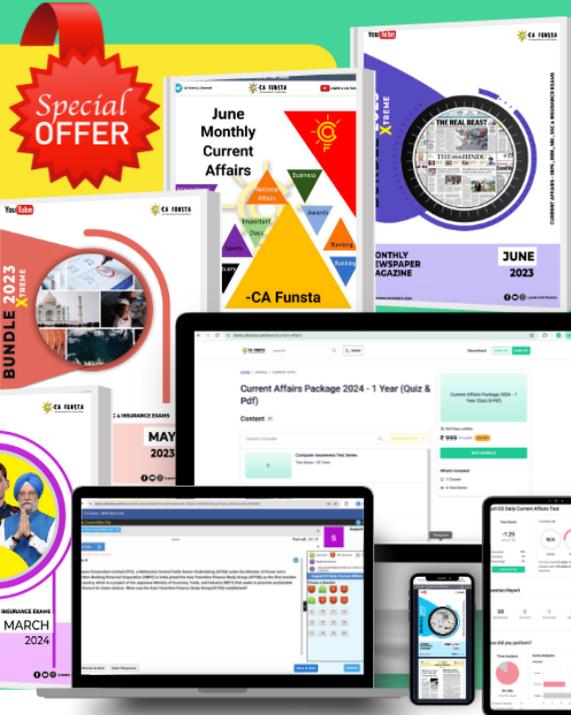
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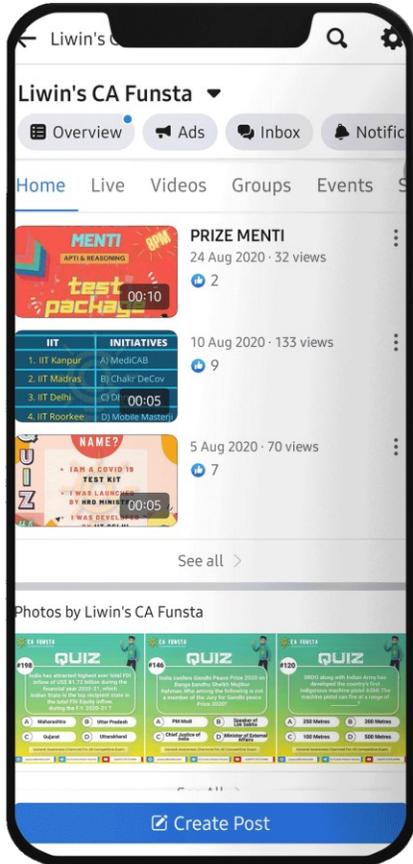
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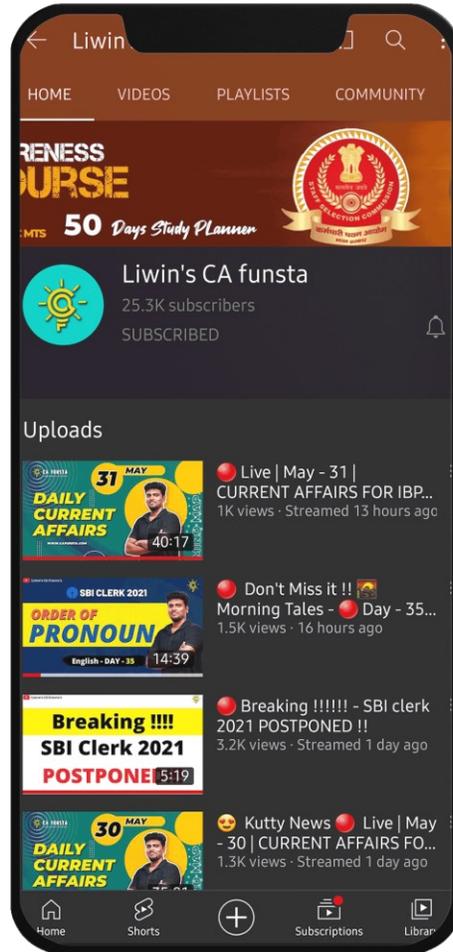


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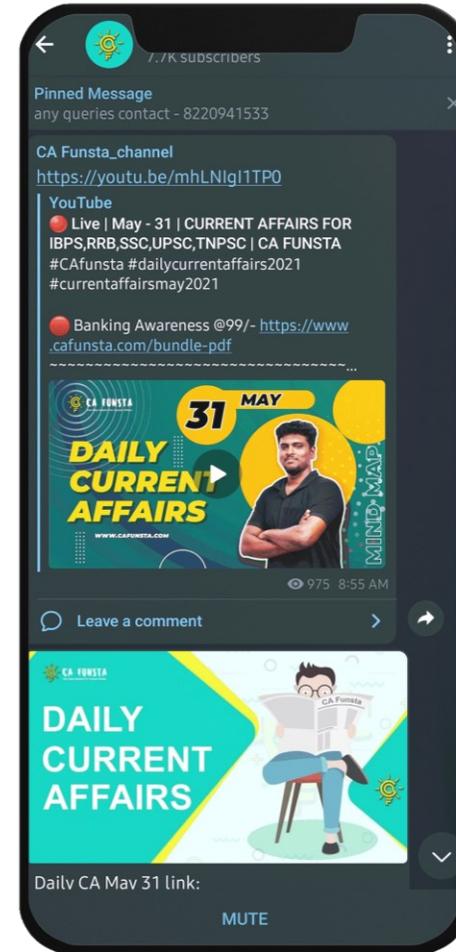
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