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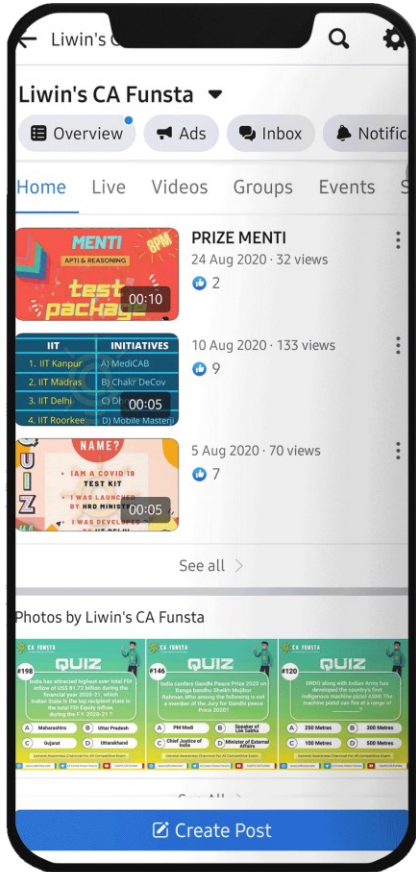


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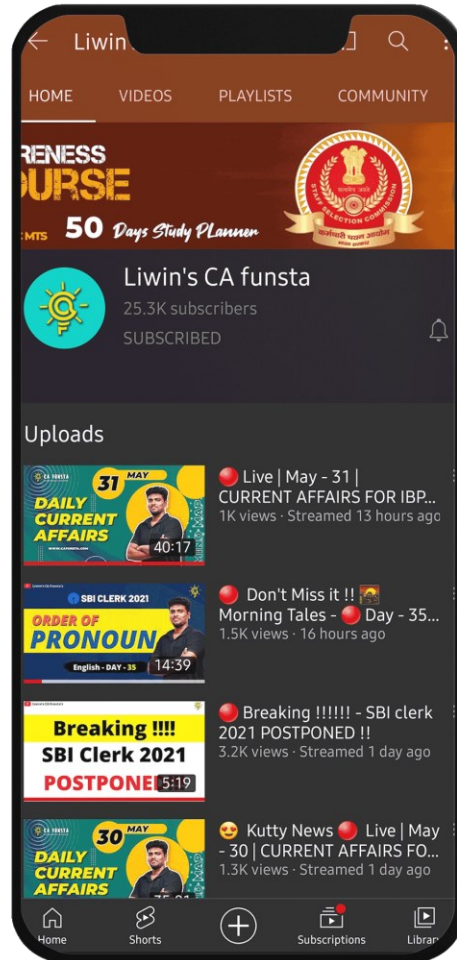
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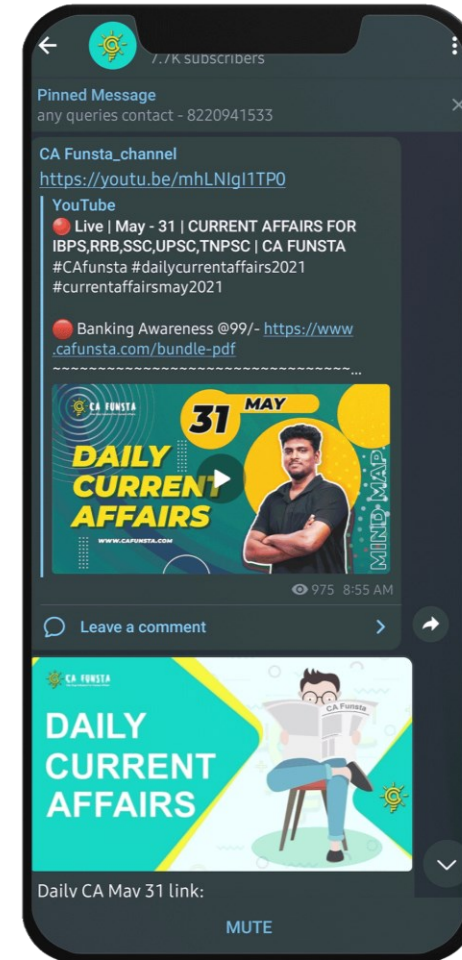
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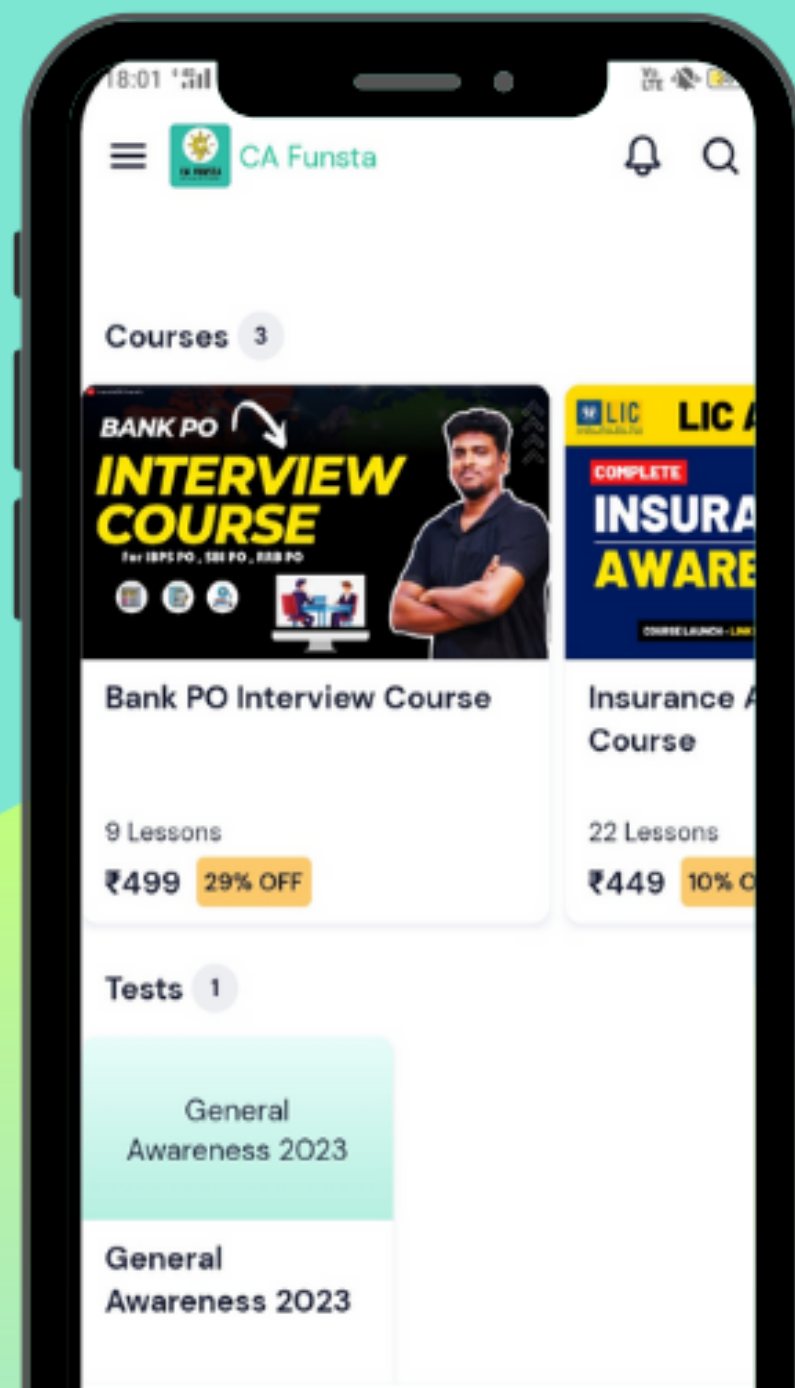
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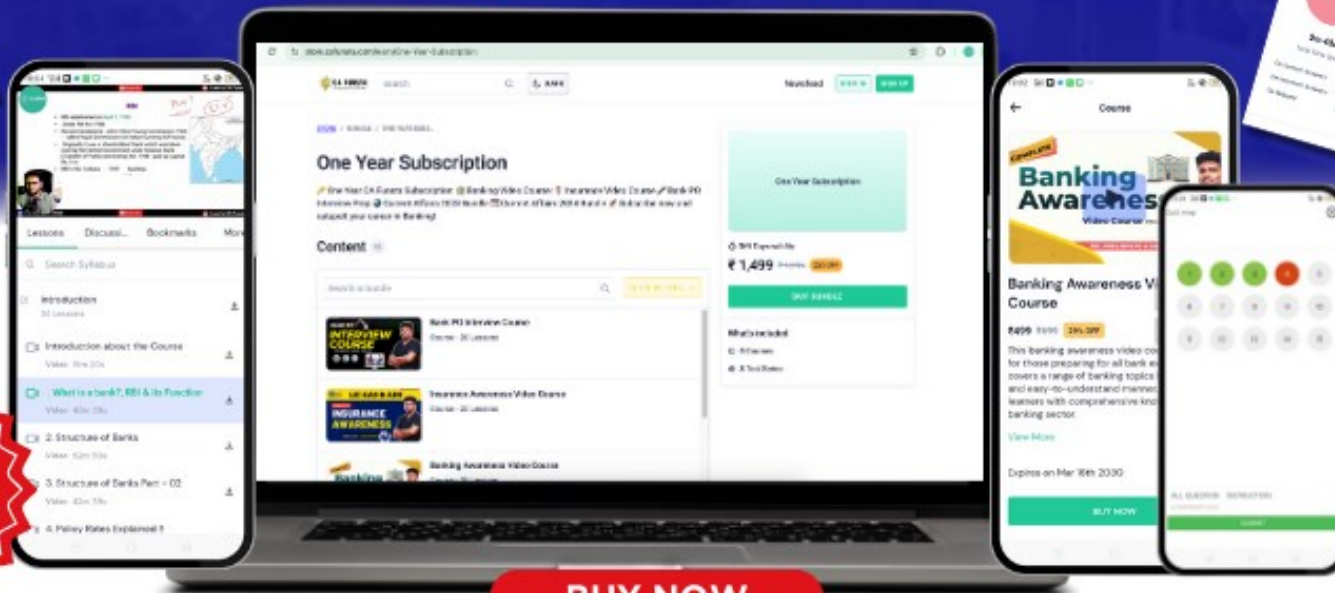
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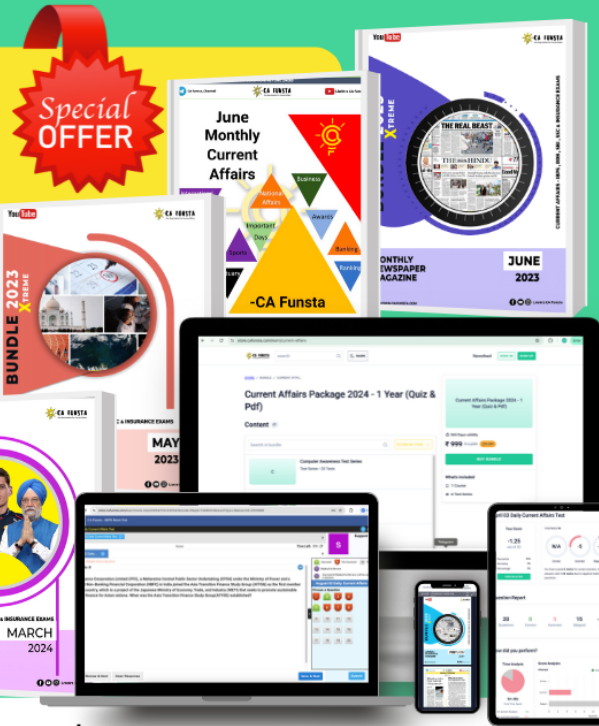
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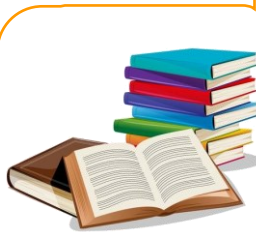
➤ What is the theme of World Mental Health Day 2026, observed on 10 October?

- A) Mental Health for All
- B) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change
- C) Mental Health in an Unequal World
- D) Make Mental Health a Global Priority
- E) Mental Health is a Universal Human Right



Answer

B) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change.

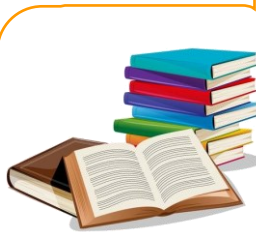


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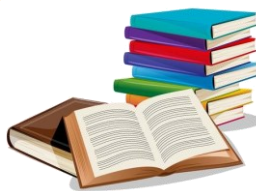
Event and Location:

- **Event: World Mental Health Day 2026** was observed with the theme “Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change”, highlighting inclusive and accessible mental healthcare services.
- **Location:** Globally, with major initiatives undertaken by India's **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** (MoHFW).
- **Date: 10 October 2026.**



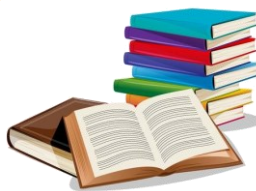
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare highlighted mental healthcare initiatives, including Tele-MANAS, MANN Jaagriti, the **National Mental Health Programme (NMHP)** and the **District Mental Health Programme (DMHP)**, to strengthen accessible, community-based and digital mental healthcare services across India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To promote mental health awareness, reduce stigma, ensure confidential and inclusive care, encourage participation of people with lived experiences of mental illness in policymaking, and improve access to counselling, treatment and referral services.

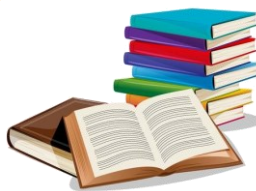


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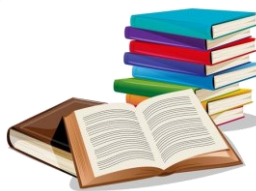
Important Terms Explained:

- **World Mental Health Day:** An international observance held annually on **10** October to raise awareness about mental health issues and promote better mental healthcare services worldwide.



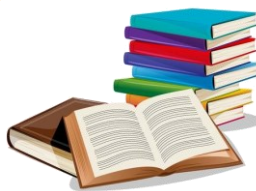
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tele-MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States)**: India's national tele-mental health initiative, launched on **10 October 2022**, providing free, confidential, multilingual and round-the-clock mental health support through the toll-free helpline **14416**.



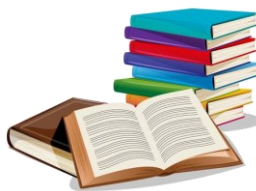
Important Terms Explained:

- **MANN Jaagriti:** A community-based mental health awareness and engagement initiative that promotes help-seeking behaviour, reduces stigma and involves schools, colleges, workplaces, healthcare providers and community organisations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Mental Health Programme (NMHP):** A **Government of India** programme launched in **1982** to improve access to mental healthcare, integrate mental health services into general healthcare and promote community-based treatment.

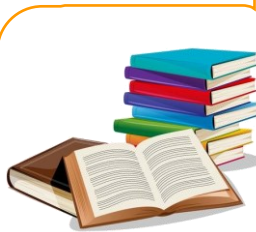


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Important Terms Explained:

- **District Mental Health Programme (DMHP):** A district-level initiative under **NMHP**, introduced in **1996**, providing counselling, outpatient treatment, medication, psychosocial interventions, follow-up care and referral services.

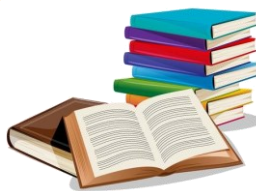


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Lived Experience:** The firsthand experience of individuals who have faced mental health conditions, which can help improve healthcare policies, treatment approaches and service accessibility.

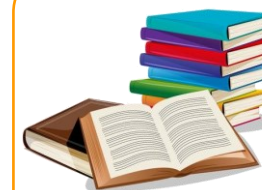


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance	World Mental Health Day 2026.
Date	10 October 2026.
Theme 2026	Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change.
Key Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
Tele-MANAS Launch	10 October 2022.
Mental Health Helpline	14416, providing free, confidential, multilingual and 24/7 mental health assistance.
Community Initiative	MANN Jaagriti, promoting mental health awareness and stigma reduction.
District-Level Coverage	DMHP approved for implementation in 767 districts under the National Health Mission.



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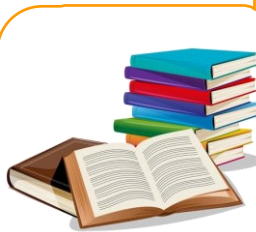


➤ On which date does Sharad Navratri 2026 begin, marking the worship of the nine forms of Goddess Durga?

- A) 9 October 2026
- B) 10 October 2026
- C) 11 October 2026
- D) 12 October 2026
- E) 13 October 2026

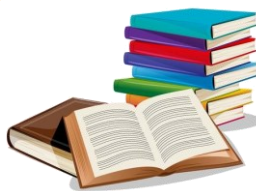
Answer

C) 11 October 2026.



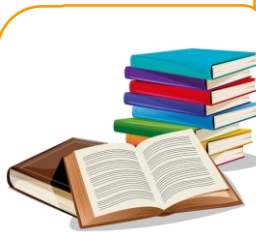
Event and Location:

- **Event: Sharad Navratri 2026** began on **11** October, marking the nine-day worship of **Goddess Durga** and her nine forms (Navadurga), followed by Vijayadashami (Dussehra) on **20** October **2026**.
- **Location:** India, with major celebrations in Gujarat, **West Bengal**, northern India and southern states.
- **Date: 11–20** October **2026**.



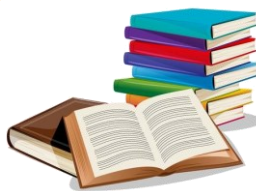
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Sharad Navratri** is observed during the Hindu lunar month of Ashvin, beginning with Ghatasthapana and involving nine days of prayers, fasting, rituals and worship of **Goddess Durga's** different manifestations. The celebrations include **Garba and Dandiya in Gujarat, Durga Puja in West Bengal**, Ramlila in northern India, and traditional doll displays in parts of southern India.



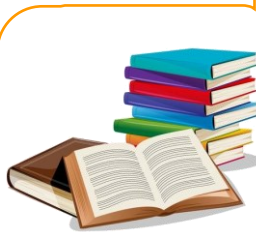
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To honour divine feminine energy, promote devotion and spiritual discipline, celebrate the victory of good over evil, preserve regional religious traditions and encourage community participation through cultural and spiritual activities.



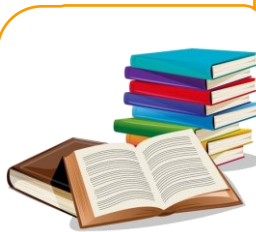
Important Terms Explained:

- **Navratri:** A Hindu festival whose name originates from the Sanskrit words Nava (nine) and Ratri (night), dedicated to worshipping **Goddess Durga** and her nine manifestations.



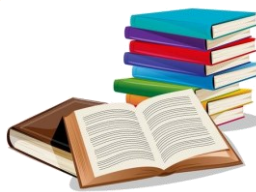
Important Terms Explained:

- **Navadurga:** The nine forms of **Goddess Durga** worshipped during Navratri, namely Shailputri, Brahmacharini, Chandraghanta, Kushmanda, Skandamata, Katyayani, Kalaratri, **Mahagauri and Siddhidatri.**



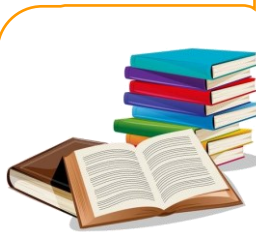
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ghatasthapana:** An auspicious ritual performed at the beginning of Navratri involving the installation of a sacred Kalash to invoke divine blessings.



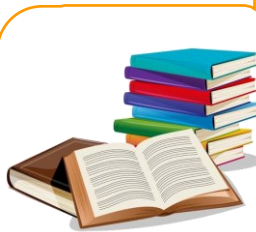
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mahalaya:** An observance marking the transition from **Pitru Paksha to Devi Paksha**, particularly significant in **West Bengal** as the beginning of preparations for **Durga Puja**.



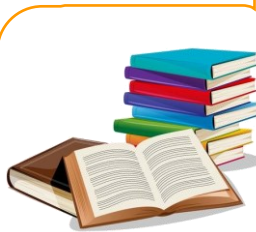
Important Terms Explained:

- **Maha Ashtami:** The eighth day of Navratri, dedicated to **Goddess Mahagauri** in the Navadurga tradition and associated with special worship and religious rituals.



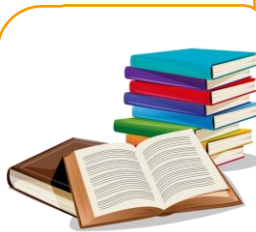
Important Terms Explained:

- **Maha Navami:** The ninth day of Navratri, dedicated to **Goddess Siddhidatri** and observed through prayers, rituals and concluding celebrations.



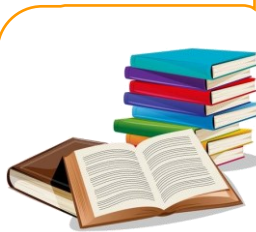
Important Terms Explained:

- **Vijayadashami (Dussehra):** The festival observed on the tenth lunar day, symbolising the victory of **Lord Rama** over **Ravana** and **Goddess Durga** over Mahishasura in different Hindu traditions.



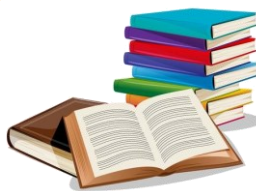
Important Terms Explained:

- **Garba and Dandiya Raas:** Traditional Gujarati folk dances performed during Navratri, with Garba involving circular dance movements and **Dandiya Raas** using decorated sticks.



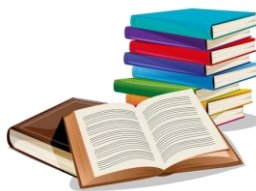
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ramlila:** A traditional theatrical performance depicting episodes from the Ramayana, particularly the life of **Lord Rama** and his victory over Ravana.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayudha Puja:** A Hindu tradition involving the worship of tools, instruments, vehicles and equipment as symbols of work, knowledge and prosperity.

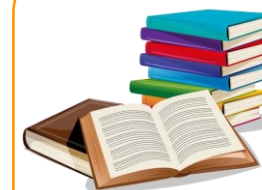


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Festival Name	Sharad Navratri 2026.
Starting Date	11 October 2026, with Ghatasthapana.
Mahalaya	10 October 2026.
Maha Ashtami	18 October 2026.
Maha Navami	19 October 2026.
Vijayadashami (Dussehra)	20 October 2026.
Nine Goddess Forms	Shailputri, Brahmacharini, Chandraghanta, Kushmanda, Skandamata, Katyayani, Kalaratri, Mahagauri and Siddhidatri.
Religious Significance	Worship of divine feminine energy and celebration of the victory of good over evil.



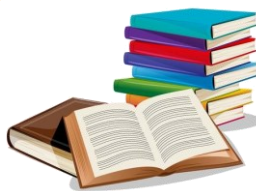
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➤ According to the World Bank's October 2026 report, India ranked among the top how many emerging-market economies in AI readiness?

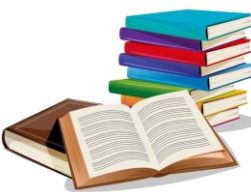
- A) Top 5
- B) Top 10
- C) Top 15
- D) Top 20
- E) Top 25

Answer
B) Top 10.



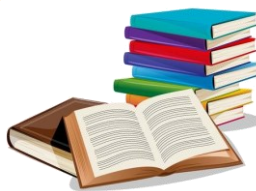
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The World Bank recognised India among the top 10 emerging-market performers in **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** readiness in its report “**India and Artificial Intelligence: Seizing the Development Opportunity**”.
- **Location:** India, with comparisons across emerging-market and global economies.



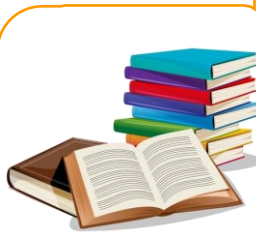
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The World Bank assessed India's AI readiness based on its skilled technical workforce, globally integrated IT sector, **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** and private AI investment, which reached **USD 4.1 billion** in **2025**, nearly three times the previous year's level.



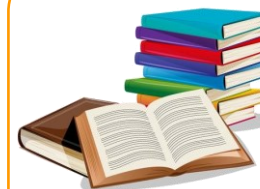
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To identify India's potential for AI-driven economic growth, improve productivity and public service delivery, expand AI adoption beyond large urban firms, strengthen workforce skills and computing infrastructure, and promote adaptive governance for responsible AI development.



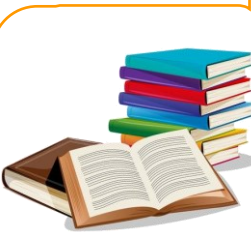
Ranking Table:

Rank/Category	Country/Economy / Score/Index/Remarks
Top 10 emerging-market performers	Country/Economy: India Score/Index/Remarks: Recognised for AI readiness, technical talent and digital infrastructure; exact position not specified.
High-income economy	Country/Economy: Singapore Score/Index/Remarks: Highlighted for strong capital markets and advanced regulatory structures.
High-income economy	Country/Economy: United States Score/Index/Remarks: Recognised for developed financial markets and sophisticated regulatory capabilities.
Upper-middle-income economy	Country/Economy: China Score/Index/Remarks: Highlighted for technological and infrastructural capabilities supporting AI adoption.
Upper-middle-income economy	Country/Economy: Malaysia Score/Index/Remarks: Recognised for infrastructure and technological capabilities supporting AI implementation.



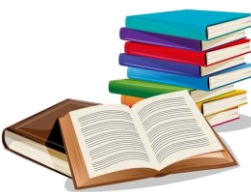
Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Readiness:** The ability of a country or economy to develop, adopt and effectively use artificial intelligence based on its infrastructure, workforce, investment, institutions and technological capabilities.



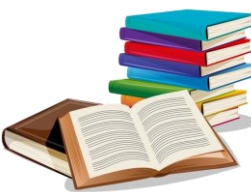
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI):** Foundational digital systems that enable the delivery of public and private services, including digital identity, payments and data-sharing platforms.



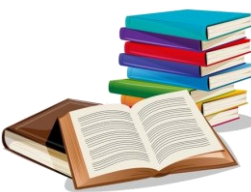
Important Terms Explained:

- **Private AI Investment:** Funding provided by private businesses, investors and venture capital firms to develop artificial intelligence technologies, products, infrastructure and services.



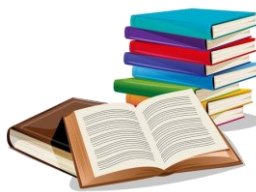
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Capability Centres (GCCs):** Offshore centres established by multinational corporations to undertake technology development, research, engineering, analytics and business operations.



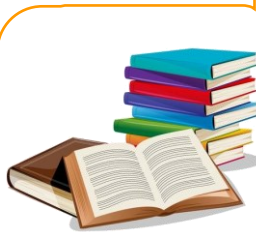
Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Divide:** The gap between countries, regions or organisations in their ability to access, develop and benefit from artificial intelligence technologies.



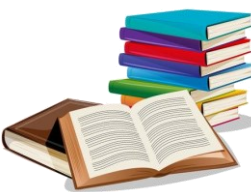
Important Terms Explained:

- **Beyond the AI Divide:** A World Bank policy research document titled “Beyond the AI Divide: A **Simple Way of Recognizing Global and Local Overachievers** in AI Readiness”, which examines differences in AI readiness across economies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Adaptive Governance:** A flexible regulatory and policy framework that enables governments to respond to technological advancements, emerging risks and changing economic conditions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Report Name	India and Artificial Intelligence: Seizing the Development Opportunity.
Publishing Institution	World Bank.
Report Date	October 2026.
India's Position	Among the top 10 emerging-market performers in AI readiness; exact rank not specified.
Private AI Investment	USD 4.1 billion in 2025, nearly three times the previous year's level.
GCC Employment	India's Global Capability Centres employed 2.36 million people.
Major Strengths	Skilled technical workforce, internationally integrated IT sector and digital public infrastructure.
Key Recommendations	Expand AI adoption, improve workforce skills, strengthen computing infrastructure and develop adaptive governance.

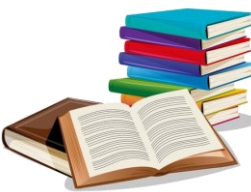


➤ Who launched the World Bank Group's World Development Report 2026 on Artificial Intelligence in New Delhi on 8 October 2026?

- A) Piyush Goyal
- B) Nirmala Sitharaman
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Dharmendra Pradhan
- E) Jitendra Singh

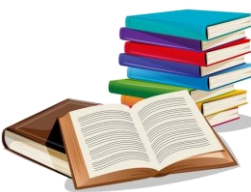
Answer

C) Ashwini Vaishnaw.



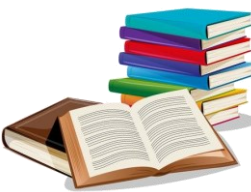
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The World Bank Group's World Development Report 2026, titled “Artificial Intelligence: The Promise for Developing Economies”, was launched in India by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, highlighting AI-driven development opportunities for developing economies.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** 8 October 2026.



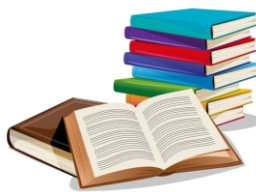
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The World Bank Group presented a three-part “Adopt, **Adapt and Advance**” framework to help developing economies utilise **Artificial Intelligence** (AI) through existing technologies, localised applications and domestic capacity building. **The Indian** launch was jointly organised by the IndiaAI Mission, **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** (MeitY) and **World Bank Group**, featuring discussions on scalable AI solutions and a State AI Showcase.



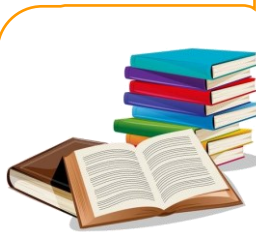
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To improve productivity, expand access to specialised expertise, strengthen healthcare, agriculture, education and public service delivery, and promote inclusive AI adoption through investments in digital infrastructure, workforce skills, research, data quality and responsible governance.



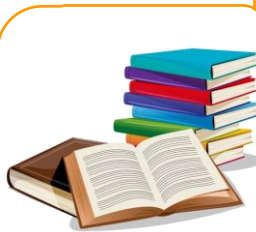
Important Terms Explained:

- **World Development Report (WDR): The World Bank Group's** flagship annual publication that examines major global development challenges and provides research-based policy recommendations for economic and social development.



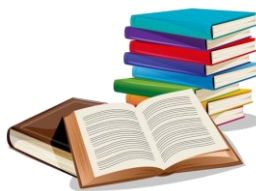
Important Terms Explained:

- **Adopt, Adapt and Advance Framework:** A three-part AI development strategy recommending the adoption of existing AI tools, adaptation of technologies to local languages and requirements, and advancement of domestic capabilities through research, skills and infrastructure.



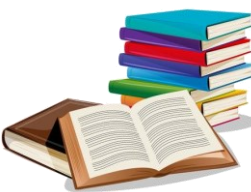
Important Terms Explained:

- **IndiaAI Mission:** A **Government of India** initiative approved in March **2024** with an outlay of **₹10,371.92 crore** to strengthen India's artificial intelligence ecosystem through computing infrastructure, innovation, datasets, skill development and responsible AI adoption.



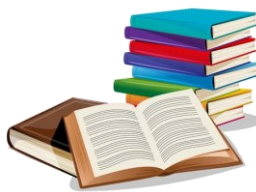
Important Terms Explained:

- **Small AI:** Affordable, task-specific artificial intelligence applications designed to address practical challenges using relatively limited computing resources and accessible technologies such as mobile phones, text messages and telephone services.



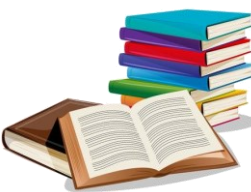
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Divide:** The gap between individuals, communities or regions in their access to digital technologies, reliable internet connectivity, electricity and digital skills.



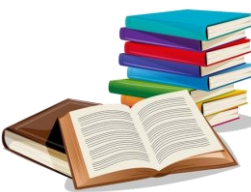
Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Adaptation:** The process of modifying existing artificial intelligence systems to suit local languages, datasets, institutions, cultural conditions and user requirements.



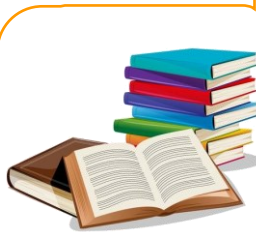
Important Terms Explained:

- **Computing Infrastructure:** The hardware, software, data centres and processing resources required to develop, operate and deploy artificial intelligence applications.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Responsible AI Governance:** Policies and institutional safeguards designed to ensure artificial intelligence systems operate safely, transparently, fairly and securely while protecting privacy and reducing bias.



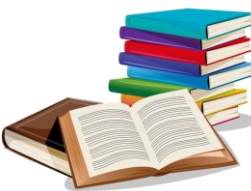
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Report Name	World Development Report 2026: Artificial Intelligence: The Promise for Developing Economies.
Publishing Organisation	World Bank Group.
India Launch Date	8 October 2026.
Launch Location	New Delhi, India.
Launched By	Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Railways, and Information and Broadcasting.
Joint Organisers	IndiaAI Mission, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, and World Bank Group.
Key Framework	Adopt existing AI tools, adapt technologies to local needs and advance domestic AI capabilities.
Major Recommendations	Strengthen digital infrastructure, workforce skills, computing capacity, data quality and responsible AI governance for inclusive development.

► What is the revised minimum daily Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) maintenance requirement reportedly prescribed by the RBI, effective from 16 October 2026?

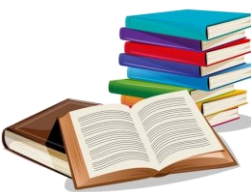
- A) 90%
- B) 95%
- C) 97%
- D) 99%
- E) 100%

Answer
D) 99%.



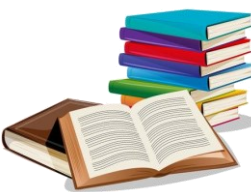
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reportedly increased the minimum daily **Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)** maintenance requirement for scheduled banks from **90%** to **99%**, while keeping the overall **CRR** unchanged at **3%**.
- **Location:** India, applicable to scheduled banks maintaining cash reserves with the **RBI**.
- **Date:** **16 October 2026**, effective from the reporting fortnight beginning on this date.



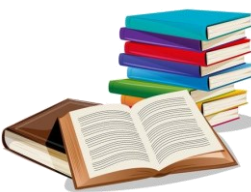
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **RBI** reportedly revised the minimum daily **CRR** maintenance requirement to **99%** of the prescribed reserve amount, compared with the earlier **90%**, while retaining the overall **CRR** at **3%** of **Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL)**. The decision was reported amid excess banking system liquidity of approximately **₹3.88 lakh** crore on **8 October 2026**, with an estimated additional liquidity absorption of **₹1 lakh** crore.



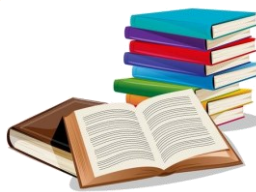
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen daily reserve maintenance discipline, reduce banks' flexibility to maintain lower cash reserve balances on individual days, manage excess liquidity in the banking system and ensure greater consistency in reserve requirements throughout the reporting fortnight.



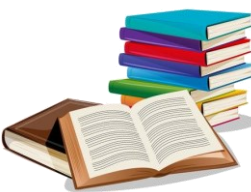
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR):** The percentage of a bank's **Net Demand and Time Liabilities** that must be maintained as cash balances with the **RBI**, serving as an important monetary policy instrument for regulating banking system liquidity.



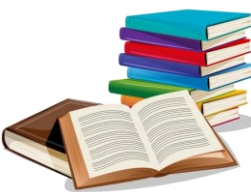
Important Terms Explained:

- **Daily CRR Maintenance Requirement:** The minimum percentage of the prescribed **CRR** balance that scheduled banks must maintain with the **RBI** at the close of each day during a reporting fortnight.



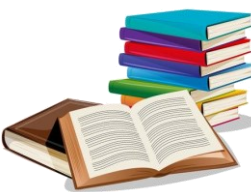
Important Terms Explained:

- **Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL):** A measure of a bank's eligible demand and time liabilities, adjusted according to **RBI** regulations, used as the basis for calculating statutory reserve requirements.



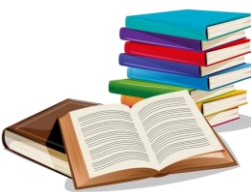
Important Terms Explained:

- Section **42** of the **RBI Act, 1934**: The legal provision governing cash reserve maintenance by scheduled banks with the **Reserve Bank of India**.



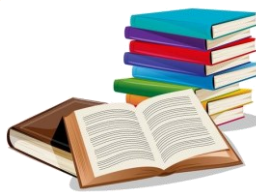
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reporting Fortnight:** A two-week period used for calculating and monitoring banks' statutory reserve maintenance obligations.



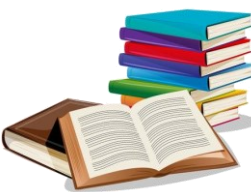
Important Terms Explained:

- **Banking System Liquidity:** The availability of funds within the banking system to meet payment obligations, lending requirements and other financial operations.



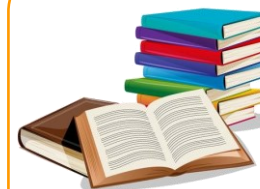
Important Terms Explained:

- **Liquidity Absorption:** The process through which the central bank withdraws or restricts surplus funds available in the banking system to support liquidity management and monetary stability.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Regulatory Authority	Reserve Bank of India.
Reported Decision	Increase in minimum daily CRR maintenance requirement from 90% to 99%.
Effective Date	16 October 2026.
Overall CRR Rate	Unchanged at 3% of Net Demand and Time Liabilities.
Applicable Banks	Scheduled banks subject to RBI's CRR maintenance requirements.
Excess Banking Liquidity	Approximately ₹3.88 lakh crore as of 8 October 2026.
Estimated Liquidity Absorption	Approximately ₹1 lakh crore, as reported.
Regulatory Provision	Section 42 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.



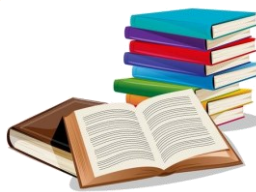
➤ **Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Judicial Well-Being constituted by the Supreme Court of India in October 2026?**

- A) Justice B R Gavai
- B) Justice K V Viswanathan
- C) Justice Vikram Nath
- D) Justice J B Pardiwala
- E) Justice P S Narasimha



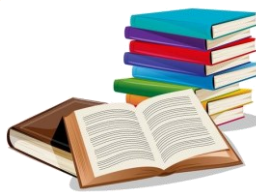
Answer

B) Justice K V Viswanathan.



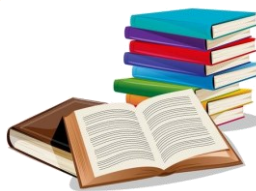
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Supreme Court of India constituted a **Standing Committee on Judicial Well-Being**, chaired by Justice K V Viswanathan, to address the professional, physical and mental health challenges faced by judicial officers.
- **Location:** Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
- **Date:** 10 October 2026, coinciding with **World Mental Health Day**.



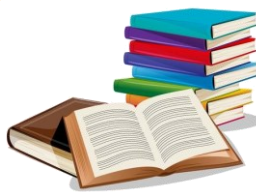
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant** constituted a multidisciplinary standing committee comprising judicial, psychiatric, psychological and legal administration experts. The committee will identify institutional challenges affecting judicial officers, recommend welfare guidelines, coordinate with relevant stakeholders and periodically review measures aimed at improving judicial well-being.



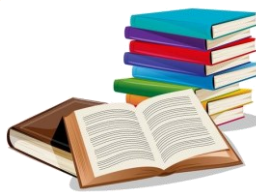
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To promote the mental, physical and emotional well-being of judicial officers, address work-related stress and administrative pressures, develop institutional support mechanisms, improve professional working conditions and establish a continuous framework for judicial welfare.



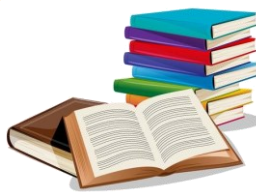
Important Terms Explained:

- **Standing Committee on Judicial Well-Being:** A permanent institutional forum established by the **Supreme Court** to examine professional and personal challenges affecting judicial officers and recommend measures to improve their overall well-being.



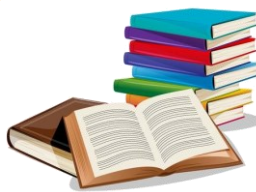
Important Terms Explained:

- **Judicial Well-Being:** The physical, psychological, emotional and professional welfare of judges and judicial officers, including their ability to manage workloads, occupational stress and demanding judicial responsibilities.



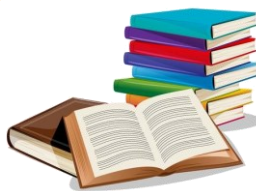
Important Terms Explained:

- **Institutional Intervention:** Organised measures undertaken by an institution to address systemic challenges through policies, support services, administrative reforms and welfare mechanisms.



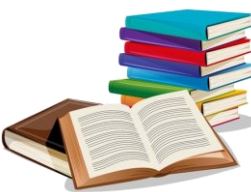
Important Terms Explained:

- **Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER):** A premier medical education, research and healthcare institution located in Chandigarh, known for specialised medical training and clinical services.



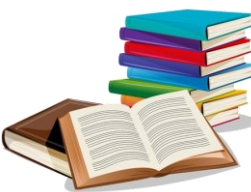
Important Terms Explained:

- Advocate-on-Record (AoR): A lawyer qualified and registered under **Supreme Court** rules to act and file cases on behalf of parties before the **Supreme Court of India**.



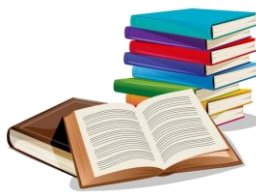
Important Terms Explained:

- **Centre for Research and Planning:** A unit of the **Supreme Court** involved in institutional research, planning and administrative support for improving judicial functioning.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Occupational Stress:** Physical or psychological strain arising from workplace demands, including excessive workloads, long working hours, difficult decisions and administrative responsibilities.



APPOINTMENTS



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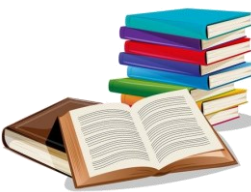
Parameter	Details
Committee Name	Standing Committee on Judicial Well-Being.
Constituting Authority	Supreme Court of India.
Date	10 October 2026, as reported alongside World Mental Health Day.
Constituted By	Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant.
Chairperson	Justice K V Viswanathan, Judge of the Supreme Court.
Expert Members	Dr Savita Malhotra, former PGIMER Dean and psychiatry professor, and Rajat Mitra, psychologist and co-founder of Swanchetan Society for Mental Health.
Other Members	Mrinal Kanwar, Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record, and Aarti Singh, Registrar (J), Centre for Research and Planning.
Primary Responsibilities	Identify welfare challenges, recommend guidelines, coordinate stakeholders and periodically review judicial well-being initiatives.



➤ Who was reported as the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize 2026 for contributions to international law, peace and human rights?

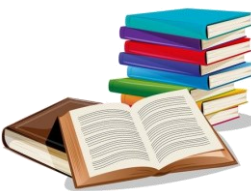
- A) Maria Ressa
- B) Malala Yousafzai
- C) Navi Pillay
- D) Narges Mohammadi
- E) Tawakkol Karman

Answer
C) Navi Pillay.



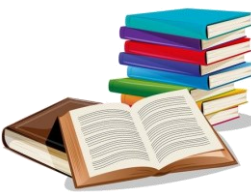
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **South African** jurist and human rights advocate **Navi Pillay** was reported as the winner of the **Nobel Peace Prize 2026** for her contributions to international law, peace and human rights protection.
- **Location:** **South Africa**, with contributions to international judicial institutions and the **United Nations**.
- **Date:** **10 October 2026**, as reported in the supplied news.



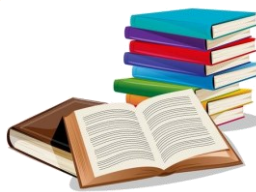
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Navi Pillay** has contributed to international human rights protection through her judicial roles in the **International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)**, **International Criminal Court (ICC)** and **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**, alongside her tenure as the **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights** from **2008** to **2014**. Her work has addressed racial discrimination, genocide, crimes against humanity and international accountability.



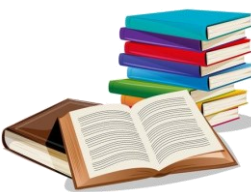
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To promote international peace, uphold human rights, strengthen accountability for serious international crimes, combat racial discrimination and support justice through international legal institutions.



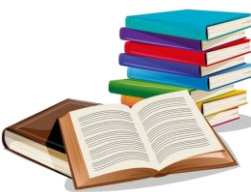
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nobel Peace Prize:** An international award established under **Alfred Nobel's** will and first awarded in **1901**, recognising individuals or organisations contributing significantly to peace, international cooperation and the reduction of conflict.



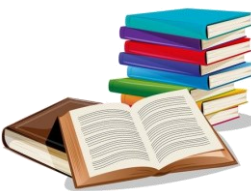
Important Terms Explained:

- **Apartheid:** A system of institutionalised racial segregation and discrimination enforced in **South Africa** from **1948** until its democratic transition in **1994**.



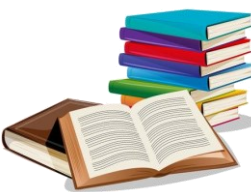
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR):** A **United Nations** tribunal established in **1994** to prosecute individuals responsible for genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in Rwanda during **1994**.



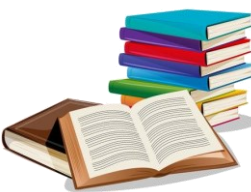
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Criminal Court (ICC):** A permanent international court established under the **Rome Statute**, operational since **2002**, that prosecutes individuals for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.



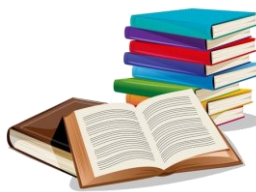
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Court of Justice (ICJ):** The principal judicial organ of the **United Nations**, headquartered in **The Hague**, Netherlands, responsible for settling legal disputes between states and providing advisory opinions.



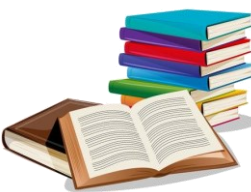
Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights:** The UN's principal official responsible for promoting and protecting human rights worldwide and coordinating the organisation's human rights activities.



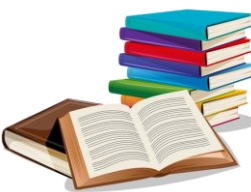
Important Terms Explained:

- **Genocide:** Acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group, as defined under the **1948 Genocide Convention**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ad Hoc Judge:** A judge appointed to participate in a particular **ICJ** case under the Court's Statute, without becoming a permanent member of the Court.



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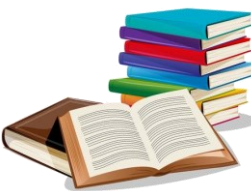
Parameter	Details
Reported Recognition	Navi Pillay was reported as the Nobel Peace Prize 2026 winner; official confirmation has not been independently verified.
Nationality and Background	South African jurist of Indian Tamil descent.
Birth Details	23 September 1941, Durban, South Africa.
Education	University of Natal and Harvard University, where she earned a Doctor of Juridical Science degree in 1988.
Judicial Milestone	Became the first Black woman appointed to South Africa's High Court in 1995.
International Judicial Career	Served at the ICTR, became its president in 1999, and served as an ICC judge from 2003 to 2008.
UN Leadership	Served as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014.
Other Major Contributions	Chaired the UN Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel from 2021 to 2025 and served as an ad hoc ICJ judge in The Gambia v. Myanmar case.

➤ **Which shipyard built Mangrol, the Indian Navy's third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, scheduled for commissioning on 12 October 2026?**

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- C) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- E) Goa Shipyard Limited

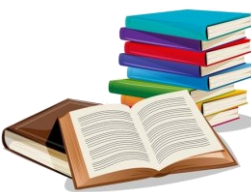
Answer

C) Cochin Shipyard Limited.



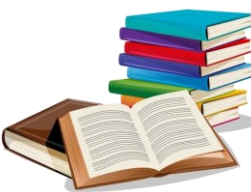
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Navy scheduled the commissioning of Mangrol, its third Anti-**Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)**, built by **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)** to strengthen coastal and underwater defence capabilities.
- **Location:** Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Date:** 12 October 2026.



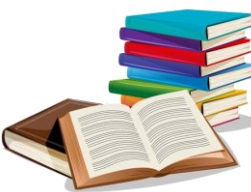
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Navy scheduled the commissioning of Mangrol, an indigenously built anti-submarine warfare craft containing over **80%** indigenous components. **Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command**, was scheduled to preside over the commissioning ceremony. The vessel is equipped with underwater detection systems, lightweight torpedoes, anti-submarine rocket launchers and torpedo defence systems.



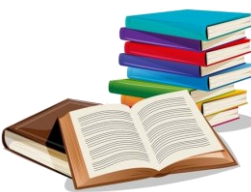
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's coastal security, detect and counter enemy submarines in shallow waters, protect strategic ports and maritime infrastructure, enhance underwater surveillance capabilities, and promote indigenous defence manufacturing under **Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India** initiatives.



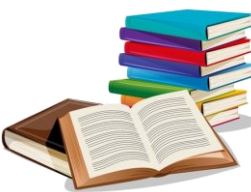
Important Terms Explained:

- **Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC):** A specialised naval vessel designed to detect, track and engage enemy submarines in shallow coastal waters while supporting maritime surveillance and low-intensity naval operations.



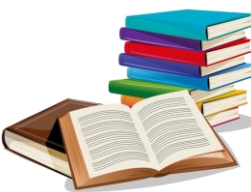
Important Terms Explained:

- **Abhay Hull Mounted Sonar:** An indigenous sonar system fitted to a ship's hull to detect and track underwater objects, including submarines, using acoustic signals.



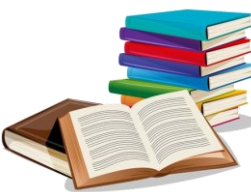
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lightweight Torpedoes:** Compact underwater weapons designed to detect, track and destroy enemy submarines during anti-submarine warfare operations.



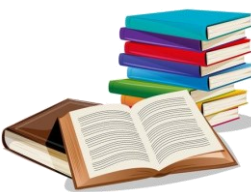
Important Terms Explained:

- **Anti-Submarine Rocket Launcher:** A naval weapon system used to launch rockets carrying anti-submarine payloads against underwater threats.



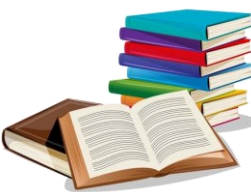
Important Terms Explained:

- **Maareech Torpedo Decoy System:** An indigenous torpedo defence system designed to detect incoming torpedoes and deploy countermeasures to protect naval vessels.



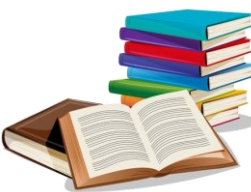
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat: A Government of India** initiative promoting self-reliance through domestic manufacturing, technological development and reduced dependence on imports, including in the defence sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Make in India:** A **Government of India** initiative launched in September **2014** to encourage domestic manufacturing, investment and industrial development across sectors, including defence.



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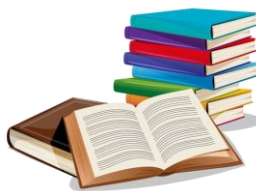
Parameter	Details
Event	Scheduled commissioning of Mangrol, the Indian Navy's third ASW-SWC.
Commissioning Date	12 October 2026.
Location	Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
Shipbuilder	Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi, Kerala.
Presiding Officer	Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command.
Indigenous Content	More than 80% indigenous components.
Major Weapon Systems	Abhay Hull Mounted Sonar, lightweight torpedoes, anti-submarine rocket launcher and Maareech Torpedo Decoy System.
Strategic Significance	Strengthening coastal anti-submarine warfare, maritime security and indigenous naval shipbuilding capabilities.



➤ Which shipyard built ICGS Ajit, the Indian Coast Guard's seventh Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessel, commissioned on 9 October 2026?

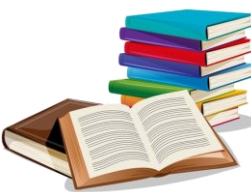
- A) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D) Goa Shipyard Limited
- E) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

Answer
D) Goa Shipyard Limited.



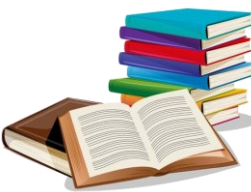
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned **ICGS Ajit**, an indigenously designed and built Adamy-class **Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)**, manufactured by **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)** to strengthen India's maritime security.
- **Location:** Goa, with operational deployment planned at Okha, Gujarat.
- **Date:** 9 October 2026, as reported.



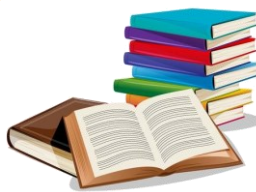
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Indian Coast Guard** inducted **ICGS Ajit**, the seventh vessel in a series of eight **Adamy-class Fast Patrol Vessels** being constructed by **Goa Shipyard Limited**. The vessel incorporates over **60%** indigenous content and is equipped with a **CRN-91 30 mm** naval gun, two **12.7 mm** machine guns, advanced navigation systems and integrated platform management technology. The programme supports the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India** initiatives.



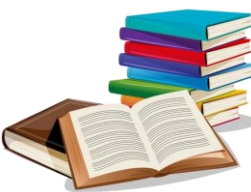
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To enhance coastal surveillance, strengthen maritime law enforcement, conduct search and rescue operations, prevent smuggling, respond to marine pollution incidents and promote self-reliance in indigenous defence shipbuilding.



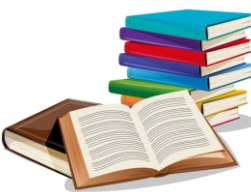
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV):** A compact, high-speed maritime security vessel designed for coastal surveillance, maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, and protection of territorial waters.



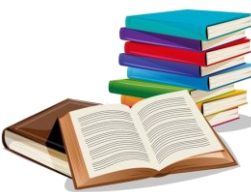
Important Terms Explained:

- **Adamy-Class Fast Patrol Vessel:** A class of eight indigenously designed patrol vessels being constructed by **Goa Shipyard Limited** for the **Indian Coast Guard** under a contract signed in March **2022**.



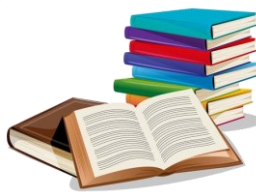
Important Terms Explained:

- **CRN-91 30 mm Naval Gun:** An Indian naval weapon system designed for engaging surface and aerial threats, providing defensive firepower during maritime security operations.



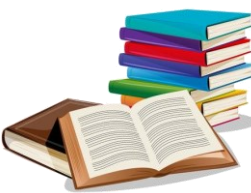
Important Terms Explained:

- **Integrated Bridge System (IBS):** A technology that combines navigation, monitoring and ship-control functions into a coordinated platform to improve operational efficiency and navigational safety.



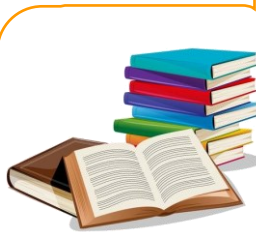
Important Terms Explained:

- **Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS):** An automated system that monitors and controls essential shipboard machinery, propulsion, electrical systems and other platform operations.



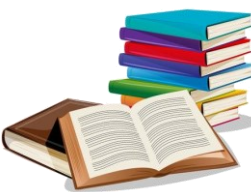
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat: A Government of India** initiative promoting self-reliance through domestic production, indigenous technology development and reduced dependence on imports.



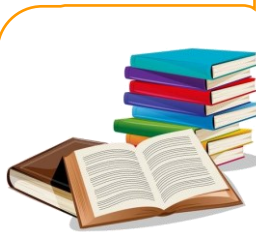
Important Terms Explained:

- **Make in India:** A **Government of India** initiative launched in September **2014** to encourage domestic manufacturing, investment and technological development, including in the defence sector.



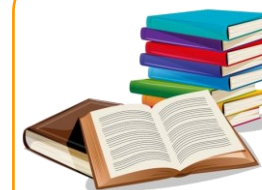
Important Terms Explained:

- **Maritime Surveillance:** The continuous monitoring of coastal waters and maritime areas to identify suspicious activities, protect national maritime interests and support law enforcement.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Vessel Name	ICGS Ajit, the seventh Adamyra-class Fast Patrol Vessel.
Reported Commissioning Date	9 October 2026, although the supplied details also mention an earlier commissioning date.
Shipbuilder	Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa.
Operational Deployment	Okha, Gujarat.
Vessel Specifications	Length of 52 metres, displacement of 320 tonnes and crew capacity of 39 personnel.
Weapon Systems	CRN-91 30 mm naval gun and two 12.7 mm M2 machine guns.
Indigenous Content	Over 60%, supporting domestic defence shipbuilding.
Project Details	Eight vessels contracted in March 2022 at a reported cost of ₹473 crore.

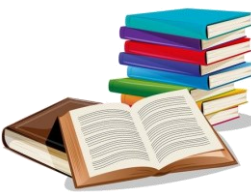


➤ How much financial assistance will eligible unmarried women receive under the Bhagini Nivedita Scheme approved by the West Bengal Government in October 2026?

- A) ₹30,000 over three years
- B) ₹40,000 over three years
- C) ₹50,000 over three years
- D) ₹60,000 over three years
- E) ₹75,000 over three years

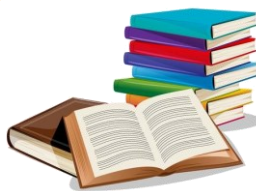
Answer

C) ₹50,000 over three years.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The West Bengal Cabinet approved the **Bhagini Nivedita Scheme**, providing financial assistance of **₹50,000** over three years to eligible unmarried women pursuing higher education.
- **Location:** West Bengal, India.

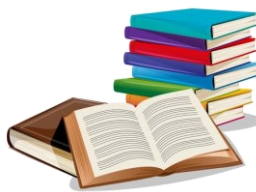


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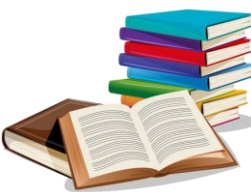
Event and Location:

- **Date:** 5 October 2026, with implementation scheduled from January 2027.



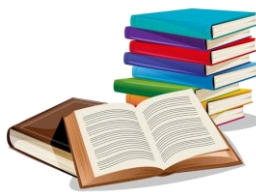
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The West Bengal Government announced the **Bhagini Nivedita Scheme**, providing financial assistance in three annual instalments of **₹17,000**, **₹17,000** and **₹16,000**. The **Cabinet** also approved recruitment to **14,454** government posts, increased the monthly remuneration of Karmabandhus from **₹5,000** to **₹8,000**, and enhanced the food allowance for **Scheduled Caste (SC)** and **Scheduled Tribe (ST)** students residing in government hostels.



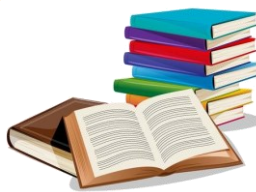
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To support unmarried women in pursuing higher education, reduce financial barriers to educational opportunities, strengthen government employment, improve remuneration for contractual support workers, and provide better financial assistance to disadvantaged students.



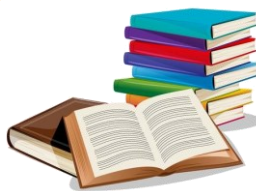
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bhagini Nivedita Scheme: A West Bengal Government** initiative scheduled for implementation in January **2027** to provide eligible unmarried women pursuing higher education with **₹50,000** over three years through annual instalments.



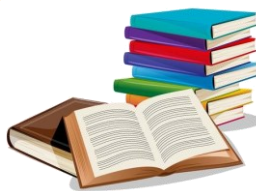
Important Terms Explained:

- **Karmabandhus:** Contractual sanitation and support workers employed under **West Bengal's** land and land revenue administration whose monthly remuneration was increased by **₹3,000**, representing a **60%** rise.



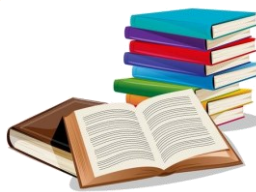
Important Terms Explained:

- **State Public Service Commission:** A state-level constitutional recruitment body responsible for conducting examinations and selecting candidates for various government services and posts.



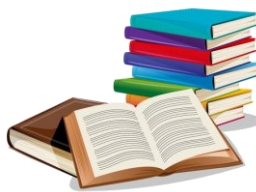
Important Terms Explained:

- **State Police Recruitment Board:** A state-level recruitment authority responsible for conducting recruitment processes for eligible positions in the police department.



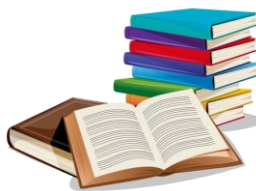
Important Terms Explained:

- **Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST):**
Constitutionally recognised communities eligible for specified protective measures and educational, social and economic welfare initiatives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Government Hostel Food Allowance:** Financial assistance provided to eligible students residing in government hostels to support their food expenses, increased in this announcement from **₹1,800** to **₹3,300** per month for SC/ST students.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Scheme Name	Bhagini Nivedita Scheme.
Announcing Government	West Bengal Government, with Suwendu Adhikari identified as Chief Minister in the supplied report.
Announcement Date	5 October 2026.
Implementation Date	January 2027.
Beneficiaries	Eligible unmarried women pursuing higher education in West Bengal.
Financial Assistance	₹50,000 over three years, distributed as ₹17,000, ₹17,000 and ₹16,000.
Government Recruitment	Cabinet approval for recruitment to 14,454 government posts across various departments.
Other Welfare Decisions	Karmabandhu remuneration increased to ₹8,000 per month, and SC/ST hostel food allowance increased to ₹3,300 per month.

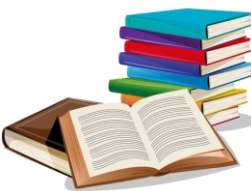


➤ Which traditional temple prasad from Gujarat received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag on 8 October 2026?

- A) Tirupati Laddu
- B) Palani Panchamirtham
- C) Ambaji Mohanthal
- D) Mahudi Sukhadi
- E) Dakor Peda

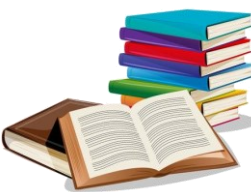


Answer
C) Ambaji Mohanthal.



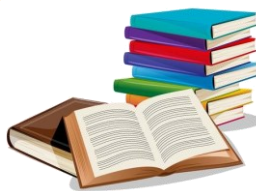
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad** received the **Geographical Indication (GI)** tag, recognising its traditional identity and association with **Ambaji Temple**.
- **Location:** **Shree Arasuri Ambaji Mata Temple**, Ambaji, Gujarat.
- **Date:** **8 October 2026**.



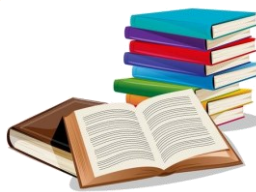
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Geographical Indications Registry issued GI recognition to **Ambaji Mohanthal** under Class **30**, following an application submitted by the **Shree Arasuri Ambaji Mata Devsthan Trust** on **1 October 2026**. The certificate handover ceremony was scheduled for **11 October 2026** at **Ambaji Devasthan**.



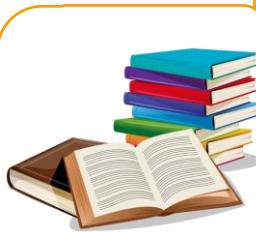
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To protect the geographical identity, traditional preparation methods, authenticity and religious significance of **Ambaji Mohanthal** while preserving Gujarat's cultural and culinary heritage.



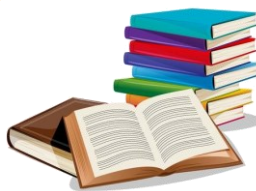
Important Terms Explained:

- **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag:** An intellectual property right that identifies products originating from a specific geographical region whose quality, reputation or characteristics are essentially attributable to that origin.



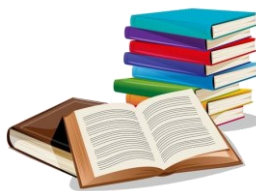
Important Terms Explained:

- Class **30**: A category under the international classification of goods that includes food products such as flour, confectionery, sweets and sweetmeats.



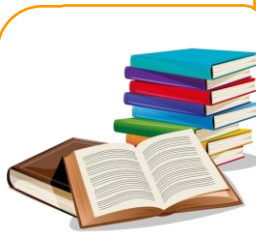
Important Terms Explained:

- **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999:** Indian legislation governing the registration and legal protection of geographical indications, which came into force on **15 September 2003**.



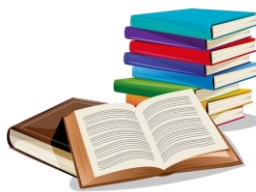
Important Terms Explained:

- **Geographical Indications Registry:** The government authority responsible for registering geographical indications in India, headquartered in Chennai, **Tamil Nadu**.



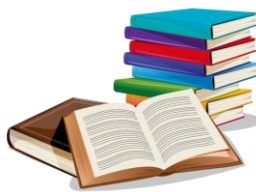
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ambaji Mohanthal:** A traditional Gujarati sweet prepared using gram flour, ghee and sugar, offered as sacred prasad at **Ambaji Mata Temple**.



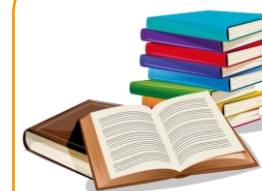
Important Terms Explained:

- **Temple Prasad:** Food offered to a deity during religious worship and subsequently distributed among devotees as a sacred offering.



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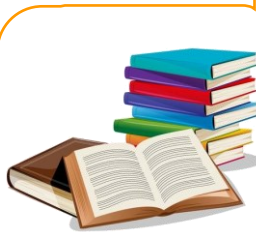
Parameter	Details
Event	GI recognition granted to Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad.
GI Issue Date	8 October 2026.
Location	Ambaji Temple, Gujarat.
Applicant	Shree Arasuri Ambaji Mata Devsthan Trust.
Application Date	1 October 2026.
GI Classification	Class 30, covering confectionery and sweetmeats.
Certificate Ceremony	Scheduled for 11 October 2026, from 10 AM to 11 AM, at Ambaji Devasthan.
Key Official	Prof. Dr. Unnat P. Pandit, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks and Registrar of Geographical Indications.



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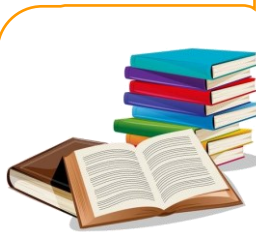
- **World Mental Health Day 2026** was observed on 10 October, with India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare highlighting mental healthcare initiatives under the theme “Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change” to promote inclusive and accessible mental health services.
- **Sharad Navratri 2026** began across India on 11 October with Ghatasthapana and nine days of Goddess Durga worship, culminating in Vijayadashami on 20 October to celebrate the triumph of good over evil.
- The World Bank recognised India among the top 10 emerging-market performers in AI readiness in its October 2026 report, highlighting the country's technical workforce, digital infrastructure and growing AI investment.
- The World Bank Group's World Development Report 2026 on Artificial Intelligence was launched in New Delhi by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on 8 October 2026, highlighting the Adopt, Adapt and Advance framework for inclusive AI-driven development.
- The Reserve Bank of India reportedly raised the minimum daily CRR maintenance requirement for scheduled banks from 90% to 99%, effective 16 October 2026, to strengthen reserve discipline and manage excess banking system liquidity.



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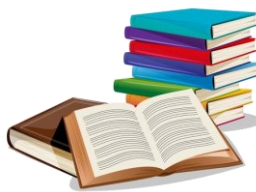
- The Supreme Court of India constituted a Standing Committee on Judicial Well-Being under Justice K V Viswanathan in October 2026 to establish an institutional mechanism for addressing the professional and personal welfare challenges faced by judicial officers.
- Navi Pillay, a South African jurist of Indian Tamil descent, was reported as the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize winner for her contributions to international law, peace and human rights, although the award claim remains independently unverified.
- The Indian Navy scheduled the commissioning of Mangrol, its third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, on 12 October 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, to strengthen coastal and underwater defence capabilities.
- The Indian Coast Guard reportedly commissioned ICGS Ajit, the seventh indigenous Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessel built by Goa Shipyard Limited, on 9 October 2026 to strengthen coastal surveillance and maritime security.
- The West Bengal Cabinet approved the Bhagini Nivedita Scheme in October 2026 to provide eligible unmarried women pursuing higher education with ₹50,000 over three years, aiming to improve educational access and financial support.



QUICK RECALL



- **Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad, associated with Shree Arasuri Ambaji Mata Temple Trust in Gujarat, received GI recognition on 8 October 2026 to protect its geographical identity and traditional heritage.**




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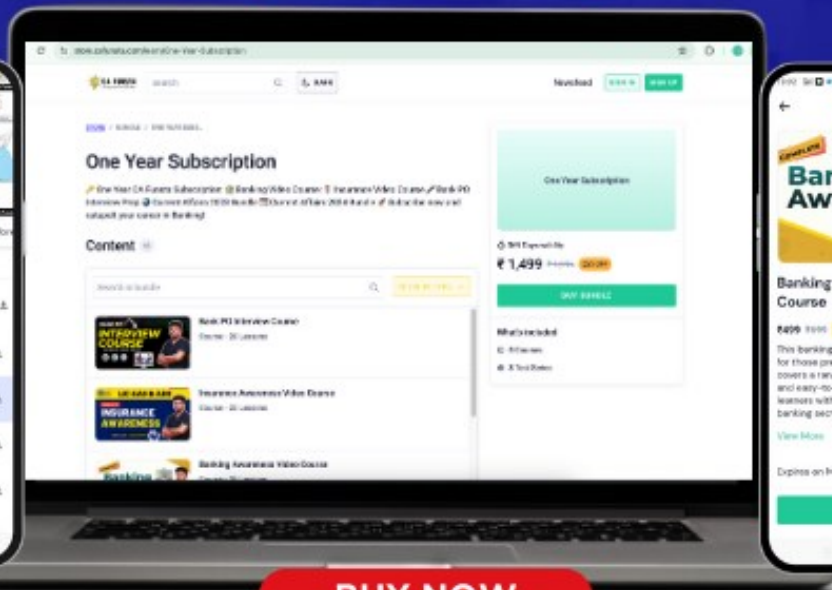
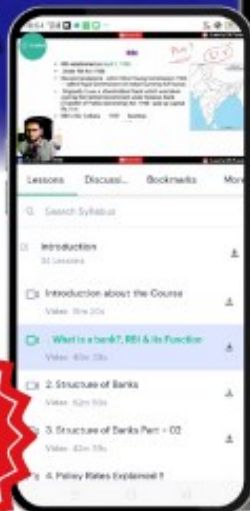
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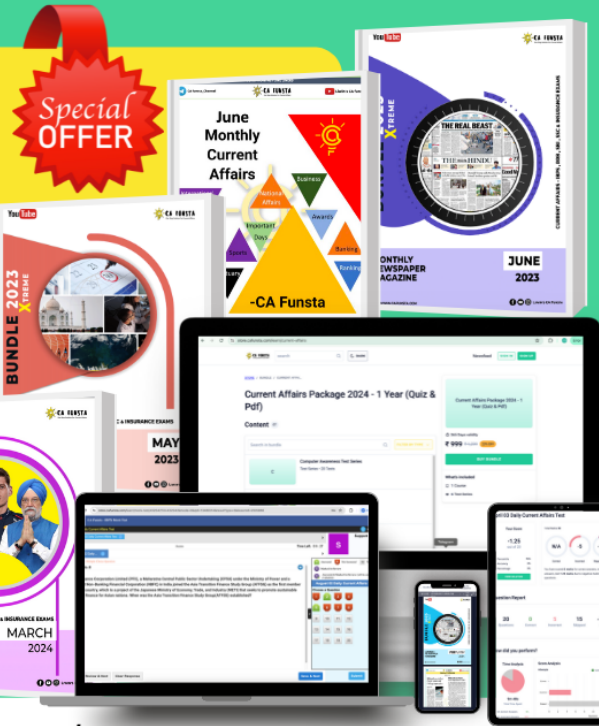
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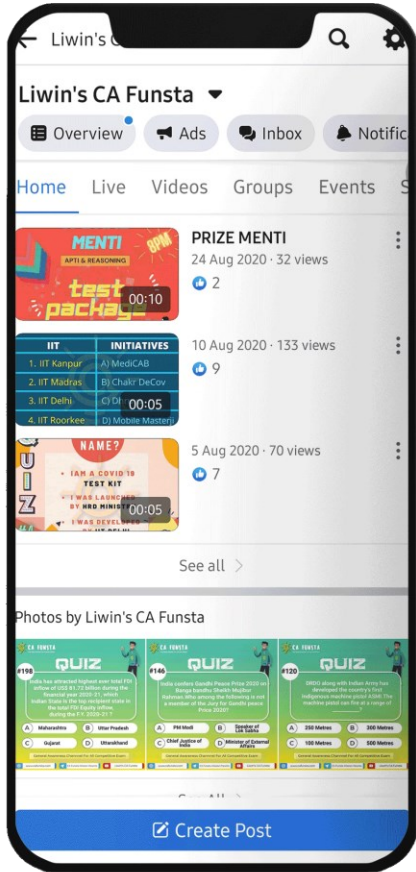
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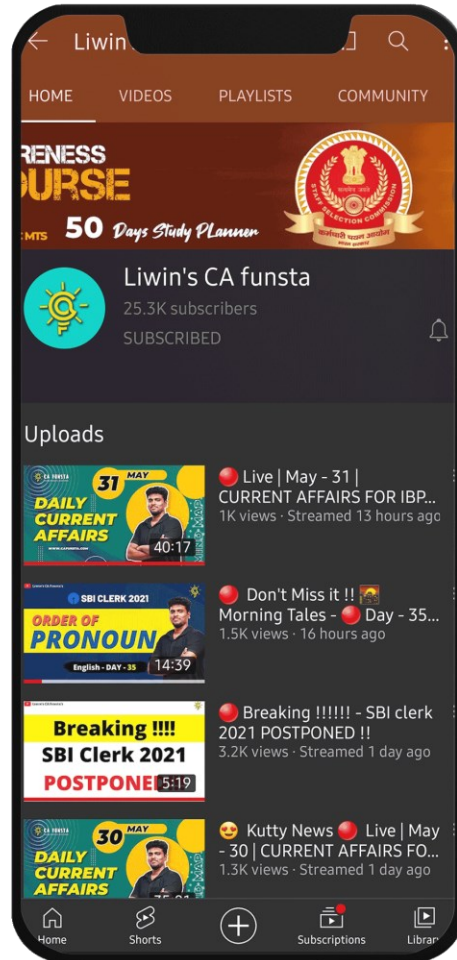


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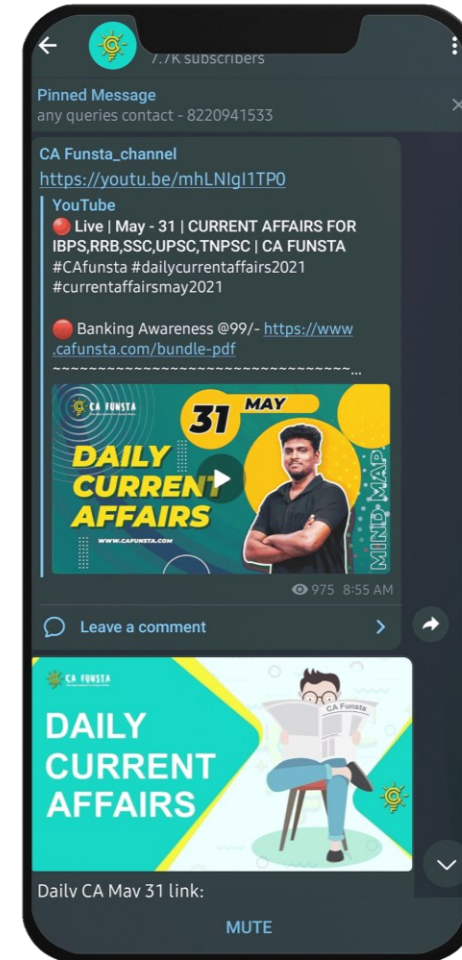
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