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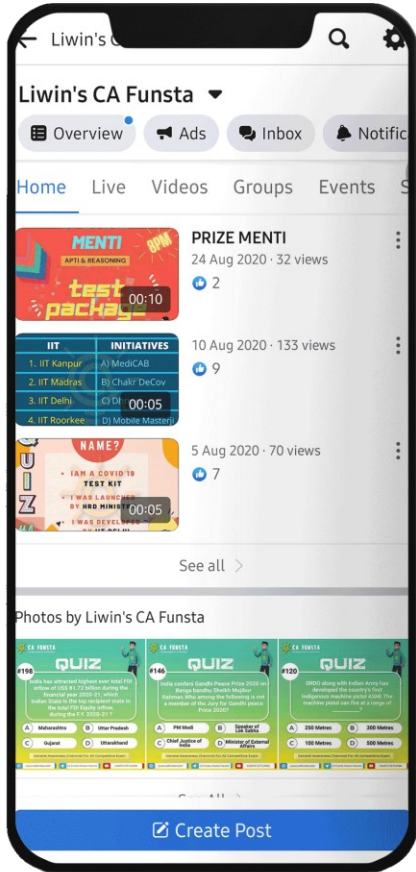


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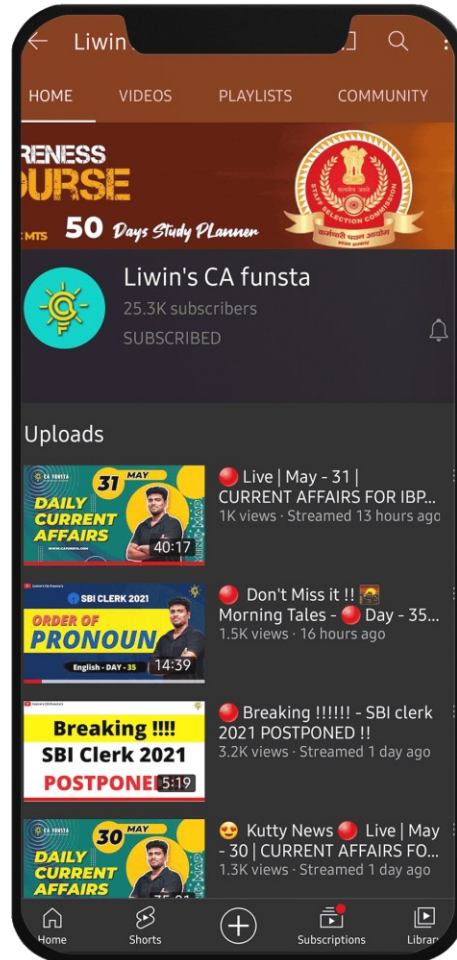
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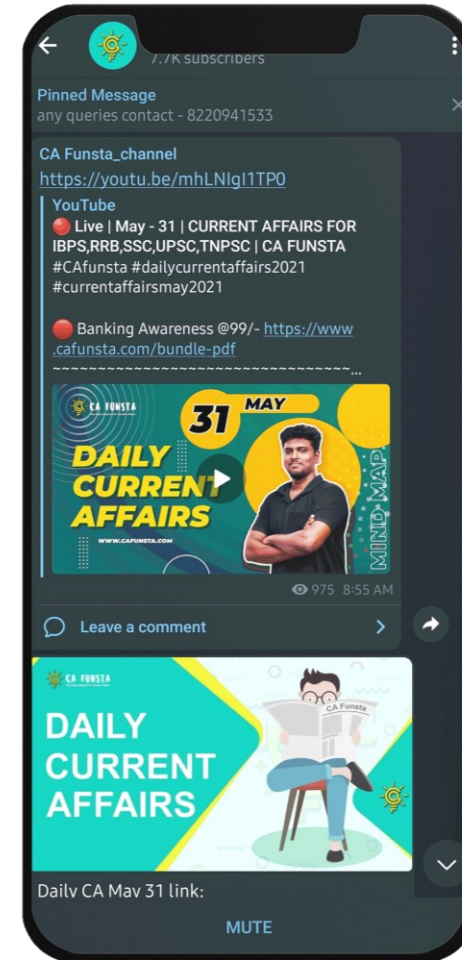
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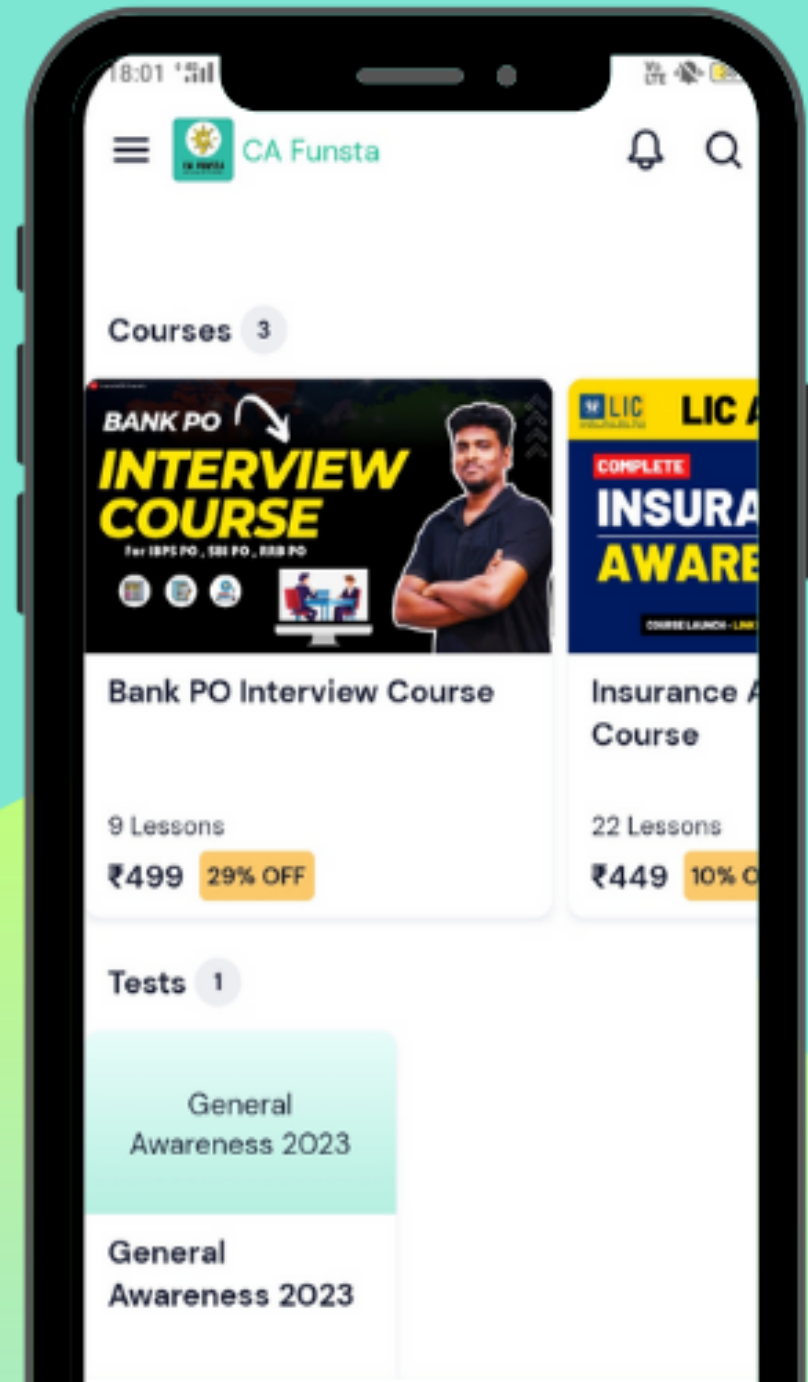
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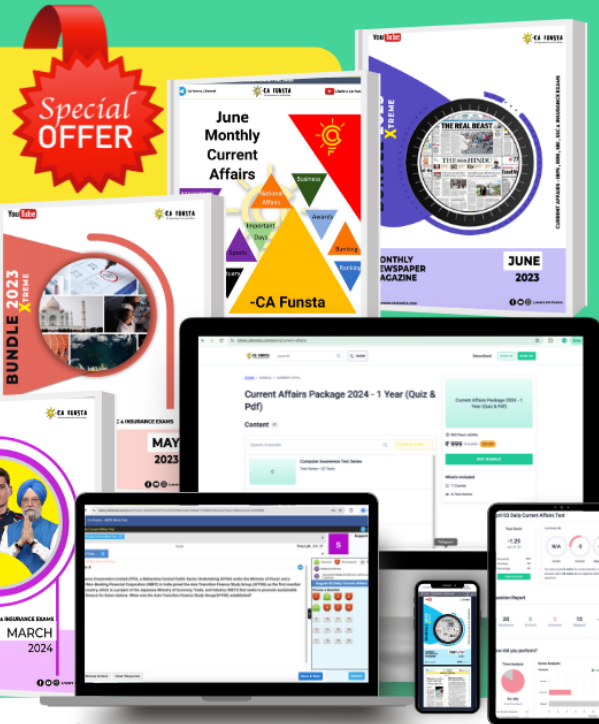


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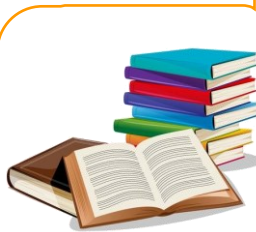
➤ **What is the theme of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026, observed annually on October 13?**

- A) Early Warning for All
- B) Building a Disaster-Resilient Future
- C) Resilience Starts at Home
- D) Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future
- E) Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction



Answer

C) Resilience Starts at Home.

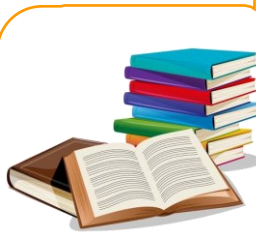


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Event and Location:

- **Event: The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2026** was observed with the theme “**Resilience Starts at Home**”, highlighting safe housing, disaster preparedness, effective early warning systems, and community resilience against natural and human-induced hazards.

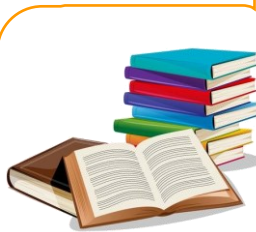


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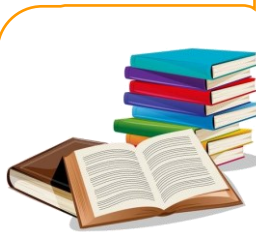
Event and Location:

- **Location:** Globally, under the leadership of the **United Nations** (UN), with participation from governments, organisations, and communities.
- **Date:** October **13, 2026**.



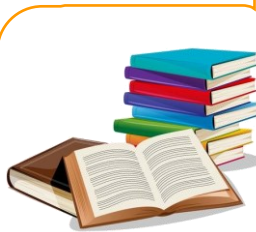
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction** is observed annually on October 13 to promote disaster risk awareness, prevention, and resilience. The observance was initiated by the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in **1989**. The **2026** campaign emphasised safe and affordable housing, hazard-resistant construction, effective early warning systems, appropriate land-use planning, and community participation. It also reinforced the principles of the **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030**, adopted in March **2015** at the **Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan**.



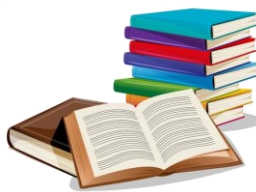
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The observance aims to reduce disaster-related deaths, economic losses, and damage to livelihoods by encouraging preventive measures before disasters occur. It promotes resilient housing, stronger building codes, accessible disaster warnings, sustainable land-use planning, and community-level preparedness. **The Sendai Framework** supports these efforts through four priorities: understanding disaster risks, strengthening disaster risk governance, investing in resilience, and improving preparedness for effective response and recovery through the **Build Back Better** approach.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR):** Policies, strategies, and measures designed to prevent new disaster risks, reduce existing vulnerabilities, and strengthen the resilience of people, infrastructure, and communities.

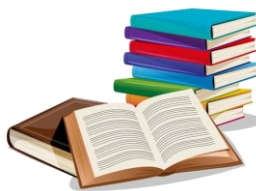


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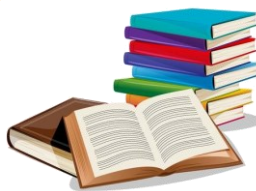
Important Terms Explained:

- **Resilience:** The ability of individuals, communities, infrastructure, and institutions to anticipate, withstand, adapt to, and recover from disasters while maintaining essential functions.



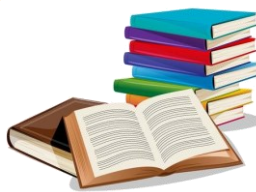
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030:** An international framework adopted in March **2015** in Sendai, Japan, establishing four priorities for action and seven global targets to reduce disaster risks and losses by **2030**.



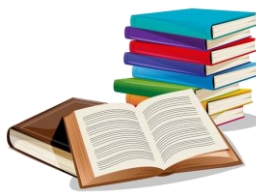
Important Terms Explained:

- **Early Warning System (EWS):** An integrated system involving hazard monitoring, forecasting, risk communication, and preparedness measures that enables people and authorities to take timely protective action before disasters occur.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Disaster Risk Governance:** The institutional arrangements, policies, laws, and coordination mechanisms through which governments and stakeholders manage and reduce disaster risks.

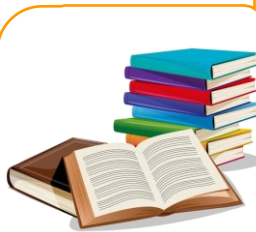


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Hazard-Resistant Housing:** Residential buildings designed, constructed, and maintained to withstand specific hazards such as floods, earthquakes, cyclones, storms, and extreme temperatures.

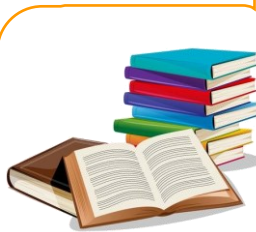


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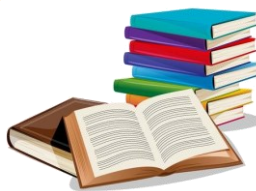
Important Terms Explained:

- **Build Back Better (BBB):** A disaster recovery approach that improves infrastructure, housing, and community resilience during reconstruction to reduce vulnerability to future disasters.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Land-Use Planning:** The systematic regulation and management of land development to minimise exposure to hazards and promote safe, sustainable settlements.



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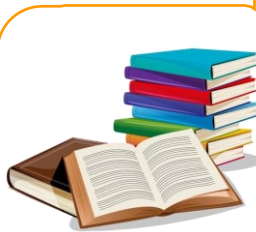
Parameter	Details
Event Name	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026.
Date and Observance	October 13, 2026, observed annually on October 13 worldwide.
Theme 2026	“Resilience Starts at Home.”
Establishing Organisation	United Nations General Assembly, which initiated the international observance in 1989.
Key Campaign Focus	Safe and affordable housing, hazard-resistant construction, early warning systems, and community preparedness.
Global Framework	Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, adopted in March 2015 in Sendai, Japan.
Four Sendai Priorities	Understanding disaster risk, strengthening risk governance, investing in resilience, and enhancing preparedness and Build Back Better recovery.
Significance	Promotes preventive disaster management, reduces risks to lives and livelihoods, and strengthens household and community resilience.



➤ Which Indian cricketer won his fifth ICC Player of the Month award in October 2026, setting a new record for the most wins in the men's category?

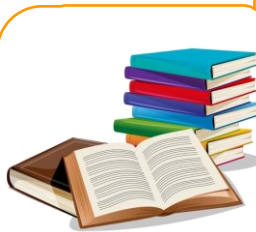
- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) Shubman Gill
- E) Abhishek Sharma

Answer
D) Shubman Gill.



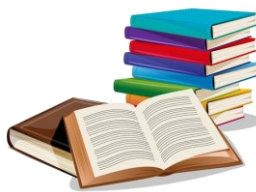
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian cricketer **Shubman Gill** won his fifth **ICC Player of the Month Award**, extending his record for the most wins in the men's category and equalling **West Indies** women's captain **Hayley Matthews**, who also has five awards.



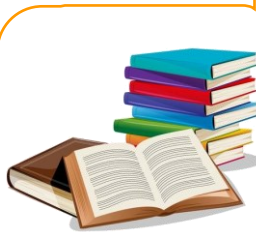
Event and Location:

- **Location:** International cricket, with Gill's performances coming during India's **ODI** series against the **West Indies**, including a match in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- **Date:** October **13, 2026**, as reported.



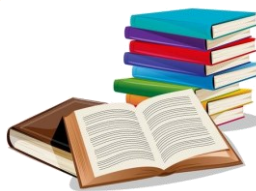
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The International Cricket Council (ICC)** recognised **Shubman Gill** for his outstanding batting performances against the **West Indies**, including scores of **110** runs in the first **ODI** at Thiruvananthapuram and **223** runs off **133** balls in another match. His double century helped India successfully chase a target of **406** runs and secure an eight-wicket victory. Gill previously received the monthly award in January **2023**, September **2023**, February **2025**, and July **2025**, making this his fifth victory. The latest award also marked the third occasion on which Indian cricketers won both the men's and women's monthly awards in the same cycle.



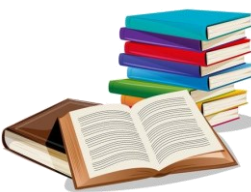
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The **ICC** Player of the Month awards aim to recognise outstanding individual performances in international cricket across men's and women's categories. The awards acknowledge exceptional batting, bowling, all-round contributions, and match-winning performances while celebrating consistency and sporting excellence at the international level.



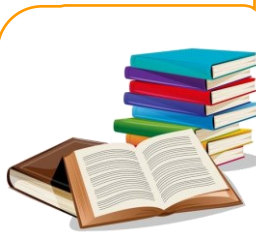
Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC Player of the Month Award:** A monthly recognition presented by the **International Cricket Council** to outstanding male and female international cricketers based on their performances during the relevant period.



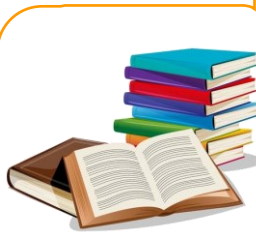
Important Terms Explained:

- **One Day International (ODI):** A limited-overs format of international cricket in which each team normally bats for a maximum of **50** overs.



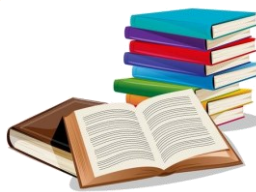
Important Terms Explained:

- **Double Century:** An individual batting achievement in which a cricketer scores **200** or more runs in a single innings.
- **Run Chase:** The process of a team batting second attempting to score more runs than the target set by the opposing team to win a match.



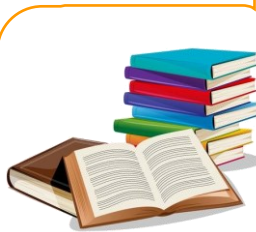
Important Terms Explained:

- **Eight-Wicket Victory:** A result in which the team batting second achieves the required target while losing only two wickets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Cricket Council (ICC):** The global governing body responsible for administering international cricket, organising major tournaments, maintaining playing standards, and recognising individual achievements.



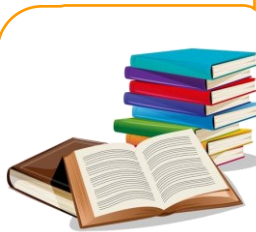
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	Shubman Gill won his fifth ICC Player of the Month award.
Announcement Reported	October 13, 2026.
Awarding Organisation	International Cricket Council (ICC).
Record Achievement	Gill extended his men's record to five awards and equalled Hayley Matthews' tally in the women's category.
Performance Against West Indies	Scored 110 runs in one ODI and 223 runs off 133 balls in another.
Previous Award Wins	January 2023, September 2023, February 2025, and July 2025.
Major Match Achievement	Gill's 223-run innings helped India complete a chase of 406 runs with an eight-wicket victory.
Additional Significance	Indian cricketers won both men's and women's monthly awards in the same cycle for the third time.

➤ Which Indian cricketer won the ICC Women's Player of the Month Award for September 2026 after outstanding performances in the Women's Asia Cup and Asian Games?

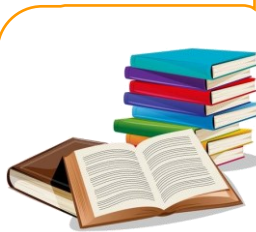
- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- C) Shafali Verma
- D) Deepti Sharma
- E) Jemimah Rodrigues

Answer
C) Shafali Verma.



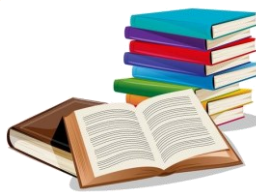
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian all-rounder **Shafali Verma** won the **ICC Women's Player of the Month Award for September 2026** after scoring **360** runs and taking six wickets in seven **T20** Internationals, contributing to India's victories in the Women's **Asia Cup and Asian Games**.



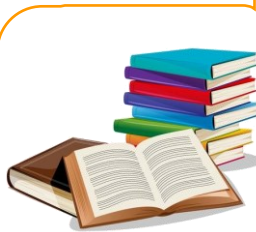
Event and Location:

- **Location:** Women's **Asia Cup** in the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** and **Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan**.
- **Date:** October **13, 2026**, as reported, recognising performances during September **2026**.



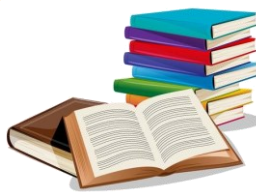
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The International Cricket Council (ICC)** selected **Shafali Verma** for her exceptional all-round performances during September **2026**. She scored **360** runs in seven **T20** International matches at a batting average of **72** and a strike rate of **184.61**, while taking six wickets at a bowling average of **13** and an economy rate of **4.33**. She emerged as the leading run-scorer in the Women's **Asia Cup**, scoring **236** runs in five innings, including **64** against Bangladesh in the semi-final and **68** against **Sri Lanka** in the final. **During the Asian Games 2026**, she scored a **49**-ball century against Bangladesh in the semi-final and contributed **48** runs in the final against **Sri Lanka**. This was her second **ICC** monthly award, following her first in November **2025**.



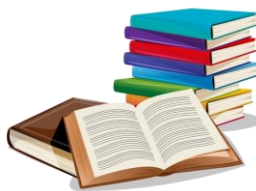
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The **ICC Women's Player of the Month Award** recognises outstanding individual performances in international women's cricket, including batting, bowling, and match-winning contributions. **The September 2026** recognition highlighted **Shafali Verma's** consistent all-round performances and her contributions to India's tournament victories, including its eighth Women's **Asia Cup** title and the **Asian Games** women's cricket gold medal.



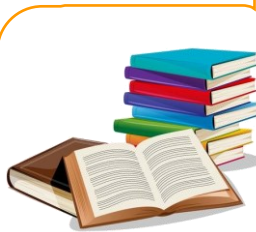
Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC Women's Player of the Month Award:** A monthly award presented by the **International Cricket Council** to recognise outstanding individual performances in international women's cricket.



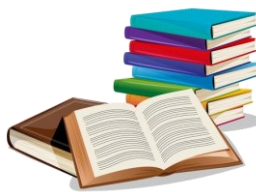
Important Terms Explained:

- **T20 International (T20I):** A format of international cricket in which each team normally plays a maximum of **20** overs per innings.
- **Batting Average:** A statistical measure calculated by dividing the total runs scored by the number of times a batter has been dismissed.



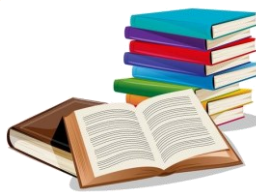
Important Terms Explained:

- **Strike Rate:** A batting performance indicator measuring the number of runs scored per **100** balls faced in cricket.



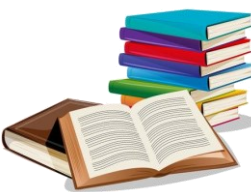
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bowling Average:** The average number of runs conceded by a bowler per wicket taken, calculated by dividing runs conceded by wickets taken.



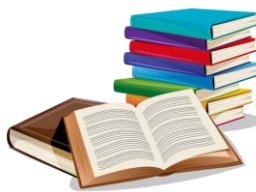
Important Terms Explained:

- **Economy Rate:** The average number of runs conceded by a bowler per over, used to measure bowling efficiency.



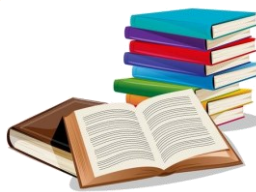
Important Terms Explained:

- Women's **Asia Cup**: A regional international women's cricket tournament involving Asian national teams, organised under the **Asian Cricket Council**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Games:** A major continental multi-sport event involving countries and regions of Asia, held under the authority of the **Olympic Council of Asia**.



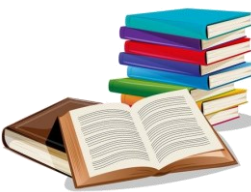
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	Shafali Verma won the ICC Women's Player of the Month Award for September 2026.
Announcement Reported	October 13, 2026, for performances during September 2026.
Awarding Organisation	International Cricket Council (ICC).
Overall Performance	Scored 360 runs and took six wickets in seven T20Is, with a batting average of 72 and strike rate of 184.61.
Women's Asia Cup Performance	Scored 236 runs in five innings, including 64 against Bangladesh and 68 against Sri Lanka.
Asian Games Performance	Scored a 49-ball century against Bangladesh and 48 runs against Sri Lanka in the final.
Major Team Achievements	India secured its eighth Women's Asia Cup title and won the Asian Games women's cricket gold medal.
Previous ICC Monthly Award	November 2025, making September 2026 her second ICC Women's Player of the Month recognition.

➤ **Which character did American actor RJ Mitte portray in the television series Breaking Bad?**

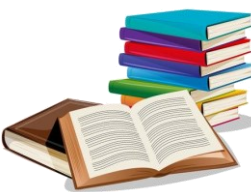
- A) Jesse Pinkman
- B) Walter White Jr.
- C) Hank Schrader
- D) Saul Goodman
- E) Gustavo Fring

Answer
B) Walter White Jr.



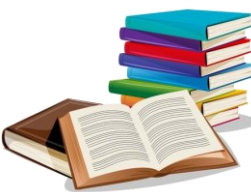
Event and Location:

- **Event:** American actor RJ Mitte, best known for portraying **Walter White Jr.** in the television series **Breaking Bad**, was reported to have died at the age of **34**. He was also recognised for his contributions to disability rights advocacy and inclusive representation in entertainment.



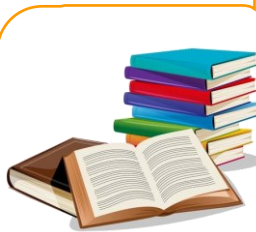
Event and Location:

- **Location: United States of America**, with Mitte's birthplace being Jackson, Mississippi.
- **Date: October 12, 2026**, as reported, although the death has not been independently verified.



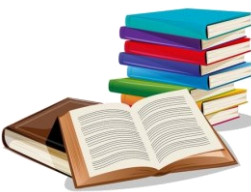
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The reported death of **Roy Frank Mitte III**, professionally known as RJ Mitte, brought attention to his acting career and disability advocacy. Born on August **21, 1992**, in Jackson, Mississippi, Mitte gained international recognition for portraying Walter “Flynn” **White Jr.** in **Breaking Bad (2008–2013)**, alongside **Bryan Cranston and Anna Gunn**. His other acting credits include **Dixieland (2015)**, **Who’s Driving Doug (2016)**, **The Recall (2017)**, **The Oak Room (2020)**, and **Triumph (2021)**. Living with cerebral palsy, Mitte also supported disability inclusion through his association with **United Cerebral Palsy**, **Shriners Children’s**, and the **Mitte Foundation**.



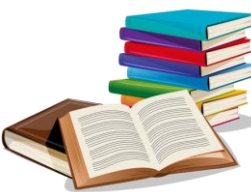
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** Mitte's disability advocacy focused on challenging stereotypes, encouraging accurate portrayals of people with disabilities, and promoting equal opportunities in the film and television industries. Through public awareness activities and his acting career, he sought to demonstrate that performers with disabilities could portray diverse characters beyond disability-specific roles.



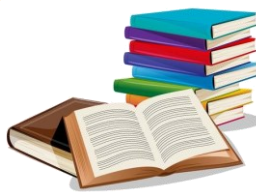
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cerebral Palsy (CP):** A group of neurological conditions affecting movement, posture, and muscle coordination, caused by abnormal development of or damage to the developing brain.



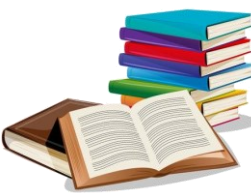
Important Terms Explained:

- **Disability Rights Advocacy:** Activities aimed at promoting equal rights, accessibility, social inclusion, and opportunities for people with disabilities while challenging discrimination and stereotypes.



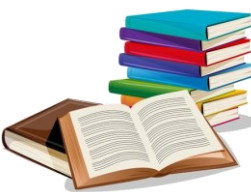
Important Terms Explained:

- **United Cerebral Palsy (UCP):** A nonprofit organisation in the **United States** that supports people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities through advocacy, services, and community programmes.



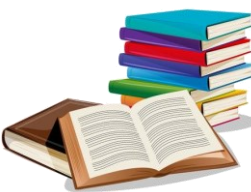
Important Terms Explained:

- **Shriners Children's:** A healthcare network specialising in paediatric medical services, including orthopaedic conditions, rehabilitation, and other specialised treatments for children.



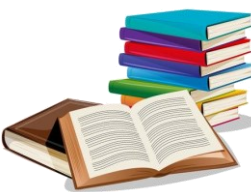
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mitte Foundation:** An organisation associated with RJ Mitte's efforts to promote disability awareness, inclusion, and opportunities for individuals with disabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Inclusive Representation:** The meaningful and accurate portrayal of people from diverse backgrounds and abilities in media, entertainment, education, and public life.



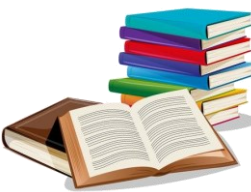
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	Reported death of American actor and disability rights advocate RJ Mitte at the age of 34.
Reported Date of Death	October 12, 2026, with the cause of death unspecified and the report not independently verified.
Full Name and Birth Details	Roy Frank Mitte III, born on August 21, 1992, in Jackson, Mississippi, United States.
Most Famous Role	Walter "Flynn" White Jr. in Breaking Bad, which aired from 2008 to 2013.
Major Acting Credits	Dixieland (2015), Who's Driving Doug (2016), The Recall (2017), The Oak Room (2020), and Triumph (2021).
Medical Condition	Lived with cerebral palsy, a neurological condition affecting movement and posture.
Disability Advocacy	Associated with United Cerebral Palsy, Shriners Children's, and the Mitte Foundation.
Major Contribution	Promoted disability awareness, authentic representation, and equal opportunities for performers with disabilities.

➤ Which Union Territory became India's first 100% literate Union Territory under the ULLAS programme on October 11, 2026?

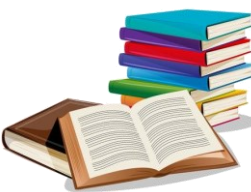
- A) Puducherry
- B) Chandigarh
- C) Lakshadweep
- D) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- E) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

Answer
C) Lakshadweep.



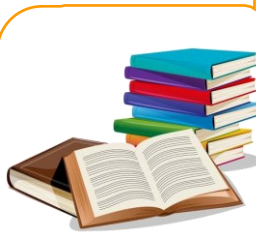
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Lakshadweep became India's first **100%** literate **Union Territory** under the **ULLAS–Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram**, following the successful completion of the **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT)** by all eligible adult learners identified under the programme.
- **Location:** Lakshadweep, India.
- **Date:** October **11, 2026**.



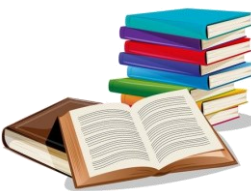
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Lakshadweep Administrator Praful Patel declared the **Union Territory** fully literate under the centrally sponsored **ULLAS** programme after all eligible learners successfully cleared the **FLNAT**. The **Department of Education** initially identified **1,113** non-literate adults through a survey and organised structured teaching programmes, literacy drives, and assessments to improve foundational learning. Teachers and supervisors also conducted home-based assessments for learners who were unable or hesitant to visit examination centres, ensuring broader participation in the literacy initiative.



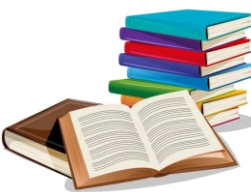
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The programme aims to achieve universal adult literacy by providing basic reading, writing, and numeracy skills to non-literate individuals. It promotes lifelong learning, critical life skills, basic education, vocational training, and continuing education to strengthen social inclusion and economic participation. The initiative also focuses on identifying educationally disadvantaged adults, providing accessible learning opportunities, and assessing their progress through standardised literacy evaluations.



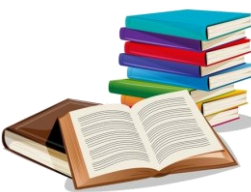
Important Terms Explained:

- **ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society):** A centrally sponsored adult education programme, also known as **Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram**, designed to provide foundational literacy, numeracy, life skills, vocational education, and continuing education to non-literate individuals aged **15** years and above.



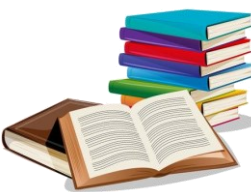
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN):** The ability to read, write, understand basic written information, and perform essential mathematical operations required for everyday activities.



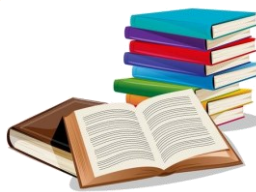
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT):** An assessment conducted under the **ULLAS** programme to evaluate whether adult learners have acquired the required basic literacy and numeracy competencies.



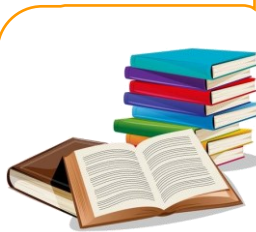
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram:** A centrally sponsored education scheme implemented by the **Government of India** to promote adult literacy and lifelong learning, particularly among individuals who missed formal schooling opportunities.



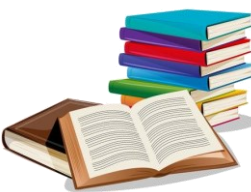
Important Terms Explained:

- **Adult Education:** Educational programmes designed for adults who lack basic literacy, numeracy, vocational, or life skills, enabling them to improve their knowledge and participate effectively in society.



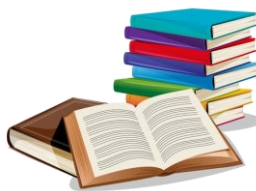
Important Terms Explained:

- **Critical Life Skills:** Practical abilities such as financial literacy, digital literacy, healthcare awareness, and other essential competencies that help individuals manage everyday responsibilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Continuing Education:** Learning opportunities provided beyond basic literacy to encourage lifelong skill development, personal growth, and improved employment prospects.



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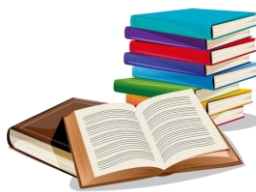
Parameter	Details
Event Name	Lakshadweep declared India's first 100% literate Union Territory under ULLAS.
Declaration Date	October 11, 2026.
Location	Lakshadweep, India.
Declaring Authority	Lakshadweep Administrator Praful Patel.
Implementing Programme	ULLAS–Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, a centrally sponsored adult education scheme.
Initial Survey Findings	The Department of Education identified 1,113 non-literate adults.
Assessment and Achievement	All eligible learners passed the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT).
Key Implementation Measures	Structured literacy programmes, learner support, and doorstep assessments conducted by teachers and supervisors.



► What is India's revised GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 (FY27), as projected by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its October 2026 World Economic Outlook?

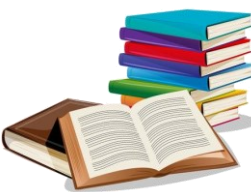
- A) 6.4%
- B) 6.7%
- C) 6.8%
- D) 7.0%
- E) 7.5%

Answer
D) 7.0%.



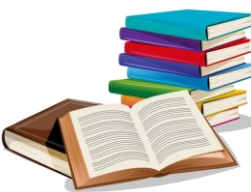
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised India's **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** growth forecast for FY **2026–27** from **6.4%** to **7.0%**, an upward revision of **60** basis points, citing strong domestic demand, robust services sector activity, and improving economic fundamentals.



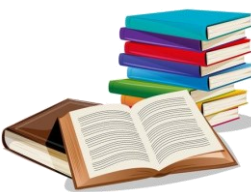
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, with the revised projections published in the **IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO)** report.
- **Date:** October 13, 2026.



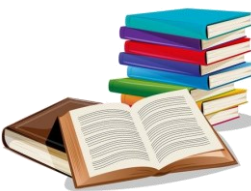
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **IMF** revised India's FY27 economic growth forecast upward by **60** basis points to **7.0%**, reflecting resilient domestic consumption, strong services sector performance, favourable demographics, and structural economic reforms. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), World Bank, and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** projected India's FY27 growth at **7.1%**. The **IMF** also projected global **GDP** growth of **3.1%** in **2026** and **3.4%** in **2027**, while warning about persistent inflation, elevated energy prices, and geopolitical uncertainties.



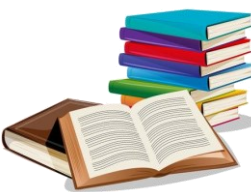
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The revised forecast aims to assess India's economic growth prospects, identify factors supporting domestic economic resilience, and evaluate risks arising from global inflation, oil prices, and geopolitical tensions. The **IMF** also emphasised rebuilding fiscal space, strengthening supply-side resilience, supporting structural reforms, and promoting trade diversification through **Free Trade Agreements** (FTAs) to sustain long-term economic growth.



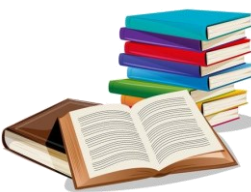
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** The total monetary value of all final goods and services produced within a country's geographical boundaries during a specified period, commonly used to measure economic performance and growth.



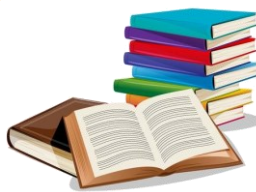
Important Terms Explained:

- **Basis Points (BPS):** A unit used to measure changes in percentages, interest rates, and financial indicators, where one basis point equals **0.01 percentage point** and **60** basis points equal **0.60 percentage point**.



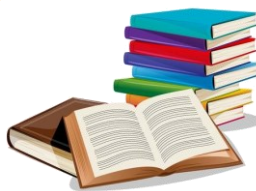
Important Terms Explained:

- **World Economic Outlook (WEO):** A major **IMF** publication that provides economic forecasts, growth projections, inflation estimates, and assessments of risks affecting the global economy and individual countries.



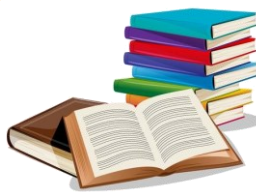
Important Terms Explained:

- **Domestic Demand:** The total demand for goods and services within an economy, primarily driven by household consumption, business investment, and government expenditure.



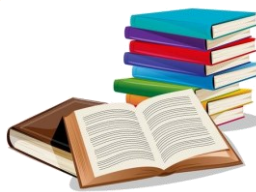
Important Terms Explained:

- **Structural Reforms:** Long-term policy changes aimed at improving economic productivity, market efficiency, competitiveness, investment conditions, and sustainable economic growth.



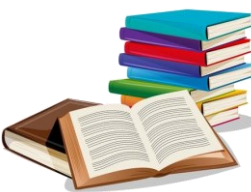
Important Terms Explained:

- **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs):** Agreements between countries or economic blocs that reduce or eliminate tariff and non-tariff trade barriers to promote international trade, investment, and economic cooperation.



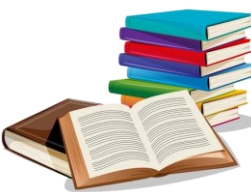
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fiscal Space:** The government's capacity to increase expenditure or reduce taxes without endangering fiscal sustainability or creating excessive public debt.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Inflation:** A sustained increase in the general price levels of goods and services across economies, reducing purchasing power and affecting consumption, investment, and economic stability.



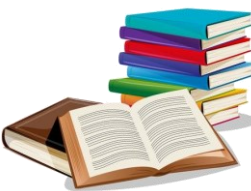
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	IMF revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 upward to 7.0%.
Report and Date	IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2026, reported on October 13, 2026.
Previous and Revised Forecast	India's FY27 GDP growth forecast increased from 6.4% to 7.0%, a revision of 60 basis points.
Other Institutional Forecasts	RBI, World Bank, and OECD projected India's FY27 GDP growth at 7.1%.
Key Growth Drivers	Strong domestic demand, robust services activity, favourable demographics, and structural reforms.
Global Economic Growth	IMF projected global GDP growth of 3.1% in 2026 and 3.4% in 2027.
Global Inflation Forecast	Global inflation projected at 4.7% in 2026 and 4.1% in 2027.
Trade and Long-Term Outlook	FTAs could potentially boost India's GDP by approximately US\$140 billion by 2035, while average annual global growth is projected at 3.2% during 2028–2031.

► What is the proposed Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on select UPI merchant transactions exceeding ₹2,000, whose implementation was deferred by NPCI until after Diwali 2026?

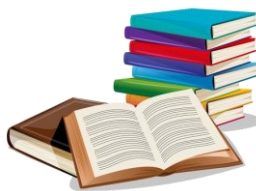
- A) 0.1%
- B) 0.2%
- C) 0.3%
- D) 0.4%
- E) 0.5%

Answer
D) 0.4%.



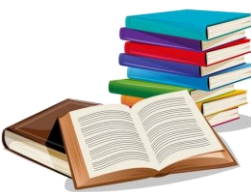
Event and Location:

- **Event: The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** deferred the implementation of a proposed **0.4% Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)** on select **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** merchant transactions exceeding **₹2,000** until after Diwali **2026**, providing temporary relief to traders and small businesses during the festive season.



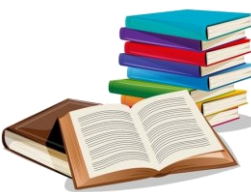
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering specified **UPI** merchant transactions across the digital payments ecosystem.
- **Date:** October **13, 2026**, as reported, with the originally proposed implementation date of October **15, 2026**.



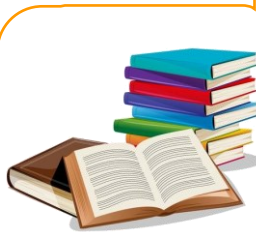
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: NPCI**, following discussions within its **UPI & Services Steering Committee**, postponed the proposed **MDR** framework until after Diwali **2026**. Under the proposed structure, specified Person-to-Merchant (P2M) transactions exceeding **₹2,000** would attract a **0.4% MDR**, capped at **₹300** for transactions of **₹75,000** or above. Person-to-Person (P2P) transactions and P2M payments up to **₹2,000** would remain exempt. The proposed framework also specifies a **₹5** charge per transaction for certain essential sectors and a **0.02% MDR** for capital market transactions. **The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT)** welcomed the postponement following consultations with trade stakeholders, including discussions with **Finance Minister Nirmala**



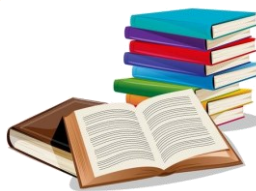
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The deferment aims to protect traders, retailers, and Micro, **Small and Medium Enterprises** (MSMEs) from additional payment-processing costs during the Diwali and wedding seasons. The proposed **MDR** framework seeks to improve the financial sustainability of **UPI** infrastructure by compensating banks and payment service providers while maintaining zero **MDR** on P2P transfers and small merchant payments. The framework was discussed in the context of the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**, with emphasis on operational efficiency and consumer protection.



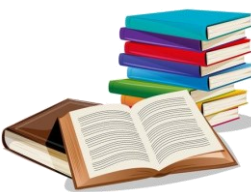
Important Terms Explained:

- **Merchant Discount Rate (MDR):** A payment-processing fee charged to merchants for accepting electronic payments, generally distributed among participating banks, payment service providers, and other entities in the payment ecosystem.



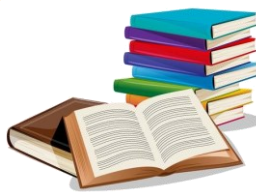
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI):** An instant digital payment system developed by **NPCI** that enables real-time bank-to-bank money transfers through mobile applications using identifiers such as **UPI IDs** and QR codes.



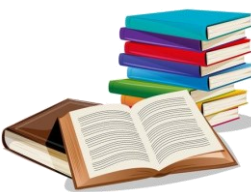
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):** An organisation established in **2008** to operate and manage major retail payment and settlement systems in India, including **UPI**, RuPay, and **Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)**.



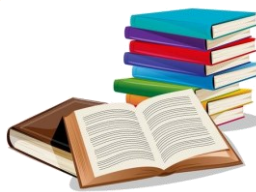
Important Terms Explained:

- Person-to-Merchant (P2M) Transactions: Digital payments made by individuals to businesses or merchants for purchasing goods and services through payment systems such as **UPI**.



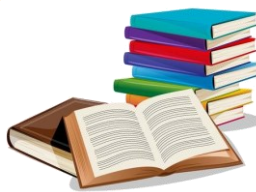
Important Terms Explained:

- Person-to-Person (P2P) Transactions: Digital fund transfers between individuals, such as sending money to family members or friends through **UPI**.



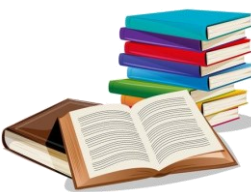
Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI & Services Steering Committee:** A consultative body involved in discussions concerning **UPI** policies, operational procedures, payment infrastructure, and proposed changes affecting the digital payments ecosystem.



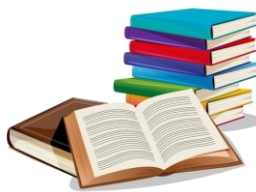
Important Terms Explained:

- **Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT):** A national trade organisation representing the interests of traders and advocating policies affecting retail businesses and commercial activities.



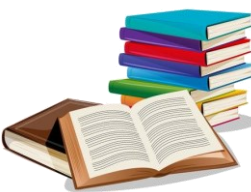
Important Terms Explained:

- **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs):**
Business enterprises classified under government-prescribed investment and turnover criteria, forming an important part of India's manufacturing, services, and trading sectors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007:** Indian legislation providing the legal framework for regulating and supervising payment systems, with the **Reserve Bank of India** serving as the designated regulatory authority.



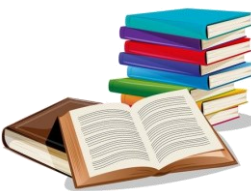
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	NPCI deferred the proposed 0.4% MDR on select UPI merchant transactions exceeding ₹2,000.
Announcement and Original Implementation Date	Reported on October 13, 2026, with implementation originally proposed from October 15, 2026.
Revised Implementation Timeline	Deferred until after Diwali 2026, with no exact revised date specified.
Proposed MDR Structure	A 0.4% merchant fee on specified P2M transactions above ₹2,000, capped at ₹300 for transactions of ₹75,000 or more.
Exempted Transactions	P2P transfers and P2M payments up to ₹2,000 would not attract MDR.
Special Transaction Categories	Proposed MDR of ₹5 per transaction for certain essential sectors and 0.02% for capital market transactions.
Fee Liability	Merchants would bear the proposed MDR, with revenue distributed among participating payment ecosystem entities.
Reason for Deferment	Festive-season trading concerns and stakeholder consultations, particularly regarding additional costs for traders and MSMEs.

► What was India's retail inflation rate in September 2026, according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)?

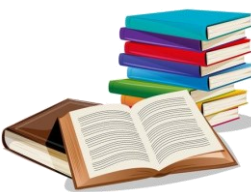
- A) 4.83%
- B) 5.24%
- C) 5.54%
- D) 6.08%
- E) 7.74%

Answer
C) 5.54%.



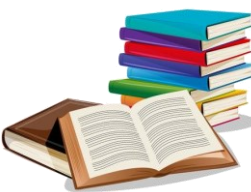
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's retail inflation increased to **5.54%** in September **2026** from **4.83%** in August **2026**, reaching its highest level since October **2024**, primarily driven by rising food prices, particularly vegetables.
- **Location:** India, with rural inflation at **6.08%** and urban inflation at **4.88%**.
- **Date:** October **12, 2026**, when the September inflation data was released.



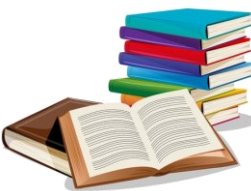
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** released September **2026** inflation data based on the revised **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** series with **2024** as the base year. Overall inflation increased by **0.71 percentage** points, while **Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI)** inflation rose from **5.97%** in August to **7.74%** in September. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** also revised its FY **2026–27** inflation forecast upward from **5.0%** to **5.2%** during its monetary policy review on October **7, 2026**, citing rising food prices, crude oil costs, and weather-related risks.



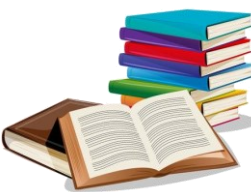
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The inflation data aims to measure changes in consumer prices, assess food and non-food price pressures, and support monetary policy decisions to maintain price stability. The **RBI** follows a flexible inflation targeting framework with a **4%** inflation target and a tolerance range of **2–6%**. **The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** uses inflation trends to guide interest-rate decisions, manage inflation expectations, and balance price stability with economic growth.



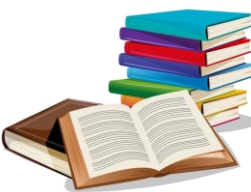
Important Terms Explained:

- **Retail Inflation:** The rate at which prices of goods and services purchased by households increase over time, indicating changes in the cost of living and consumers' purchasing power.



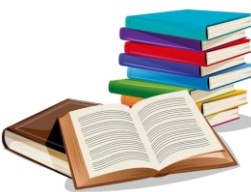
Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Price Index (CPI):** An index measuring changes in the retail prices of a representative basket of goods and services consumed by households, used to calculate retail inflation.



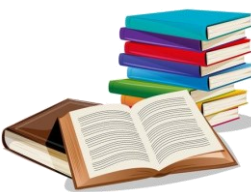
Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI):** An index measuring changes in food prices paid by consumers, helping assess food inflation and its impact on household expenditure.



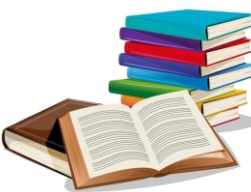
Important Terms Explained:

- **Base Year:** A reference year assigned an index value of **100** to measure changes in prices or economic indicators over time, with **2024** serving as the base year for the revised **CPI** series mentioned in the data.



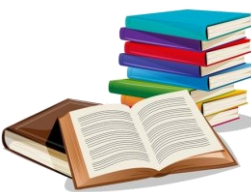
Important Terms Explained:

- **Imported Inflation:** An increase in domestic prices caused by rising costs of imported goods and services, often due to higher global commodity prices or depreciation of the domestic currency.



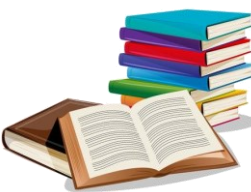
Important Terms Explained:

- El Niño: A climate phenomenon involving unusually warm sea-surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial **Pacific Ocean**, which can influence monsoon rainfall and agricultural production in India.



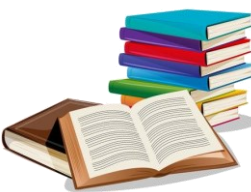
Important Terms Explained:

- **Repo Rate:** The interest rate at which the **RBI** lends short-term funds to eligible commercial banks against government securities, serving as an important monetary policy instrument.



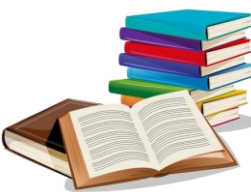
Important Terms Explained:

- **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):** A six-member committee responsible for determining the **RBI's** policy repo rate, comprising three **RBI** representatives and three members appointed by the **Central Government**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Flexible Inflation Targeting:** A monetary policy framework that aims to maintain inflation around a specified target while considering economic growth, with India's stated target of **4%** and a tolerance band of **2–6%**.



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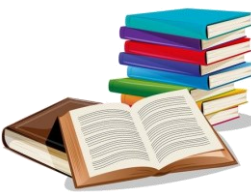
Parameter	Details
Event Name	Release of India's retail inflation data for September 2026, showing an increase to 5.54%.
Release Date and Authority	October 12, 2026, by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
Retail Inflation (CPI)	Increased from 4.83% in August to 5.54% in September 2026, the highest since October 2024.
Food Inflation (CFPI)	Increased from 5.97% in August to 7.74% in September 2026.
Rural and Urban Inflation	Rural retail inflation reached 6.08%, while urban retail inflation stood at 4.88%.
Major Price Pressures	Onion inflation exceeded 100%, while garlic, ginger, crude oil prices, and weather-related supply concerns contributed to inflation risks.
RBI FY27 Inflation Forecast	Revised upward from 5.0% to 5.2% in the October 7, 2026, monetary policy review.
Inflation Target and Policy Context	RBI's inflation target is 4%, with a tolerance range of 2–6%; September inflation remained within this range.

➤ Who was appointed as the Governor of Karnataka by President Droupadi Murmu in the October 2026 gubernatorial reshuffle?

- A) Braj Mohan Ram
- B) Dr Sudha Yadav
- C) Dr Dhal Singh Bisen
- D) Dushyant Gautam
- E) Om Prakash Mathur

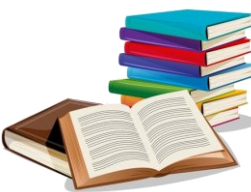
Answer

B) Dr Sudha Yadav.



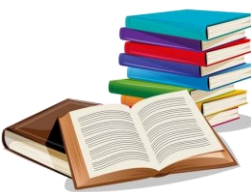
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **President Droupadi Murmu** announced a major gubernatorial reshuffle, involving six Governor appointments across four new appointments and two interstate transfers.
- **Location:** Odisha, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Kerala, and **Tamil Nadu**, India.
- **Date:** October **12, 2026**.



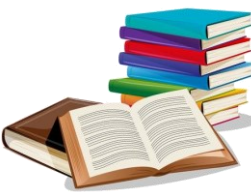
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The President of India announced the appointment and transfer of six **State Governors** through an official communiqué issued on October 12, 2026. **Braj Mohan Ram** was appointed **Governor of Odisha**, **Dr Sudha Yadav** of **Karnataka**, **Dr Dhal Singh Bisen** of **Uttarakhand**, and **Dushyant Gautam** of **Sikkim**. Additionally, **Om Prakash Mathur** was transferred from **Sikkim to Kerala**, while **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar** was appointed **Governor of Tamil Nadu** after serving in Kerala. The appointments will become effective when the respective appointees assume office, in accordance with Article 155 of the **Constitution of India**.



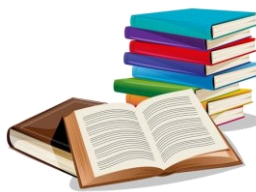
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The reshuffle involves filling gubernatorial positions and transferring incumbent Governors across six states. It provides for the continuation of constitutional and administrative responsibilities associated with the office of Governor, including executive functions, legislative duties, and constitutional oversight under Part VI of the Constitution.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Governor:** The constitutional head of an Indian state, appointed by the President, who exercises executive and legislative functions in accordance with the Constitution.

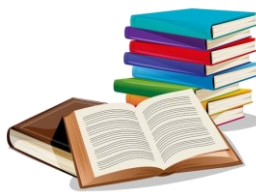


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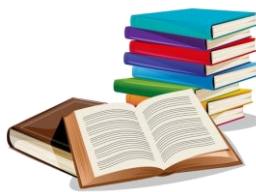
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **153**: Provides for a Governor for each state and permits the same person to serve as Governor of two or more states.



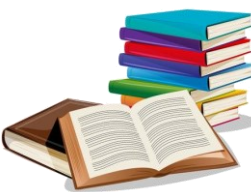
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **154**: Vests the executive power of a state in the Governor, to be exercised directly or through subordinate officers in accordance with the Constitution.



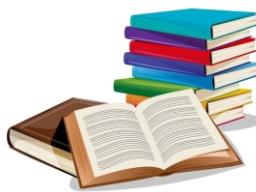
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **155**: Specifies that the Governor of a state is appointed by the **President of India** through a warrant under the President's hand and seal.



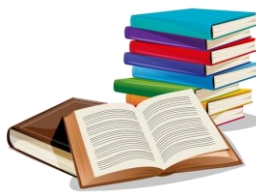
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **156**: Provides that a Governor holds office during the President's pleasure, normally for a five-year term, and continues until a successor assumes office.



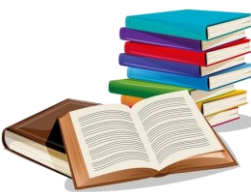
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **157**: Specifies that a person must be an Indian citizen and at least **35** years old to qualify for appointment as Governor.



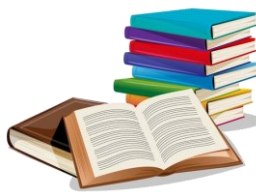
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **158**: Prescribes conditions of the Governor's office, including restrictions on holding other offices of profit and membership of Parliament or state legislatures.



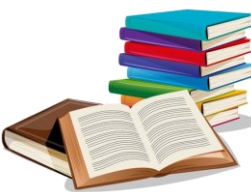
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **159**: Prescribes the oath or affirmation taken by a Governor before entering office.



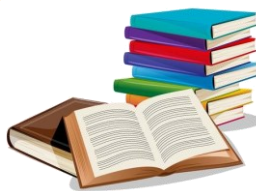
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **161**: **Empowers the Governor** to grant pardons, reprieves, respites, remissions, suspensions, or commutations of sentences for offences falling within the state's executive jurisdiction.



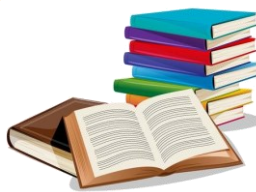
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **163**: Provides for a **Council of Ministers** headed by the **Chief Minister** to aid and advise the Governor, except where the Constitution permits discretionary functions.



Important Terms Explained:

- Article **200**: **Specifies the Governor's** constitutional options when a Bill passed by the state legislature is presented for assent.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	Appointment and transfer of six State Governors by President Droupadi Murmu.
Announcement Date	October 12, 2026.
Appointing Authority	President of India under Article 155 of the Constitution.
Odisha and Karnataka	Braj Mohan Ram appointed Governor of Odisha and Dr Sudha Yadav appointed Governor of Karnataka.
Uttarakhand and Sikkim	Dr Dhal Singh Bisen appointed Governor of Uttarakhand and Dushyant Gautam appointed Governor of Sikkim.
Kerala and Tamil Nadu	Om Prakash Mathur appointed Governor of Kerala and Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar appointed Governor of Tamil Nadu.
Nature of Reshuffle	Four new gubernatorial appointments and two transfers across six states.
Constitutional Provisions	Articles 153–159 govern key aspects of the Governor's office, including appointment, qualifications, tenure, and oath.



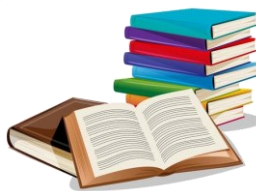
SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



- Which district secured the first position in overall performance under the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) during its first anniversary celebrations in October 2026?

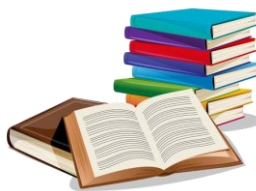
- A) Nagaur, Rajasthan
- B) Gaya, Bihar
- C) Umaria, Madhya Pradesh
- D) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- E) Nashik, Maharashtra

Answer
B) Gaya, Bihar.



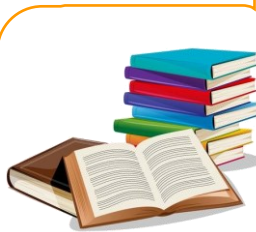
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)** completed one year of implementation, with Gaya (Bihar), Nagaur (Rajasthan), and Umariya (**Madhya Pradesh**) recognised as the top three performing districts.
- **Location: Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC), PUSA, New Delhi, India.**
- **Date: October 11, 2026.**



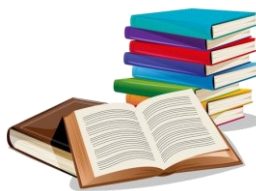
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** organised the first anniversary celebration of **PMDDKY**, launched on October **11, 2025**, following its announcement in the **Union Budget 2025–26**. The scheme targets **100** agriculturally underperforming districts through the convergence of **36** central schemes across **11** ministries and departments, along with state-level schemes. More than **370** delegates attended the event, where **Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** emphasised effective implementation and measurable agricultural outcomes.



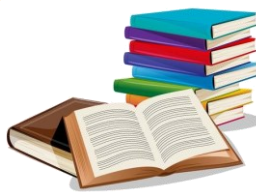
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The scheme focuses on six major objectives: increasing agricultural productivity through improved farming practices, promoting crop diversification and sustainable agriculture, developing post-harvest storage facilities at panchayat and block levels, strengthening irrigation infrastructure, expanding access to short-term and long-term agricultural credit, and improving coordination, implementation, and monitoring through district-specific agricultural development plans.



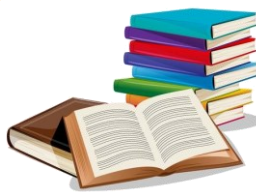
Important Terms Explained:

- **Agricultural Productivity:** The amount of agricultural output produced per unit of input, commonly measured as crop yield per hectare, which can be improved through advanced farming techniques, technology, and efficient resource utilisation.



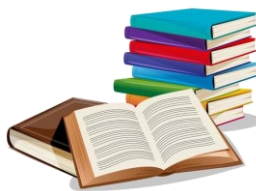
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cropping Intensity:** The ratio of gross cropped area to net sown area, expressed as a percentage, indicating how frequently agricultural land is cultivated during a year.



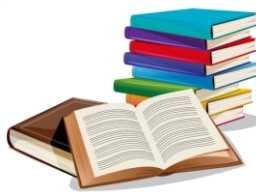
Important Terms Explained:

- **Crop Diversification:** The practice of growing different types of crops to reduce agricultural risks, improve soil health, promote sustainability, and enhance farmers' income opportunities.



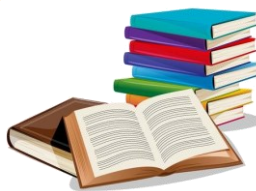
Important Terms Explained:

- **Post-Harvest Storage:** Facilities and infrastructure used to preserve harvested agricultural produce, helping reduce crop losses, maintain quality, and improve market availability.



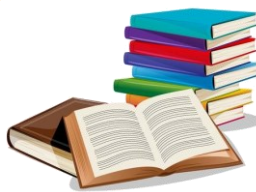
Important Terms Explained:

- **Agricultural Credit:** Financial assistance provided to farmers for short-term cultivation expenses and long-term investments in agricultural machinery, irrigation systems, and infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Scheme Convergence:** The coordinated implementation of multiple government schemes to achieve common development objectives and ensure efficient utilisation of resources.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	First anniversary of Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY).
Launch and Anniversary Dates	Launched on October 11, 2025, and completed one year on October 11, 2026.
Venue	Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC, PUSA, New Delhi.
Organising Authority	Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.
Key Minister	Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
Coverage and Convergence	100 districts, integrating 36 central schemes across 11 ministries and departments.
Top Performing Districts	Gaya (Bihar) ranked first, Nagaur (Rajasthan) second, and Umaria (Madhya Pradesh) third.
Additional Recognition	18 districts were awarded across six thematic categories, with three districts recognised under each theme.

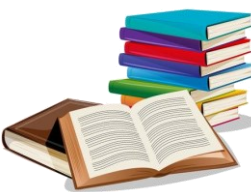


➤ Which organisation signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army to strengthen military logistics and provide access to warehousing infrastructure in October 2026?

- A) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India
- B) Central Warehousing Corporation
- C) Food Corporation of India
- D) National Cooperative Development Corporation
- E) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

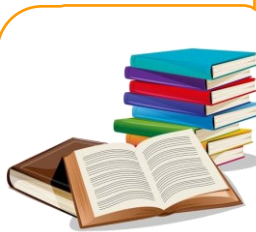
Answer

C) Food Corporation of India.



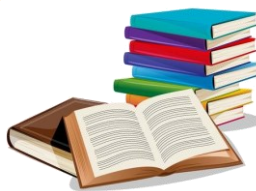
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Army launched the **Bharat Rice Initiative** to improve ration quality for soldiers and signed a five-year **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** to strengthen military logistics, warehousing, and emergency supply capabilities.



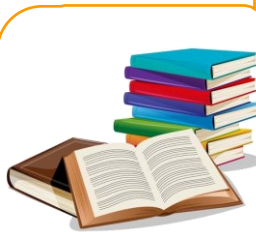
Event and Location:

- **Location:** New Delhi, India, with supply operations extending to remote military locations, including Ladakh and the Northeast.
- **Date:** October 12, 2026.



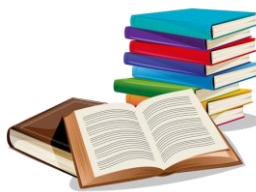
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Directorate General of Supplies and Transport (DGST)** of the **Indian Army** introduced **Bharat Rice** based on soldiers' feedback regarding ration quality. The initiative provides quality-controlled rice through the **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED)** during FY **2026–27**, supplied in **10 kg** and **30 kg** bags directly to **Army Supply Depots**. The five-year agreement with **FCI** enables the Army to utilise civilian warehousing, modern silos, labour, material-handling equipment, and logistics infrastructure during contingencies, with provisions for renewal through mutual consent.



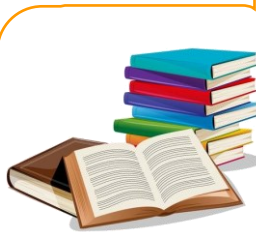
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to improve rice quality, ensure reliable ration delivery to forward areas and difficult terrains, and enhance operational preparedness through faster transportation, storage, and replenishment. The agreement incorporates civilian logistics infrastructure into military supply planning, supports the whole-of-government approach, aligns with PM **Gati Shakti**, and incorporates logistical lessons from **Operation Sindoor** to strengthen emergency response capabilities and sustain military operations.



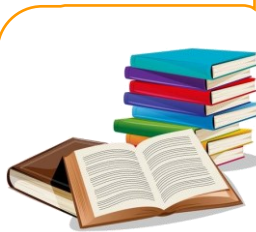
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bharat Rice: An Indian Army** ration initiative introduced to supply quality-controlled rice that meets military standards, with negligible damaged, discoloured, or broken grains and no foreign particles, while improving transportation and distribution efficiency.



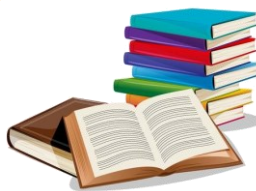
Important Terms Explained:

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A formal agreement outlining cooperation, responsibilities, and operational arrangements between two or more organisations for specified activities or objectives.



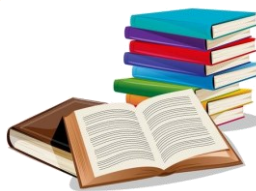
Important Terms Explained:

- **Food Corporation of India (FCI):** A statutory organisation established under the **Food Corporations Act, 1964**, responsible for foodgrain procurement, storage, movement, distribution, and maintaining food security stocks in India.



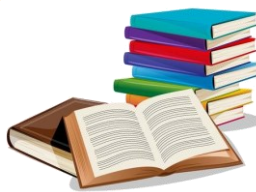
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED):** A national-level agricultural cooperative marketing organisation that supports the marketing, procurement, and distribution of agricultural commodities and will supply rice for the initiative during FY **2026–27**.



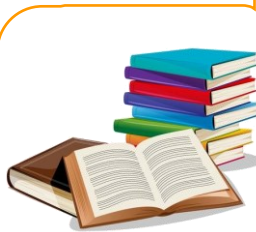
Important Terms Explained:

- **PM Gati Shakti: The National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity** launched in October **2021** to promote integrated infrastructure planning, improve logistics efficiency, and strengthen coordination among government departments.



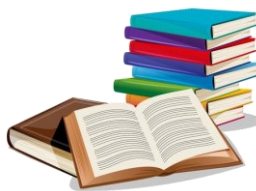
Important Terms Explained:

- **Whole-of-Government Approach:** A coordinated administrative framework in which different government ministries, departments, and agencies share resources and work together to achieve common national objectives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Sindoor:** An Indian military operation referenced by the **Ministry of Defence** as highlighting the need for rapid logistics mobilisation, emergency preparedness, and sustained operational support.



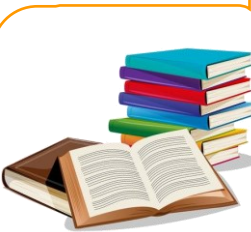
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	Launch of Bharat Rice for troops and signing of a five-year logistics MoU between the Indian Army and FCI.
Date and Location	October 12, 2026, in New Delhi, India.
Key Ministers	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi.
Implementing Authority	Directorate General of Supplies and Transport, Indian Army.
Rice Supplier	NAFED will supply quality-controlled rice during FY 2026–27.
Packaging and Distribution	Rice will be supplied in 10 kg and 30 kg bags directly to Army Supply Depots, including those in Ladakh and the Northeast.
MoU Duration and Facilities	Five years, renewable by mutual consent, covering FCI warehouses, modern silos, labour, handling equipment, and logistical support.
Strategic Significance	Strengthens military supply chains, emergency mobilisation, and operational readiness by integrating civilian infrastructure into defence logistics planning.

➤ How many Central Ministries and Departments are integrated into the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, which completed five years in October 2026?

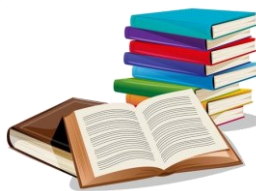
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- D) 58
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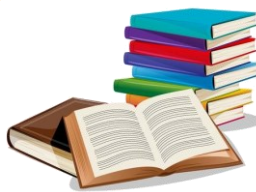
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The PM GatiShakti **National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP)** completed five years of implementation, integrating **58 Central Ministries and Departments** and all **36 States and Union Territories** through a common **Geographic Information System (GIS)**-based infrastructure planning platform.



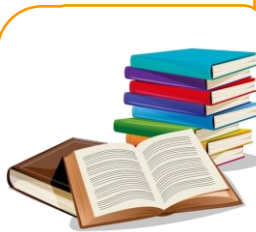
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering all **28 States** and **8 Union Territories** through integrated national infrastructure and logistics planning.
- **Date:** October **13, 2026**.



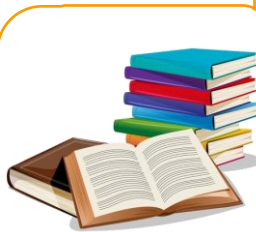
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** PM GatiShakti was launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on October **13, 2021**, to establish an integrated digital framework for planning and coordinating multimodal infrastructure projects. The programme connects **58 Central Ministries and Departments** and **36 States and Union Territories** through a **GIS-based** platform that combines infrastructure networks, economic zones, and geospatial datasets. Its implementation is supported by a three-tier institutional structure comprising the **Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS)**, **Network Planning Group (NPG)**, and **Technical Support Unit (TSU)**. **As of August 11, 2026**, the **NPG** had evaluated **396** infrastructure projects worth approximately **₹18.66 lakh crore**, of which **256** were sanctioned and **198** were under implementation.



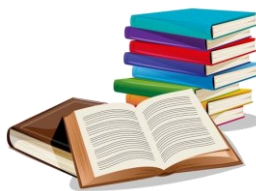
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to improve multimodal connectivity, reduce logistics costs, eliminate infrastructure bottlenecks, strengthen last-mile connectivity, and enhance coordination among government departments. It operates through seven infrastructure engines: roads, railways, ports, waterways, airports, mass transport, and logistics infrastructure. The plan promotes integrated infrastructure development through six guiding principles covering integration, multimodality, last-mile connectivity, faster land acquisition, minimal clearances, and environmental considerations, supporting India's broader **Viksit Bharat** vision.



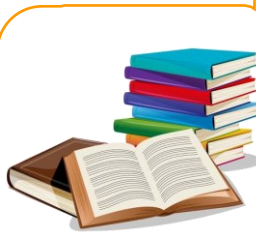
Important Terms Explained:

- PM GatiShakti **National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP)**: A **GIS**-based national infrastructure planning framework launched on October **13, 2021**, to coordinate infrastructure development across ministries, departments, and states while improving multimodal connectivity and logistics efficiency.



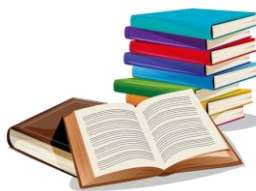
Important Terms Explained:

- **Geographic Information System (GIS):** A computer-based technology used to capture, store, analyse, and visualise geographically referenced data, enabling better infrastructure planning, route optimisation, and identification of connectivity gaps.



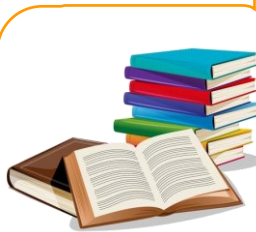
Important Terms Explained:

- **Multimodal Connectivity:** The integration of different transportation modes, including roads, railways, ports, waterways, and aviation, to ensure efficient movement of passengers and goods.



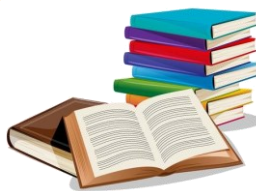
Important Terms Explained:

- **Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS):** A high-level institutional body headed by the **Cabinet Secretary** that oversees PM GatiShakti implementation and evaluates proposed changes to the **National Master Plan**.



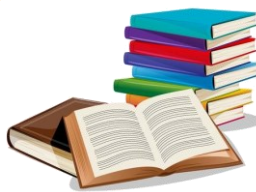
Important Terms Explained:

- **Network Planning Group (NPG):** An interministerial planning body comprising representatives of infrastructure ministries and departments that evaluates project proposals for integrated connectivity, coordination, and infrastructure optimisation.



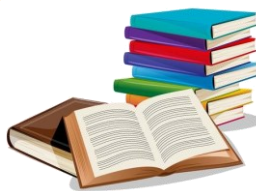
Important Terms Explained:

- **Technical Support Unit (TSU):** A group of technical and sectoral experts providing analytical assistance, project evaluation, and technical support for implementing the **National Master Plan**.



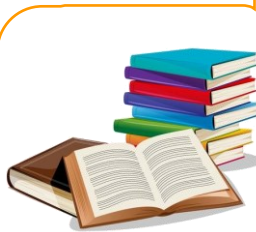
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP):** A digital platform that integrates government logistics systems through **Application Programming Interfaces** (APIs) to facilitate data exchange, improve transparency, and enhance logistics efficiency.



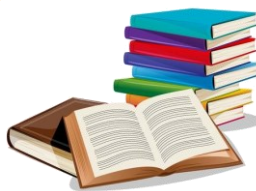
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV):** A university established in **2022** to provide specialised education, research, and professional training in transportation, infrastructure, and logistics.



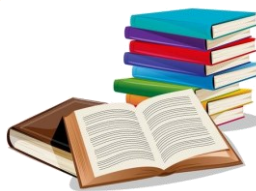
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Logistics Policy (NLP) 2022:** A **Government of India** policy launched in September **2022** to improve logistics efficiency, promote digital integration, and strengthen the competitiveness of India's logistics sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Last-Mile Connectivity:** The final transportation link connecting major infrastructure networks to end users, industrial facilities, economic centres, or remote locations.



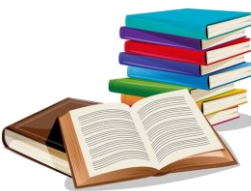
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	Fifth anniversary of PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.
Launch and Anniversary Dates	Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 13, 2021, and completed five years on October 13, 2026.
Coverage and Integration	Connects 58 Central Ministries and Departments and all 36 States and Union Territories through a GIS-based platform.
Seven Infrastructure Engines	Roads, railways, ports, waterways, airports, mass transport, and logistics infrastructure.
Institutional Structure	Empowered Group of Secretaries, Network Planning Group, and Technical Support Unit.
Infrastructure Projects Evaluated	NPG evaluated 396 projects worth approximately ₹18.66 lakh crore as of August 11, 2026.
Project Approval and Implementation	Of 396 evaluated projects, 256 were sanctioned and 198 were under implementation.
Logistics Digitalisation	As of July 2026, ULIP integrated 46 government logistics systems from 12 Central Ministries through 142 APIs.

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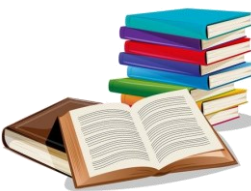
- The United Nations observed International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on October 13, 2026, under the theme “Resilience Starts at Home,” promoting safer housing, disaster preparedness, and stronger community resilience worldwide.
- The International Cricket Council recognised India's Shubman Gill with his fifth Player of the Month award in October 2026, extending his men's record and equalling Hayley Matthews' overall tally of five awards.
- The International Cricket Council recognised India's Shafali Verma as the Women's Player of the Month for September 2026 following her outstanding batting and bowling performances that helped India win the Women's Asia Cup and Asian Games gold medal.
- American actor RJ Mitte, known for portraying Walter White Jr. in Breaking Bad, was reported to have died at 34 on October 12, 2026, leaving a legacy in television acting and disability rights advocacy.
- Lakshadweep Administrator Praful Patel declared the Union Territory 100% literate on October 11, 2026, after all eligible adult learners cleared the FLNAT under the ULLAS programme, marking a major milestone in adult education.



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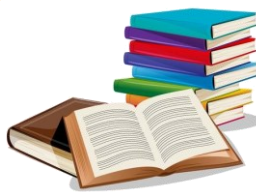
- The International Monetary Fund raised India's FY 2026–27 GDP growth forecast by 60 basis points to 7.0% in its October 2026 World Economic Outlook, reflecting resilient domestic demand and strong services sector performance despite global economic uncertainties.
- NPCI deferred the proposed 0.4% MDR on select UPI merchant payments exceeding ₹2,000 until after Diwali 2026 to reduce immediate transaction-cost pressures on traders and MSMEs during the festive season.
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation reported on October 12, 2026, that India's September retail inflation had risen to 5.54%, its highest level since October 2024, mainly due to increasing food prices.
- President Droupadi Murmu announced six gubernatorial appointments and transfers on October 12, 2026, covering Odisha, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu to fill and reassign constitutional offices.
- The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare marked one year of PMDDKY on October 11, 2026, in New Delhi, recognising Gaya, Nagaur, and Umari as the top three districts for their overall performance under the agricultural development programme.



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- **The Indian Army launched Bharat Rice and signed a five-year logistics agreement with FCI on October 12, 2026, in New Delhi to improve ration quality and strengthen military supply chains, particularly in remote and operational areas.**
- **The PM GatiShakti National Master Plan completed five years on October 13, 2026, integrating 58 Central Ministries and Departments and all 36 States and Union Territories to strengthen coordinated infrastructure planning and multimodal connectivity across India.**



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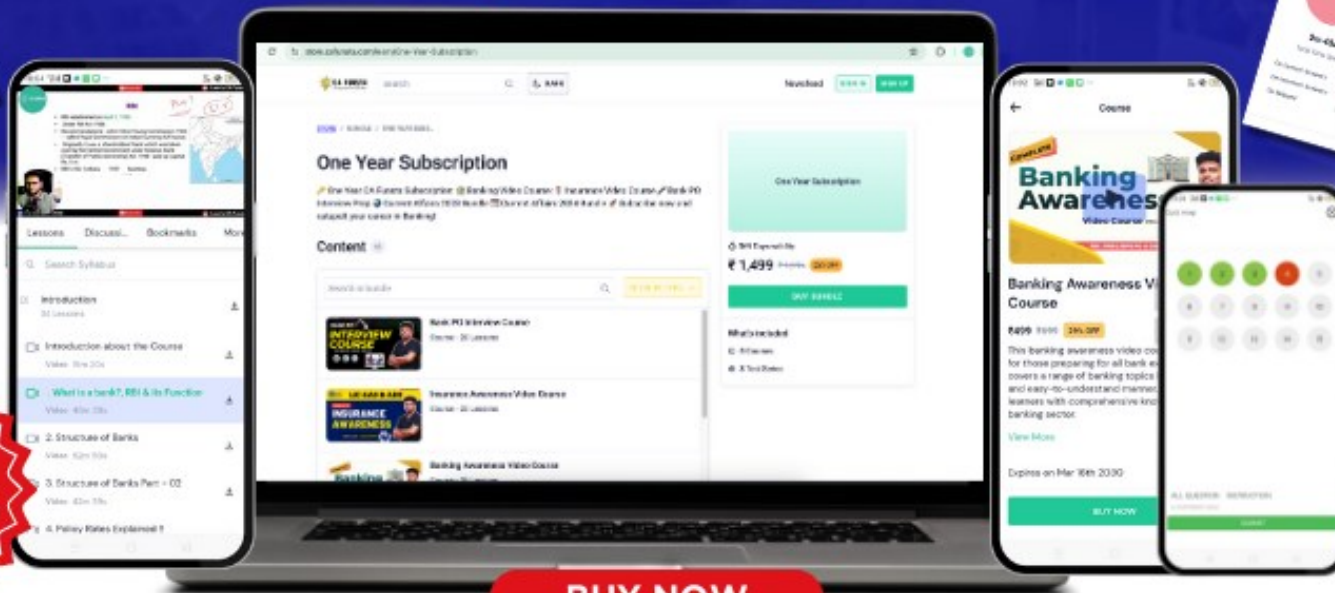
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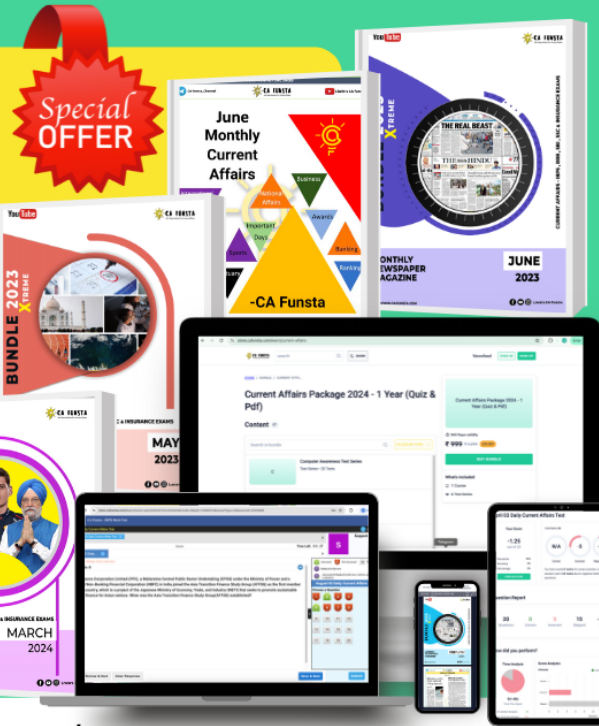
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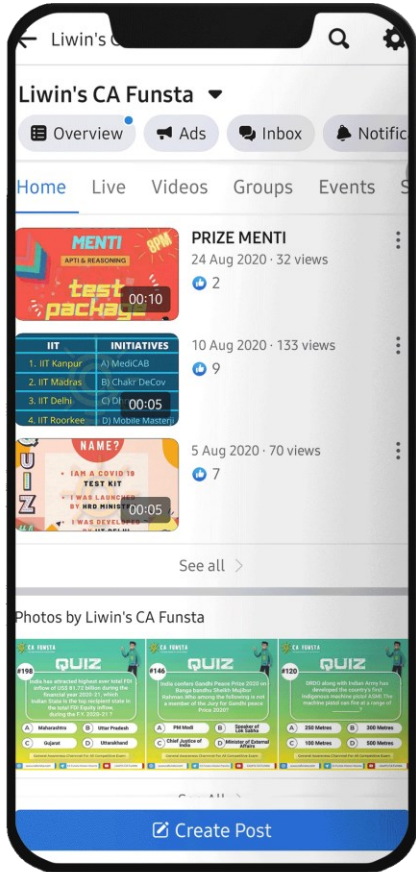
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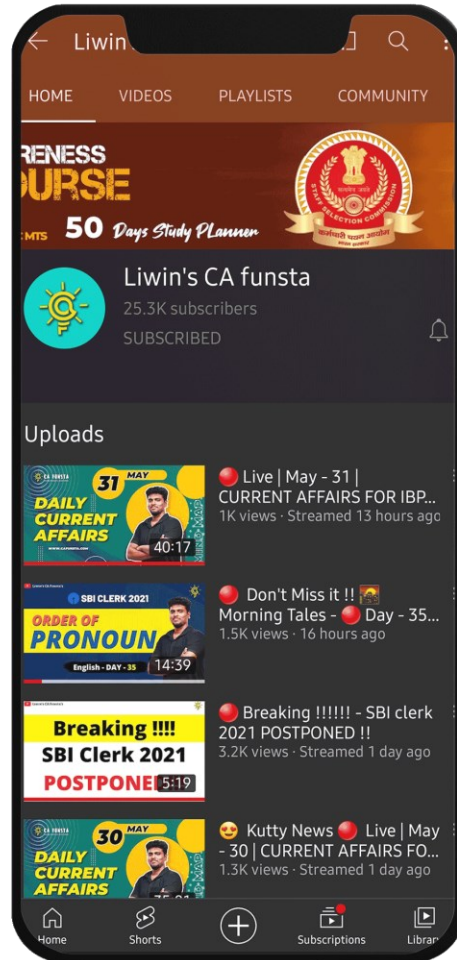


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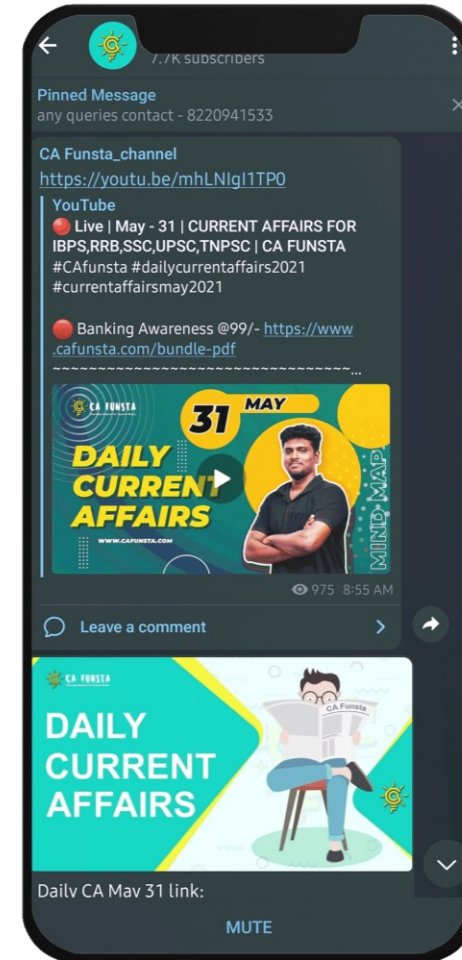
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