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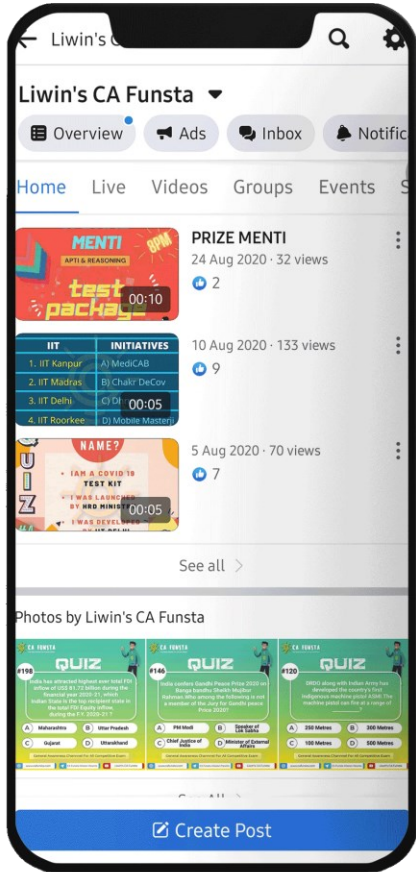


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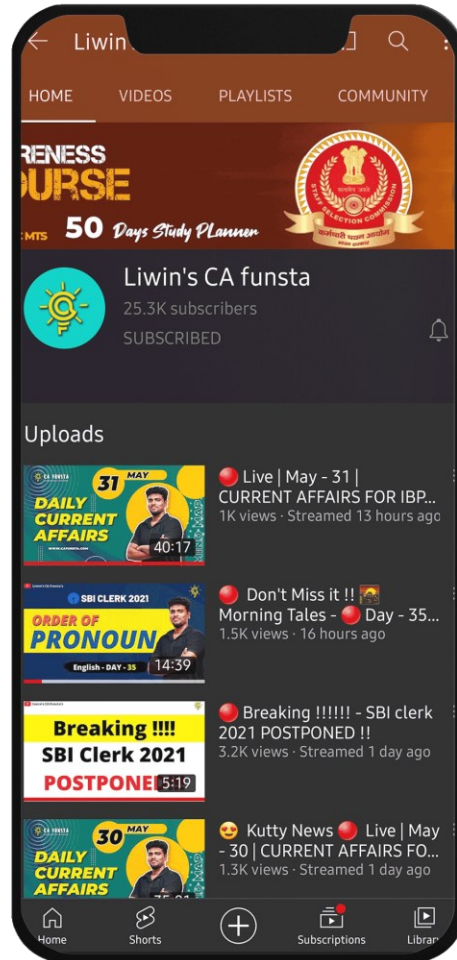
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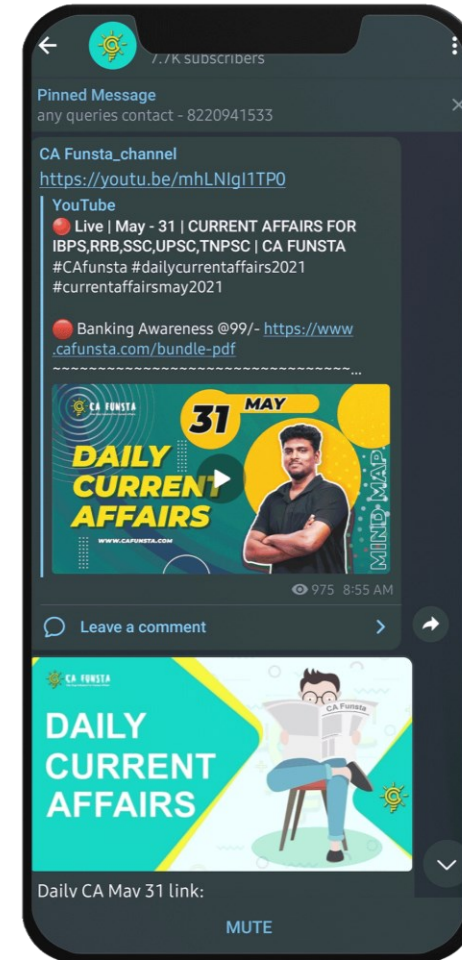
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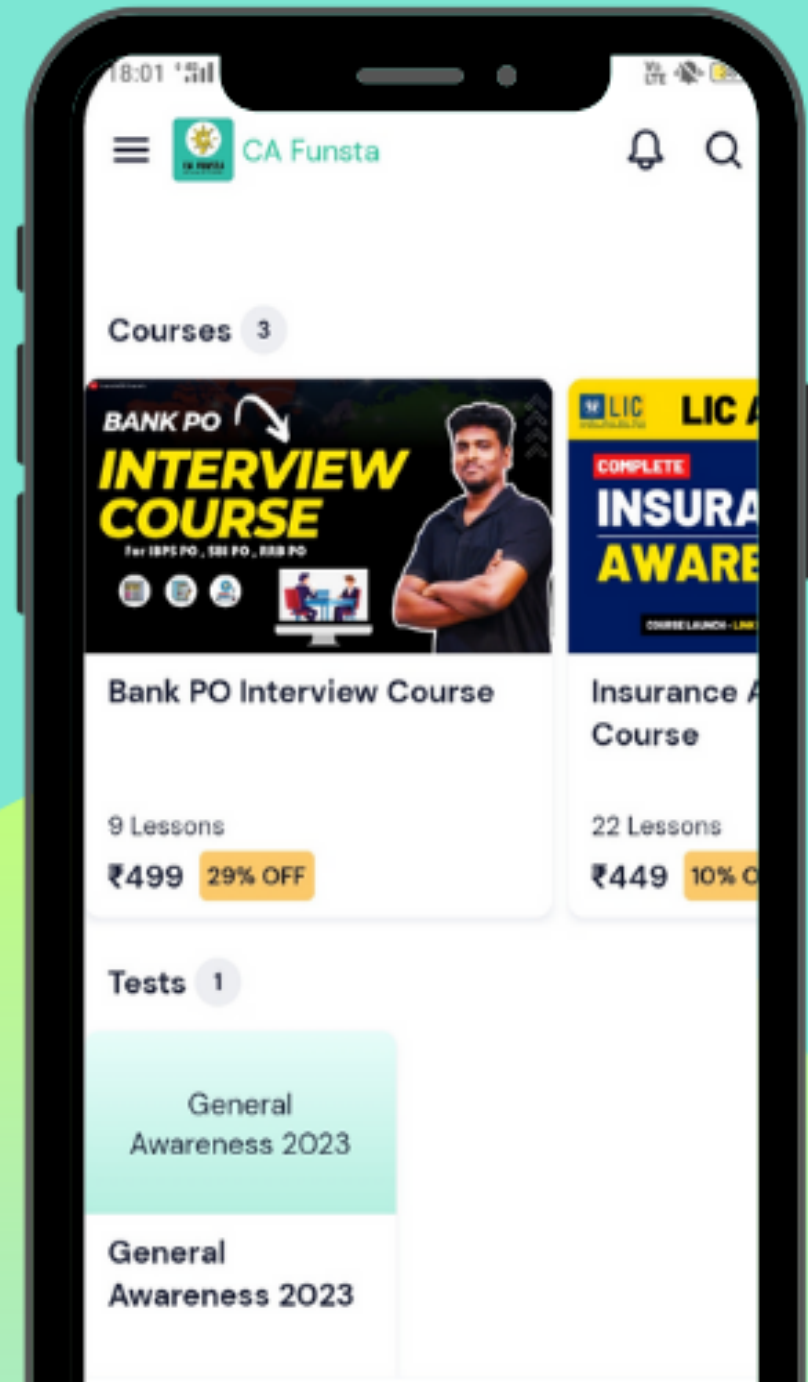
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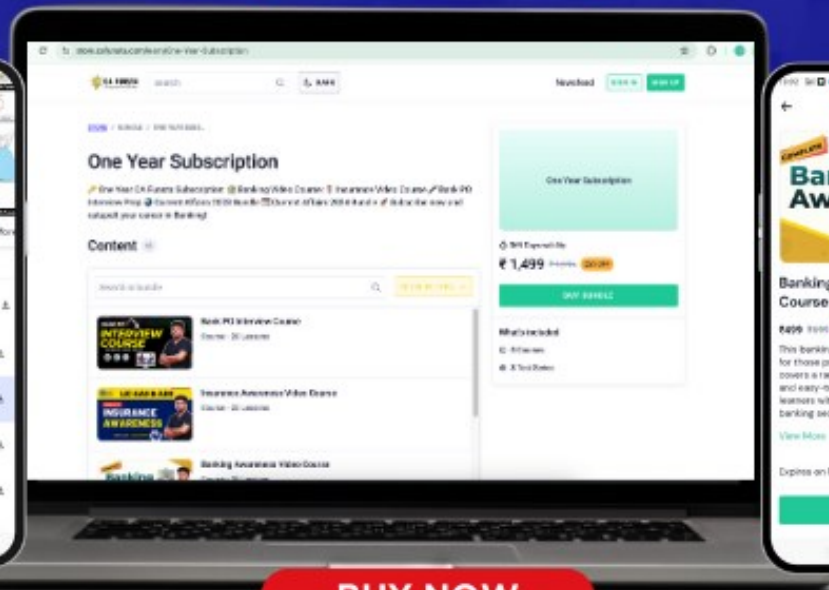
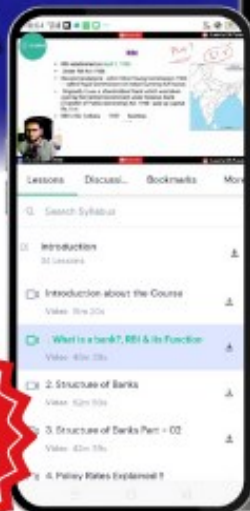
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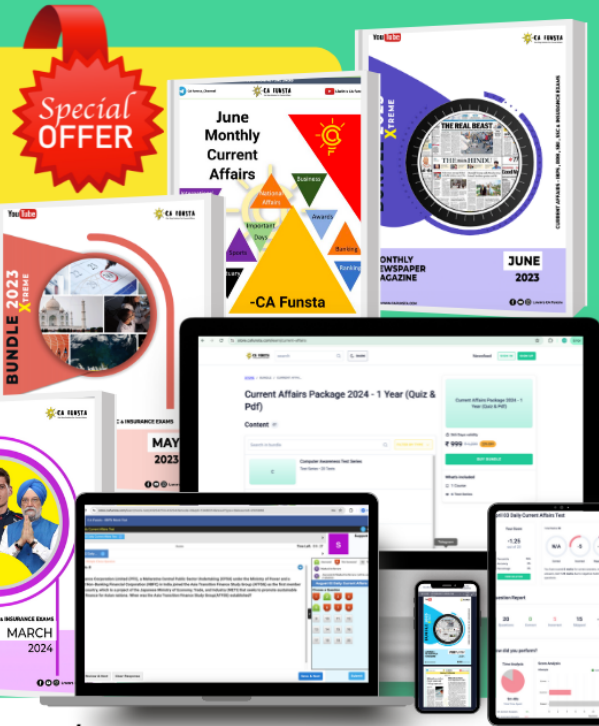


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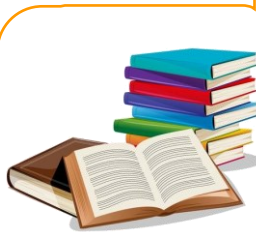
➤ What is the theme of World Food Day 2026, observed on 16 October?

- A) Leave No One Behind
- B) Water is Life, Water is Food
- C) Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow
- D) Right to Foods for a Better Life
- E) Food Security for All



Answer

C) Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow.

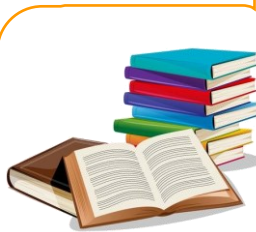


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Event and Location:

- **Event: World Food Day 2026** was observed with the theme “**Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow,**” highlighting agricultural innovation, food security, nutrition and sustainable food systems.
- **Location:** Worldwide, with the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** headquartered in Rome, Italy.
- **Date: 16 October 2026.**

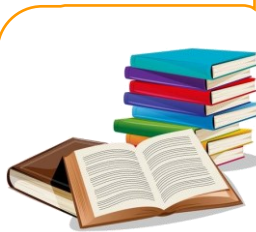


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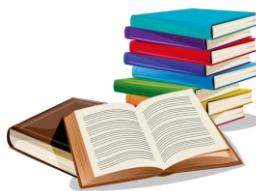
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: World Food Day** commemorates the establishment of **FAO** on **16 October 1945** and promotes global action against hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity. The **2026** observance emphasizes agricultural research, improved seed varieties, efficient irrigation, traditional farming knowledge, better food distribution and cooperation among governments, farmers, researchers and communities.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To improve access to affordable and nutritious food, strengthen climate-resilient agricultural practices, reduce food loss and waste, support small-scale farmers and advance **Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2) – Zero Hunger** by 2030 through inclusive, sustainable and resilient food systems.

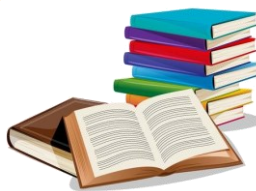


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):** A specialized agency of the **United Nations** established on **16 October 1945** to combat hunger, improve nutrition, increase agricultural productivity and promote sustainable agriculture and rural development.

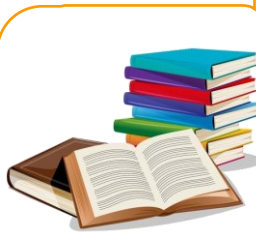


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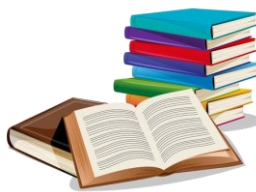
Important Terms Explained:

- **World Food Day:** An annual global observance established during the **20th FAO** Conference in **1979** and first celebrated on **16 October 1981** to raise awareness about hunger, nutrition and food security.



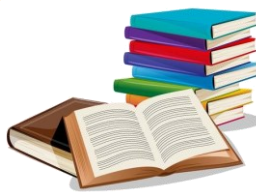
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2):** One of the **17 Sustainable Development Goals** adopted in **2015**, aiming to end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture by **2030**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Agri-Food Systems Innovation:** The development and adoption of improved agricultural technologies, seed varieties, irrigation practices, traditional knowledge, financial services and food supply chains to increase productivity, sustainability and resilience.

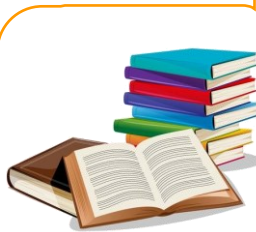


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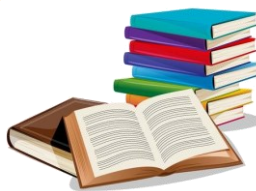
Important Terms Explained:

- **Food Security:** A condition in which all people have reliable physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs.



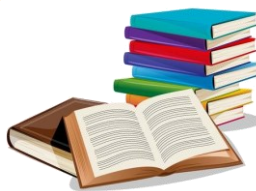
Important Terms Explained:

- **Food Loss and Food Waste:** Food loss occurs mainly during production, harvesting, storage, processing and transportation, while food waste occurs primarily at retail and consumer levels.



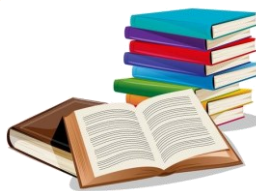
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013:** An Indian law providing a legal framework for food security through subsidized foodgrains for eligible households and nutritional support for specified groups.



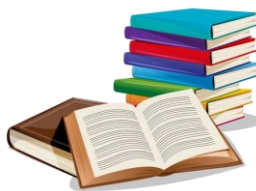
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY):** A **Government of India** initiative introduced in **2020** to provide foodgrain assistance to eligible beneficiaries, with free foodgrain distribution subsequently integrated into the **National Food Security Act** framework.



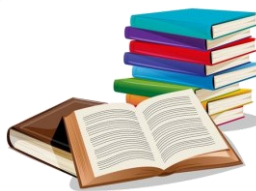
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Food Security Mission (NFSM):** A **Government of India** programme launched in **2007–08** to increase foodgrain production through improved agricultural productivity and farming technologies.



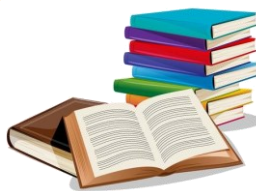
Important Terms Explained:

- **PM POSHAN: Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman**, a school nutrition programme approved under its present name in **2021** to provide hot cooked meals to eligible children in government and government-aided schools.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission Saksham Anganwadi** and **POSHAN 2.0**: An integrated **Government of India** nutrition programme focusing on maternal and child nutrition, Anganwadi services and the reduction of malnutrition.



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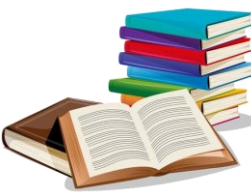
Parameter	Details
Event	World Food Day 2026.
Date	16 October 2026.
Theme	Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow.
Observance	46th World Food Day, celebrated worldwide.
Associated Organization	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), headquartered in Rome, Italy.
Historical Background	FAO was established in 1945; World Food Day was established in 1979 and first observed in 1981.
Primary Objectives	Promote agricultural innovation, nutritious diets, sustainable farming and reduction of food loss and waste.
Global Significance	Supports SDG 2 – Zero Hunger by 2030 through improved food security and resilient agricultural systems.



➤ Which Indian women's cricketer announced her retirement from all formats of international cricket on 15 October 2026?

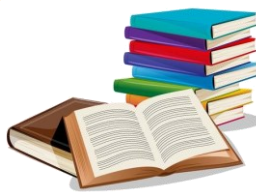
- A) Mithali Raj
- B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- C) Punam Raut
- D) Jhulan Goswami
- E) Smriti Mandhana

Answer
C) Punam Raut.



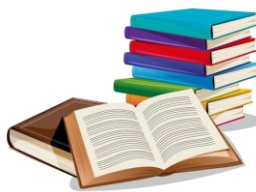
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian women's cricketer **Punam Raut** announced her retirement from all formats of international cricket, concluding her international playing career, which spanned from **2009** to **2021** across Tests, **One Day Internationals** and Twenty20 Internationals.



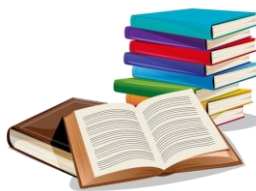
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, with Raut's cricketing career closely associated with Mumbai and the **Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)**.
- **Date:** 15 October 2026.



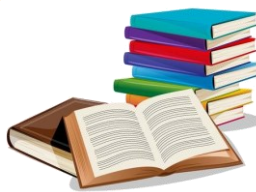
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Punam Raut** officially announced her retirement from international cricket through an Instagram post on **15 October 2026**, following careful consideration. **The Mumbai**-based top-order batter represented India in **112** international matches, comprising **4 Tests, 73 One Day Internationals** and **35 Twenty20 Internationals**. Although she last represented India in **2021**, her formal retirement announcement came in October **2026**. She expressed gratitude to the **Mumbai Cricket Association** and others who supported her cricketing journey.



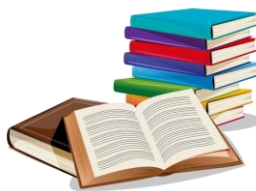
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To formally conclude her international playing career while acknowledging the contributions of cricket, teammates and supporting institutions to her personal and professional development. Raut also expressed her intention to give back to the sport in the future, although she did not announce any specific coaching, administrative or developmental role.



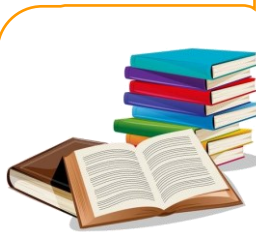
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Cricket:** Cricket played between national teams under internationally recognized formats and regulations, including Test matches, **One Day Internationals** and **Twenty20 Internationals**.



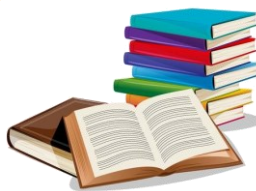
Important Terms Explained:

- **Test Cricket:** The longest international cricket format, played over a maximum of five days, with each team generally permitted two innings. **Punam Raut** represented India in **4** women's Test matches.



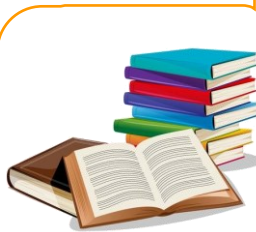
Important Terms Explained:

- **One Day International (ODI):** A limited-overs international cricket format in which each team normally plays a maximum of **50** overs. **Punam Raut** played **73** ODIs for India.



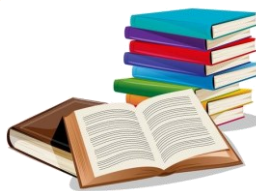
Important Terms Explained:

- **Twenty20 International (T20I)**: A limited-overs international cricket format in which each team normally plays a maximum of **20** overs. **Punam Raut** represented India in **35 T20Is**.



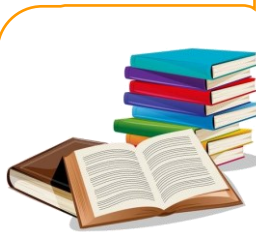
Important Terms Explained:

- **Top-Order Batter:** A player who generally bats among the first few positions in a team's batting lineup, with responsibility for establishing partnerships and building the innings.



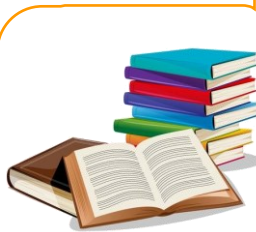
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA):** The cricket governing body responsible for organizing and developing cricket in Mumbai and its affiliated jurisdiction. **Punam Raut** acknowledged its support during her formative cricketing years.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Retirement:** A cricketer's formal decision to stop representing their national team in international competitions, which does not necessarily prevent participation in domestic cricket or other cricket-related activities.



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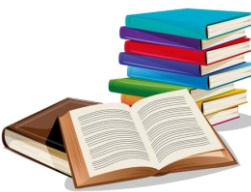
Parameter	Details
Event	Punam Raut announced retirement from all formats of international cricket.
Retirement Date	15 October 2026.
Country and Association	India, with her early career supported by the Mumbai Cricket Association.
International Career	Represented India from 2009 to 2021.
Total International Matches	112 matches across three formats.
Format-wise Appearances	4 Tests, 73 ODIs and 35 T20Is.
Playing Role	Top-order batter in the Indian women's cricket team.
Retirement Announcement and Future Plans	Announced through Instagram and expressed interest in contributing to cricket after retirement.



➤ What was the record level of total bank deposits in India in September 2026, according to the reported banking data?

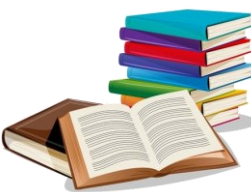
- A) ₹250 trillion
- B) ₹262 trillion
- C) ₹275 trillion
- D) ₹284 trillion
- E) ₹300 trillion

Answer
D) ₹284 trillion.



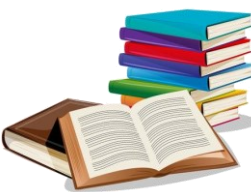
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's banking system recorded an all-time high of **₹284 trillion** (approximately **\$2.99 trillion**) in total bank deposits during September **2026**, supported by the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI)** discounted foreign exchange swap window and increased quarter-end deposit mobilization.



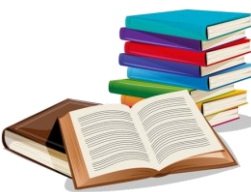
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering deposits across the Indian banking system.
- **Date:** 30 September **2026**, with the figures reported on 16 October **2026**.



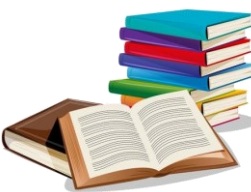
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **RBI** introduced a discounted foreign exchange swap window in June **2026** to encourage foreign currency deposits and strengthen banking system liquidity. The facility reportedly attracted approximately **\$133 billion** in inflows before closing on **31 August 2026**, one month earlier than initially scheduled. During the first six months of **FY2026–27**, bank deposits increased by **₹21.67 trillion**, including nearly **₹20 trillion** between **16 June** and **31 August**. Deposits rose by **₹7.73 trillion** during the fortnight ending **30 September**, supported by banks' efforts to strengthen their funding positions before quarter-end.



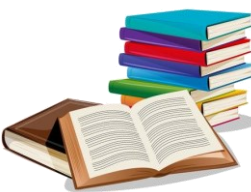
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To encourage foreign currency inflows, improve banking system liquidity, strengthen deposit mobilization and maintain adequate funding buffers for lending activities. The **RBI's** swap facility aimed to make foreign currency deposit mobilization more attractive, while banks increased their efforts to attract household and corporate savings to support financial stability and credit requirements.



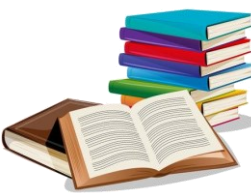
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bank Deposits:** Funds placed by individuals, businesses and institutions with banks through savings, current, fixed and other deposit accounts. India's total banking system deposits reached **₹284 trillion** in September **2026**.



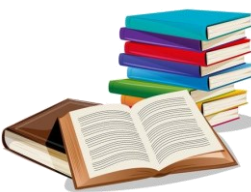
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):** India's central bank, established on **1 April 1935**, responsible for monetary policy, currency issuance, regulation of banks and management of financial system liquidity.



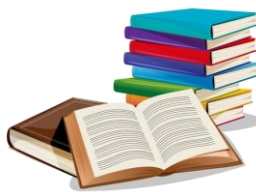
Important Terms Explained:

- **Discounted Foreign Exchange Swap Window:** A special **RBI** facility introduced in June **2026** that reportedly offered favorable swap terms to encourage banks to mobilize foreign currency deposits and increase funding inflows into the Indian banking system.



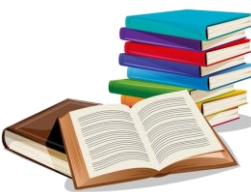
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Exchange Swap:** A financial transaction involving the exchange of one currency for another, accompanied by an agreement to reverse the exchange at a future date under predetermined terms.



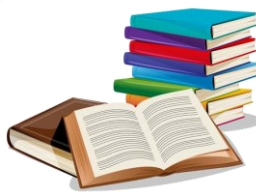
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Currency Deposits:** Bank deposits denominated in currencies other than the domestic currency, which can provide additional funding sources and support foreign exchange inflows.



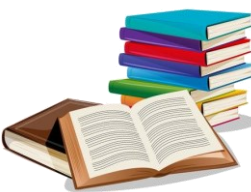
Important Terms Explained:

- **Banking System Liquidity:** The availability of cash and readily accessible funds within the banking system to meet payment obligations, withdrawals and lending requirements.



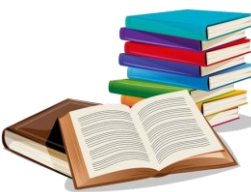
Important Terms Explained:

- **Deposit Mobilization:** The process through which banks attract funds from individuals, businesses and institutions by offering deposit accounts and other banking products.



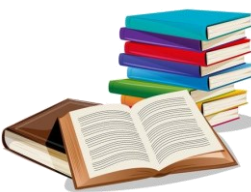
Important Terms Explained:

- **Funding Buffer:** Additional financial resources maintained by banks to manage withdrawals, liquidity requirements and unexpected funding pressures.



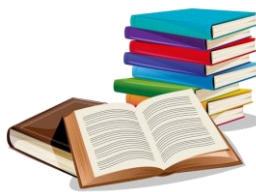
Important Terms Explained:

- **Quarter-End Deposit Mobilization:** Increased efforts by banks to attract and retain deposits near the end of a financial quarter to strengthen their funding positions and meet reporting requirements.



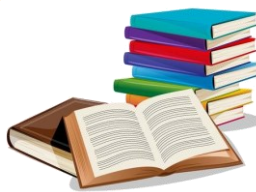
Important Terms Explained:

- **Credit Expansion:** An increase in lending by banks to households, businesses and other borrowers, supported by available deposits, capital and other funding sources.



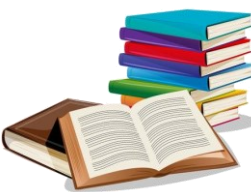
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fortnightly Banking Data:** Banking statistics compiled for a two-week reporting period to monitor changes in deposits, bank credit and other financial indicators.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Financial Year 2026–27 (FY27):** India's financial year beginning on **1 April 2026** and ending on **31 March 2027**.



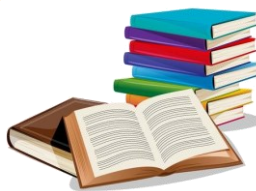
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	India's banking system deposits reached a record level in September 2026.
Reporting Period	Second half of September 2026, ending on 30 September.
Total Bank Deposits	₹284 trillion, equivalent to approximately \$2.99 trillion.
Deposit Growth in FY27	₹21.67 trillion during April–September 2026, representing approximately 8.4% growth from March-end.
June–August Deposit Growth	Approximately ₹20 trillion between 16 June and 31 August 2026.
September Fortnight Growth	₹7.73 trillion during the fortnight ending 30 September 2026.
RBI Swap Facility	Discounted foreign exchange swap window launched in June 2026, attracting approximately \$133 billion in reported inflows before closing on 31 August.
Significance	Stronger deposit mobilization, increased foreign currency inflows and improved funding buffers for the banking system.

► What was India's net direct tax collection as of 14 October 2026, according to the provisional data released by the Income Tax Department?

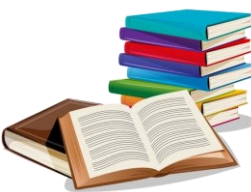
- A) ₹12.45 lakh crore
- B) ₹13.38 lakh crore
- C) ₹16.03 lakh crore
- D) ₹23.40 lakh crore
- E) ₹26.97 lakh crore

Answer
B) ₹13.38 lakh crore.



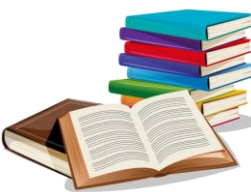
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's net direct tax collections increased by **13.21%** year-on-year to **₹13.38 lakh** crore, while gross collections rose by **14.89%** to **₹16.03 lakh** crore, supported by strong corporate tax and securities transaction tax revenues.



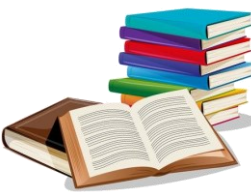
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, based on provisional nationwide tax collection data released by the **Income Tax Department**.
- **Date:** 14 October 2026, with the figures reported on 16 October 2026.



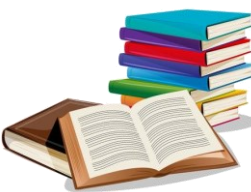
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Income Tax Department reported provisional direct tax collections for **Financial Year 2026–27 (FY27)**, showing gross revenue of **₹16.03 lakh** crore, net revenue of **₹13.38 lakh** crore and total tax refunds of **₹2.65 lakh** crore. Gross corporate tax collections increased by **17%** to **₹7.53 lakh** crore, while net corporate tax revenue grew by **20.6%** to **₹5.99 lakh** crore. **Securities Transaction Tax (STT)** collections increased by **51.6%** to **₹46,840 crore**, while net non-corporate tax revenue grew by **5.8%** to **₹6.92 lakh** crore due to higher refunds.



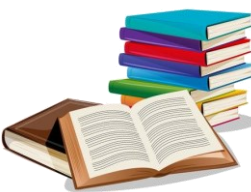
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To assess direct tax revenue performance, monitor corporate and non-corporate tax collections, evaluate the effect of taxpayer refunds and track progress toward the government's FY**2026–27** direct tax collection target of **₹26.97 lakh** crore. The figures indicate that approximately **49.6%** of the annual target had been achieved by **14 October 2026**.



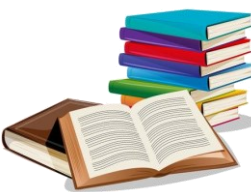
Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Tax:** A tax imposed directly on individuals or organizations based on income, profits or specified taxable activities. Its burden generally falls on the taxpayer and is not ordinarily transferred to another person.



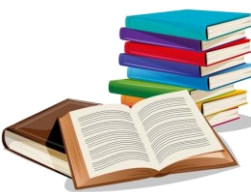
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross Direct Tax Collection:** The total amount of direct taxes collected by the government before deducting refunds issued to taxpayers.



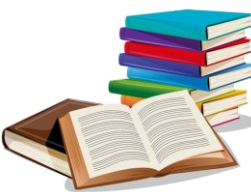
Important Terms Explained:

- **Net Direct Tax Collection:** The amount of direct tax revenue remaining after deducting tax refunds from gross collections, representing actual revenue retained by the government.



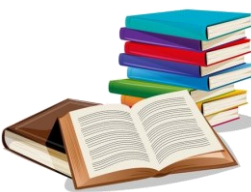
Important Terms Explained:

- **Corporate Tax:** A direct tax levied on the taxable income or profits of companies. India's gross corporate tax collection reached **₹7.53 lakh** crore, while net collection stood at **₹5.99 lakh** crore as of **14 October 2026**.



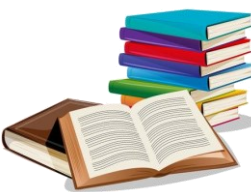
Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Corporate Tax:** Direct taxes collected from taxpayers other than companies, including individuals and certain other entities. Net non-corporate collections reached **₹6.92 lakh** crore, registering **5.8%** annual growth.



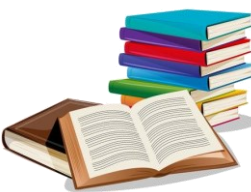
Important Terms Explained:

- **Personal Income Tax:** A direct tax imposed on the taxable income of individuals under applicable income tax laws and rates.



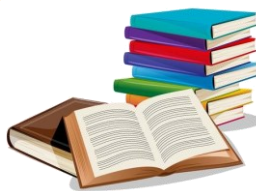
Important Terms Explained:

- **Securities Transaction Tax (STT):** A tax levied on specified transactions involving eligible securities through recognized stock exchanges. Collections increased by **51.6%** to **₹46,840 crore**, supported by market activity and higher **STT** rates on certain derivatives transactions effective from **1 April 2026**.



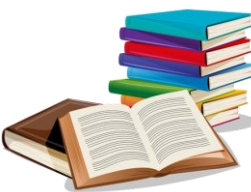
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tax Refund:** The amount returned by the **Income Tax Department** when a taxpayer has paid more tax than legally required. Total refunds increased by **24.22%** to **₹2.65 lakh** crore during the reported period.



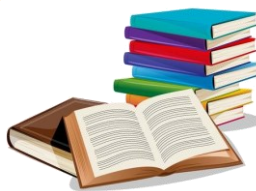
Important Terms Explained:

- **Advance Tax:** Income tax paid in instalments during the financial year rather than entirely at year-end, based on the taxpayer's estimated taxable income.



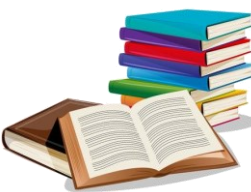
Important Terms Explained:

- **Capital Gains Tax:** A tax imposed on taxable gains arising from the transfer of capital assets, distinct from **STT**, which applies to specified securities transactions.



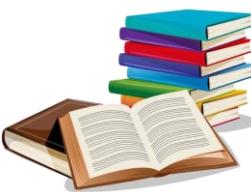
Important Terms Explained:

- Year-on-Year (YoY) Growth: A comparison of financial performance with the corresponding period of the previous year, commonly expressed as a percentage increase or decrease.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Budget Estimate (BE):** The government's projected revenue or expenditure for a financial year, used for fiscal planning and evaluating actual performance against targets.



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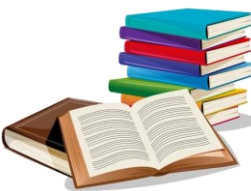
Parameter	Details
Event	India's direct tax collection performance for FY2026–27.
Reporting Date	14 October 2026.
Reporting Authority	Income Tax Department, Government of India.
Gross Direct Tax Collection	₹16.03 lakh crore, registering 14.89% annual growth.
Net Direct Tax Collection	₹13.38 lakh crore, registering 13.21% annual growth.
Corporate Tax Collection	Gross collection of ₹7.53 lakh crore and net collection of ₹5.99 lakh crore.
Refunds and STT	Total refunds reached ₹2.65 lakh crore, while STT collections increased by 51.6% to ₹46,840 crore.
FY2026–27 Revenue Target	₹26.97 lakh crore, with approximately 49.6% achieved by 14 October 2026.



➤ What was India's current account deficit in August 2026, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data?

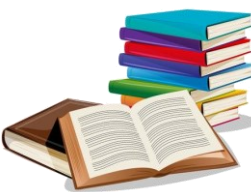
- A) \$6.1 billion
- B) \$12.8 billion
- C) \$18.3 billion
- D) \$5.2 billion
- E) \$45.4 billion

Answer
D) \$5.2 billion.



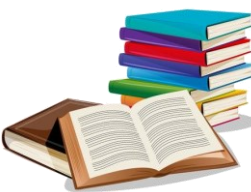
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's **Current Account Deficit (CAD)** narrowed to **\$5.2 billion** in August **2026** from **\$6.1 billion** in August **2025**, while the overall **Balance of Payments (BoP)** recorded a surplus of **\$45.4 billion**, supported by strong capital flows.



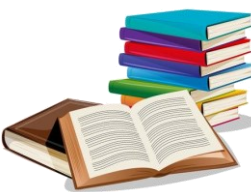
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, based on provisional external sector data released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.
- **Date:** August **2026**, with the figures reported on **16 October 2026**.



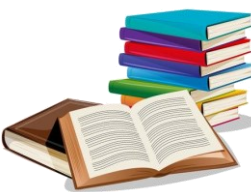
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **RBI** released provisional external sector figures showing that India's merchandise trade deficit declined to **\$26.6 billion** in August **2026** from **\$27.6 billion** a year earlier. Merchandise exports increased to **\$44.7 billion**, net services receipts rose to **\$16.5 billion** and net transfers reached **\$12.8 billion**. Despite the monthly improvement, the cumulative **CAD** increased to **\$18.3 billion** during April–August **FY2026–27** from **\$12.8 billion** in the corresponding previous period, while net external commercial borrowings recorded significant outflows.



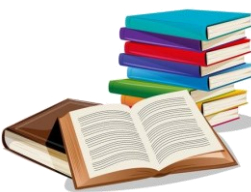
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To assess India's external sector performance by monitoring merchandise trade, services receipts, remittances, income payments, foreign capital flows and the overall balance of payments. The data highlights the contribution of services exports and transfers in reducing external imbalances, while identifying pressure from merchandise imports, income outflows and external borrowing movements.



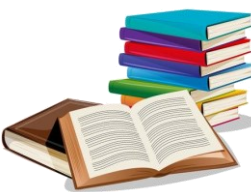
Important Terms Explained:

- **Current Account Deficit (CAD):** A situation in which a country's payments to non-residents for goods, services, primary income and secondary income exceed its corresponding receipts during a specified period.



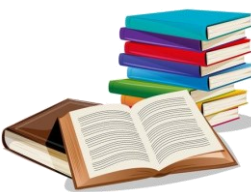
Important Terms Explained:

- **Balance of Payments (BoP):** A statistical statement recording economic transactions between residents of a country and non-residents, covering the current account, capital account, financial account and related adjustments.



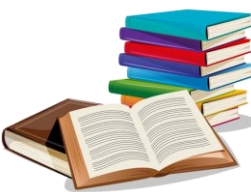
Important Terms Explained:

- **Merchandise Trade Deficit:** The excess of merchandise imports over merchandise exports. India's merchandise trade deficit declined to **\$26.6 billion** in August **2026** from **\$27.6 billion** in August **2025**.



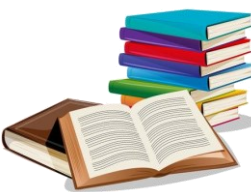
Important Terms Explained:

- **Merchandise Exports:** Goods produced or supplied domestically and sold to foreign markets. India's merchandise exports increased to **\$44.7 billion** in August **2026** from **\$35.1 billion** a year earlier.



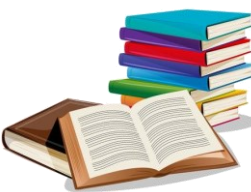
Important Terms Explained:

- **Merchandise Imports:** Goods purchased from foreign countries for domestic consumption, production or investment. India's merchandise imports increased to **\$71.3 billion** in August **2026** from **\$62.7 billion** in August **2025**.



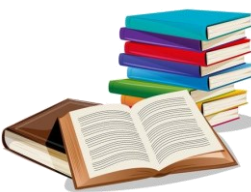
Important Terms Explained:

- **Net Services Receipts:** The difference between earnings from services exports and payments for services imports. India's net services receipts increased to **\$16.5 billion**, supported by sectors such as information technology and professional services.



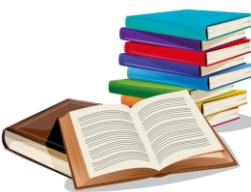
Important Terms Explained:

- **Net Transfers:** Net receipts from transfers between residents and non-residents, including personal remittances, where no direct economic consideration is exchanged. India's net transfers increased to **\$12.8 billion** in August **2026**.



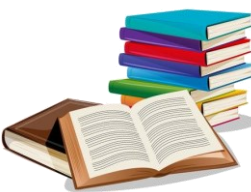
Important Terms Explained:

- **Remittances:** Money transferred by individuals working or residing abroad to recipients in their home country, contributing to foreign exchange inflows and the secondary income component of the current account.



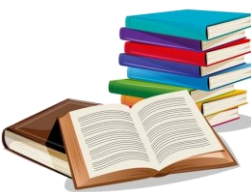
Important Terms Explained:

- **Net Income Account Balance:** The net difference between income received from abroad and income paid to non-residents, including investment income and compensation of employees. India's reported deficit widened to **\$8 billion** in August **2026**.



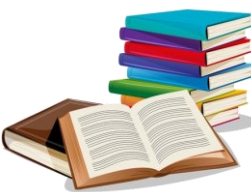
Important Terms Explained:

- **External Commercial Borrowings (ECB):** Commercial loans raised by eligible Indian borrowers from recognized non-resident lenders under the applicable regulatory framework. Net **ECB** flows recorded an outflow of **\$22.4 billion** in August **2026**.



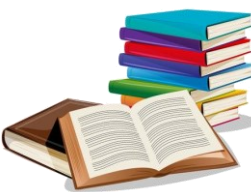
Important Terms Explained:

- **Capital Flows:** Cross-border movements of financial resources through investments, loans and other financial transactions that influence a country's external financing position and balance of payments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Exchange Reserves:** External assets held and managed by a country's central bank, including foreign currency assets, monetary gold, **Special Drawing Rights** and reserve positions with the **International Monetary Fund**.



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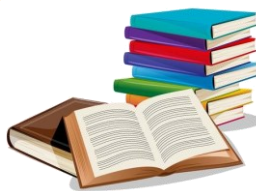
Parameter	Details
Event	India's current account deficit narrowed in August 2026.
Reporting Authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
Reporting Period	August 2026, with cumulative figures for April–August FY2026–27.
Current Account Deficit	\$5.2 billion in August 2026, compared with \$6.1 billion in August 2025.
Merchandise Trade Deficit	\$26.6 billion, compared with \$27.6 billion a year earlier.
Services and Transfers	Net services receipts reached \$16.5 billion, while net transfers increased to \$12.8 billion.
Overall Balance of Payments	Surplus of \$45.4 billion, compared with a deficit of \$5.6 billion in August 2025.
Cumulative CAD and ECB	April–August CAD increased to \$18.3 billion, while net ECB flows recorded an outflow of \$28.3 billion.



- **Under which Article of the Indian Constitution did President Droupadi Murmu accept L. Murugan's resignation from the Union Council of Ministers in October 2026?**

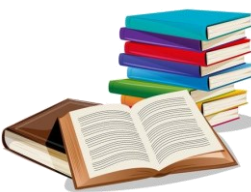
- A) Article 72(1)
- B) Article 74(1)
- C) Article 75(2)
- D) Article 76(1)
- E) Article 78(2)

Answer
C) Article 75(2).



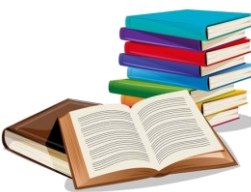
Event and Location:

- **Event:** President Droupadi Murmu accepted the resignation of L. Murugan from the **Union Council of Ministers** under Article **75(2)** of the **Indian Constitution**, acting on the advice of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.



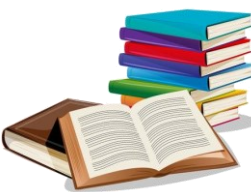
Event and Location:

- **Location:** New Delhi, India, with the political development concerning the **Bharatiya Janata Party's** organizational activities in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Date:** 16 October 2026, the date of the reported development.



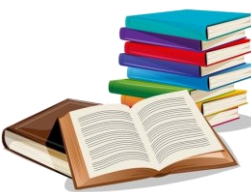
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** President Droupadi Murmu accepted L. Murugan's resignation from the **Union Council of Ministers** with immediate effect following the advice of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. Murugan was serving as the **Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs** and had been a **Rajya Sabha** member since September **2021**. The resignation was accepted in accordance with Article **75(2)**, which provides that Union ministers hold office during the pleasure of the President, exercised within India's parliamentary constitutional framework.



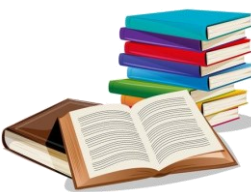
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To enable L. Murugan to shift his focus from Union ministerial responsibilities to strengthening the **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** in **Tamil Nadu**. His stated priorities include improving the party's organizational structure, expanding its support base and increasing political engagement in the state. The development also highlights the constitutional procedure governing the tenure and resignation of Union ministers.



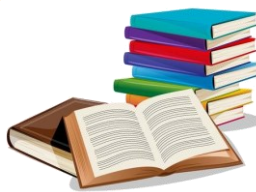
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **75(2)**: A constitutional provision stating that Union ministers hold office during the pleasure of the President. **In India's** parliamentary system, the President exercises this power in accordance with constitutional conventions and the advice of the **Prime Minister**.



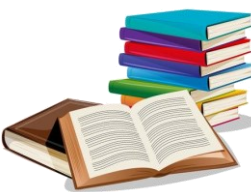
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **75**: A provision of the **Indian Constitution** governing the appointment, tenure, collective responsibility and other conditions relating to Union ministers.



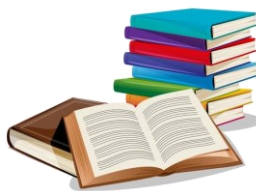
Important Terms Explained:

- **Union Council of Ministers:** The body of ministers headed by the **Prime Minister** that assists and advises the President in exercising executive functions and is collectively responsible to the **Lok Sabha**.



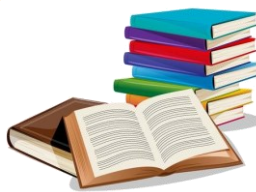
Important Terms Explained:

- **Minister of State (MoS):** A member of the **Union Council of Ministers** who assists a **Cabinet Minister** or may independently handle assigned responsibilities, depending on the allocation of portfolios.



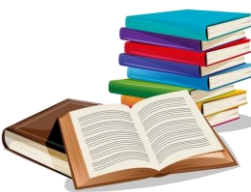
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **74(1)**: A constitutional provision requiring a **Council of Ministers** headed by the **Prime Minister** to aid and advise the President, who acts in accordance with such advice, subject to the constitutional provision for reconsideration.



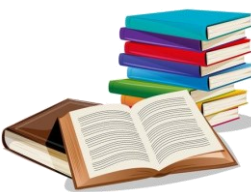
Important Terms Explained:

- **Doctrine of Pleasure:** A constitutional principle under which ministers hold office during the President's pleasure, exercised within the parliamentary framework rather than as an unrestricted personal discretion.



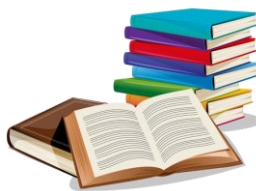
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rashtrapati Bhavan:** The official residence of the **President of India in New Delhi**, which also communicates important presidential appointments, resignations and other constitutional decisions.



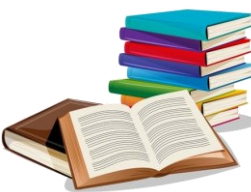
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajya Sabha: The Upper House of India's** Parliament, representing states and union territories through its prescribed membership structure. L. Murugan has been a **Rajya Sabha** member since September **2021**.



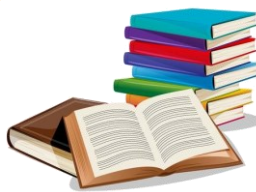
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP):** An Indian political party that L. Murugan intended to strengthen in **Tamil Nadu** through organizational development and increased political activities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ministerial Resignation:** The formal relinquishment of a ministerial position, processed according to constitutional requirements and established parliamentary practices.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

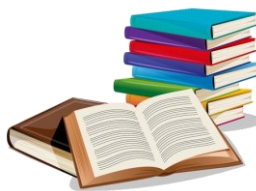
Parameter	Details
Event	President Droupadi Murmu accepted L. Murugan's resignation from the Union Council of Ministers.
Reported Date	16 October 2026.
Constitutional Authority	President Droupadi Murmu, acting on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's advice.
Constitutional Provision	Article 75(2), concerning the tenure of Union ministers during the President's pleasure.
Former Ministerial Portfolios	Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs.
Parliamentary Membership	Member of the Rajya Sabha since September 2021.
Reason for Resignation	To strengthen the BJP's organizational structure and political activities in Tamil Nadu.
Significance	Highlights the constitutional procedure for ministerial resignation and the transition from Union ministerial duties to state-level party responsibilities.



➤ Which woman farmer from Mizoram was recognized among FAO's 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development in October 2026?

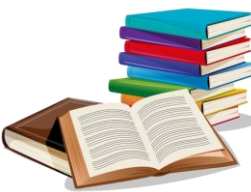
- A) Lalnunmawii
- B) Mari ZT Lalrithangi
- C) Vanlalruati
- D) Lalhmingmawii
- E) Zothanpuui

Answer
B) Mari ZT Lalrithangi.



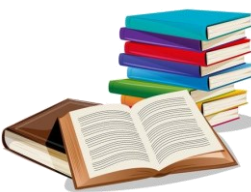
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mari ZT Lalrithangi, a woman farmer from Mizoram, was recognized among the **100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development** by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** for her successful strawberry farming venture under the **International Year of Women Farmers 2026** campaign.



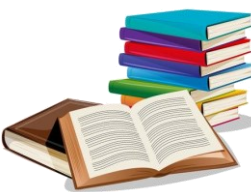
Event and Location:

- **Location:** Sangau village, Lawngtlai district, Mizoram, India, with the recognition presented at the **World Food Forum in Rome, Italy.**
- **Date:** 15 October 2026.



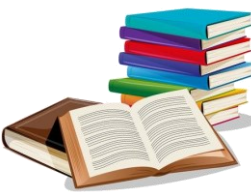
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **FAO** selected Mari ZT Lalrithangi among **100** women agricultural achievers from approximately **600** nominations across **131** countries, making her the first Mizo woman to receive this recognition. She established her strawberry farming venture in **2024** with approximately **1,000** saplings and expanded cultivation to more than **10,000** plants across two hectares by **2025**. Her annual income reportedly increased from approximately **₹1.5 lakh** in the first year to more than **₹10 lakh** in **2025**. The recognition was presented during the **World Food Forum in Rome** on **15 October 2026**.



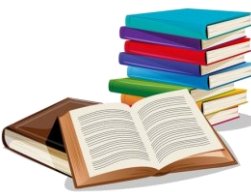
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognize women's contributions to agricultural production, rural development, entrepreneurship and agrifood value chains while promoting women's economic independence and sustainable farming practices. The initiative also highlights how agricultural knowledge, community support, horticultural assistance and commercial crop cultivation can strengthen rural livelihoods and encourage women-led agricultural enterprises.



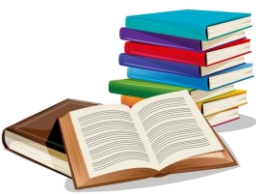
Important Terms Explained:

- **100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development:** An **FAO** recognition initiative highlighting **100** women who have made significant contributions to agriculture, food systems, rural livelihoods and community development. Mari ZT Lalrithangi was selected from approximately **600** nominations across **131** countries.



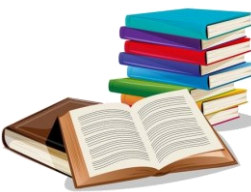
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Year of Women Farmers 2026:** A **United Nations**-designated international observance highlighting the contributions of women farmers to global food security, agricultural production and rural development while promoting their participation and empowerment in agrifood systems.



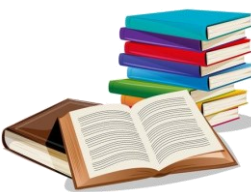
Important Terms Explained:

- **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):** A specialized agency of the **United Nations** established on **16 October 1945**, headquartered in Rome, Italy, responsible for leading international efforts to eliminate hunger, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.



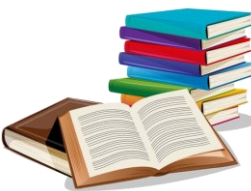
Important Terms Explained:

- **World Food Forum (WFF):** A global platform facilitated by **FAO** to encourage collaboration, innovation and investment in transforming agrifood systems and addressing food security challenges.



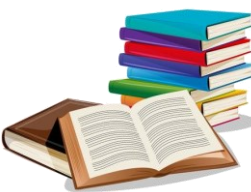
Important Terms Explained:

- **Strawberry Cultivation:** The agricultural production of strawberries, a high-value horticultural fruit crop requiring suitable growing conditions, irrigation, plant management and marketing practices.



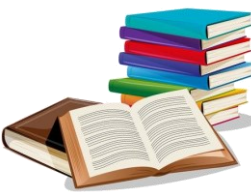
Important Terms Explained:

- **Horticulture:** The branch of agriculture concerned with cultivating fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, plantation crops and other specialized crops for commercial and nutritional purposes.



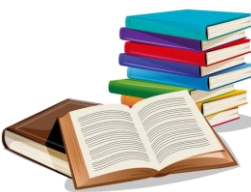
Important Terms Explained:

- **Agrifood Systems:** The interconnected activities involved in producing, processing, transporting, distributing, marketing and consuming food, including the people, resources and institutions supporting these processes.



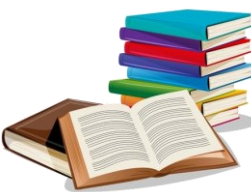
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rural Entrepreneurship:** The establishment and management of income-generating businesses in rural areas, including agricultural enterprises, food processing and related services.



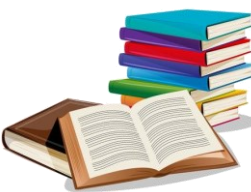
Important Terms Explained:

- **Agricultural Value Chain:** The sequence of activities through which agricultural products move from cultivation and harvesting to processing, transportation, marketing and final consumption.



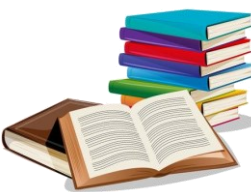
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mizoram Horticulture Department:** A state government department responsible for promoting horticultural development, providing technical assistance and supporting farmers engaged in fruit, vegetable and other horticultural crop production.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU):** An **Indian** central open university established in **1985** that provides higher education through open and distance learning. Mari ZT Lalrithangi completed her postgraduate studies in Sociology from **IGNOU**.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Mari ZT Lalrithangi received FAO recognition among 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development.
Recognition Date	15 October 2026.
Farmer and Location	Mari ZT Lalrithangi, Sangau village, Lawngtlai district, Mizoram.
Recognizing Organization	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), headquartered in Rome, Italy.
Recognition Platform	World Food Forum under the International Year of Women Farmers 2026 campaign.
Selection Details	Selected among 100 women from approximately 600 nominations across 131 countries; first Mizo woman to receive the recognition.
Farming Expansion	Started with 1,000 strawberry saplings in 2024 and expanded to over 10,000 plants across two hectares by 2025.
Income Growth	Increased from approximately ₹1.5 lakh in the first year to more than ₹10 lakh in 2025.

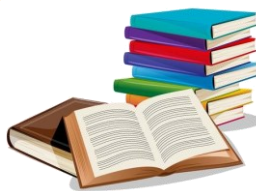


➤ **Which technology was reportedly used in Tesla Roadster's aerial demonstration in October 2026?**

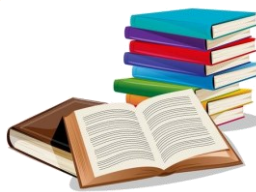
- A) Hydrogen-powered jet engines
- B) Solar-powered propulsion system
- C) Compressed-air thrusters and fan-based suction system
- D) Magnetic levitation technology
- E) Nuclear-powered propulsion system

Answer

C) Compressed-air thrusters and fan-based suction system.

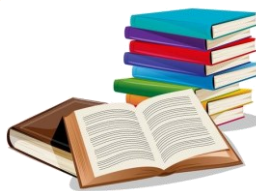


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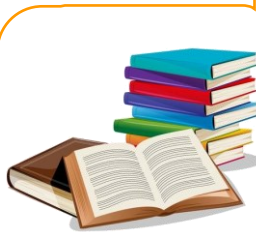
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Elon Musk, CEO** of Tesla, reportedly showcased a prototype of the next-generation **Tesla Roadster** performing aerial maneuvers using rocket-inspired compressed-air thrusters and a fan-based suction system, with commercial production planned for **2028**.
- **Location:** Waco, Texas, **United States**.
- **Date:** **15 October 2026**.



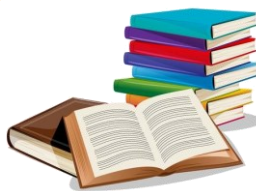
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tesla reportedly demonstrated an experimental electric Roadster prototype incorporating rocket-inspired technology developed in association with SpaceX. The demonstration involved an inverted ramp, a brief airborne maneuver and a proposed propulsion system consisting of two compressed-air tanks with a combined capacity of **600** liters and ten thrust nozzles. A fan-based suction mechanism was also described as providing additional downward force to maintain ground contact during certain maneuvers. **Elon Musk** indicated a planned production timeline of **2028**, although the vehicle's final specifications and commercial capabilities remain unconfirmed.



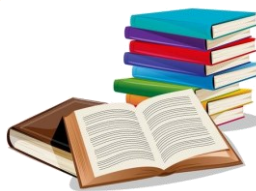
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To explore the integration of electric vehicle engineering and aerospace-inspired propulsion technology, demonstrate potential improvements in vehicle maneuverability and investigate advanced performance capabilities beyond conventional electric sports cars. The project also seeks to evaluate the technical feasibility of compressed-air propulsion and aerodynamic control systems, subject to safety assessments, regulatory approvals and commercial viability.



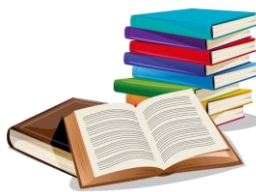
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tesla Roadster:** A high-performance electric sports car being developed by Tesla, with the proposed next-generation version reportedly incorporating experimental propulsion technology for enhanced acceleration and unconventional aerial maneuvers.



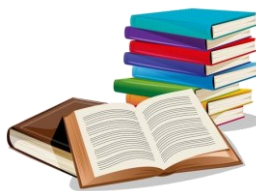
Important Terms Explained:

- Compressed-**Air Thrusters**: Propulsion devices that release pressurized air through nozzles to generate thrust according to Newton's **Third Law of Motion**. The reported Roadster system uses ten nozzles supplied by two compressed-air tanks with a combined capacity of **600** liters.



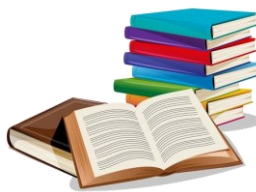
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fan-Based Suction System:** A mechanism that uses powered fans to create a pressure difference beneath a vehicle, generating downward force to improve ground contact and traction during certain driving maneuvers.



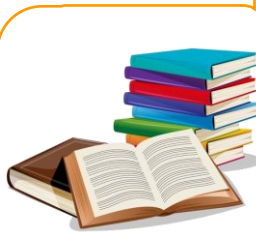
Important Terms Explained:

- **SpaceX: Space Exploration Technologies Corp.**, an American aerospace company founded by **Elon Musk** in **2002**, specializing in rockets, spacecraft and space transportation technologies.



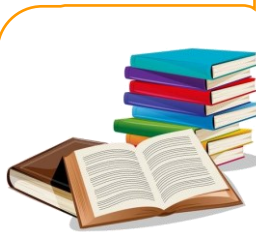
Important Terms Explained:

- **Electric Vehicle (EV):** A vehicle powered by one or more electric motors using electricity stored in rechargeable batteries or other electrical energy sources.



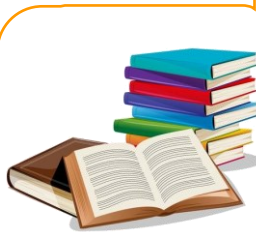
Important Terms Explained:

- **Prototype Vehicle:** An experimental model developed to test new technologies, engineering designs, operational capabilities and performance characteristics before commercial production.



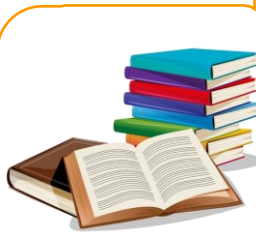
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aerial Maneuver:** A controlled movement performed while a vehicle or object is airborne, such as a roll, rotation or change in orientation.



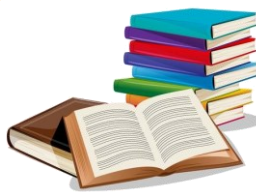
Important Terms Explained:

- **Thrust:** A force generated by expelling mass in a particular direction, causing a vehicle or propulsion system to move in the opposite direction according to Newton's **Third Law of Motion**.



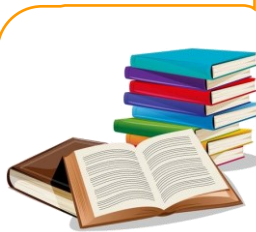
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aerodynamic Downforce:** A downward force generated by airflow or pressure differences that increases a vehicle's grip and stability, particularly during high-speed driving.



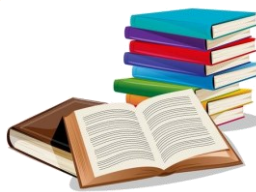
Important Terms Explained:

- **Commercial Viability:** The ability of a technology or product to be manufactured, marketed and operated economically while meeting technical, safety, regulatory and consumer requirements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Regulatory Approval:** Authorization from relevant government authorities confirming that a vehicle or technology meets applicable safety, transportation and operational standards.



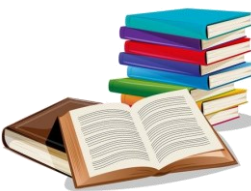
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Reported demonstration of Tesla Roadster performing experimental aerial maneuvers.
Demonstration Date	15 October 2026.
Location	Waco, Texas, United States.
Key Person and Companies	Elon Musk, Tesla and SpaceX.
Propulsion Technology	Rocket-inspired compressed-air thrusters with ten nozzles and a fan-based suction system.
Technical Specifications	Two compressed-air tanks with a reported combined capacity of 600 liters and weight of 250 kilograms.
Planned Production	2028, with final specifications and commercial availability unconfirmed.
Significance	Exploration of aerospace-inspired technology in electric vehicles, subject to technical feasibility, safety and regulatory requirements.

➤ Which High Court's ruling did the Supreme Court uphold regarding backward class reservation eligibility after religious conversion to Islam in October 2026?

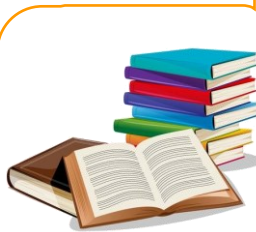
- A) Delhi High Court
- B) Bombay High Court
- C) Kerala High Court
- D) Madras High Court
- E) Karnataka High Court

Answer
D) Madras High Court.



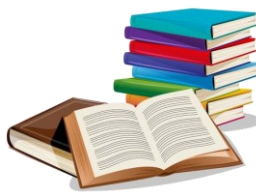
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Supreme Court of India** upheld the **Madras High Court's** judgment that conversion from **Hinduism to Islam** does not automatically entitle individuals to backward class reservation based on their caste or community status before conversion.



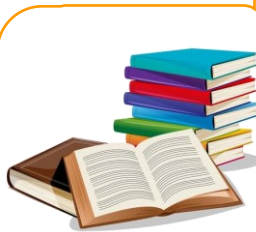
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, with the case concerning the **Tamil Nadu** government's reservation policy for backward class Muslim communities.
- **Date:** 15 October 2026.



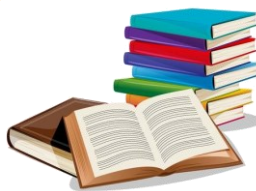
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A **Supreme Court** bench comprising **Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Shree Chandrashekar** disposed of the **Tamil Nadu** government's plea challenging the **Madras High Court's 2024** judgment. **The High Court** had quashed a state government order allowing converts from **Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Scheduled Castes** to obtain **Backward Class** (Muslim) community certificates based on their previous caste status. The ruling clarified that conversion does not automatically establish membership in a notified backward class community and that eligibility following reconversion requires independent legal examination.



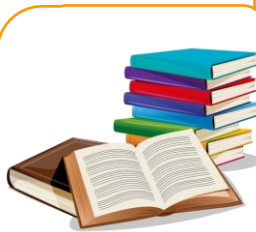
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To ensure that reservation eligibility is determined according to constitutional requirements, legally notified backward class categories and relevant social backwardness criteria rather than previous caste identity alone. The decision also emphasizes that state government orders granting community certificates and reservation benefits must comply with applicable constitutional and legal provisions.



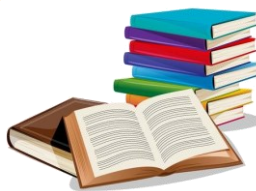
Important Terms Explained:

- **Backward Class (Muslims):** A reservation category in **Tamil Nadu** covering specified notified Muslim communities. Eligibility requires recognition under the applicable backward class classification and cannot be established solely through conversion from another religion.



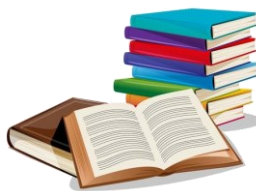
Important Terms Explained:

- **Backward Classes (BC):** Socially and educationally disadvantaged communities identified under applicable government classifications for reservation and other affirmative action measures.



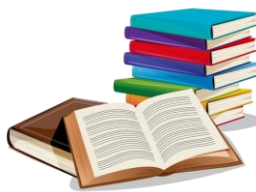
Important Terms Explained:

- **Most Backward Classes (MBC):** A category recognized under **Tamil Nadu's** reservation framework for communities identified as comparatively more disadvantaged within the broader backward class population.



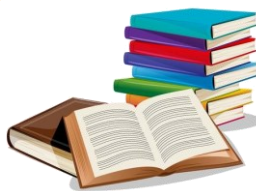
Important Terms Explained:

- **Denotified Communities (DNC):** Communities historically classified under colonial criminal tribe laws and subsequently denotified, with certain groups receiving reservation benefits under applicable state classifications.



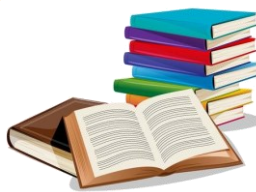
Important Terms Explained:

- **Scheduled Castes (SC):** Communities specified under Article **341** of the **Indian Constitution** through the prescribed constitutional process, subject to applicable legal conditions.



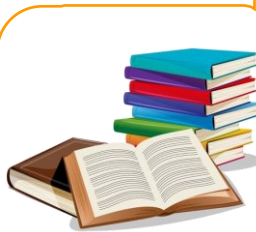
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **14**: Guarantees equality before the law and equal protection of the laws within the territory of India.



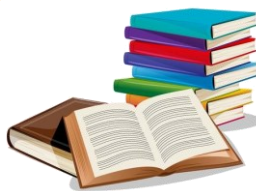
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- Article **15(4)**: Empowers the state to make special provisions for the advancement of socially and educationally backward classes and **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**.



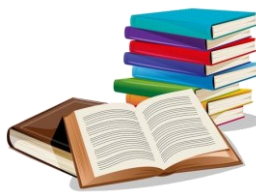
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **16(4)**: Enables the state to provide reservation in public employment for backward classes of citizens that, in the state's opinion, are not adequately represented in public services.



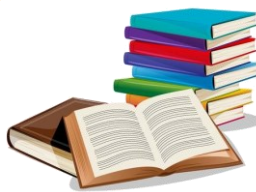
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **342**: Establishes the constitutional procedure for specifying communities recognized as **Scheduled Tribes**.



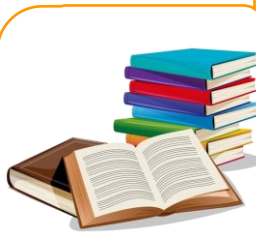
Important Terms Explained:

- **Religious Conversion:** The adoption of a religion different from one's previous religion. Under the reported ruling, conversion does not automatically transfer an individual's earlier caste classification into a notified backward class category.



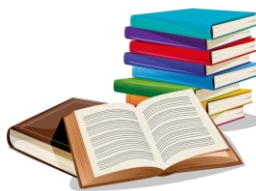
Important Terms Explained:

- **Religious Reconversion:** The return to a previously followed religion. Reservation eligibility following reconversion requires examination of caste identity, its possible revival and compliance with relevant legal requirements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Community Certificate:** An official document certifying a person's membership in a recognized community or reservation category, subject to verification under applicable government rules.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Supreme Court ruling on backward class reservation eligibility following religious conversion.
Date	15 October 2026.
Location	India, concerning Tamil Nadu's reservation framework.
Judicial Bench	Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Shree Chandrashekhar.
Judgment Upheld	Madras High Court's 2024 decision quashing the Tamil Nadu government order on community certificates for converts.
Key Ruling	Conversion to Islam does not automatically confer Backward Class (Muslim) reservation eligibility based on previous caste status.
Constitutional Provisions	Articles 14, 15(4), 16(4), 341 and 342 of the Indian Constitution.
Significance	Reservation eligibility must satisfy applicable legal criteria, while reconversion claims require independent assessment.

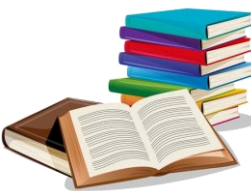
➤ Which two wetlands were added to India's Ramsar Sites list in October 2026, increasing the total number to 103?

- A) Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel
- B) Chilika Lake and Wular Lake
- C) Loktak Lake and Sambhar Lake
- D) Bhoj Wetland and Deepor Beel
- E) Harike Wetland and Kolleru Lake



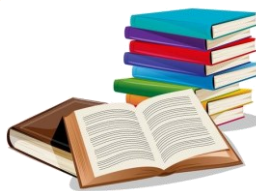
Answer

A) Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel.



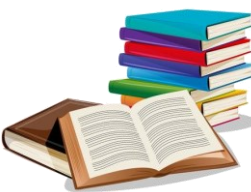
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India added **Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel** to its list of **Ramsar Sites**, increasing the total number of internationally recognized wetlands in the country to **103**, as announced by **Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav**.
- **Location:** **Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in Uttar Pradesh, India.**
- **Date:** **15 October 2026.**



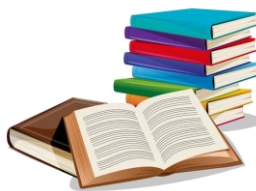
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change **Bhupender Yadav** announced the inclusion of two additional wetlands in India's **Ramsar Sites** list under the **Ramsar Convention**. **Sukhna Wetland**, a rain-fed urban reservoir near the **Shivalik Hills**, provides habitat for resident and migratory birds, while **Sauj Jheel**, a freshwater wetland in the Ganga floodplains of **Uttar Pradesh**, supports more than **30,000** waterbirds. Their inclusion increased India's **Ramsar Sites** tally to **103** across **28** states and union territories.



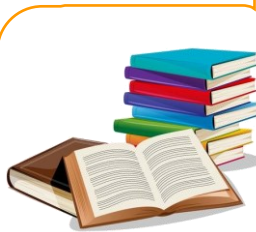
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen wetland conservation, protect endangered and migratory bird species, maintain biodiversity, improve ecological connectivity and promote sustainable wetland management. The designation also supports groundwater recharge, flood regulation, habitat protection and local livelihoods while encouraging measures to control sedimentation, invasive vegetation, unsustainable fishing and cattle intrusion.



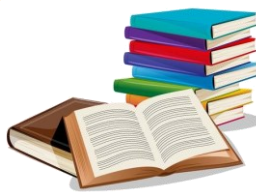
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ramsar Sites:** Wetlands recognized as internationally important under the **Ramsar Convention** because of their ecological significance, biodiversity and role in supporting waterbirds and other wildlife.



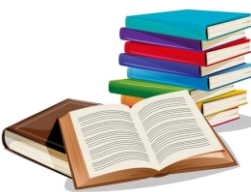
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ramsar Convention:** An international treaty adopted in **1971** in Ramsar, Iran, for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.



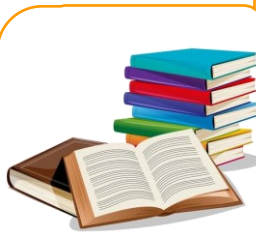
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sukhna Wetland:** A rain-fed urban wetland in Chandigarh near the **Shivalik Hills**, associated with **Sukhna Lake**, which was constructed in **1958** and supports resident and migratory birds, including the common pochard, Pallas's fish eagle and black pond turtle.



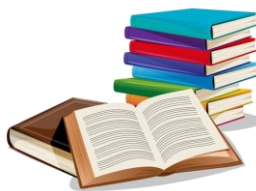
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sauj Jheel:** A freshwater wetland in the **Ganga River** floodplain of **Uttar Pradesh**, located near **Saman Bird Sanctuary**, supporting more than **30,000** waterbirds and species such as the sarus crane and greater spotted eagle.



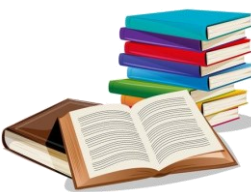
Important Terms Explained:

- **Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA):** A site identified as internationally significant for the conservation of bird populations and biodiversity through criteria developed by BirdLife International and its partners. **Sauj Jheel** is recognized as an **IBA**.



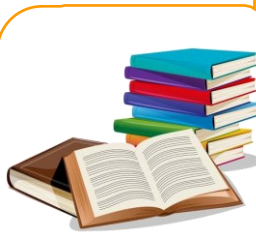
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Asian Flyway:** A major migratory bird route connecting breeding areas in Eurasia with non-breeding regions across Asia, including India. **Sukhna Wetland** provides feeding, resting and wintering habitats for migratory birds along this route.



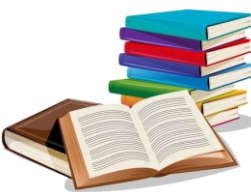
Important Terms Explained:

- **Wetland Ecosystem:** An ecosystem where water permanently or seasonally influences soil conditions, vegetation and wildlife, providing services such as water purification, flood moderation, groundwater recharge and biodiversity conservation.



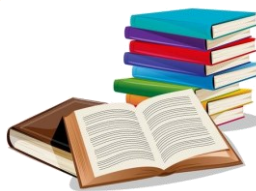
Important Terms Explained:

- **Shivalik Hills:** The outermost range of the Himalayas, extending across parts of northern India. **Sukhna Lake** lies near these foothills and collects runoff from its surrounding catchment.



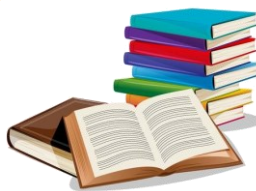
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ganga Floodplain Wetlands:** Water bodies associated with the **Ganga River's** floodplain that provide habitats for aquatic biodiversity, support waterbirds and contribute to water regulation and ecological connectivity.



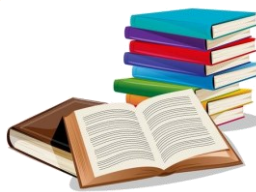
Important Terms Explained:

- **Migratory Waterbirds:** Birds that travel seasonally between breeding and non-breeding habitats and depend on wetlands for feeding, nesting, resting and wintering.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Wetland Conservation:** The protection, restoration and sustainable management of wetland habitats to preserve biodiversity, maintain ecological functions and support local communities.



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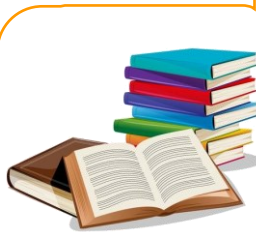
Parameter	Details
Event	Addition of Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel to India's Ramsar Sites list.
Announcement Date	15 October 2026.
Announcing Authority	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.
Total Ramsar Sites	103 sites across 28 states and union territories, as reported.
Sukhna Wetland Location	Chandigarh, near the Shivalik Hills; associated with a rain-fed lake constructed in 1958.
Sauj Jheel Location	Uttar Pradesh, in the Ganga floodplain near Saman Bird Sanctuary.
Ecological Importance	Sukhna supports migratory birds, while Sauj Jheel supports over 30,000 waterbirds and is recognized as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area.
International Framework	Ramsar Convention, adopted in 1971 in Ramsar, Iran, for wetland conservation and wise use.



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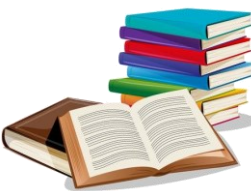
- **World Food Day 2026 was observed globally on 16 October under the theme “Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow,” highlighting FAO-led efforts to promote agricultural innovation and sustainable food security.**
- **Indian women's cricketer Punam Raut announced her retirement from all international formats on 15 October 2026, concluding a career of 112 matches and expressing her intention to contribute to cricket in the future.**
- **India's banking system deposits reached a record ₹284 trillion, approximately \$2.99 trillion, in September 2026, supported by the RBI's discounted foreign exchange swap facility and quarter-end funding inflows.**
- **India's Income Tax Department reported a 13.21% rise in net direct tax collections to ₹13.38 lakh crore as of 14 October 2026, reflecting strong corporate tax revenue and securities transaction tax growth.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India reported that India's current account deficit narrowed to \$5.2 billion in August 2026, supported by a lower merchandise trade deficit, higher services receipts and increased transfers.**



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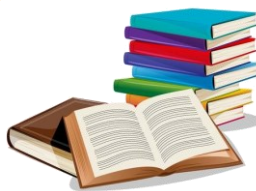
- **President Droupadi Murmu accepted L. Murugan's resignation from the Union Council of Ministers in October 2026 on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's advice under Article 75(2), enabling him to focus on BJP organizational activities in Tamil Nadu.**
- **Mizoram farmer Mari ZT Lalrithangi was recognized by FAO among its 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development at the World Food Forum in Rome on 15 October 2026 for her successful strawberry farming enterprise.**
- **Tesla CEO Elon Musk reportedly demonstrated a rocket-inspired Roadster prototype in Waco, Texas, on 15 October 2026, showcasing experimental aerial maneuvers using compressed-air propulsion and fan-based suction technology.**
- **The Supreme Court of India upheld the Madras High Court's ruling on 15 October 2026, clarifying that religious conversion to Islam does not automatically preserve backward class reservation eligibility based on previous caste identity.**



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- **India's Ramsar Sites tally increased to 103 on 15 October 2026 after Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced the inclusion of Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in Uttar Pradesh, strengthening wetland conservation.**



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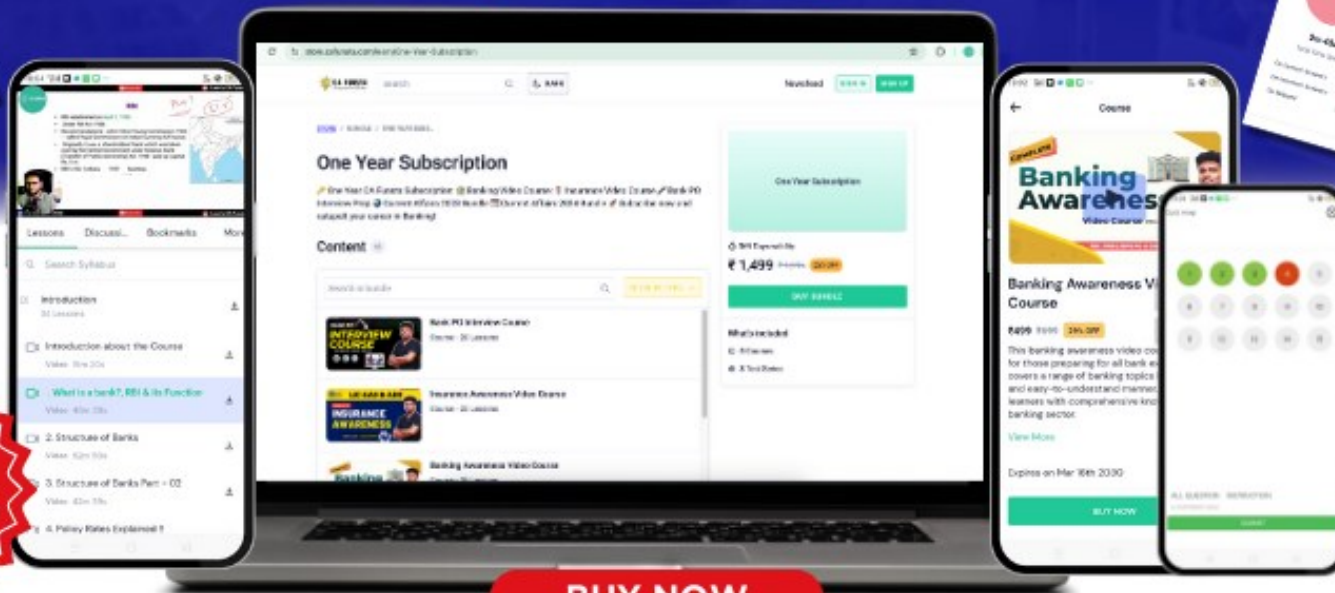
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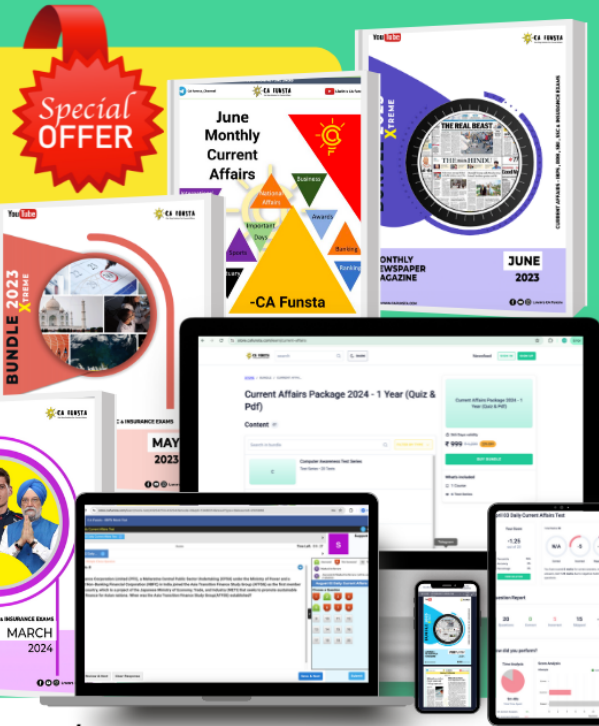
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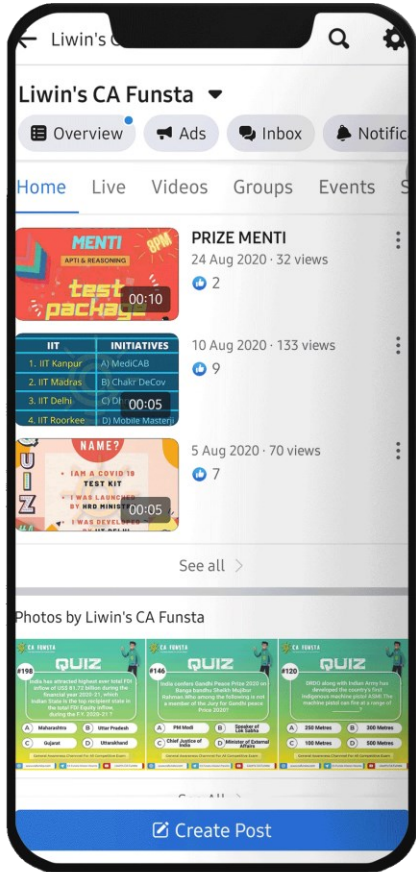
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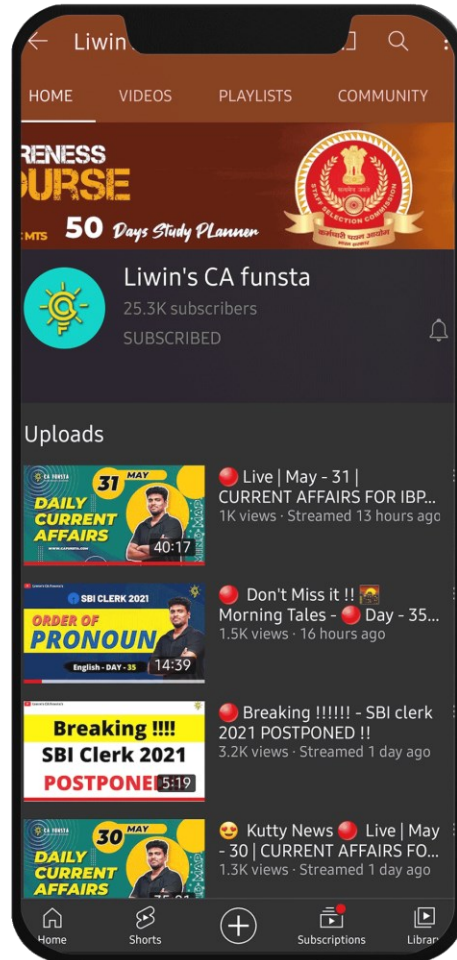


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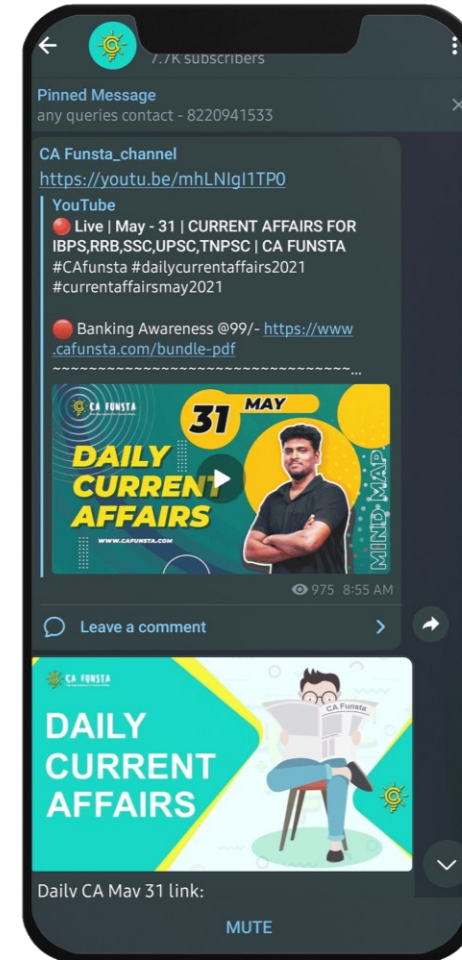
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