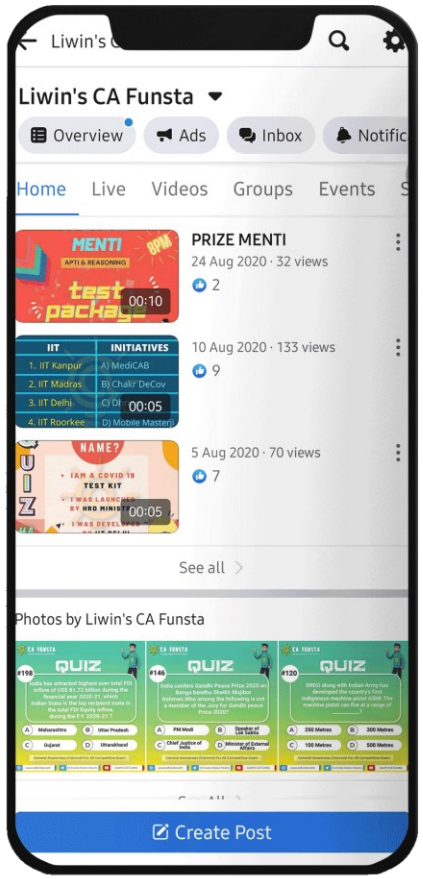
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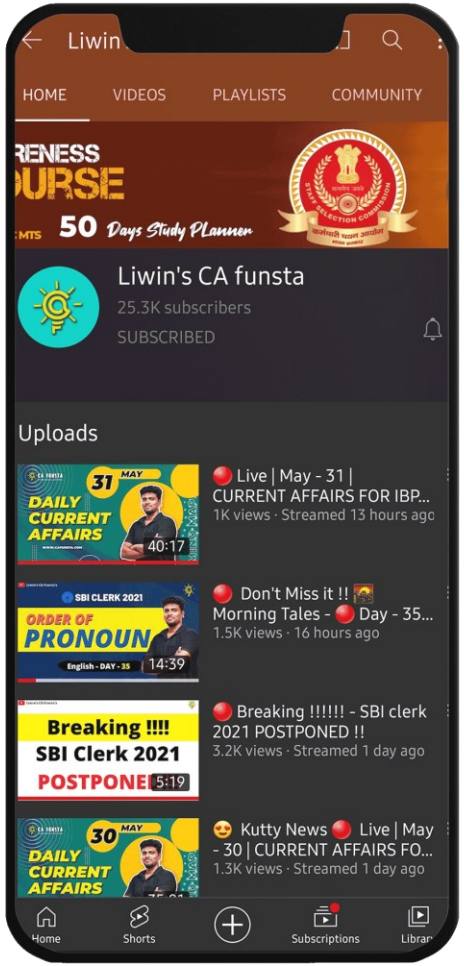
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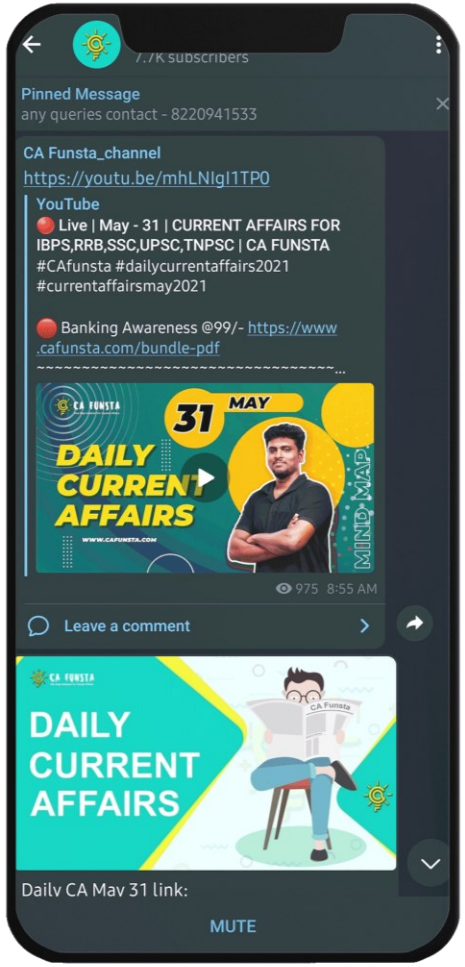
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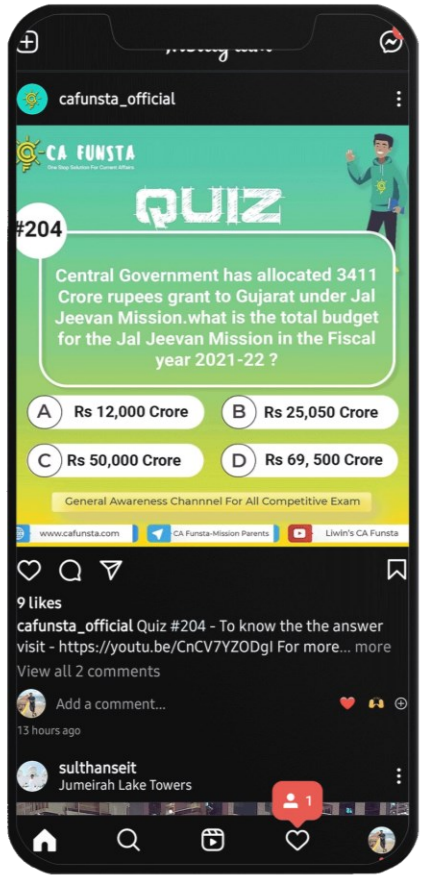



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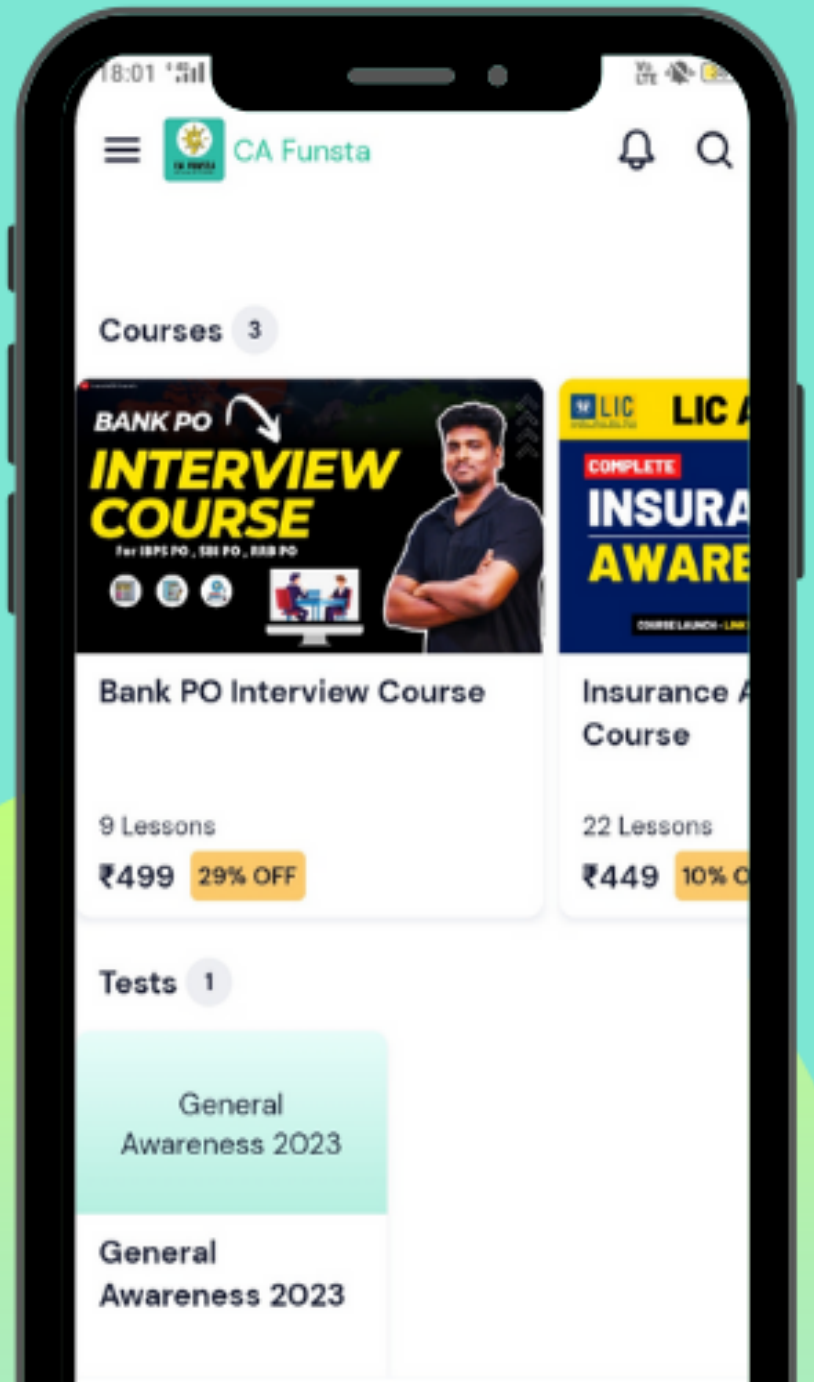
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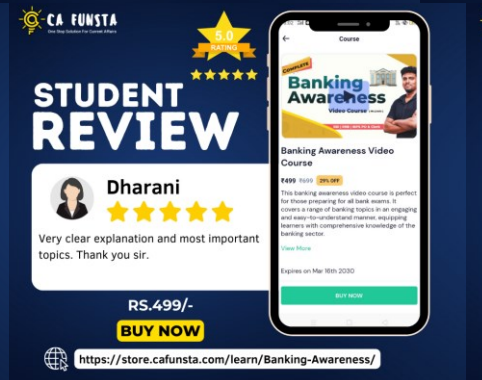

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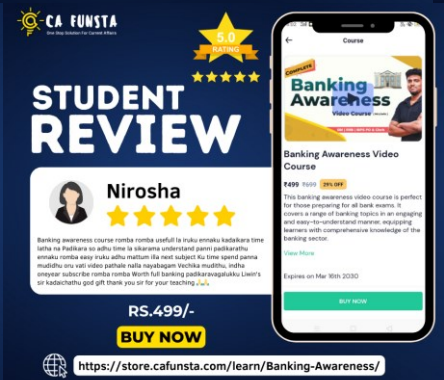

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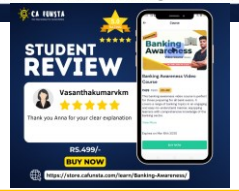

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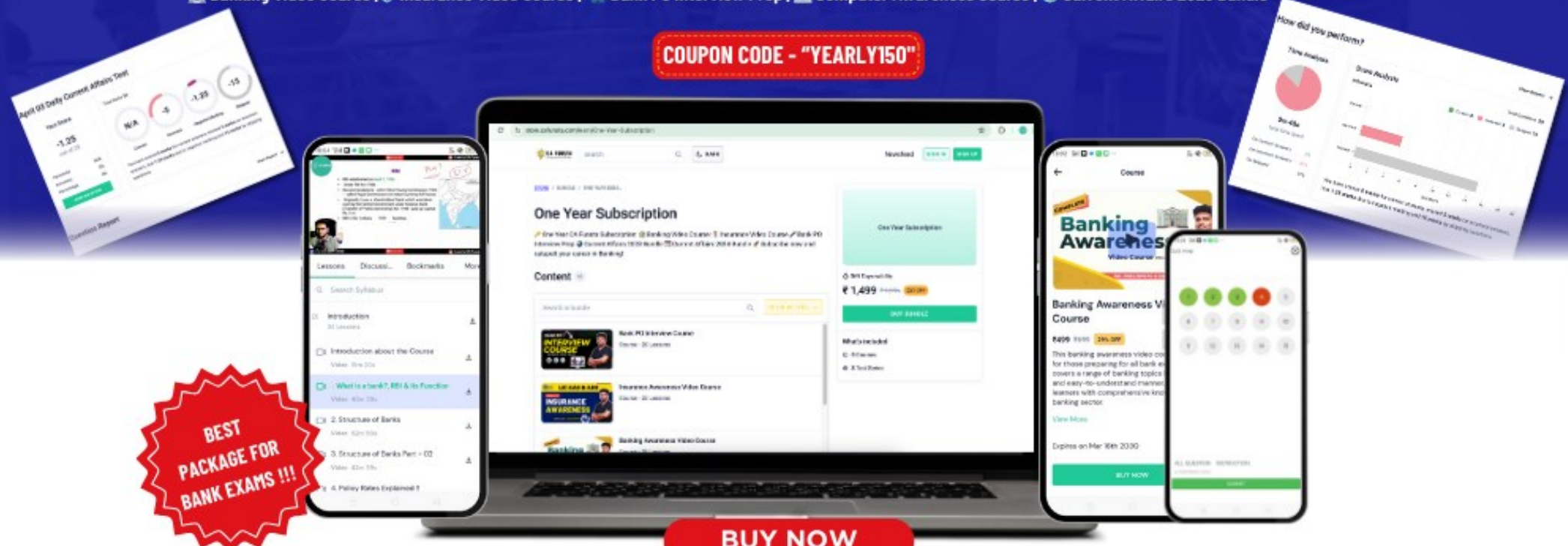
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➤ **Which Indian cricketer became the first to score 11 centuries in T20 cricket, surpassing Virat Kohli's record of 10 centuries in October 2026?**

A) Rohit Sharma
B) KL Rahul
C) Sanju Samson
D) Abhishek Sharma
E) Suryakumar Yadav

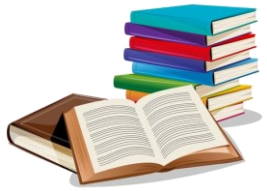



**Answer**
**D) Abhishek Sharma.**

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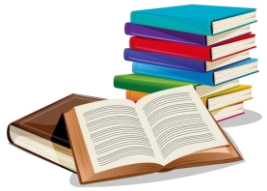
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian cricketer **Abhishek Sharma** became the leading Indian century-maker in T**20** cricket after scoring his **11**th T**20** century**,** surpassing **Virat Kohli**'s previous tally of **10** centuries.
- **Location:** Wellington**, New Zealand,** during India's third T**20** International against **New Zealand**.



## Event and Location:

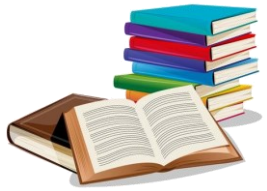
- **Date:** October **27, 2026**.



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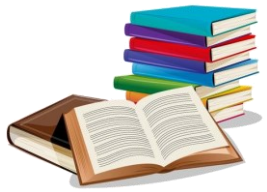
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Abhishek Sharma** scored **113** runs from **38** balls against **New Zealand,** including nine fours and **11** sixes, at a strike rate of **297.36**. The innings marked his fourth T**20** International century and **11**th overall T**20** century, surpassing **Virat Kohli,** who had scored **10** centuries across the format. Abhishek's centuries comprise four for India, two for **Sunrisers Hyderabad** in the **Indian Premier League** and five for Punjab in the **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy**. He also shared an opening partnership of **133** runs in **7.1** overs with **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi,** helping India reach **100** runs in five overs.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To establish a new Indian record for the most centuries in T**20** cricket**,** contribute to India's successful run chase against **New Zealand,** demonstrate aggressive batting during the powerplay and strengthen India's position in international T**20** cricket through rapid scoring and effective opening partnerships.

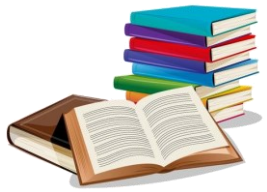


## Ranking Table:

| Rank | Player / T20 Centuries / Remarks |
|---|---|
| 1 | Player: Abhishek Sharma. \| T20 Centuries / Remarks: 11 centuries in 220 matches, with 6,606 runs. |
| 2 | Player: Virat Kohli. \| T20 Centuries / Remarks: 10 centuries in 430 matches, with 14,218 runs. |
| 3 | Player: KL Rahul. \| T20 Centuries / Remarks: 8 centuries in 253 matches, with 8,718 runs. |
| 3 | Player: Sanju Samson. \| T20 Centuries / Remarks: 8 centuries in 362 matches, with 9,312 runs. |
| 3 | Player: Rohit Sharma. \| T20 Centuries / Remarks: 8 centuries in 472 matches, with 12,531 runs. |
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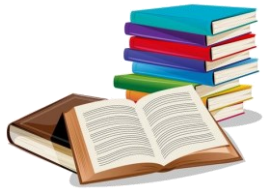
## Global T20 Centuries Ranking:

| Rank | Player / Country / Centuries / Remarks |
|---|---|
| 1 | Player / Country: Chris Gayle – West Indies. \| Centuries / Remarks: 22 centuries, the reported world record. |
| 2 | Player / Country: Babar Azam – Pakistan. \| Centuries / Remarks: 13 centuries. |
| 3 | Player / Country: Abhishek Sharma – India. \| Centuries / Remarks: 11 centuries. |
| 4 | Player / Country: Quinton de Kock – South Africa. \| Centuries / Remarks: 10 centuries. |
| 4 | Player / Country: Virat Kohli – India. \| Centuries / Remarks: 10 centuries. |
| 4 | Player / Country: David Warner – Australia. \| Centuries / Remarks: 10 centuries. |
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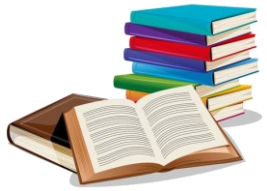
## Important Terms Explained:

- Twenty**20** Cricket (T**20**): A limited-overs cricket format in which each team generally bats for a maximum of **20** overs**,** including domestic leagues and international matches.



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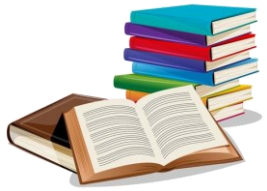
- T**20** International (T**20**I): An international cricket match played between national teams in the Twenty**20** format, with each side normally receiving **20** overs.



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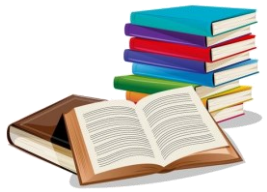
- T**20** Century: A batting achievement in which an individual player scores **100** or more runs in a single T**20** innings.



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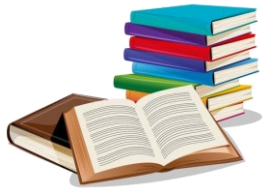
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Batting Strike Rate:** The average number of runs scored by a batter per **100** balls faced, calculated by dividing total runs scored by balls faced and multiplying by **100**.



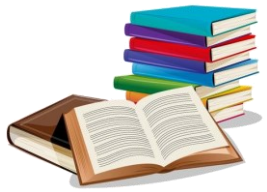
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Premier League (IPL):** India's professional franchise-based Twenty**20** cricket league organised by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India**.



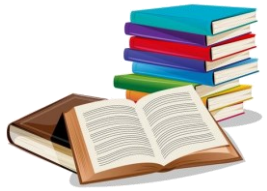
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy:** India's domestic T**20** cricket tournament featuring state and regional teams**,** organised by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India**.



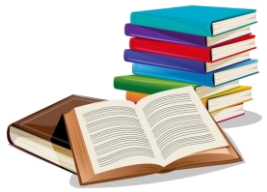
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH): An Indian Premier League** franchise representing Hyderabad, for which **Abhishek Sharma** has scored T**20** centuries.



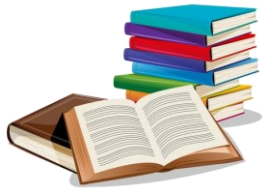
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Opening Partnership:** The total runs added by the first two batters before the fall of the first wicket, including applicable extras.



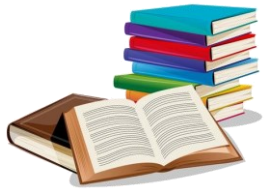
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Powerplay:** The first six overs of a T**20** innings**,** during which fielding restrictions allow a maximum of two fielders outside the **30**-yard circle.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Fastest Team Hundred:** A team batting record measuring the fewest legal deliveries required to reach **100** runs in an innings.



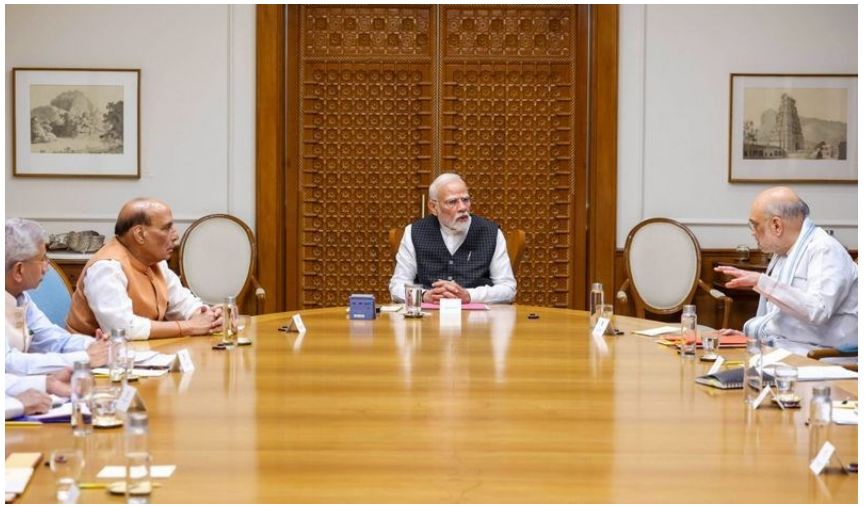
## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Abhishek Sharma became India's leading T20 century-maker with 11 hundreds. |
| Date and Venue | October 27, 2026, Wellington, New Zealand. |
| Record-Breaking Innings | 113 runs from 38 balls against New Zealand, with nine fours, 11 sixes and a strike rate of 297.36. |
| Indian T20 Centuries Record | Abhishek Sharma – 11 centuries; Virat Kohli – 10 centuries. |
| Abhishek's Century Distribution | Four T20I centuries for India, two IPL centuries for Sunrisers Hyderabad and five domestic centuries for Punjab. |
| Other Leading Indian Players | KL Rahul, Sanju Samson and Rohit Sharma have eight T20 centuries each, according to the reported figures. |
| Global Record | Chris Gayle leads with 22 T20 centuries, followed by Babar Azam with 13 and Abhishek Sharma with 11. |
| Match Milestones | India reached 50 runs in 2.2 overs and 100 runs in five overs, while Abhishek Sharma and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi added 133 runs in 7.1 overs. |
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➤ **What is the revised Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) rate approved by the Union Cabinet for Central Government employees and pensioners, effective July 1, 2026?**

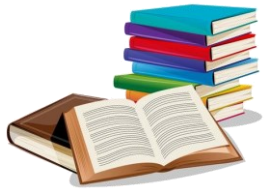
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B) 60%
C) 61%
D) 63%
E) 65%



**Answer**
**D) 63%.**

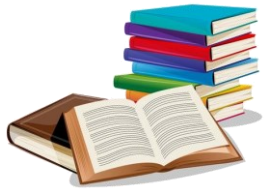
## Event and Location:

- **Event: The Union Cabinet,** chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi,** approved a **3 percent**age-point increase in **Dearness Allowance** (DA) and **Dearness Relief** (DR)**,** raising the rates from **60%** to **63%** for **Central Government** employees and pensioners.
- **Location:** India**,** covering eligible **Central Government** employees and pensioners.



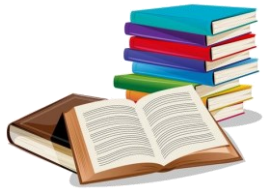
## Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **28, 2026** (reported announcement), with retrospective effect from July **1, 2026**.



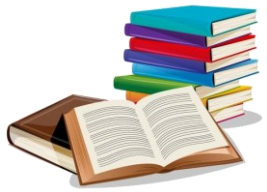
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Union Cabinet** approved a **3%** DA and DR hike under the framework of the **7**th **Central Pay Commission** (**7**th **CPC**), increasing the applicable rates from **60%** to **63%** of **Basic Pay and Basic Pension,** respectively. The revision will benefit approximately **48.54 lakh Central Government** employees and **68.71 lakh** pensioners, covering nearly **1.17 crore** beneficiaries. The revised rates will apply retrospectively from July **1, 2026,** with an estimated additional annual expenditure of **₹10,016.10 crore**.



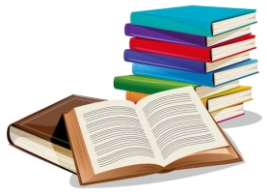
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To compensate **Central Government** employees and pensioners for rising living costs caused by inflation, protect their purchasing power, provide financial relief through periodic adjustments to salaries and pensions, and maintain the real value of government compensation under the recommended pay revision framework.



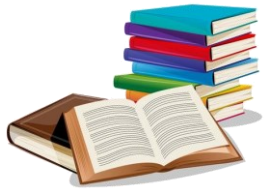
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dearness Allowance (DA):** A cost-of-living allowance paid to eligible government employees as a percentage of their **Basic Pay** to partially offset the impact of inflation.



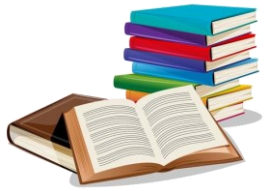
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dearness Relief (DR):** An inflation-related financial benefit provided to eligible government pensioners, calculated as a percentage of their **Basic Pension**.



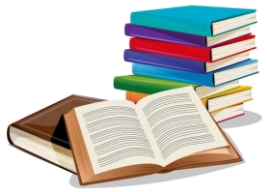
## Important Terms Explained:

- **7**th **Central Pay Commission** (**7**th **CPC**): A commission constituted by the **Government of India** to review and recommend revisions to pay structures, allowances, pensions and service-related benefits for **Central Government** employees and pensioners.



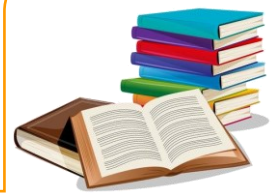
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Basic Pay:** The fixed component of an employee's salary determined by the applicable pay structure, excluding allowances and other additional benefits.



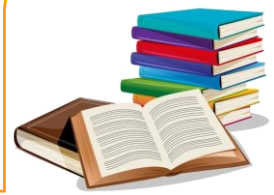
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Basic Pension:** The fundamental pension amount payable to an eligible retired government employee before adding **Dearness Relief** and other applicable benefits.



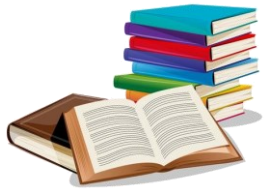
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Inflation:** A sustained increase in the general price level of goods and services over time, resulting in a reduction in the purchasing power of money.



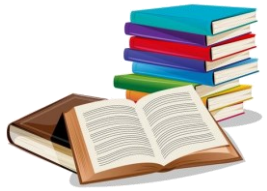
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Purchasing Power:** The quantity of goods and services that can be bought with a given amount of money, which generally declines when prices rise.



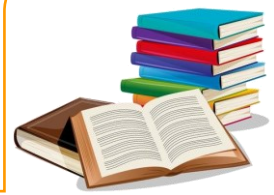
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Inflation Indexation:** A mechanism for adjusting payments or financial benefits according to changes in price levels to help maintain their real value.



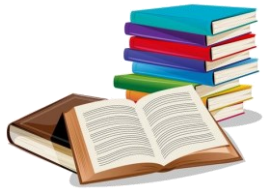
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Retrospective Effect:** The application of a government decision from a specified earlier date, making eligible beneficiaries entitled to revised payments from that date.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers** (**CPI-IW**): An inflation indicator measuring changes in the prices of goods and services consumed by industrial workers, used in determining DA revisions under the applicable formula.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Union Cabinet approved a 3 percentage-point increase in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief. |
| Announcement and Effective Dates | Reported on October 28, 2026, with retrospective effect from July 1, 2026. |
| Approving Authority | Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. |
| Previous and Revised Rates | DA and DR increased from 60% to 63% of Basic Pay and Basic Pension, respectively. |
| Employee Beneficiaries | Approximately 48.54 lakh Central Government employees. |
| Pensioner Beneficiaries | Approximately 68.71 lakh pensioners, bringing total beneficiaries to about 1.17 crore. |
| Annual Financial Impact | Estimated additional expenditure of ₹10,016.10 crore per year. |
| Pay Commission and Significance | Revision follows the 7th Central Pay Commission framework to provide inflation-related financial relief and protect purchasing power. |
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# APPOINTMENTS

➤ **Which Indian Air Force officer was reportedly selected to become the first Air Force Additional Secretary in the Department of Military Affairs in October 2026?**

A) Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh
B) Air Marshal Vikram Gaur
C) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor
D) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
E) Air Marshal S. P. Dharkar

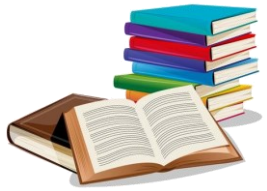


**Answer**
**B) Air Marshal Vikram Gaur.**

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## Event and Location:

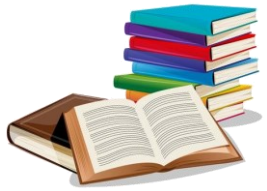
- **Event: Air Marshal Vikram Gaur** was reportedly selected for appointment as **Additional Secretary** in the **Department of Military Affairs** (**DMA**), potentially becoming the first **Indian Air Force** officer to hold the position.
- **Location: Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi,** India.



# APPOINTMENTS

## Event and Location:

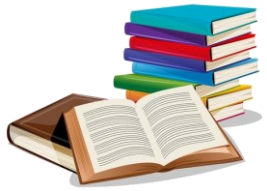
- **Date:** October **28, 2026** (reported date, with official confirmation pending).



# APPOINTMENTS

## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Air Marshal Vikram Gaur,** who has served as **Joint Secretary** (Air & **Staff Duties**) in the **Department of Military Affairs** since October **2024,** was reportedly selected for elevation to **Additional Secretary**. He was promoted to the rank of **Air Marshal** effective July **1, 2026**. If officially confirmed, his appointment would make him the first **Indian Air Force** (**IAF**) officer to occupy the position. The **DMA,** established on January **1, 2020,** under the **Ministry of Defence,** is headed by the **Chief of Defence Staff** (**CDS**) and is responsible for promoting coordination, joint training, integrated staffing and cooperation among India's three **Armed Forces**.

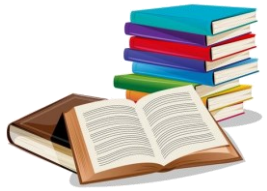


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# APPOINTMENTS

## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen tri-service integration between the **Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force,** improve coordination in military planning and procurement, promote joint training and operational preparedness, support military command restructuring, optimise defence resources and encourage the adoption of indigenous defence equipment.

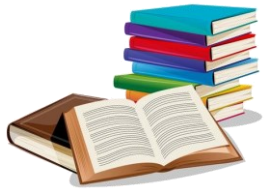


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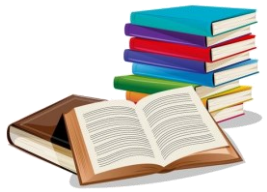
- **Department of Military Affairs (DMA):** A department under India's **Ministry of Defence** established on January **1, 2020,** to promote integration, coordination and joint functioning among the **Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force**.



# APPOINTMENTS

## Important Terms Explained:

- **Additional Secretary:** A senior administrative position in the **Government of India** responsible for assisting departmental leadership in policy implementation, coordination, administration and oversight of assigned responsibilities.

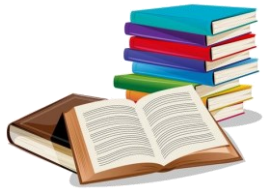


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# APPOINTMENTS

## Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Secretary (Air & Staff Duties):** A senior position within the **DMA** associated with coordination of **Air Force**-related matters and assigned military staff responsibilities.

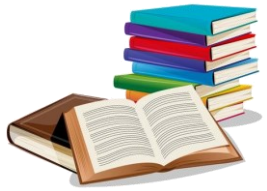


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):** India's senior-most military appointment responsible for promoting jointness among the **Armed Forces,** serving as **Permanent Chairman** of the **Chiefs of Staff Committee** and functioning as Secretary of the **DMA**.

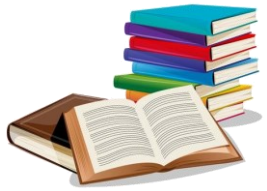


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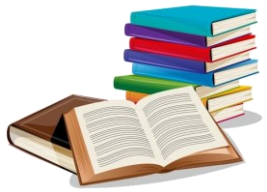
- Tri-**Service Integration**: The coordination and integration of the **Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force** in areas such as operational planning, training, logistics, communication and resource utilisation.



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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Jointness in Armed Forces:** The ability of different military services to plan, coordinate and conduct activities together while maintaining their specialised operational capabilities.

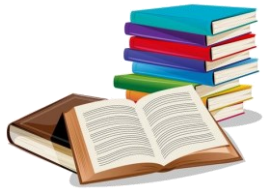


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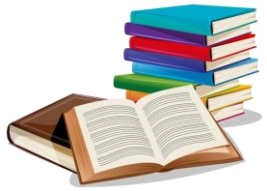
- **Integrated Military Commands:** Military command structures designed to coordinate personnel and resources from multiple services under unified operational arrangements.



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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Defence Procurement:** The coordinated planning and acquisition of defence equipment to improve interoperability, reduce duplication and optimise expenditure across the **Armed Forces**.

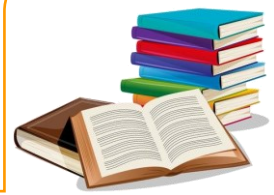


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# APPOINTMENTS

## Important Terms Explained:

- **Defence Indigenisation:** The development and production of military equipment, weapons and technologies within India to reduce import dependence and strengthen domestic defence manufacturing.



# APPOINTMENTS

## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Air Marshal Vikram Gaur reportedly selected for appointment as Additional Secretary in the Department of Military Affairs. |
| Reported Date | October 28, 2026, with independent official confirmation pending. |
| Officer and Service | Air Marshal Vikram Gaur, Indian Air Force. |
| Previous Position | Joint Secretary (Air & Staff Duties), DMA, since October 2024. |
| Promotion Details | Elevated to the rank of Air Marshal effective July 1, 2026. |
| Department Details | Department of Military Affairs, established on January 1, 2020, under the Ministry of Defence. |
| Leadership and Predecessors | DMA headed by the Chief of Defence Staff; previous Additional Secretaries mentioned include Lieutenant General Anil Puri and Vice Admiral Atul Anand. |
| Significance | Would mark the first appointment of an Indian Air Force officer as DMA Additional Secretary, supporting tri-service coordination and military integration. |
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# AWARDS

➤ **Which Indian pilot was honoured by the United Arab Emirates with the First Class Order of Zayed II in October 2026 for bravery during a flydubai cockpit emergency?**

A) Captain Smit Machchhar
B) Captain Zoya Agarwal
C) Captain Amit Singh
D) Captain Anny Divya
E) Captain Ritu Sharma

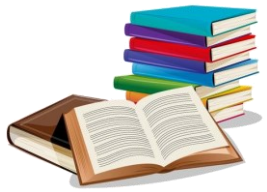


**Answer**
**A) Captain Smit Machchhar.**

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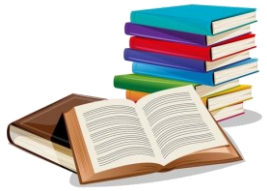
## Event and Location:

- **Event: The United Arab Emirates** (**UAE**) honoured Indian pilot **Captain Smit Machchhar** and members of the flydubai crew with the **First Class Order of Zayed II** for their bravery during a cockpit emergency on flight FZ**1073**.



## Event and Location:

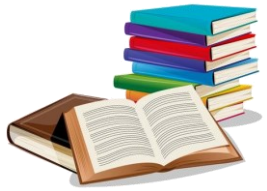
- **Location: United Arab Emirates,** with the aviation emergency occurring on a Dubai–**Tel Aviv** flight that made an emergency landing in Tabuk**, Saudi Arabia**.
- **Date:** October **27, 2026** (award recognition)**,** following the aviation incident on September **30, 2026**.



# AWARDS

## Mandates and Objectives:

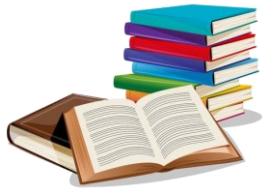
- **Mandates: UAE President Sheikh Mohamed** bin **Zayed Al Nahyan** honoured **Captain Smit Machchhar** and members of the flydubai crew with the **First Class Order of Zayed** II for their courage and dedication during a cockpit emergency aboard Flight FZ**1073** on September **30, 2026**. The decorations were presented by **Sheikh Hamdan** bin Mohammed bin **Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence**. **Captain Machchhar** reportedly suffered serious injuries during an attack by his co-pilot but managed to open the cockpit door, enabling assistance from other crew members and passengers. The aircraft subsequently made an emergency landing at Tabuk**, Saudi Arabia**.



# AWARDS

## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise exceptional courage, professional dedication and coordinated emergency response during an aviation crisis, honour individuals who helped protect passengers and crew, acknowledge the importance of collective action in aviation safety and encourage professional responsibility during life-threatening emergencies.

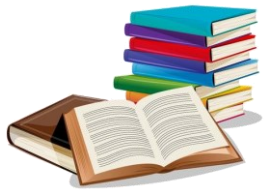


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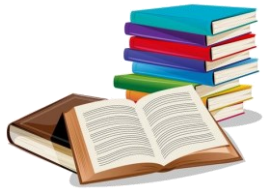
- **First Class Order of Zayed II:** An official **UAE** state decoration named in honour of **Sheikh Zayed** bin **Sultan Al Nahyan,** the country's founding President**,** recognising distinguished service**,** bravery and significant contributions.



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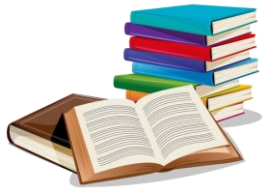
## Important Terms Explained:

- **flydubai:** A Dubai-based airline operating passenger services to domestic and international destinations, including the Dubai–**Tel Aviv** route mentioned in the reported incident.



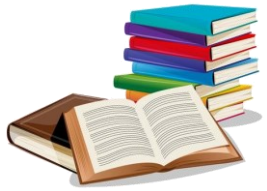
## Important Terms Explained:

- Flight FZ**1073**: The flydubai passenger flight travelling from **Dubai to Tel Aviv** on September **30, 2026,** during which a reported cockpit attack resulted in an emergency diversion to **Saudi Arabia**.



## Important Terms Explained:

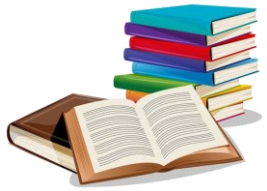
- **Cockpit Emergency:** A critical situation affecting an aircraft's flight deck, pilots or essential flight operations that requires immediate action to maintain aircraft and passenger safety.



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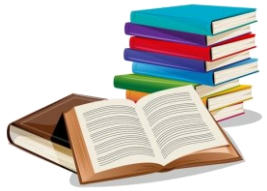
- **Emergency Landing:** An aircraft landing undertaken because of an urgent safety concern, medical emergency, technical malfunction or other potentially dangerous situation.



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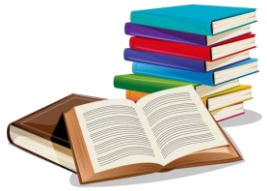
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Aviation Safety:** The system of operational standards, procedures, training and risk-management measures intended to prevent accidents and protect aircraft occupants.



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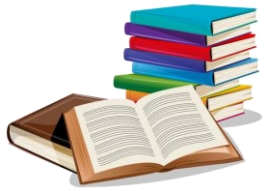
- **Crew Resource Management (CRM):** An aviation safety approach emphasising communication, teamwork, leadership, situational awareness and effective decision-making among flight and cabin crew members.



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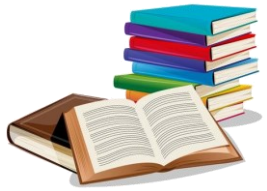
- **Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism:** A civilian recognition mentioned in connection with Israel's proposed honour for **Captain Machchhar,** acknowledging exceptional courage and actions undertaken to protect others.



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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan:** The founding President of the **United Arab Emirates,** after whom the **Order of Zayed** II is named.



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# AWARDS

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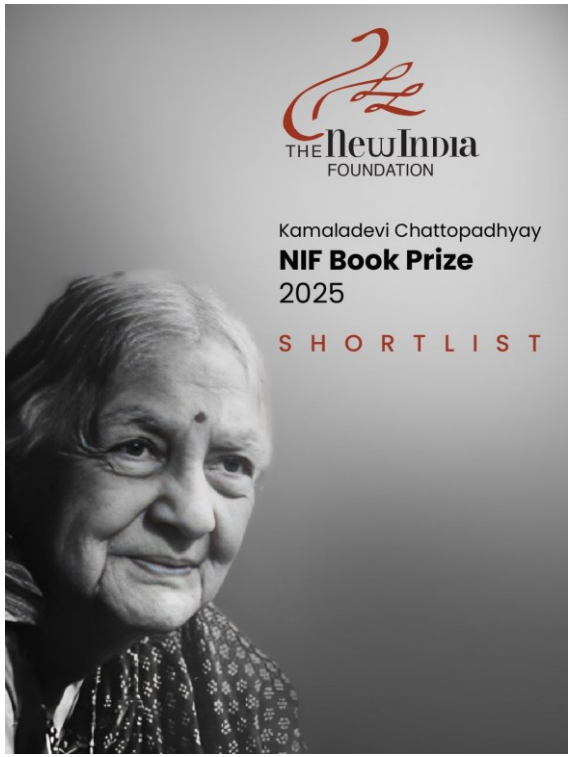
| Parameter | Details |
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| Event | UAE honoured Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and flydubai crew members for bravery during an aviation emergency. |
| Award Date | October 27, 2026. |
| Award Name | First Class Order of Zayed II. |
| Awarding Authority | UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. |
| Award Presented By | Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence. |
| Flight and Incident Date | flydubai Flight FZ1073, operating from Dubai to Tel Aviv on September 30, 2026. |
| Emergency Details | Captain Machchhar was reportedly injured in a co-pilot attack, while crew members and passengers helped subdue the attacker before an emergency landing in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. |
| International Recognition | Appreciation from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, with Israeli President Isaac Herzog indicating a future civilian heroism award. |
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# AWARDS

➤ **How many books were shortlisted for the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026, which carries a cash award of ₹15 lakh?**

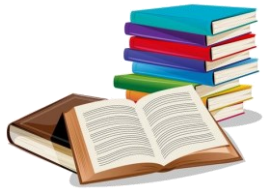
A) Three
B) Four
C) Five
D) Six
E) Seven

**Answer**
**C) Five.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event: The New India Foundation** (**NIF**) shortlisted five non-fiction books for the **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026,** recognising outstanding writing on modern and contemporary India, with a cash award of **₹15 lakh**.
- **Location:** India, with the award ceremony scheduled at the **Bangalore Literature Festival in Bengaluru,** Karnataka.

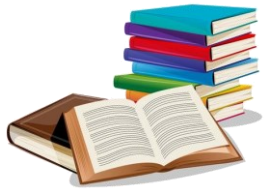


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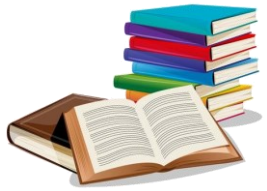
- **Date:** October **28, 2026** (shortlist reported), with the award ceremony scheduled for December **12, 2026**.



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## Mandates and Objectives:

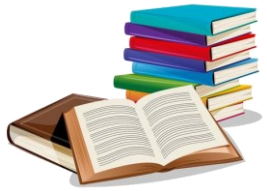
- **Mandates: The New India Foundation** announced five shortlisted books for the **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026,** covering constitutional democracy, post-independence economic development, **South Asian** partition history, diplomacy and Indian classical music. All five books were published in **2025**. The shortlist was selected by a seven-member jury chaired by **Niraja Gopal Jayal,** with the winning author scheduled to receive **₹15 lakh** at the **Bangalore Literature Festival** on December **12, 2026**. Established in **2018,** the annual prize recognises outstanding non-fiction works originally written in English or translated into English from other languages.



# AWARDS

## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise excellence in non-fiction writing, encourage historical research and scholarly analysis, promote understanding of India's political, social, economic and cultural development, support diverse perspectives on modern Indian history and make significant research-based writing accessible to a wider readership.

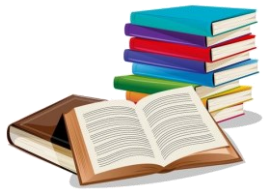


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize:** An annual literary award instituted by the **New India Foundation** in **2018** to recognise outstanding non-fiction writing on modern and contemporary India**,** carrying a cash prize of **₹15 lakh**.

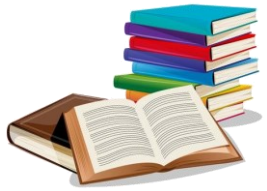


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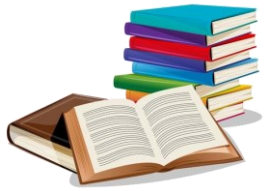
- **New India Foundation (NIF): An Indian** organisation supporting research, scholarship and writing on the history, society, politics, economy and culture of independent India.



# AWARDS

## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay: An Indian** freedom fighter, social reformer and cultural activist remembered for promoting traditional handicrafts, performing arts, women's empowerment and cooperative movements.

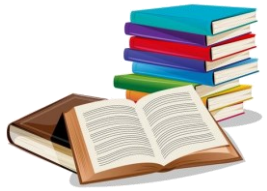


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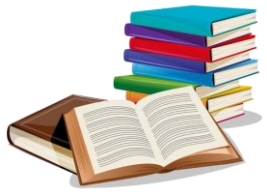
- Non-**Fiction Literature**: Writing based on factual information, documented events, historical research, real personalities and analytical interpretations rather than imaginary narratives.



# AWARDS

## Important Terms Explained:

- **Bangalore Literature Festival:** A literary event held in Bengaluru that brings together authors, scholars, publishers and readers for discussions on books, literature and contemporary issues.

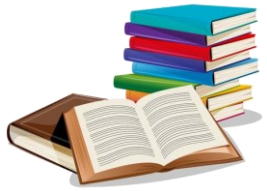


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# AWARDS

## Important Terms Explained:

- **A Man for All Seasons: The Life** of K. M. Panikkar: A biography written by **Narayani Basu,** examining the life and career of Indian diplomat, historian and statesman K. M. Panikkar.

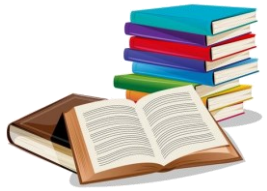


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# AWARDS

## Important Terms Explained:

- **Shattered Lands: Five Partitions** and the **Making of Modern Asia**: A historical work by **Sam Dalrymple,** exploring the political partitions that shaped **South Asia** and modern Asian history.

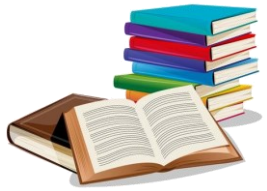


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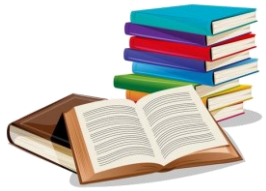
- **Assembling India**'s Constitution: A **New Democratic History**: A book by **Rohit De and Ornit Shani,** examining the making of the **Indian Constitution** and the development of democratic institutions.



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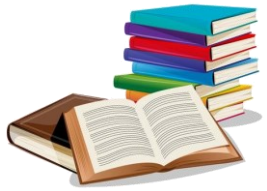
- **A Sixth of Humanity: Independent India**'s **Development Odyssey**: A book by **Devesh Kapur and Arvind Subramanian,** analysing India's development journey and economic transformation since independence.



# AWARDS

## Important Terms Explained:

- **The Secret Master: Arun Kashalkar** and a Journey to the **Edge of Music**: A book by **Sumana Ramanan,** focusing on Indian classical vocalist **Arun Kashalkar** and the traditions of classical music.



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# AWARDS

## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Announcement of five shortlisted books for the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026. |
| Organising Institution | New India Foundation (NIF), which established the annual prize in 2018. |
| Announcement and Award Dates | Shortlist reported on October 28, 2026, with the award ceremony scheduled for December 12, 2026. |
| Prize Money and Venue | ₹15 lakh, to be awarded at the Bangalore Literature Festival in Bengaluru. |
| Number of Books and Publication Year | Five shortlisted non-fiction books, all published in 2025. |
| Shortlisted Books – Part I | A Man for All Seasons by Narayani Basu; Shattered Lands by Sam Dalrymple; Assembling India's Constitution by Rohit De and Ornit Shani. |
| Shortlisted Books – Part II | A Sixth of Humanity by Devesh Kapur and Arvind Subramanian; The Secret Master by Sumana Ramanan. |
| Jury and Significance | Seven-member jury chaired by Niraja Gopal Jayal, recognising excellence in historical, political, economic and cultural non-fiction about India. |
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# DEFENCE

➤ **Where did the 11th edition of the India–Indonesia joint Special Forces Exercise Garuda Shakti begin on October 27, 2026?**

A) Jakarta, Indonesia
B) Pune, India
C) Banyuwangi, Indonesia
D) Bali, Indonesia
E) Visakhapatnam, India

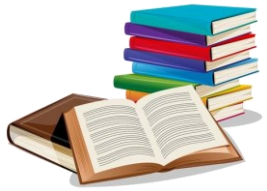



**Answer**
**C) Banyuwangi, Indonesia.**

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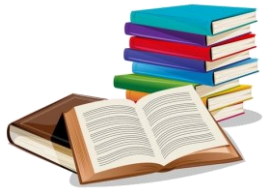
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **11**th edition of **Exercise Garuda Shakti 2026,** a bilateral **Special Forces** military exercise between **India and Indonesia,** commenced to strengthen military interoperability**,** jungle warfare capabilities and cooperation in special operations.
- **Location:** Banyuwangi**,** Indonesia.



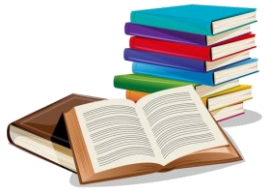
## Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **27** to November **6, 2026**.



## Mandates and Objectives:

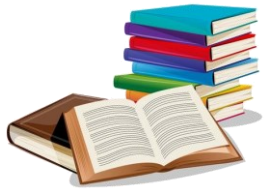
- **Mandates: The Indian Army**'s **Parachute Regiment** (**Special Forces**) and the **Indonesian Special Forces** are participating in the **11**th edition of **Exercise Garuda Shakti** from October **27** to November **6, 2026**. The joint military exercise includes training in jungle warfare, obstacle clearance, combat marksmanship, mountaineering, air assault operations and combat hardening. Both contingents will exchange operational experiences, tactics, techniques and procedures, followed by a validation exercise to assess combat readiness, endurance and operational coordination.



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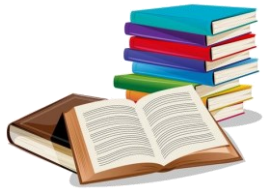
- **Objectives:** To enhance interoperability between **Indian and Indonesian Special Forces,** strengthen tactical coordination in jungle environments, improve combat preparedness and operational effectiveness, facilitate the exchange of military expertise, develop mutual trust and reinforce bilateral defence cooperation between **India and Indonesia** in the Indo-Pacific region.



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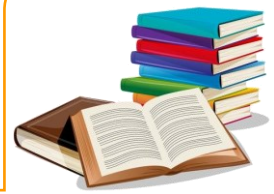
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Garuda Shakti:** A bilateral military training exercise conducted between the **Special Forces of India and Indonesia** to enhance operational coordination, tactical knowledge, interoperability and defence cooperation.



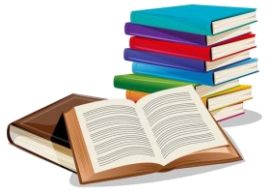
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Parachute Regiment (Special Forces):** An elite **Special Forces** component of the **Indian Army** trained to conduct specialised military operations, including airborne missions, reconnaissance, unconventional warfare and operations in challenging terrain.



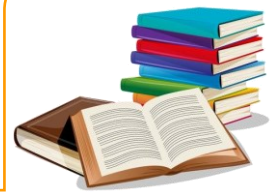
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Jungle Warfare:** Military operations conducted in dense forest environments requiring specialised training in navigation, concealment, survival, movement and tactical engagement.



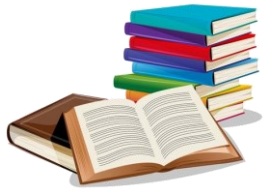
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Military Interoperability:** The ability of military forces from different countries to communicate, coordinate and conduct joint operations effectively using compatible procedures and operational practices.



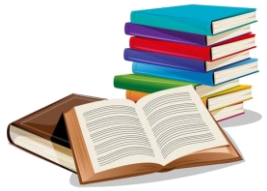
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Combat Marksmanship:** Specialised firearms training focused on weapon accuracy, rapid target engagement and effective shooting under simulated combat conditions.



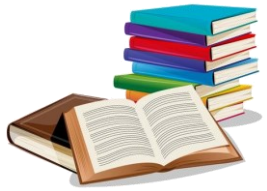
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Obstacle Clearance:** Military training involving the identification, negotiation and removal of physical obstacles that restrict troop movement or operational progress.



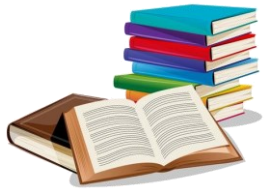
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Assault Operations:** Military operations involving the rapid deployment of troops and equipment, generally using helicopters, to conduct tactical missions in designated areas.



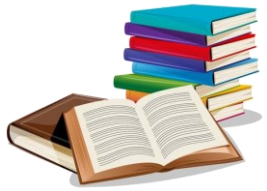
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Combat Hardening:** Intensive military training designed to improve soldiers' physical endurance, mental resilience, battlefield adaptability and performance under stressful operational conditions.



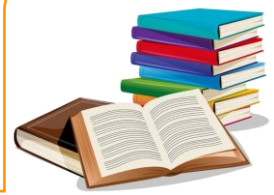
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Mountaineering Training:** Specialised training in movement, navigation, climbing and survival in mountainous or difficult terrain.



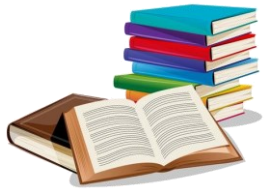
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Validation Exercise:** A practical assessment conducted at the end of military training to evaluate operational preparedness, coordination, tactical proficiency and the ability to execute assigned missions.



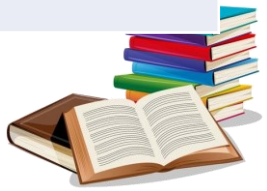
## Important Terms Explained:

- Indo-**Pacific Region**: A strategic geographical region encompassing the **Indian and Pacific Oceans** and their surrounding countries, important for international trade, maritime security and defence cooperation.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Exercise Name | Exercise Garuda Shakti 2026, a bilateral Special Forces military exercise. |
| Edition | 11th edition. |
| Dates | October 27 to November 6, 2026. |
| Location | Banyuwangi, Indonesia. |
| Participating Countries | India and Indonesia. |
| Participating Forces | Indian Army's Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and Indonesian Special Forces. |
| Major Training Activities | Jungle warfare, obstacle clearance, combat marksmanship, mountaineering, air assault operations, combat hardening and expert exchanges. |
| Objectives and Significance | Strengthening military interoperability, operational coordination, combat readiness and India–Indonesia bilateral defence cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. |
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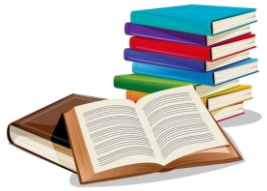


# DEFENCE

➤ **Which shipyard launched INS Srishti (Yard 1283), a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel for the Indian Navy, on October 27, 2026?**

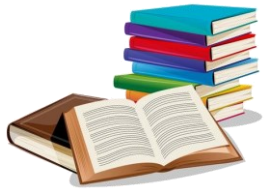
A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
C) Cochin Shipyard Limited
D) Goa Shipyard Limited
E) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

**Answer**
**D) Goa Shipyard Limited.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event: Goa Shipyard Limited** (**GSL**) launched **INS** Srishti (Yard **1283**), a **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel** (**NGOPV**) being constructed for the **Indian Navy,** marking a significant milestone in India's indigenous naval shipbuilding programme.
- **Location: Vaddem Yard,** Goa**,** India.



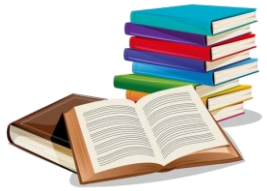
## Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **27, 2026**.



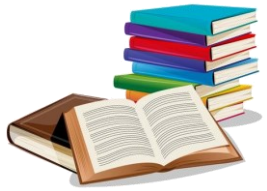
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Goa Shipyard Limited** conducted the floating-off ceremony of **INS** Srishti (Yard **1283**) at its **Vaddem Yard in Goa** on October **27, 2026**. The vessel is being constructed under the **Indian Navy**'s **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel** programme to enhance maritime surveillance, protect offshore infrastructure, support anti-piracy operations, undertake search and rescue missions, and provide humanitarian assistance. The floating-off ceremony marks an important construction milestone, but the vessel will require further outfitting, testing and trials before becoming operational.



## Mandates and Objectives:

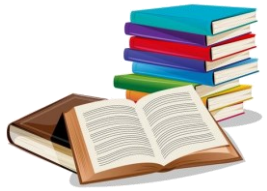
- **Objectives:** To strengthen the **Indian Navy**'s maritime surveillance and security capabilities, improve protection of offshore assets, enhance responses to maritime emergencies, promote indigenous warship construction, reduce dependence on foreign defence suppliers and support the **Government of India**'s **Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat** initiatives through domestic defence manufacturing.



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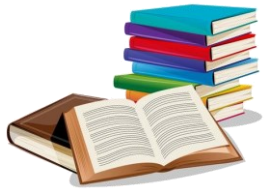
## Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Srishti:** A **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel** being constructed by **Goa Shipyard Limited** for the **Indian Navy,** identified by **Yard Number 1283** and intended to support maritime security and patrol operations.



## Important Terms Explained:

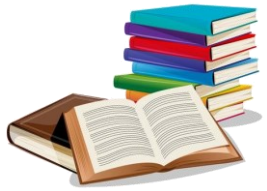
- **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV):** A modern naval patrol ship designed for extended operations at sea, including maritime surveillance, offshore infrastructure protection, anti-piracy missions, search and rescue, and humanitarian assistance.



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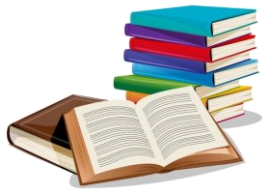
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL): An Indian** defence public sector shipbuilding company based in Goa that designs, constructs and maintains vessels for the **Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard** and other maritime agencies.



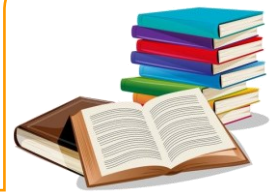
## Important Terms Explained:

- Floating-**Off Ceremony**: A shipbuilding milestone during which a vessel under construction is transferred into the water, allowing subsequent outfitting, system integration, testing and trials before commissioning.



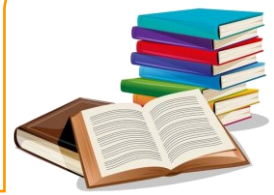
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Maritime Surveillance:** The systematic monitoring of coastal waters, offshore regions and maritime activities to identify potential security threats and protect national maritime interests.



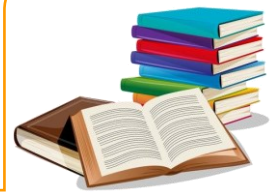
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Offshore Infrastructure Protection:** Measures undertaken to safeguard important assets located at sea, including oil platforms, offshore energy installations and other strategically significant maritime facilities.



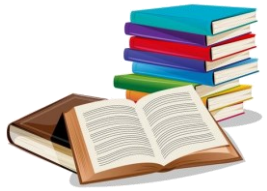
## Important Terms Explained:

- Anti-**Piracy Operations**: Naval security activities designed to prevent, deter and respond to piracy, armed attacks and unlawful activities targeting vessels at sea.



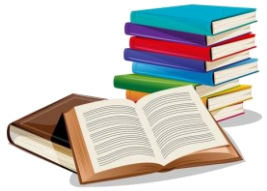
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Search and Rescue (SAR):** Coordinated operations conducted to locate, assist and recover people facing danger or distress at sea.



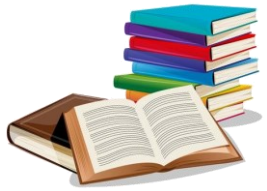
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR):** Emergency support provided by military and civilian agencies during natural disasters and humanitarian crises, including evacuation, rescue and delivery of essential supplies.



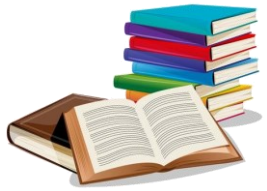
## Important Terms Explained:

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



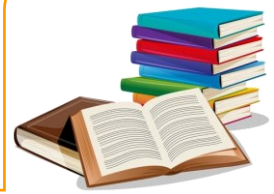
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** A **Government of India** initiative focused on strengthening self-reliance through domestic production, technological capabilities, supply-chain development and reduced dependence on imports.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Defence Indigenisation:** The development and manufacturing of defence equipment, platforms and technologies within India to improve strategic autonomy and strengthen the domestic defence industry.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Launch of INS Srishti, a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel being constructed for the Indian Navy. |
| Launch Date | October 27, 2026. |
| Launch Location | Vaddem Yard, Goa, India. |
| Shipbuilding Organisation | Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL). |
| Vessel Name and Yard Number | INS Srishti, Yard Number 1283. |
| Vessel Category | Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) for the Indian Navy. |
| Major Operational Roles | Maritime surveillance, offshore asset protection, anti-piracy operations, search and rescue, and humanitarian assistance. |
| Project Status and Significance | Floating-off completed, with further construction and trials required before operational service, supporting indigenous naval shipbuilding and defence self-reliance. |
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➤ **Which city will host the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change from November 9 to 20, 2026?**

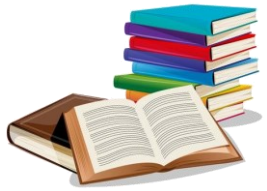
A) Baku, Azerbaijan
B) Belém, Brazil
C) Antalya, Türkiye
D) Dubai, UAE
E) Sydney, Australia




**Answer**
**C) Antalya, Türkiye.**

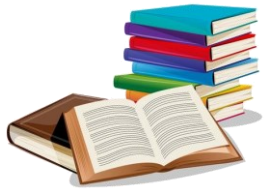
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Türkiye will host the **31**st Conference of the Parties (COP**31**) to the **United Nations Framework Convention** on **Climate Change,** with **Murat Kurum** serving as COP**31 President and Australia**'s **Chris Bowen** leading the climate negotiations.
- **Location:** Antalya **EXPO** Center**,** Antalya**,** Türkiye.



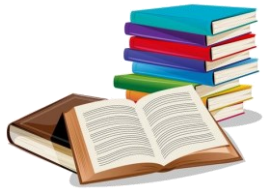
## Event and Location:

- **Date:** November **9–20, 2026,** with the **World Leaders'** Summit scheduled for November **11–12, 2026**.



## Mandates and Objectives:

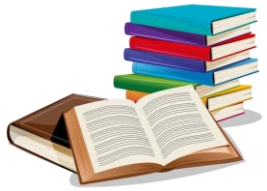
- **Mandates: The United Nations Framework Convention** on **Climate Change** (**UNFCCC**) will convene COP**31** in Antalya, Türkiye, from November **9** to **20, 2026,** bringing together representatives from participating countries to discuss global climate action. Türkiye's **Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, Murat Kurum,** will serve as COP**31** President, while Australia's **Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen,** will chair the official negotiations. Samed Ağırbaş, President of the **Zero Waste Foundation,** will serve as the **Climate High-Level Champion**. The conference will also include CMP**21,** the **21**st meeting of the parties to the **Kyoto Protocol,** and CMA**8,** the eighth meeting of the parties to the **Paris Agreement**



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## Mandates and Objectives:

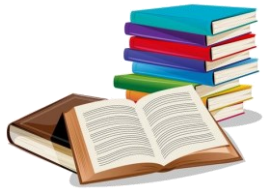
- **Objectives:** To strengthen implementation of the **Paris Agreement,** advance global greenhouse gas emission reductions, improve climate adaptation, mobilise climate finance, address climate-related loss and damage, promote clean technology cooperation and strengthen international commitments towards limiting global warming to well below **2**°C while pursuing efforts to restrict the increase to **1.5**°C above pre-industrial levels.



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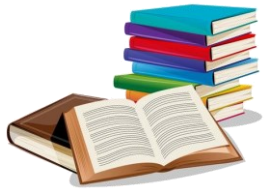
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Conference of the Parties (COP):** The governing body of an international convention, comprising its member parties, which meets periodically to review implementation, negotiate commitments and adopt decisions.



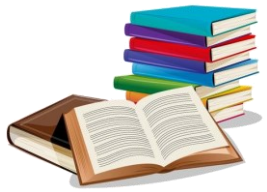
## Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC):** An international climate treaty adopted in **1992** at the **Rio Earth Summit** to promote global cooperation in stabilising greenhouse gas concentrations and addressing climate change.



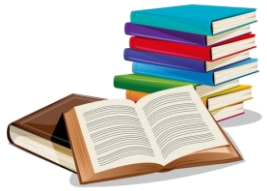
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Paris Agreement:** A legally binding international climate treaty adopted at COP**21** in Paris in **2015,** aiming to keep global temperature rise well below **2**°C and pursue efforts to limit warming to **1.5**°C above pre-industrial levels.



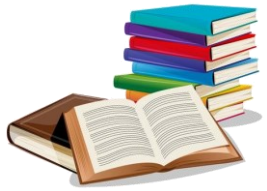
## Important Terms Explained:

- COP**31** Presidency: The leadership responsible for guiding the conference, facilitating international cooperation and supporting the negotiation and implementation of climate decisions, with Türkiye holding the presidency for COP**31**.



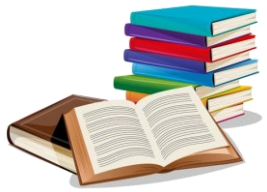
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Climate High-Level Champion**: A representative appointed to mobilise climate action by non-government stakeholders, including businesses, investors, cities, regions and civil society organisations.



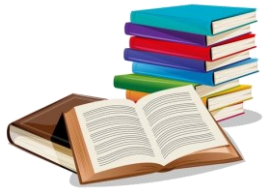
## Important Terms Explained:

- CMP**21**: The **21**st session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the **Kyoto Protocol,** focusing on matters concerning the implementation of that climate treaty.



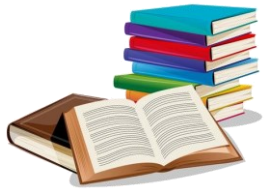
## Important Terms Explained:

- CMA**8**: The eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the **Paris Agreement,** responsible for overseeing implementation of the Paris climate framework.



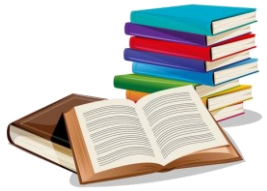
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kyoto Protocol:** An international agreement adopted in **1997** under the **UNFCCC** that established legally binding greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments for specified developed countries.



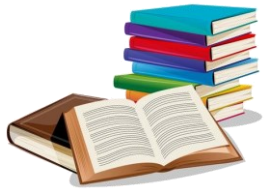
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Climate Mitigation:** Measures aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions or increasing carbon absorption to limit the severity of global climate change.



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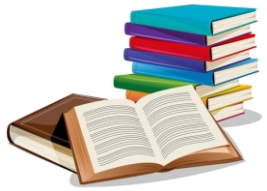
- **Climate Adaptation:** Adjustments in human and natural systems to reduce vulnerability to actual or expected climate impacts such as rising temperatures, floods, droughts and sea-level rise.



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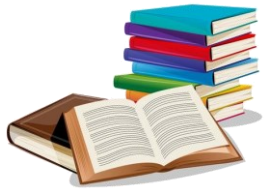
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Climate Finance:** Financial resources mobilised to support climate mitigation and adaptation activities, particularly in developing countries and climate-vulnerable regions.



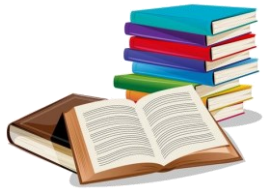
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Loss and Damage:** The adverse consequences of climate change that cannot be fully prevented through mitigation or adaptation, including economic losses and damage to ecosystems, livelihoods and cultural heritage.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Delhi Ministerial Declaration:** A declaration adopted during COP**8** in **New Delhi** in **2002,** emphasising sustainable development**,** climate cooperation and implementation of commitments according to countries' different capabilities.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UNFCCC. |
| Dates and Venue | November 9–20, 2026, at Antalya EXPO Center, Antalya, Türkiye. |
| Host Country and COP President | Türkiye, with Murat Kurum serving as COP31 President. |
| Negotiations President | Chris Bowen, Australia's Minister for Climate Change and Energy. |
| Climate High-Level Champion | Samed Ağırbaş, President of the Zero Waste Foundation. |
| World Leaders' Summit | Scheduled for November 11–12, 2026, in Antalya. |
| Associated Meetings | CMP21 under the Kyoto Protocol and CMA8 under the Paris Agreement. |
| Major Agenda and Significance | Implementation of the Paris Agreement, emission reductions, adaptation, climate finance, loss and damage, and international climate cooperation. |
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# SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

➤ **What is the total financial outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS) in October 2026?**

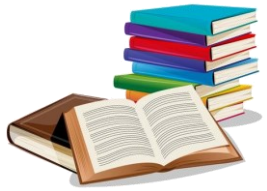
A) ₹5,000 Crore
B) ₹7,500 Crore
C) ₹8,000 Crore
D) ₹10,000 Crore
E) ₹12,000 Crore

**Answer**
**D) ₹10,000 Crore.**



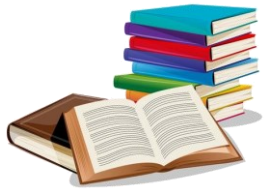
## Event and Location:

- **Event: The Union Cabinet,** chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi,** approved the **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme** (**CMPS**) with an outlay of **₹10,000 crore** to boost domestic shipping container manufacturing and strengthen India's maritime logistics supply chains.



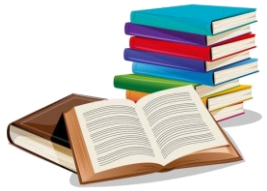
## Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering eligible domestic container manufacturing units and related industrial facilities.
- **Date:** October **28, 2026** (reported announcement), with implementation planned through FY **2039–40**.



## Mandates and Objectives:

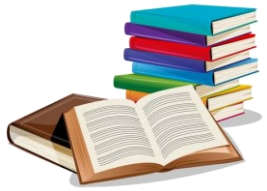
- **Mandates: The Union Cabinet** approved the **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme,** announced in the **Union Budget 2026–27,** to establish India as a globally competitive shipping container manufacturing hub. The scheme supports new manufacturing units and expansion of existing facilities through **Interest Subvention Assistance** (**ISA**) of **₹859 crore, Operational Expenditure Assistance** (**OEA**) of **₹8,891 crore,** and testing and certification assistance of **₹150 crore**. It aims to increase annual manufacturing capacity to approximately **7.5 lakh** Twenty-foot **Equivalent Units** (TEUs) and create around **3,000** direct jobs and more than **50,000** indirect jobs.



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## Mandates and Objectives:

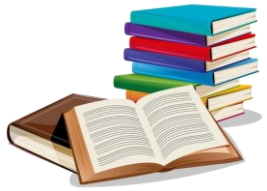
- **Objectives:** To reduce India's dependence on imported shipping containers, strengthen domestic manufacturing capabilities, improve maritime trade and logistics efficiency, enhance supply chain resilience, support container manufacturers through financial incentives, encourage allied industries and establish India as a competitive global supplier of shipping containers.



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## Important Terms Explained:

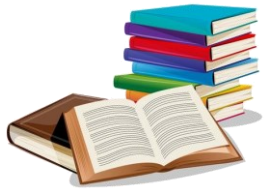
- **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS):** A **Government of India** initiative announced in the **Union Budget 2026–27** and approved with a **₹10,000 crore** outlay to promote domestic shipping container manufacturing through financial assistance, capacity expansion and testing infrastructure.



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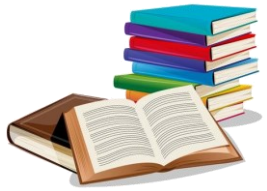
- **Interest Subvention Assistance (ISA):** A scheme component allocated **₹859 crore** to provide eligible manufacturers with an interest subsidy of **3%** per annum on qualifying term loans for establishing new production facilities or expanding existing units.



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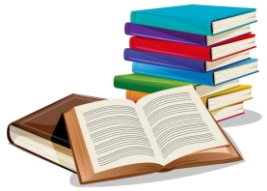
- **Operational Expenditure Assistance (OEA):** A financial assistance component allocated **₹8,891 crore** to support eligible expenditure associated with manufacturing shipping containers that meet prescribed international standards.



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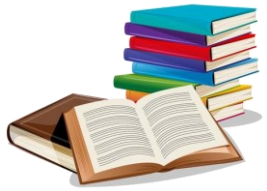
- **Testing and Certification Assistance:** A scheme component allocated **₹150 crore** to develop common testing and certification infrastructure for shipping containers, including facilities for dynamic longitudinal impact testing.



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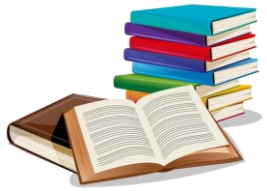
- Twenty-foot **Equivalent Unit** (**TEU**): A standard measurement unit used in container shipping, equivalent to one **20**-foot shipping container, while a standard **40**-foot container is counted as two TEUs.



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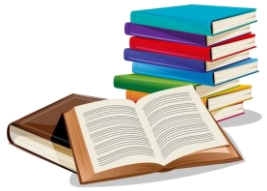
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Shipping Container:** A standardised reusable cargo unit designed for transporting goods efficiently across ships, railway wagons and trucks without repeatedly handling the cargo inside.



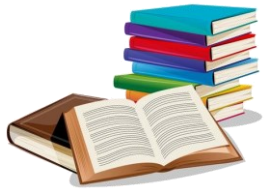
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Greenfield Project:** A new industrial or manufacturing facility established on a previously undeveloped site, involving the creation of fresh production infrastructure.



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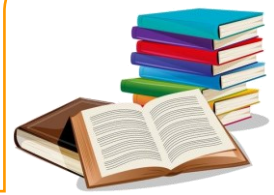
- **Brownfield Expansion:** The expansion or modernisation of an existing industrial facility to increase production capacity, improve efficiency or introduce new manufacturing capabilities.



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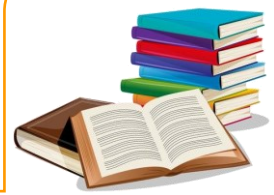
- **Supply Chain Resilience:** The ability of manufacturing, transportation and logistics networks to withstand disruptions, maintain essential operations and recover from unexpected challenges.



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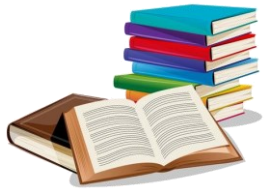
- **Dynamic Longitudinal Impact Testing:** A technical testing procedure used to evaluate the ability of shipping containers to withstand impact forces acting along their length during transportation and handling.



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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Corner Castings:** Standardised metal fittings located at the corners of shipping containers that facilitate lifting, securing, stacking and intermodal transportation.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Union Cabinet approved the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme to expand India's domestic shipping container production. |
| Approval Date | October 28, 2026 (reported date). |
| Approving Authority | Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. |
| Scheme Outlay and Period | ₹10,000 crore, with implementation planned through FY 2039–40. |
| Financial Assistance Components | Interest Subvention Assistance of ₹859 crore, Operational Expenditure Assistance of ₹8,891 crore and testing and certification assistance of ₹150 crore. |
| Manufacturing Capacity Target | Up to 7.5 lakh TEUs annually, representing an approximately tenfold increase in container manufacturing capacity. |
| Employment Generation | Approximately 3,000 direct jobs and more than 50,000 indirect employment opportunities. |
| Strategic Significance | Reduces container import dependence, promotes domestic manufacturing, strengthens maritime logistics and supports allied industries. |
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➤ **What is the total financial outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY) for the period 2026–27 to 2030–31?**

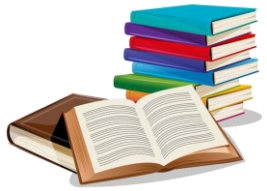
A) ₹5,395.55 Crore
B) ₹6,895.55 Crore
C) ₹7,395.55 Crore
D) ₹8,495.55 Crore
E) ₹9,395.55 Crore




**Answer**
**C) ₹7,395.55 Crore.**

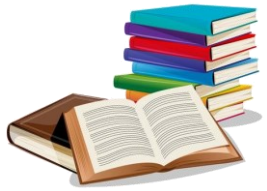
## Event and Location:

- **Event: The Union Cabinet,** chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi,** approved the **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana** (PM **VGSY**) as a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** with a total outlay of **₹7,395.55 crore** to strengthen rural governance, Panchayat institutions and village-level development planning.



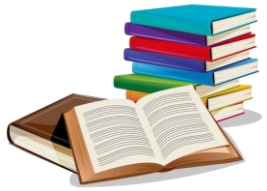
## Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering all **States and Union Territories,** including eligible traditional rural local governance institutions.
- **Date:** October **28, 2026,** with implementation scheduled from FY **2026–27** to FY **2030–31**.



## Mandates and Objectives:

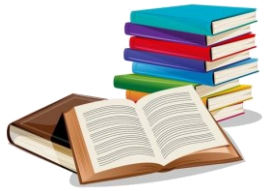
- **Mandates: The Union Cabinet** approved PM **VGSY** for the **Sixteenth Finance Commission** period (**2026–27** to **2030–31**), with a Central share of **₹4,869.48 crore** and a State share of **₹2,526.07 crore**. The scheme aims to prepare approximately **2.55 lakh Gram Panchayat Development Plans** (GPDPs) annually through the eGramSwaraj platform, strengthen the governance capacities of around **32 lakh** elected representatives, Panchayat officials and stakeholders, and support at least **2.55 lakh** online audit plans through AuditOnline. **State Governments and Union Territory Administrations** will submit annual action plans for approval by the designated **Central Empowered Committee**.



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## Mandates and Objectives:

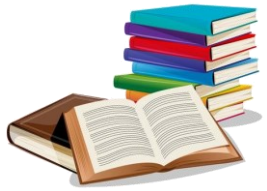
- **Objectives:** To strengthen decentralised rural governance, empower **Gram Panchayats** as centres of local development, improve integrated village planning, enhance digital service delivery, promote citizen participation through **Gram Sabhas**, develop the administrative capacity of Panchayat representatives, ensure financial transparency and accountability, and contribute to the national vision of **Viksit Bharat**.



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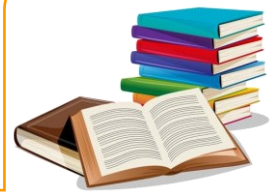
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY):** A **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** approved for **2026–27** to **2030–31** with an outlay of **₹7,395.55 crore** to strengthen Panchayat governance through capacity building, digital platforms, integrated development planning and financial accountability.



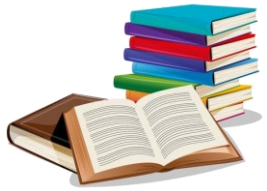
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS):** A government programme implemented primarily by **States and Union Territories** with financial assistance from the **Central Government,** generally involving a prescribed cost-sharing arrangement.



## Important Terms Explained:

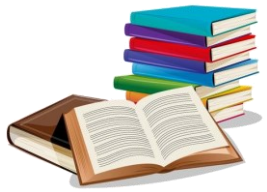
- **Sixteenth Finance Commission:** A constitutional body constituted under Article **280** of the **Indian Constitution** to recommend the distribution of financial resources between the **Union and States** for the period **2026–27** to **2030–31,** including grants for local bodies.



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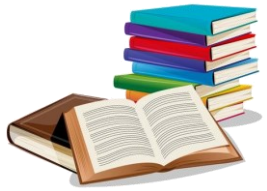
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Gram Panchayat:** The village-level institution of rural local self-government responsible for implementing development programmes, providing local public services and coordinating community development activities.



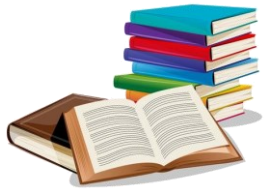
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP):** A participatory village-level development plan prepared by **Gram Panchayats** to identify local priorities, allocate available resources and coordinate government development programmes.



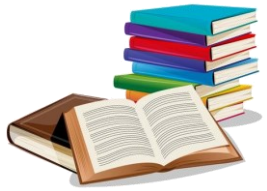
## Important Terms Explained:

- **eGramSwaraj:** A digital governance platform designed to support **Panchayati Raj Institutions** in planning, accounting, monitoring and implementing development activities.



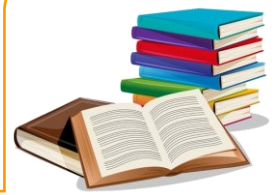
## Important Terms Explained:

- **AuditOnline:** An electronic auditing platform that facilitates online audit planning, execution and monitoring of financial accounts of Panchayats and other local government institutions.



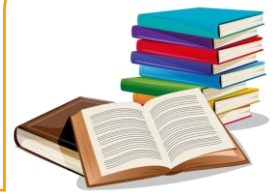
## Important Terms Explained:

- **PANCHAM:** An AI-powered multilingual communication platform intended to improve information dissemination, citizen engagement and accessibility of governance-related information.



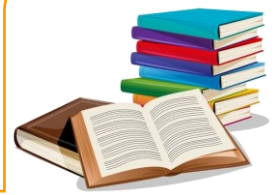
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Gram Sabha:** A village-level assembly comprising registered voters within a **Gram Panchayat** area**,** providing a platform for participatory planning**,** public accountability and monitoring of local development programmes.



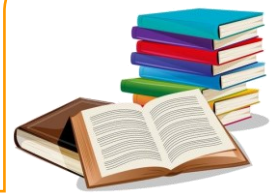
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Decentralised Governance:** A system of administration in which decision-making powers, responsibilities and resources are transferred from higher levels of government to local institutions.



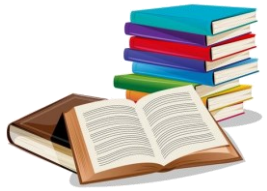
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Empowered Committee:** A designated committee responsible for examining and approving annual action plans submitted under the scheme according to prescribed guidelines.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Rural Local Bodies (RLBs):** Institutions responsible for local governance in rural areas, including **Panchayati Raj Institutions** and eligible traditional rural governance bodies.



# SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Union Cabinet approved Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. |
| Approval Date and Authority | October 28, 2026, by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. |
| Implementation Period | FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31, corresponding to the Sixteenth Finance Commission period. |
| Total Financial Outlay | ₹7,395.55 crore, comprising ₹4,869.48 crore from the Centre and ₹2,526.07 crore from States. |
| Annual Development Planning Target | Preparation of approximately 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayat Development Plans through eGramSwaraj. |
| Capacity Building Target | Training and capacity development for approximately 32 lakh elected representatives, Panchayat officials and other stakeholders. |
| Digital Governance and Audit Target | At least 2.55 lakh online audit plans through AuditOnline, supported by eGramSwaraj and the PANCHAM communication platform. |
| Coverage and Significance | All States and Union Territories, including eligible traditional rural governance institutions, to strengthen decentralised planning, citizen participation and financial |

➤ **What is the annual fee for the Concessional Local Pass at National Highway toll plazas located outside municipal or local town limits, effective from November 1, 2026?**

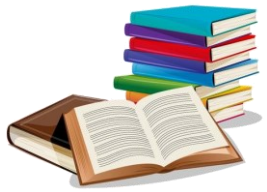
A) ₹1,000
B) ₹1,500
C) ₹2,000
D) ₹2,500
E) ₹3,000




**Answer**
**B) ₹1,500.**

## Event and Location:

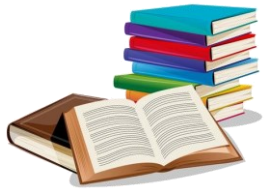
- **Event: The Government of India** introduced a **Concessional Local Pass** for eligible non-commercial vehicle owners residing within **20 km** of **National Highway** toll plazas, with annual fees of **₹1,500** or **₹3,000** depending on the plaza's location.



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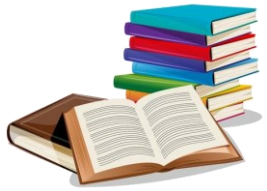
## Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering eligible **National Highway** fee plazas within and outside municipal or local town limits.
- **Date:** October **27, 2026** (announcement), with implementation effective from November **1, 2026**.



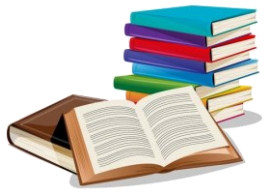
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** (MoRTH) notified the **National Highways Fee** (**Determination of Rates and Collection**) (**Fifth Amendment**) Rules**, 2026,** under the **National Highways Act, 1956,** introducing an annual **Concessional Local Pass** for eligible non-commercial vehicle owners living within **20 km** of a fee plaza. The annual fee is **₹1,500** for plazas outside municipal or local town limits and **₹3,000** for plazas within these limits. Applicants must have a valid and functional FASTag**,** and the pass will be non-transferable and valid only at the designated toll plaza. The facility will also become available through the Rajmargyatra mobile application from December **1, 2026**.



## Mandates and Objectives:

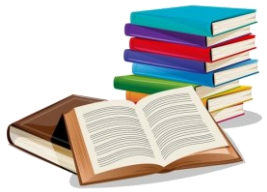
- **Objectives:** To reduce the financial burden of repeated toll payments on local residents, provide an affordable annual alternative to existing monthly passes, improve convenience for frequent commuters, encourage electronic toll collection and establish a structured concession system while maintaining eligibility restrictions and regulatory safeguards.



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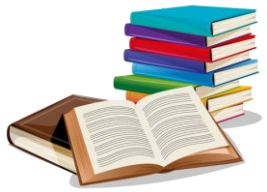
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Concessional Local Pass:** An annual toll concession facility for eligible non-commercial vehicle owners residing within **20 km** of a designated **National Highway** fee plaza, allowing passage at the prescribed annual rate.



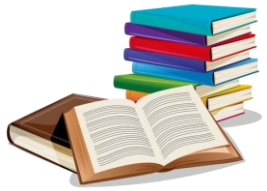
## Important Terms Explained:

- **National Highways Fee** (**Determination of Rates and Collection**) (**Fifth Amendment**) Rules**, 2026**: Regulatory amendments introducing the annual **Concessional Local Pass** and specifying its eligibility conditions, applicable fees, validity and exclusions.



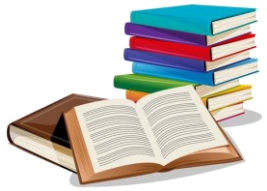
## Important Terms Explained:

- **National Highways Act, 1956**: A central legislation providing the legal framework for the declaration, development, maintenance and administration of **National Highways in India**.



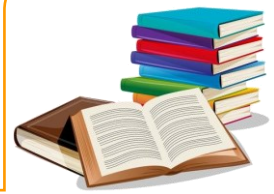
## Important Terms Explained:

- **FASTag:** An electronic toll collection system using **Radio Frequency Identification** technology to enable automatic toll payments through a tag affixed to a vehicle's windscreen.



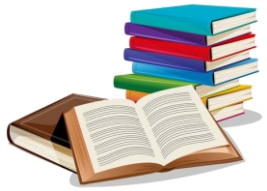
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Radio Frequency Identification (RFID):** A wireless identification technology that uses radio waves to exchange information between an electronic tag and a reader, enabling automated identification and toll transactions.



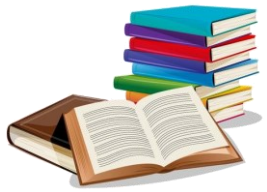
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajmargyatra Application:** A mobile application associated with **National Highway** services that provides travellers with highway-related information and digital facilities, including the proposed availability of the local pass from December **2026**.



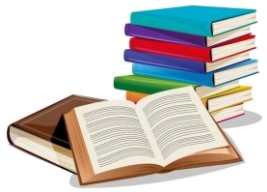
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Closed User Fee Collection System:** A toll collection arrangement in which charges are calculated according to the distance travelled, generally using entry and exit points rather than a fixed fee at a single plaza.



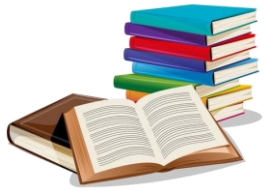
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Monthly Local Pass:** An existing toll concession arrangement that allows eligible local vehicle owners to use a specified fee plaza upon payment of the prescribed monthly charge.



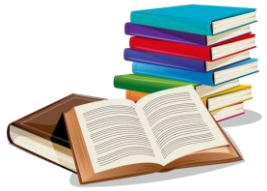
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Municipal or Local Town Limits:** The legally defined administrative boundaries of a municipality or town, used under the scheme to determine the applicable annual pass fee.



## Important Terms Explained:

- Non-**Transferable Pass**: A pass restricted to the authorised vehicle or holder and designated toll plaza, which cannot be transferred to another person or vehicle.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Introduction of the annual Concessional Local Pass for eligible National Highway toll plaza users. |
| Announcement and Effective Dates | Announced on October 27, 2026, and effective from November 1, 2026. |
| Issuing Authority | Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India. |
| Eligibility Criteria | Owners of eligible non-commercial vehicles residing within 20 km of the concerned toll plaza, with a valid FASTag. |
| Annual Pass Fees | ₹1,500 for plazas outside municipal or local town limits and ₹3,000 for plazas within those limits. |
| Validity and Restrictions | Non-transferable and valid for one designated toll plaza; excludes closed toll collection systems and locations with specified alternative or service roads. |
| Application Availability | Available at eligible toll plazas from November 1, 2026, and through the Rajmargyatra application from December 1, 2026. |
| Legal Framework and Significance | Notified under the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026, to reduce recurring toll expenses for eligible local commuters. |
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➤ **Which Indian city will host the Earthshot Prize 2026 for the first time in India on November 16–17, 2026?**

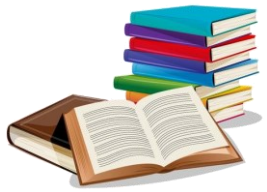
A) New Delhi
B) Bengaluru
C) Hyderabad
D) Mumbai
E) Chennai




**Answer**
**D) Mumbai.**

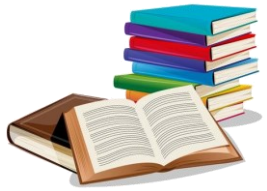
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mumbai will host the **Earthshot Prize 2026** for the first time in India, bringing together environmental innovators, investors and global leaders to recognise solutions addressing major environmental challenges.
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.



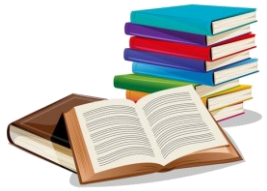
## Event and Location:

- **Date:** November **16–17, 2026,** with the sixth annual **Awards Night** scheduled for November **17, 2026**.



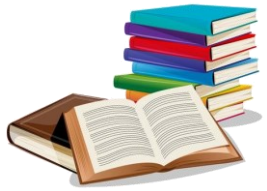
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Earthshot Prize,** established in **2020** by **Prince William,** will organise its sixth annual awards ceremony and environmental summit in Mumbai on November **16–17, 2026**. The initiative recognises innovative environmental solutions across five categories: **Protect and Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans, Build a Waste-Free World and Fix Our Climate**. Every year, **15** finalists are selected, with five winners receiving **£1 million** each to expand their environmental innovations. **The Serum Institute of India** is the official summit sponsor, while filmmaker **Karan Johar** will host the **Awards Night,** featuring a performance by British pop band **Take That**.



## Mandates and Objectives:

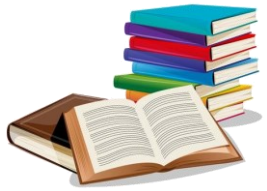
- **Objectives:** To identify, reward and scale innovative environmental solutions, encourage biodiversity conservation, reduce air and marine pollution, promote waste reduction and recycling, address climate change, mobilise private investment in environmental innovation and accelerate practical solutions capable of restoring the planet by **2030**.



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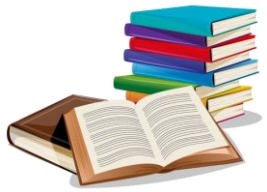
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Earthshot Prize:** A global environmental initiative founded by **Prince William** in **2020** to identify and support innovative solutions to major environmental challenges**,** awarding £**1 million** annually to a winner in each of five categories.



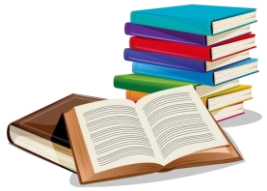
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Protect and Restore Nature: An Earthshot Prize** category recognising initiatives that conserve biodiversity, protect natural ecosystems, restore degraded landscapes and promote sustainable management of natural resources.



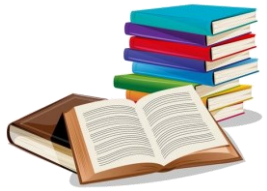
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Clean Our Air:** An award category supporting technological and community-based innovations designed to reduce air pollution and improve air quality.



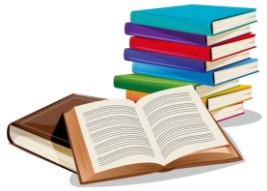
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Revive Our Oceans:** An environmental award category promoting solutions that protect marine ecosystems, restore ocean health and reduce threats to marine biodiversity.



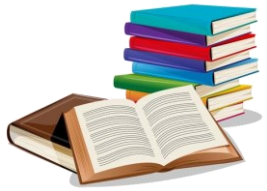
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Build a Waste-Free World**: **An Earthshot Prize** category recognising solutions that prevent waste generation, improve recycling, encourage reuse and promote sustainable resource management.



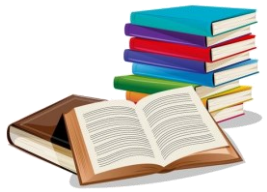
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Fix Our Climate:** An award category supporting innovations that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate climate change and accelerate the transition towards low-carbon development.



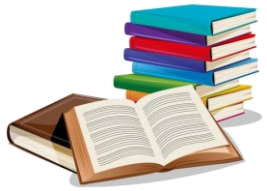
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Moonshot Programme:** An ambitious initiative associated with the historic goal of landing humans on the Moon, which inspired the **Earthshot Prize**'s approach to setting bold environmental targets.



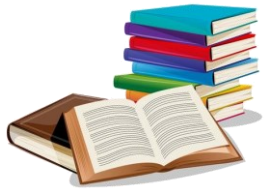
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Environmental Innovation:** The development of new technologies, practices, products or business models that reduce environmental damage and improve the sustainable use of natural resources.



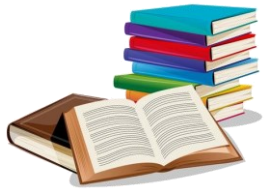
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Takachar:** An environmental technology initiative that won the **2021 Earthshot Prize** in the **Clean Our Air** category for innovations addressing agricultural waste and air pollution.



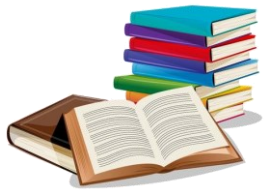
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kheyti: An Indian** agricultural initiative that won the **2022 Earthshot Prize** in the **Protect and Restore Nature** category for its affordable greenhouse solutions supporting smallholder farmers.



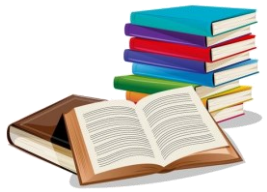
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Boomitra:** A soil carbon and climate technology initiative that won the **2023 Earthshot Prize** in the **Fix Our Climate** category for promoting carbon removal through improved soil management.



## Important Terms Explained:

- S4S Technologies: **An Indian** enterprise that won the **2023 Earthshot Prize** in the **Build a Waste-Free World** category for developing solutions to reduce food waste through innovative food-processing technologies.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | Earthshot Prize 2026, marking the first edition of the global environmental awards event hosted in India. |
| Dates and Location | November 16–17, 2026, in Mumbai, Maharashtra. |
| Founder and Launch Year | Prince William, established in 2020. |
| Edition and Awards Night | Sixth annual edition, with the Awards Night scheduled for November 17, 2026. |
| Prize Structure | 15 annual finalists across five environmental categories, with five winners receiving £1 million each. |
| Five Award Categories | Protect and Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans, Build a Waste-Free World and Fix Our Climate. |
| Key Event Partners and Personalities | Serum Institute of India as summit sponsor, Karan Johar as host, Take That as performers and Prime Video as exclusive live-streaming partner. |
| India's Achievements | Seven Indian finalists and four winners, including Takachar (2021), Kheyti (2022), Boomitra (2023) and S4S Technologies (2023). |
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➤ **Which country emerged as India's largest soybean supplier during the 2025–26 marketing season, when soybean imports reached a record 1.1 million tonnes?**

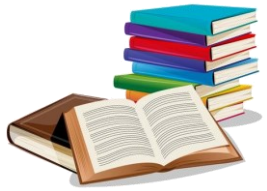
A) Nigeria
B) Benin
C) Niger
D) Togo
E) Brazil



**Answer**
**C) Niger.**

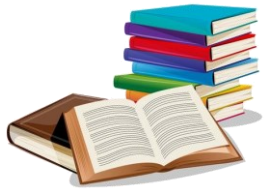
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's soybean imports reached a record **1.1 million** metric tonnes during the **2025–26** marketing season, compared with approximately **2,000** tonnes in the previous season, driven by rising domestic soybean prices and increased demand from processing industries.



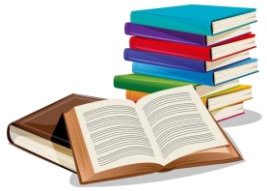
## Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, with major soybean imports originating from Niger and other African countries.
- **Date: 2025–26** marketing season, ending September **30, 2026,** with figures reported on October **28, 2026**.



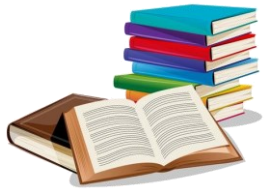
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** According to figures from the **Soybean Processors Association of India** (**SOPA**) reported by Reuters, India's soybean imports increased sharply to approximately **1.1 million** tonnes in **2025–26,** primarily because higher domestic soybean prices encouraged processors to source supplies from international markets. Niger emerged as the largest supplier, with estimated shipments exceeding **430,000** tonnes. India's import requirements for non-genetically modified (non-GM) soybeans limited potential suppliers to countries such as Niger, Benin, **Togo and Nigeria**. Meanwhile, India's soymeal exports declined by approximately **50%** to around **1 million** tonnes during the same period.



## Mandates and Objectives:

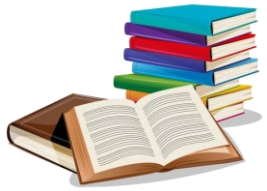
- **Objectives:** To secure competitively priced soybean supplies for domestic processing industries, meet demand for soybean-based food products and animal feed, manage the impact of rising domestic raw material prices, maintain industrial production and ensure compliance with applicable import regulations concerning non-GM soybeans.



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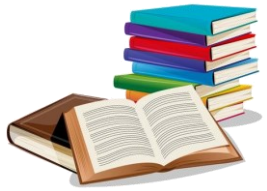
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Soybean (Glycine max):** An oilseed leguminous crop cultivated primarily for its edible oil and protein-rich meal, widely used in food manufacturing, animal feed and industrial applications.



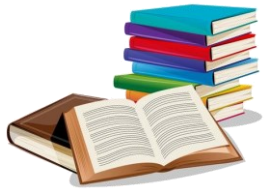
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA):** An industry association representing soybean processors and traders in India, providing information on soybean production, processing, trade and market developments.



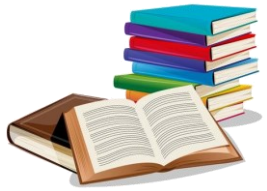
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Marketing Season:** A designated annual period used to record agricultural production, arrivals, trade, consumption and stock movements for a particular commodity.



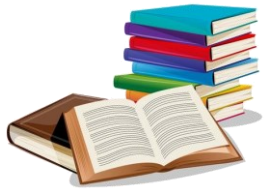
## Important Terms Explained:

- Non-**Genetically Modified** (Non-GM) Soybeans: Soybeans produced without genetic engineering**,** which are permitted for import into India under the regulations described in the reported trade data.



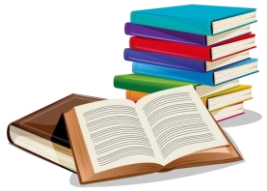
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Genetically Modified (GM) Crops:** Agricultural crops whose genetic material has been altered using biotechnology to introduce specific characteristics, such as pest resistance or improved tolerance to environmental conditions.



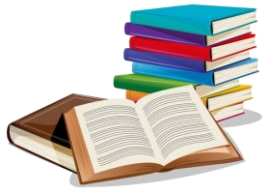
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Soymeal (Soybean Meal):** A protein-rich product remaining after soybean oil extraction, primarily used as an ingredient in poultry, livestock and other animal feeds.



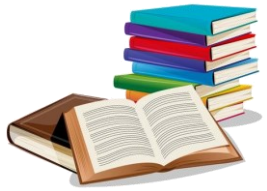
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Soybean Processing:** The industrial conversion of soybeans into products such as soybean oil, soymeal, soymilk and other food or feed ingredients.



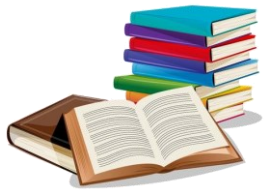
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Import Tariff:** A tax imposed by a government on goods entering a country, which affects the landed cost and competitiveness of imported commodities.



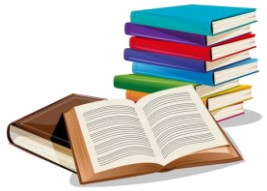
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Country of Origin:** The country where a product is produced or substantially transformed, used for customs classification, trade documentation and determination of applicable import duties.



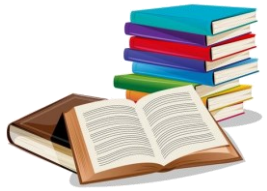
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kharif Crop:** An agricultural crop generally sown during India's southwest monsoon season and harvested after the rainy period, with soybean being an important kharif oilseed crop.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Edible Oil Economy:** The agricultural and industrial system involving the production, processing, import, distribution and consumption of vegetable oils used for human consumption.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|---|---|
| Event | India's soybean imports reached a record 1.1 million metric tonnes during the 2025–26 marketing season. |
| Reporting Period | Marketing season ending September 30, 2026, with figures reported on October 28, 2026. |
| Data Source | Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA), as reported by Reuters. |
| Import Comparison | Approximately 1.1 million tonnes in 2025–26, compared with nearly 2,000 tonnes in the previous marketing season. |
| Leading Supplier | Niger, with estimated shipments exceeding 430,000 tonnes. |
| Major Import Drivers | Rising domestic soybean prices and increased demand for competitively priced imported soybeans. |
| Import Restrictions and Origin Concerns | Non-GM soybean requirements limited suppliers, while customs authorities examined the declared origin of certain shipments reported from Niger. |
| Soymeal Export Performance | India's soymeal exports declined by approximately 50% to around 1 million tonnes in 2025–26. |
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➤ **Which butterfly species was selected as Chhattisgarh's proposed first state butterfly following an online public vote in 2026?**

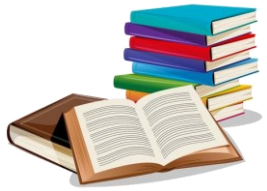
A) Blue Mormon
B) Southern Birdwing
C) Common Banded Peacock
D) Orange Oakleaf
E) Spot Swordtail



**Answer**
**D) Orange Oakleaf.**

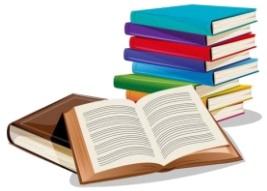
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Chhattisgarh selected the **Orange Oakleaf** (Kallima inachus) as its proposed first state butterfly after it secured **3,000** votes out of **5,813** votes in an online public poll, with the selection endorsed by the **State Wildlife Board**.
- **Location:** Chhattisgarh, India.



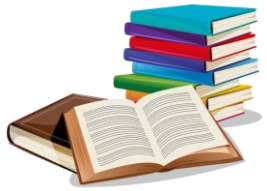
## Event and Location:

- **Date:** July **31** to August **31, 2026** (public voting), with the development reported on October **28, 2026**.



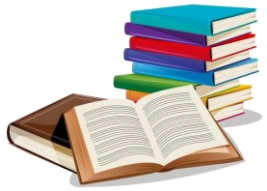
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Chhattisgarh** authorities conducted an online public poll from July **31** to August **31, 2026,** to select the state's first official butterfly from three shortlisted species. **The Orange Oakleaf** received **3,000** votes (approximately **51.6%**), followed by the **Common Banded Peacock** (Papilio crino) with **1,606** votes and the **Spot Swordtail** (Graphium nomius) with **1,207** votes. The proposal was approved during the **15**th **State Wildlife Board** meeting and awaits final government clearance. **The Orange Oakleaf** is recognised for its distinctive leaf-like camouflage and colourful wings.



## Mandates and Objectives:

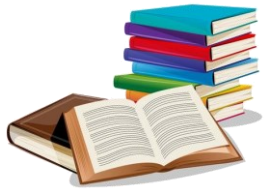
- **Objectives:** To recognise Chhattisgarh's butterfly diversity, promote wildlife conservation, raise public awareness about indigenous butterfly species, encourage citizen participation in biodiversity initiatives, protect natural habitats and highlight the ecological importance of butterflies as pollinators and environmental indicators.



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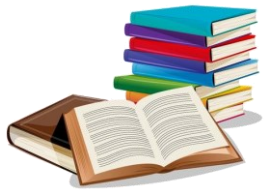
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Orange Oakleaf (Kallima inachus):** A butterfly species known for its remarkable resemblance to a dried leaf when its wings are closed, while its open wings display bright orange, black and blue colour patterns.



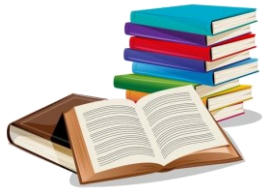
## Important Terms Explained:

- Leaf-**Like Camouflage**: A defensive adaptation in which an organism resembles its natural surroundings, allowing it to avoid detection by predators.



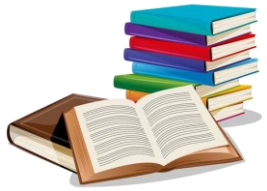
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Common Banded Peacock (Papilio crino):** A butterfly species known for its distinctive greenish-blue wing markings, which received **1,606** votes in Chhattisgarh's state butterfly selection poll.



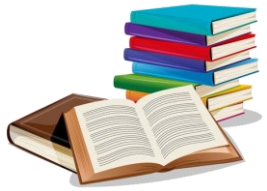
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Spot Swordtail (Graphium nomius):** A swallowtail butterfly species characterised by elongated hindwing tails and spotted wing patterns, which received **1,207** votes in the public poll.



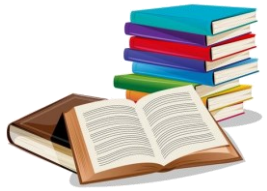
## Important Terms Explained:

- **State Wildlife Board:** A state-level statutory advisory body constituted under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, **1972**, to advise the government on wildlife conservation, habitat protection and related policy matters.



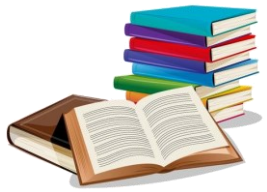
## Important Terms Explained:

- **State Butterfly:** A butterfly species officially designated by a state government to represent its natural heritage, biodiversity and wildlife conservation priorities.



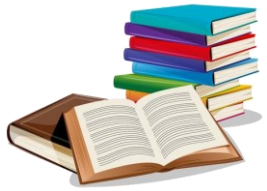
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Biodiversity:** The variety of living organisms, including plants, animals and microorganisms, and the diversity of ecosystems in which they occur.



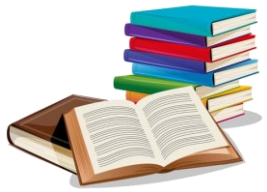
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Pollination:** The transfer of pollen between flowers to enable fertilisation and reproduction, facilitated by organisms such as butterflies, bees and other pollinators.



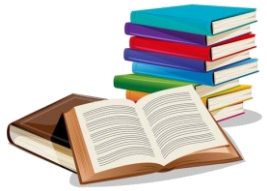
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Bioindicator Species:** Organisms whose presence, absence, abundance or condition can provide information about environmental quality and ecosystem health.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Wildlife Conservation:** The protection and management of wild animals, plants and natural habitats to maintain ecological balance and prevent biodiversity loss.

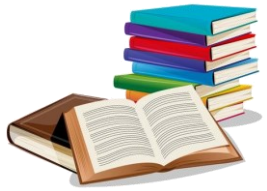


## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
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| Event | Orange Oakleaf selected as Chhattisgarh's proposed first state butterfly. |
| Scientific Name | Kallima inachus. |
| Public Voting Period | July 31 to August 31, 2026, through an online Google Form poll. |
| Winning Votes | Orange Oakleaf received 3,000 of 5,813 votes, representing approximately 51.6% of the total. |
| Other Candidates | Common Banded Peacock received 1,606 votes, while Spot Swordtail secured 1,207 votes. |
| Approving Authority and Status | Selection endorsed during the 15th State Wildlife Board meeting, with final government clearance pending. |
| Distinctive Characteristics | Dried-leaf camouflage when wings are folded and bright orange, black and blue patterns when opened. |
| Biodiversity Significance | Chhattisgarh recorded 201 butterfly species in a 2025 study, while Maharashtra became the first Indian state to adopt a state butterfly, the Blue Mormon, in 2015. |
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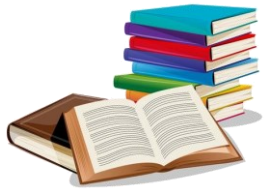
- **Abhishek Sharma scored his 11th T20 century against New Zealand on October 27, 2026, overtaking Virat Kohli's tally of 10 to become India's leading T20 century-maker and reaching third place in the reported global standings.**
- **The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a 3 percentage-point increase in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief from 60% to 63%, effective July 1, 2026, benefiting approximately 1.17 crore Central Government employees and pensioners.**
- **Air Marshal Vikram Gaur was reportedly selected for appointment as Additional Secretary in the Department of Military Affairs in October 2026, potentially becoming the first Indian Air Force officer to hold the position and strengthening tri-service representation.**
- **The UAE honoured Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and flydubai crew members with the First Class Order of Zayed II on October 27, 2026, recognising their bravery in protecting passengers during a cockpit emergency.**
- **The New India Foundation shortlisted five non-fiction books for the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026, recognising outstanding writing on modern India, with the winner set to receive ₹15 lakh at the Bangalore Literature Festival.**



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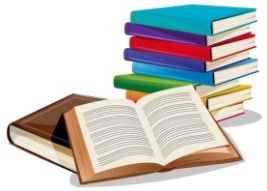
- India and Indonesia commenced the 11th edition of Exercise Garuda Shakti in Banyuwangi on October 27, 2026, to enhance Special Forces interoperability, jungle warfare capabilities and bilateral defence cooperation.
- Goa Shipyard Limited launched INS Srishti (Yard 1283), a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel for the Indian Navy, at Vaddem Yard in Goa on October 27, 2026, strengthening India's indigenous naval shipbuilding capabilities.
- Türkiye will host COP31 at the Antalya EXPO Center from November 9 to 20, 2026, under President Murat Kurum, with Australia leading the official negotiations to advance implementation of global climate commitments.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the ₹10,000 crore Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme in October 2026 to expand domestic container production, reduce import dependence and strengthen India's maritime supply chains.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the ₹7,395.55 crore Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana on October 28, 2026, to strengthen Panchayat governance, digital planning and financial accountability across rural India.



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- **The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways introduced an annual Concessional Local Pass effective November 1, 2026, offering reduced toll costs to eligible non-commercial vehicle owners residing within 20 km of National Highway fee plazas.**
- **Mumbai will host India's first Earthshot Prize event on November 16–17, 2026, bringing Prince William's global environmental initiative to the country to recognise and support innovative solutions to major ecological challenges.**
- **India's soybean imports reached a record 1.1 million tonnes during the 2025–26 marketing season, according to SOPA figures reported by Reuters, as higher domestic prices encouraged processors to import soybeans and Niger emerged as the largest supplier.**
- **Chhattisgarh selected the Orange Oakleaf butterfly as its proposed first state butterfly in 2026 after it won an online public poll, with the State Wildlife Board endorsing the proposal to promote biodiversity conservation and wildlife awareness.**



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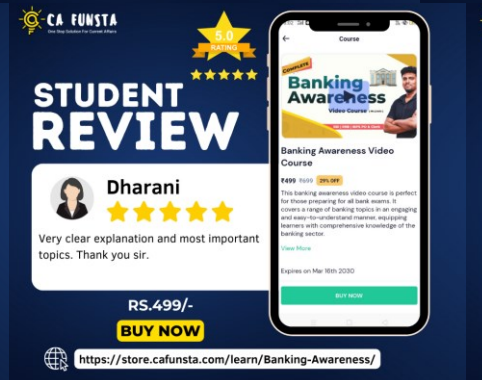

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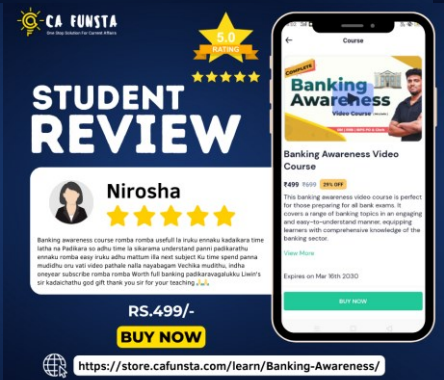

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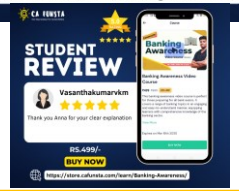

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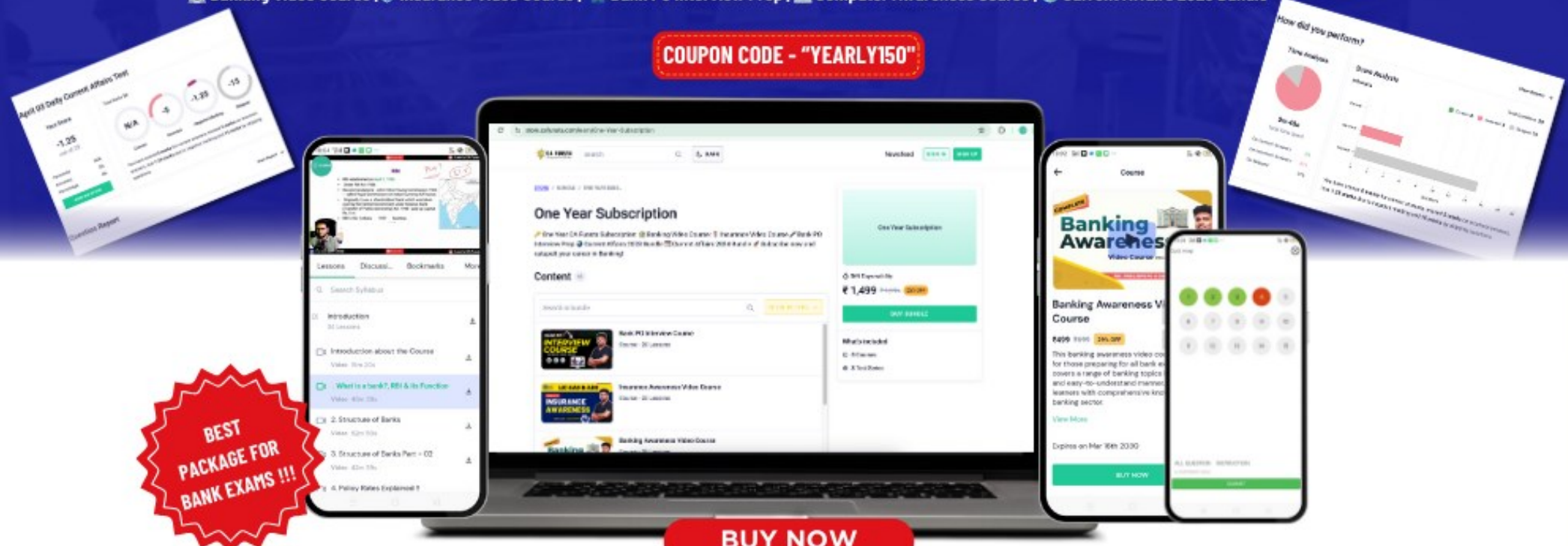
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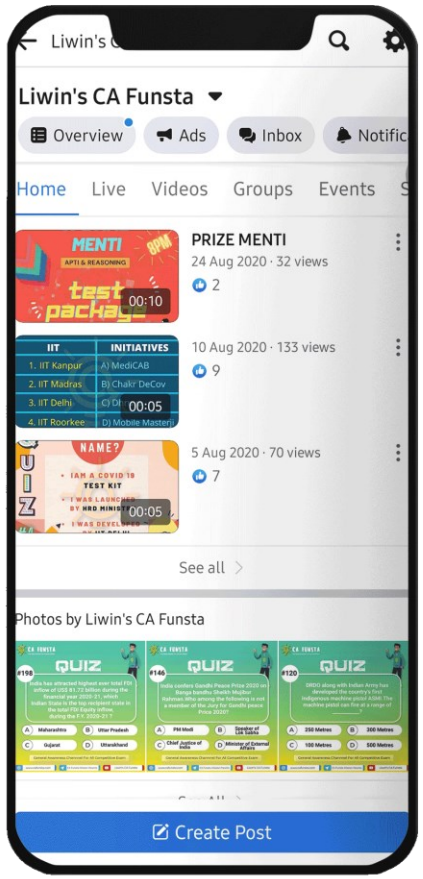
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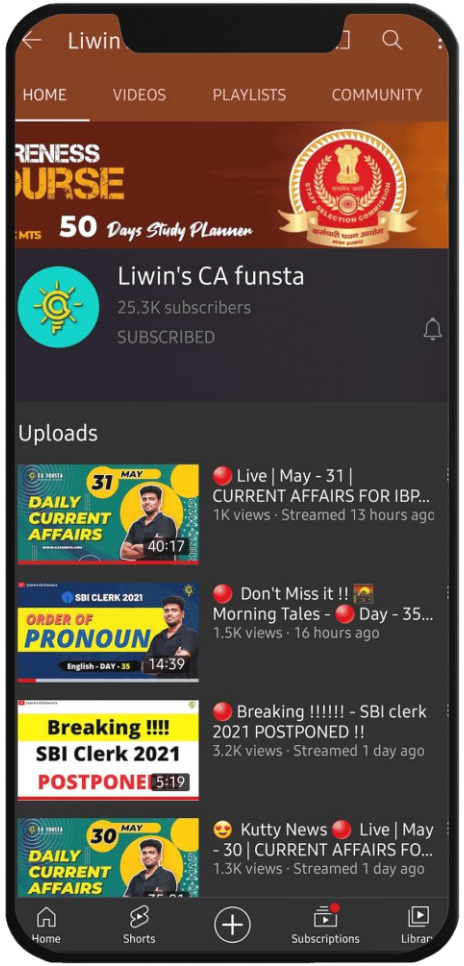



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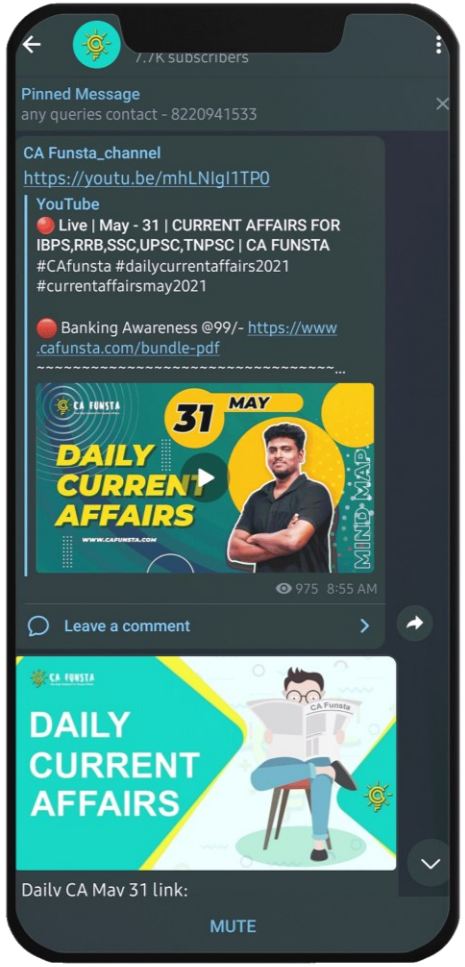
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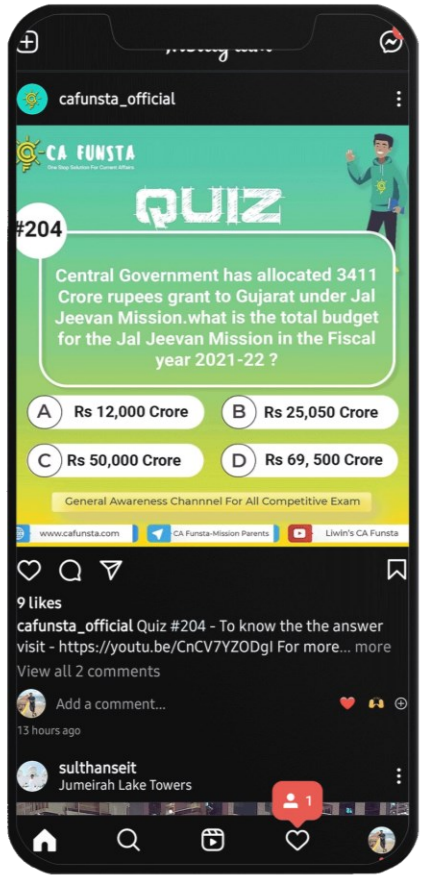



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