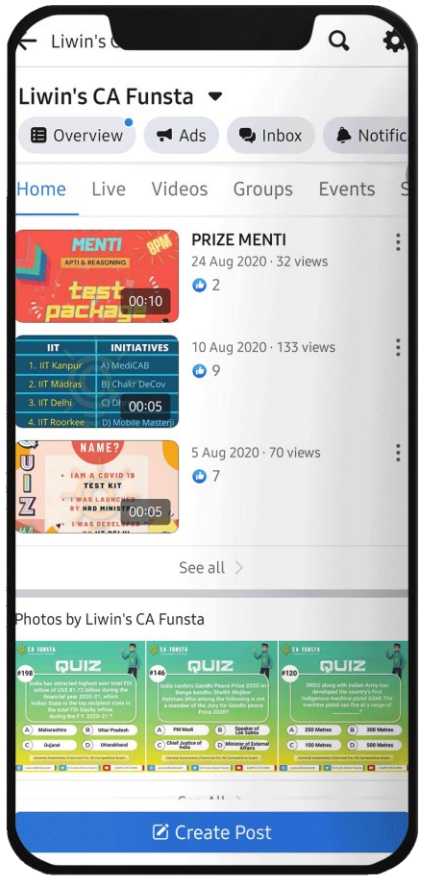
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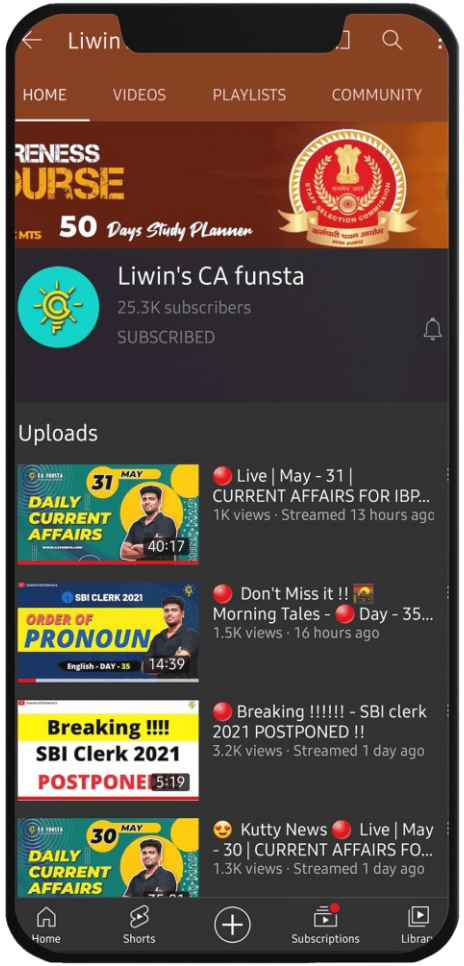
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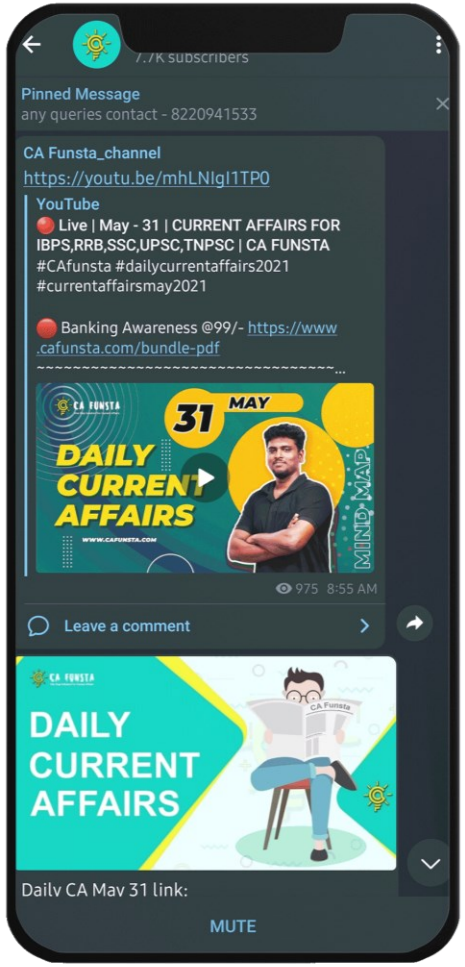
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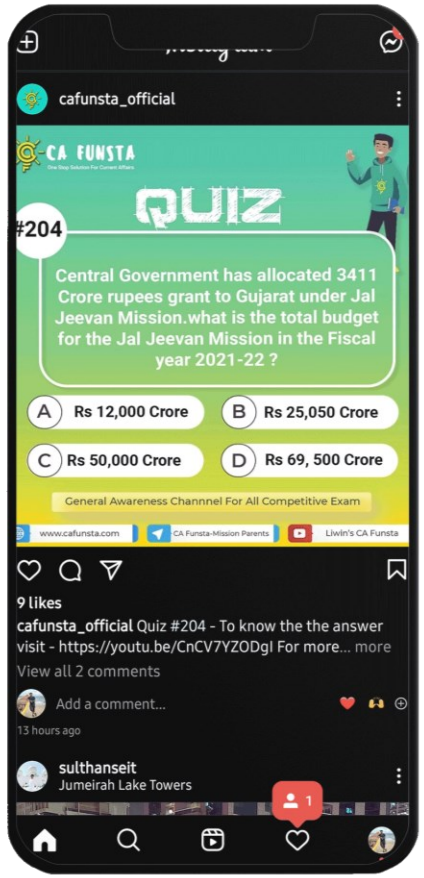


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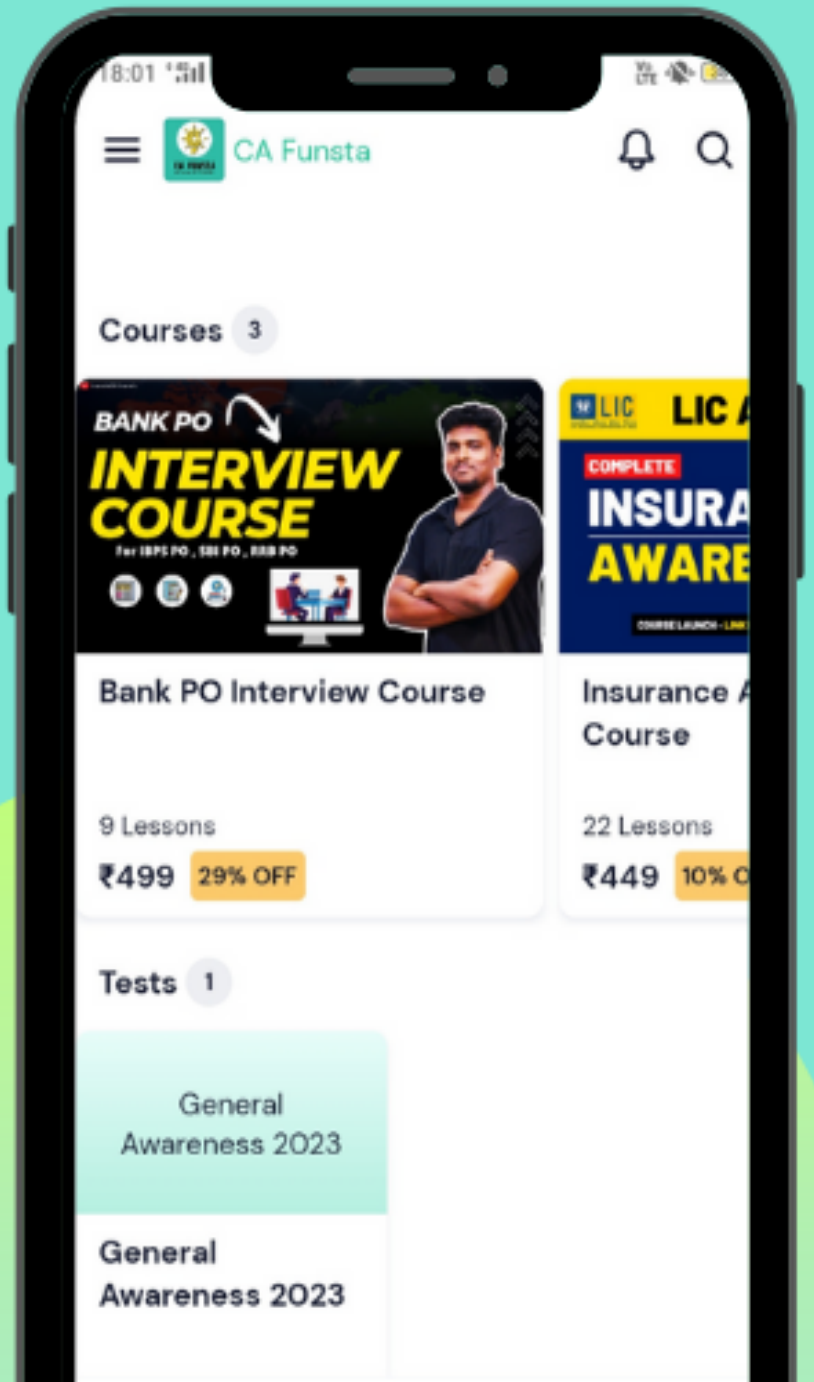
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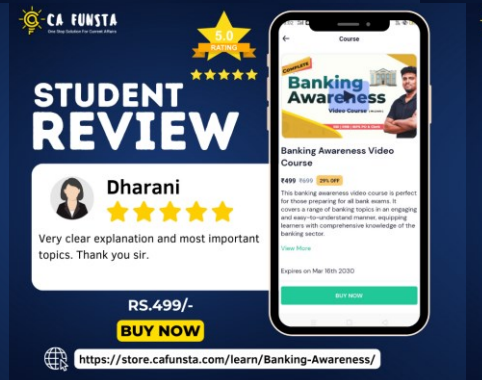

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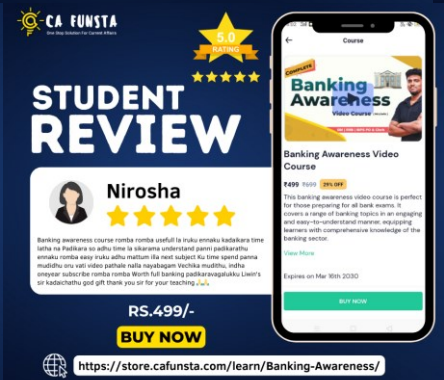

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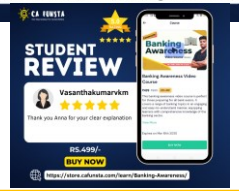

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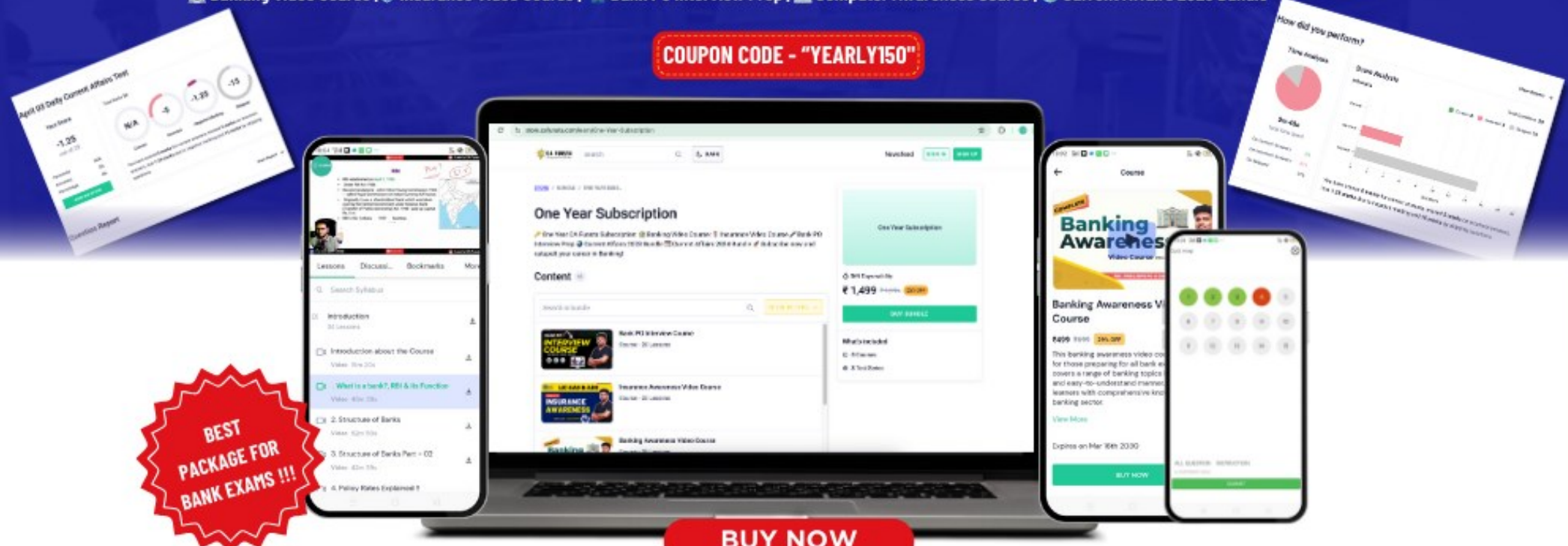
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➤ **On which date was Madhya Pradesh formed under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, which is commemorated annually as Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day?**

A) November 1, 1950
B) November 1, 1956
C) November 1, 1960
D) November 1, 1972
E) November 1, 2000

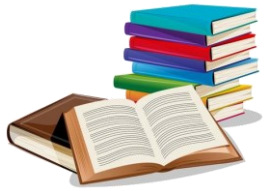


Answer
B) November 1, 1956.

Important Days

Event and Location:

- **Event: Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day** (**Madhya Pradesh Diwas**) **2026** was observed to commemorate the **70**th anniversary of the state's formation on November **1, 1956,** under the **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**.
- **Location: Madhya Pradesh, Central India,** with major celebrations in the state capital, Bhopal.

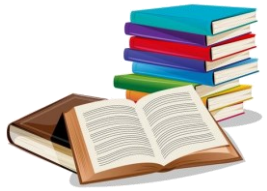


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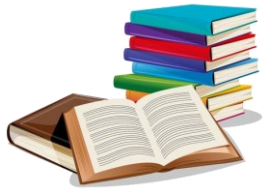
- **Date:** November **1, 2026,** marking **70** years since the formation of **Madhya Pradesh**.



Important Days

Mandates and Objectives:

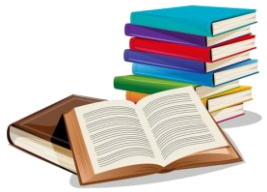
- **Mandates: Madhya Pradesh** celebrated its **70**th **Foundation Day** through official functions, cultural programmes, public celebrations, exhibitions and award ceremonies, commemorating the integration of **Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh, Bhopal State** and territories of the former **Madhya Pradesh** into a reorganised state on November **1, 1956**.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To commemorate the historical formation and administrative reorganisation of **Madhya Pradesh**, promote awareness of its cultural and tribal heritage, celebrate regional unity and diversity, recognise developmental achievements and strengthen public appreciation of the state's historical, geographical and economic significance.

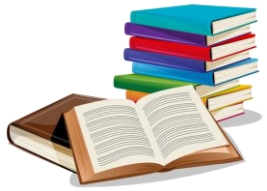


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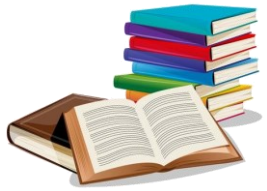
Important Terms Explained:

- **Madhya Pradesh Diwas:** An annual state foundation observance celebrated on November **1** to commemorate the creation of the reorganised state of **Madhya Pradesh** in **1956,** with **2026** marking its **70**th anniversary.



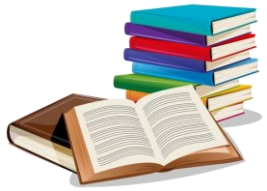
Important Terms Explained:

- **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**: A major Indian parliamentary legislation that reorganised state boundaries, primarily on linguistic and administrative considerations, and came into effect on November **1, 1956**, resulting in the formation of the reorganised **Madhya Pradesh**.



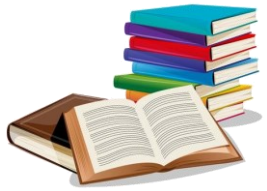
Important Terms Explained:

- **States Reorganisation Commission (SRC):** A commission established in **1953** under the chairmanship of **Fazl Ali** to recommend changes to India's state boundaries based on linguistic, administrative and other considerations.



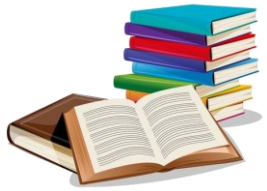
Important Terms Explained:

- **Madhya Bharat:** A former union of princely states in **Central India** that was merged into the reorganised **Madhya Pradesh** in **1956**.



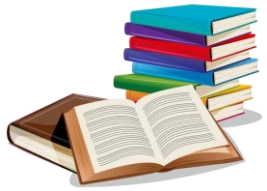
Important Terms Explained:

- **Vindhya Pradesh:** A former Indian state comprising princely territories of the Vindhya region that became part of **Madhya Pradesh** under the **1956** reorganisation.



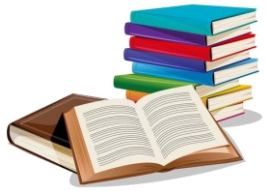
Important Terms Explained:

- **Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000**: Parliamentary legislation that provided for the creation of Chhattisgarh from the southeastern territories of **Madhya Pradesh,** with the new state coming into existence on November **1, 2000**.



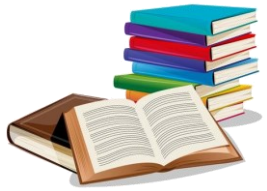
Important Terms Explained:

- **Heart of India:** A popular geographical description of **Madhya Pradesh** arising from its central location within India and its diverse cultural heritage, landscapes, forests and historical sites.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Narmada River:** A major west-flowing river of peninsular India that passes through a rift valley between the **Vindhya and Satpura** mountain ranges and flows towards the **Arabian Sea**.



Important Days

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance and date	Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day, celebrated annually on November 1.
Formation year and anniversary	Formed on November 1, 1956, with its 70th anniversary observed in 2026.
Formation legislation	States Reorganisation Act, 1956, based on recommendations of the States Reorganisation Commission chaired by Fazl Ali.
Territorial reorganisation	Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh, Bhopal State and territories of the former Madhya Pradesh were integrated into the reorganised state.
Capital and largest city	Bhopal is the state capital, while Indore is the largest city.
Formation of Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh was separated from Madhya Pradesh on November 1, 2000, under the Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000.
Geographical significance	India's second-largest state by area, known as the Heart of India, with the Narmada River, Vindhya and Satpura ranges, and Malwa Plateau.
Judicial and administrative facts	Madhya Pradesh High Court has its principal seat at Jabalpur, and Hindi is the state's official language.

Important Days

➤ **What is the theme of Chhattisgarh Rajyotsav 2026, celebrated to mark the state's 26th formation anniversary?**

A) Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat
B) Samriddh Chhattisgarh, Viksit Bharat
C) Sashakt Nari, Yuva Udaan
D) Nari Shakti, Rashtra Shakti
E) Sanskriti, Samriddhi aur Vikas

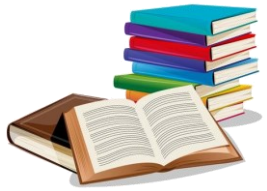


Answer
C) Sashakt Nari, Yuva Udaan.

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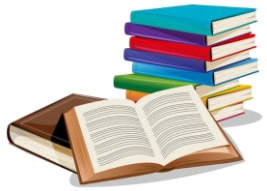
- **Event: Chhattisgarh Formation Day 2026** (**Chhattisgarh Rajyotsav**) marked the **26**th anniversary of the state's formation from **Madhya Pradesh** on November **1, 2000,** with the theme "**Sashakt Nari, Yuva Udaan**", emphasising women's empowerment and youth development.
- **Location: Rajya Utsav Sthal,** Sector **15, Nava Raipur** (**Atal Nagar**), Chhattisgarh, India.



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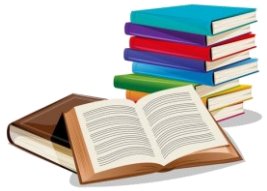
- **Date:** November **1, 2026,** with Rajyotsav celebrations scheduled from November **1** to **3, 2026**.



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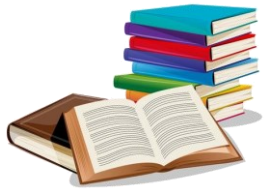
- **Mandates: The Government of Chhattisgarh** organised three-day Rajyotsav celebrations from November **1** to **3, 2026,** commemorating **26** years of statehood under the **Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000**. The celebrations included an inaugural ceremony by **Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Indian Air Force** aerial demonstrations by the **Sarang Helicopter Display Team and Akashganga Parachute Display Team,** cultural programmes**,** district-level celebrations and the **Rajya Alankaran Samaroh,** with **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** scheduled to attend the closing ceremony.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To commemorate Chhattisgarh's formation, preserve its distinctive regional and tribal heritage, promote women's empowerment and youth participation, highlight developmental achievements, recognise outstanding contributions through state honours and encourage inclusive social and economic progress.

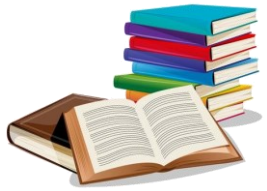


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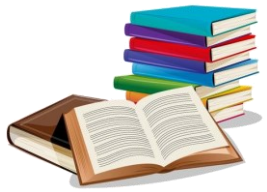
- **Chhattisgarh Rajyotsav:** The annual state foundation celebration observed on November **1** to commemorate Chhattisgarh's formation in **2000,** featuring cultural programmes, public events, exhibitions and recognition of achievements.



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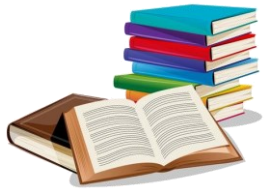
- **Sashakt Nari, Yuva Udaan**: The theme of **Chhattisgarh Rajyotsav 2026,** meaning "**Empowered Women, Rising Youth**", focusing on women's empowerment, youth development, participation and inclusive growth.



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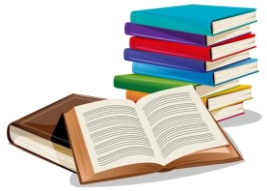
- **Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000**: Parliamentary legislation that provided the legal framework for separating Chhattisgarh from **Madhya Pradesh**. It received presidential assent on August **25, 2000,** and enabled the creation of Chhattisgarh on November **1, 2000**.



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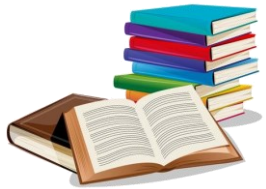
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- Article **3** of the **Indian Constitution**: A constitutional provision empowering Parliament to form new states, alter the boundaries or areas of existing states, and change state names through legislation, subject to the prescribed constitutional procedure.



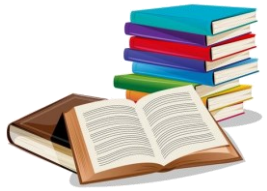
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- Article **4** of the **Indian Constitution**: A provision allowing laws enacted under Articles **2** and **3** to include necessary amendments to the **First and Fourth Schedules** and related supplemental provisions without being treated as constitutional amendments under Article **368**.



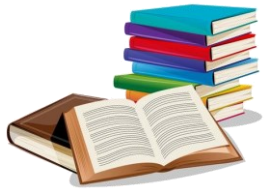
Important Terms Explained:

- **Dakshin Kosala:** An ancient historical name associated with the region that includes present-day Chhattisgarh, reflecting its historical kingdoms, cultural traditions and regional heritage.



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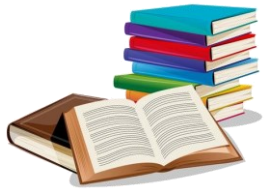
- **Sarang Helicopter Display Team: An Indian Air Force** aerobatic helicopter demonstration team known for coordinated formation flying and aerial displays using helicopters.



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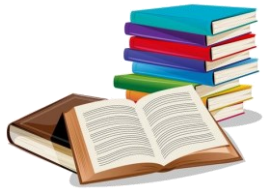
Important Terms Explained:

- **Akashganga Parachute Display Team: The Indian Air Force**'s parachute demonstration team that performs precision skydiving and aerial displays during national events and public celebrations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajya Alankaran Samaroh:** A state-level honours ceremony conducted during **Chhattisgarh Rajyotsav** to recognise distinguished achievements and contributions in various fields.



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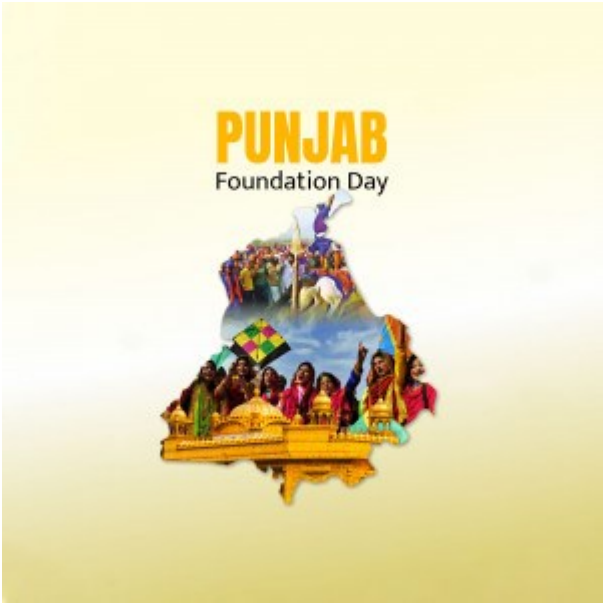
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event and anniversary	Chhattisgarh Formation Day 2026, marking the state's 26th formation anniversary on November 1, 2026.
Formation history	Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh on November 1, 2000, becoming India's 26th state, with Raipur as its capital and Ajit Jogi as its first Chief Minister.
Formation legislation	Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000, which received presidential assent on August 25, 2000.
2026 Rajyotsav theme	“Sashakt Nari, Yuva Udaan”, promoting women's empowerment and youth development.
Celebration dates and venue	November 1–3, 2026, at Rajya Utsav Sthal, Sector 15, Nava Raipur (Atal Nagar).
Inauguration and chief guest	Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya scheduled to inaugurate the celebrations on November 1, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah as the closing ceremony's chief guest on November 3.
Major programmes	Sarang Helicopter and Akashganga Parachute Display Teams scheduled for November 2, followed by Rajya Alankaran Samaroh on November 3.
Constitutional significance	Article 3 empowers Parliament to create new states, while Article 4 provides for consequential legislative and constitutional schedule changes.

Important Days

➤ **Which Act led to the formation of modern Punjab and the creation of Haryana as a separate state on November 1, 1966?**

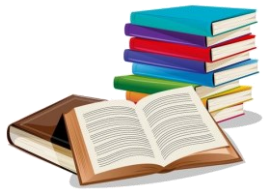
A) States Reorganisation Act, 1956
B) Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966
C) Government of India Act, 1935
D) Haryana Formation Act, 1965
E) Indian Independence Act, 1947



Answer
B) Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966.

Event and Location:

- **Event: Punjab Formation Day 2026** (**Punjab Day**) was observed to commemorate the **60**th anniversary of the reorganisation of Punjab under the **Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966,** which created modern Punjab, established Haryana as a separate state and transferred certain hill regions to **Himachal Pradesh**.

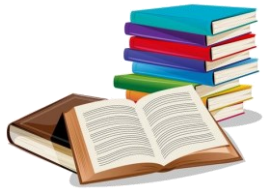


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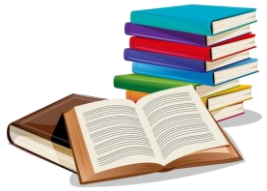
- **Location:** Punjab, India, with Chandigarh serving as the joint capital of **Punjab and Haryana**.
- **Date:** November **1, 2026,** marking **60** years since the reorganisation of Punjab on November **1, 1966**.



Important Days

Mandates and Objectives:

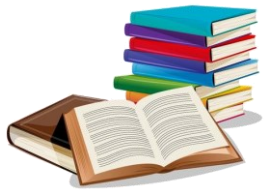
- **Mandates: Punjab Formation Day** commemorates the implementation of the **Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966,** which reorganised the former Punjab state into Punjabi-speaking **Punjab and Hindi**-speaking Haryana, transferred specified hill territories to **Himachal Pradesh** and established Chandigarh as a **Union Territory** and the joint capital of **Punjab and Haryana**.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To commemorate the formation of modern Punjab, recognise the historical significance of the **Punjabi Suba Movement,** celebrate Punjabi linguistic and cultural identity, promote awareness of India's state reorganisation process and acknowledge Punjab's contributions to agriculture, the freedom struggle and national development.

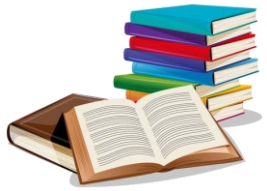


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Punjab Formation Day:** An annual observance on November **1** commemorating the formation of modern Punjab in **1966** following the linguistic and administrative reorganisation of the former Punjab state.

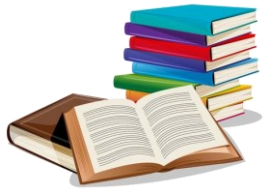


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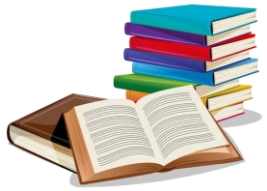
Important Terms Explained:

- **Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966**: Parliamentary legislation enacted on September **18, 1966,** and implemented on November **1, 1966,** which reorganised Punjab, created Haryana, transferred specified territories to **Himachal Pradesh** and established Chandigarh as a **Union Territory**.



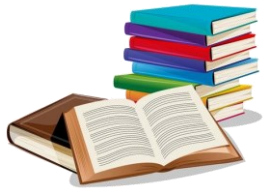
Important Terms Explained:

- **Punjabi Suba Movement:** A political and linguistic movement during the **1950**s and **1960**s demanding the creation of a Punjabi-speaking state to protect and promote Punjabi language, culture and regional identity.



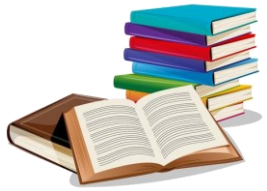
Important Terms Explained:

- **Patiala and East Punjab States Union (PEPSU):** A former Indian state formed in **1948** through the integration of several princely states, including Patiala, which was merged with Punjab under the **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**.



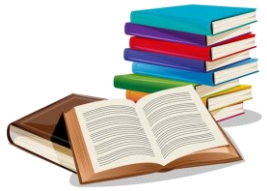
Important Terms Explained:

- **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**: A parliamentary legislation that reorganised India's states primarily on linguistic and administrative considerations and facilitated the merger of **PEPSU** with Punjab in **1956**.



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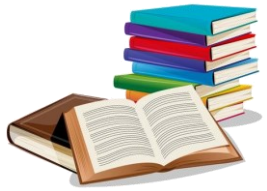
- Article **3** of the **Indian Constitution**: A constitutional provision empowering Parliament to form new states, alter the areas or boundaries of existing states and change state names through legislation, subject to prescribed constitutional procedures.



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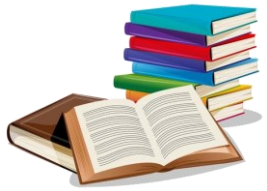
- **Chandigarh Union Territory:** A **Union Territory** established during Punjab's reorganisation in **1966** that serves as the shared capital of **Punjab and Haryana** while being administered by the **Central Government**.



Important Days

Important Terms Explained:

- **Land of Five Rivers:** A traditional description of Punjab derived from the Persian words Panj (five) and Ab (water), referring to the Sutlej, Beas, Ravi, **Chenab and Jhelum** rivers historically associated with the Punjab region.



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Important Days

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance and date	Punjab Formation Day, celebrated annually on November 1.
Formation anniversary	November 1, 2026, marked 60 years since the reorganisation of Punjab in 1966.
Formation legislation	Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, enacted on September 18, 1966, and implemented on November 1, 1966.
Major territorial changes	Punjabi-speaking areas formed modern Punjab, Hindi-speaking areas formed Haryana, and specified hill regions were transferred to Himachal Pradesh.
Capital and administrative status	Chandigarh became a Union Territory and the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana.
Historical background	The 1947 Partition, formation of PEPSU in 1948, its merger with Punjab in 1956 and the Punjabi Suba Movement contributed to the reorganisation.
Constitutional provision	Article 3 empowers Parliament to create new states and alter existing state boundaries, areas or names.
Cultural and geographical significance	Punjab is known as the Land of Five Rivers, traditionally referring to the Sutlej, Beas, Ravi, Chenab and Jhelum.

Important Days

➤ **Which commission, established in April 1966 under Justice J. C. Shah, recommended the territorial reorganisation that led to the formation of Haryana on November 1, 1966?**

A) Fazl Ali Commission
B) Sarkaria Commission
C) Shah Commission
D) Dhar Commission
E) Punchhi Commission

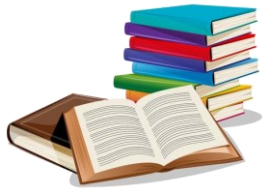


Answer
C) Shah Commission.

Important Days

Event and Location:

- **Event: Haryana Day 2026** was observed to commemorate the **60**th anniversary of Haryana's formation from Punjab on November **1, 1966,** under the **Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966,** following recommendations of the **Shah Commission**.
- **Location:** Haryana, India, with Chandigarh serving as the joint capital of **Haryana and Punjab**.

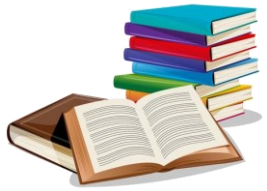


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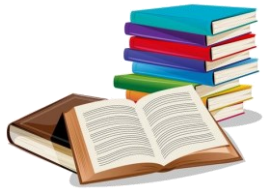
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Important Days

Mandates and Objectives:

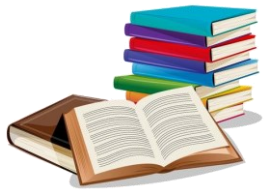
- **Mandates: Haryana Day** commemorates the creation of Haryana as a separate state from the Hindi-speaking regions of Punjab following the recommendations of the **Shah Commission** headed by Justice J. C. Shah. **The Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966,** established Haryana, designated Chandigarh as a **Union Territory** and joint capital of **Punjab and Haryana,** and transferred certain hill territories to **Himachal Pradesh**. The anniversary is observed through cultural programmes, sporting events, cycling parades, food festivals, blood donation drives and public celebrations.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To commemorate Haryana's statehood, recognise the historical movement for linguistic and administrative reorganisation, preserve regional culture and traditions, celebrate achievements in agriculture and economic development, and promote public awareness of Haryana's historical significance and contributions to India.

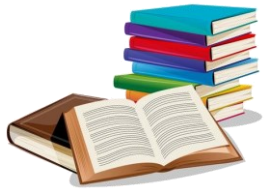


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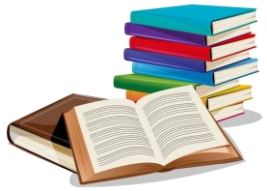
- **Haryana Day:** An annual state foundation observance celebrated on November **1** to commemorate the establishment of Haryana as a separate state in **1966,** with **2026** marking its **60**th anniversary.



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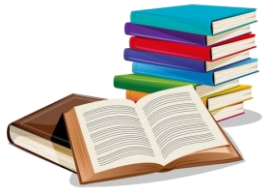
- **Shah Commission:** A commission established by the **Government of India in April 1966** under Justice J. C. Shah to examine Punjab's territorial reorganisation and recommend boundaries for the proposed state of Haryana. It submitted its recommendations in May **1966**.



Important Days

Important Terms Explained:

- **Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966**: Parliamentary legislation that came into effect on November **1, 1966,** creating Haryana from the former Punjab state, reorganising Punjab's boundaries, establishing Chandigarh as a **Union Territory** and transferring specified hill regions to **Himachal Pradesh**.

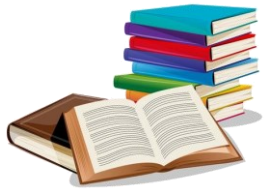


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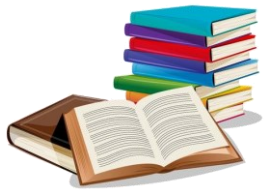
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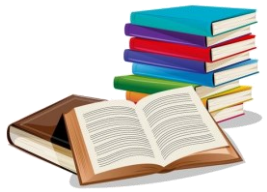
Important Terms Explained:

- **Linguistic Reorganisation:** The administrative restructuring of states or territories primarily on the basis of languages spoken by their populations, aimed at improving regional representation and governance.



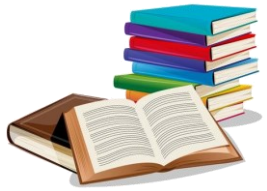
Important Terms Explained:

- **Chandigarh Union Territory:** A centrally administered **Union Territory** established during the **1966** reorganisation of Punjab that serves as the common capital of **Haryana and Punjab**.



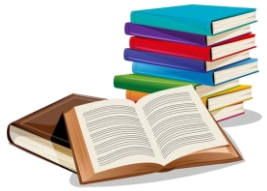
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rakhigarhi:** An important archaeological site associated with the Harappan or **Indus Valley Civilisation,** located in Haryana's Hisar district and recognised for its significance in understanding ancient urban settlements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kurukshetra:** A historically and religiously significant region in Haryana traditionally associated with the Mahabharata and the teachings of the **Bhagavad Gita**.



Important Days

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance and date	Haryana Day, celebrated annually on November 1, with the 60th anniversary observed in 2026.
State formation	Haryana was carved out of Punjab on November 1, 1966, following linguistic and administrative demands.
Formation legislation	Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, which came into effect on November 1, 1966.
Shah Commission	Established in April 1966 under Justice J. C. Shah and submitted its recommendations in May 1966.
Capital and territorial changes	Chandigarh became a Union Territory and joint capital of Haryana and Punjab, while certain hill areas were transferred to Himachal Pradesh.
First constitutional authorities	Bhagwat Dayal Sharma became Haryana's first Chief Minister, while Dharma Vira served as its first Governor.
Language and judiciary	Hindi is the official language, Punjabi is another recognised language, and the Punjab and Haryana High Court serves the state.
Historical and cultural significance	Kurukshetra and Rakhigarhi are major heritage sites, while celebrations highlight Haryana's agriculture, culture, sports and economic development.

Important Days

➤ **In which year was Mysore State officially renamed Karnataka, following the unification of Kannada-speaking regions in 1956?**

A) 1956
B) 1960
C) 1969
D) 1973
E) 1980

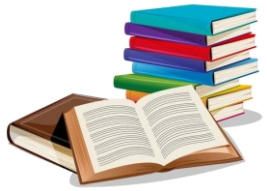


Answer
D) 1973.

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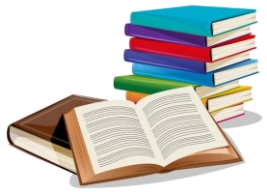
- **Event: Karnataka Rajyotsava 2026** (**Kannada Rajyotsava**) commemorated the **70**th anniversary of the unification of Kannada-speaking regions into the enlarged **Mysore State** on November **1, 1956,** under the **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**.



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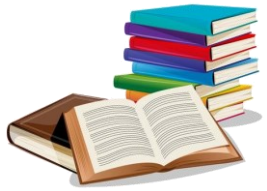
- **Location:** Karnataka, India, with celebrations organised across the state by government institutions, educational organisations and cultural associations.
- **Date:** November **1, 2026,** marking **70** years since the unification of Kannada-speaking regions in **1956**.



Important Days

Mandates and Objectives:

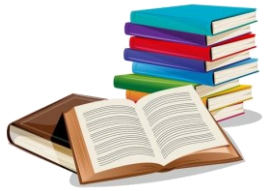
- **Mandates: Karnataka Rajyotsava** commemorates the integration of Kannada-speaking regions from Mysore, Bombay, **Madras and Hyderabad** states, along with Coorg, into the enlarged **Mysore State** on November **1, 1956**. The state was subsequently renamed Karnataka on November **1, 1973**, under the **Mysore State** (**Alteration of Name**) Act, **1973**. The occasion is marked through flag hoisting, cultural programmes, Kannada literary activities, performances of the state song and presentation of **Karnataka Rajyotsava Awards**.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To commemorate Karnataka's linguistic unification, preserve and promote the Kannada language, literature and cultural heritage, honour the contributions of leaders associated with the **Karnataka Ekikarana Movement,** recognise outstanding achievements through state awards and strengthen regional unity and cultural identity.

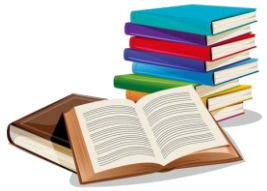


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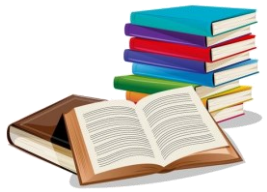
- **Karnataka Rajyotsava:** An annual state formation celebration observed on November **1** to commemorate the integration of Kannada-speaking regions into the enlarged **Mysore State** in **1956,** with **2026** marking the **70**th anniversary of unification.



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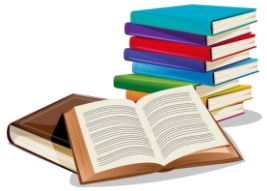
Important Terms Explained:

- **Karnataka Ekikarana Movement:** A historical movement advocating the political and administrative unification of Kannada-speaking regions that were previously divided among different princely states and British-era administrative territories.



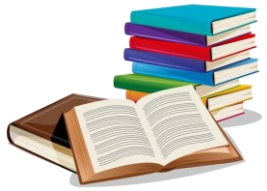
Important Terms Explained:

- **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**: Parliamentary legislation that reorganised India's state boundaries primarily on linguistic and administrative considerations, enabling the integration of Kannada-speaking territories into the enlarged **Mysore State** on November **1, 1956**.



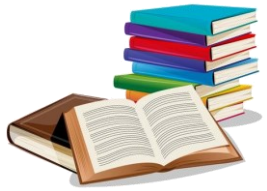
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mysore State** (**Alteration of Name**) Act**, 1973**: Parliamentary legislation that officially changed the name of **Mysore State to Karnataka** on November **1, 1973,** reflecting the broader linguistic and cultural identity of the unified state.



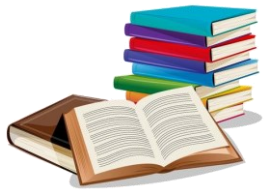
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aluru Venkata Rao:** A prominent Kannada writer, historian and advocate of Karnataka's unification, popularly known as **Karnataka Kulapurohita** for his contributions to the Kannada identity and **Ekikarana Movement**.



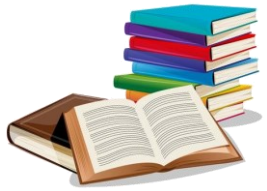
Important Terms Explained:

- **Karnataka Kulapurohita:** An honorary title associated with **Aluru Venkata Rao,** recognising his leading role in promoting the historical, cultural and linguistic unity of Kannada-speaking regions.



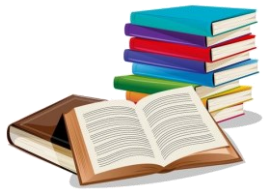
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jaya Bharata Jananiya Tanujate:** The official state song of Karnataka, composed by renowned Kannada poet Kuvempu, celebrating the state's cultural identity, heritage and connection with India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Karnataka Rajyotsava Awards:** State-level honours presented by the **Government of Karnataka** to recognise distinguished contributions in fields such as literature, arts, education, science, social service and other areas of public achievement.



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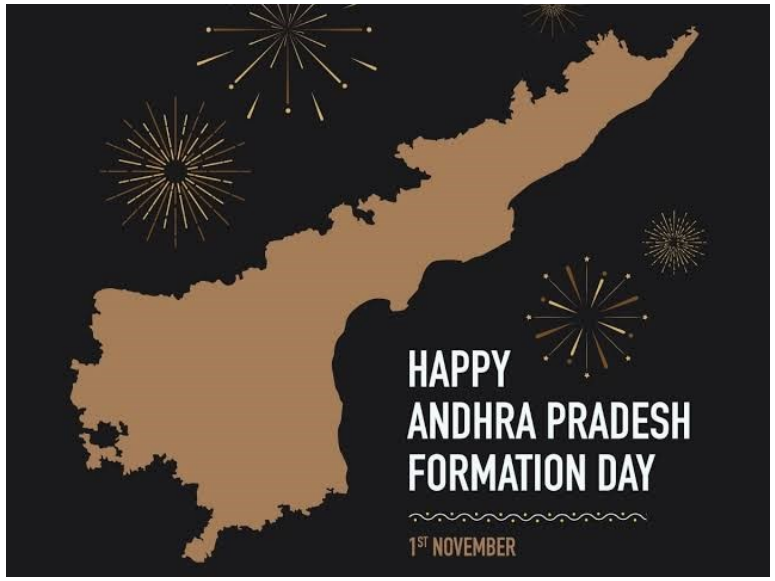
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance and date	Karnataka Rajyotsava, celebrated annually on November 1, with the 70th unification anniversary observed in 2026.
State unification	Kannada-speaking regions were integrated into the enlarged Mysore State on November 1, 1956.
Formation legislation	States Reorganisation Act, 1956, which enabled linguistic and administrative reorganisation.
Regions integrated	Kannada-speaking territories from Mysore, Bombay, Madras and Hyderabad states, along with Coorg.
Renaming of the state	Mysore State was officially renamed Karnataka on November 1, 1973, under the Mysore State (Alteration of Name) Act, 1973.
Prominent unification leader	Aluru Venkata Rao, popularly known as Karnataka Kulapurohita, played a significant role in the Karnataka Ekikarana Movement.
State song	“Jaya Bharata Jananiya Tanujate”, composed by Kannada poet Kuvempu.
Celebrations and honours	Flag hoisting, cultural performances, literary programmes and Karnataka Rajyotsava Awards recognising contributions to society and culture.

Important Days

➤ **On which date was Andhra Pradesh formed by merging Andhra State with the Telugu-speaking Telangana region of the former Hyderabad State?**

A) October 1, 1953
B) November 1, 1956
C) November 1, 1960
D) June 2, 2014
E) August 15, 1947



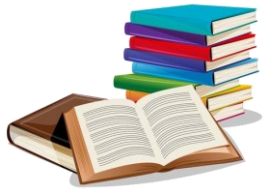
Answer
B) November 1, 1956.

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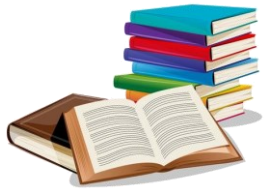
- **Event: Andhra Pradesh Formation Day 2026** commemorated the **70**th anniversary of the formation of **Andhra Pradesh** on November **1, 1956,** through the merger of **Andhra State** with the Telugu-speaking Telangana region of the former **Hyderabad State** under the **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**.



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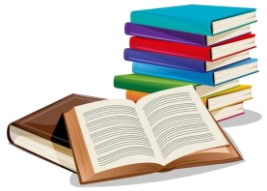
- **Location: Andhra Pradesh,** southeastern India**,** with Amaravati as its capital region.
- **Date:** November **1, 2026,** marking **70** years since the formation of **Andhra Pradesh** in **1956**.



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Mandates and Objectives:

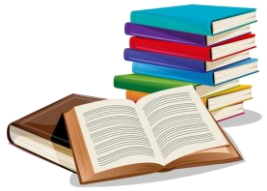
- **Mandates: Andhra Pradesh Formation Day** commemorates the creation of the unified Telugu-speaking state on November **1, 1956,** following the **Andhra State Movement, Potti Sriramulu**'s sacrifice and the recommendations of the **States Reorganisation Commission**. The observance also highlights the formation of **Andhra State** in **1953** and the subsequent bifurcation of **Andhra Pradesh** on June **2, 2014,** under the **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014,** which established Telangana as a separate state.



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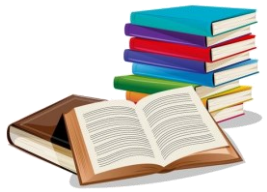
- **Objectives:** To commemorate the historical formation and linguistic unification of **Andhra Pradesh,** recognise the contributions of **Potti Sriramulu** and the **Andhra State Movement,** preserve Telugu language and cultural identity, promote awareness of constitutional state reorganisation and highlight the state's historical, geographical, agricultural and economic significance.



Important Days

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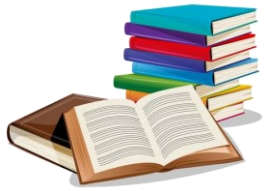
- **Andhra Pradesh Formation Day:** An annual state formation observance on November **1** commemorating the creation of **Andhra Pradesh** in **1956** through the integration of Telugu-speaking regions, with **2026** marking its **70**th anniversary.



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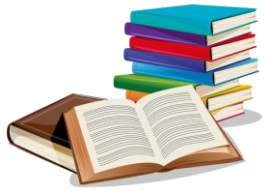
- **Andhra State Movement:** A political and linguistic movement demanding a separate administrative state for Telugu-speaking populations, particularly those living in the former **Madras State**.



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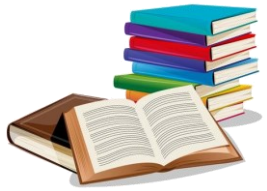
- **Potti Sriramulu: An Indian** freedom fighter and social reformer who undertook a hunger strike beginning on October **19, 1952,** demanding a separate **Andhra State**. He died on December **15, 1952,** after **58** days of fasting, intensifying the movement for statehood.



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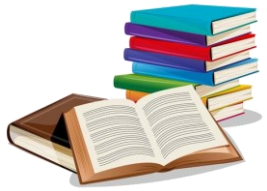
- **Andhra State Act, 1953**: Parliamentary legislation that enabled the formation of **Andhra State** on October **1, 1953,** by separating Telugu-speaking territories from **Madras State,** with Kurnool as its capital and **Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu** as its first **Chief Minister**.



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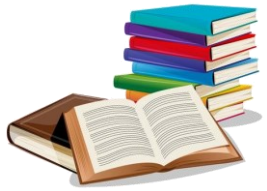
Important Terms Explained:

- **States Reorganisation Commission (SRC):** A commission established in December **1953** under the chairmanship of **Fazl Ali,** with K. M. Panikkar and H. N. Kunzru as members, to examine India's state boundaries based on linguistic, administrative, geographical, economic and national considerations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**: Parliamentary legislation that reorganised India's state boundaries and facilitated the merger of **Andhra State** with the Telugu-speaking Telangana region of **Hyderabad State** to establish **Andhra Pradesh** on November **1, 1956**.

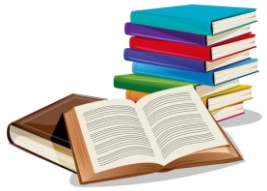


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014**: Parliamentary legislation that provided for the bifurcation of **Andhra Pradesh** and the creation of Telangana on June **2, 2014,** while allowing Hyderabad to serve as the common capital for a transitional period of up to ten years.

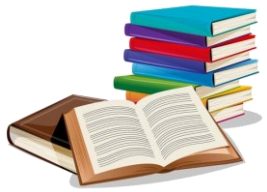


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Important Days

Important Terms Explained:

- Article **3** of the **Indian Constitution**: A constitutional provision empowering Parliament to create new states, alter existing state boundaries, change territorial areas and rename states, subject to presidential recommendation and the prescribed procedure for seeking the views of affected state legislatures.

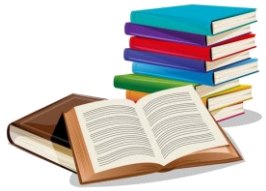


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Important Terms Explained:

- Article **4** of the **Indian Constitution**: A provision permitting consequential amendments to the **First and Fourth Schedules** through legislation enacted under Articles **2** and **3** without requiring the constitutional amendment procedure prescribed under Article **368**.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance and anniversary	Andhra Pradesh Formation Day, observed on November 1, 2026, marking 70 years since the state's formation in 1956.
Andhra State formation	Established on October 1, 1953, under the Andhra State Act, 1953, with Kurnool as its capital and Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu as its first Chief Minister.
Role of Potti Sriramulu	Began a hunger strike on October 19, 1952, and died on December 15, 1952, after 58 days, strengthening the demand for a separate Andhra State.
Andhra Pradesh formation	Created on November 1, 1956, by merging Andhra State with the Telugu-speaking Telangana region of Hyderabad State under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956.
First Chief Minister and original capital	Neelam Sanjiva Reddy became the first Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, with Hyderabad as its capital.
Telangana bifurcation	Telangana was established on June 2, 2014, under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, with Hyderabad designated as the common capital for up to ten years.
Constitutional provisions	Articles 3 and 4 govern the formation and reorganisation of states and provide for necessary consequential legislative changes.
Geographical significance	Andhra Pradesh lies along the Bay of Bengal, with Amaravati as its capital region, the Eastern Ghats, Araku Valley and fertile Godavari–Krishna river deltas.

Important Days

➤ **On which date was Kerala formed through the integration of Malayalam-speaking regions under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956?**

A) July 1, 1949
B) November 1, 1953
C) November 1, 1956
D) November 1, 1960
E) November 1, 1973

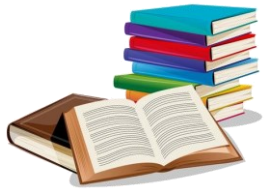


Answer
C) November 1, 1956.

Important Days

Event and Location:

- **Event: Kerala Piravi 2026** (**Kerala Formation Day**) commemorated the **70**th anniversary of the formation of Kerala on November **1, 1956,** through the integration of Malayalam-speaking regions of Travancore-Cochin**, Malabar and Kasaragod** under the **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**.

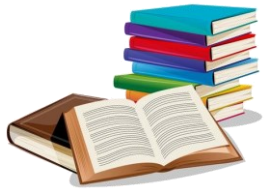


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Event and Location:

- **Location:** Kerala, southwestern India, with celebrations organised across the state through cultural and educational programmes.
- **Date:** November **1, 2026,** marking **70** years since the formation of Kerala in **1956**.

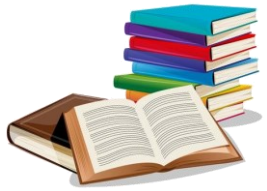


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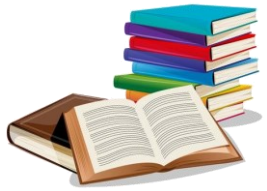
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Kerala Piravi** commemorates the establishment of Kerala on November **1, 1956,** through the linguistic reorganisation of Travancore-Cochin and the integration of Malayalam-speaking territories, including **Malabar and Kasaragod**. The observance includes cultural programmes, Malayalam poetry recitations, literary competitions, educational activities, traditional music and the wearing of Kerala's traditional attire.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To commemorate Kerala's linguistic unification and statehood, preserve and promote the Malayalam language, literature and cultural heritage, recognise the historical contributions of Travancore, **Cochin and Malabar**, and strengthen awareness of the state's social, cultural and historical identity.

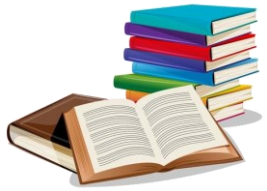


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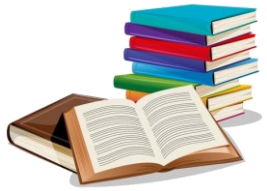
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kerala Piravi:** An annual state formation observance celebrated on November **1** to commemorate the creation of Kerala in **1956**. **The Malayalam** word Piravi means birth**,** and **2026** marked the state's **70**th formation anniversary.



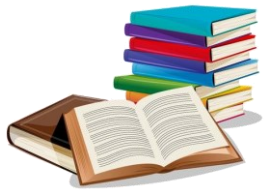
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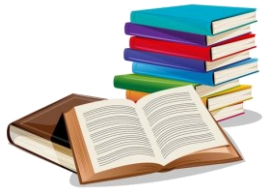
Important Terms Explained:

- Travancore-**Cochin State**: A former Indian state established on July **1, 1949,** through the merger of the princely states of **Travancore and Cochin,** which subsequently formed a major part of Kerala in **1956**.



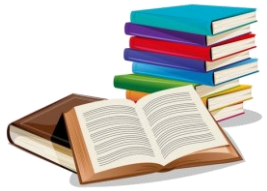
Important Terms Explained:

- **Malabar Region:** A historically significant Malayalam-speaking region of northern Kerala that was previously administered under the **Madras Presidency** and later **Madras State** before becoming part of Kerala in **1956**.



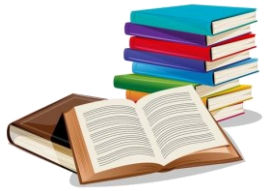
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kasaragod Region:** A Malayalam-speaking region in northern Kerala that was integrated into the newly formed state in **1956** as part of India's linguistic reorganisation.



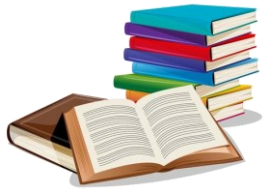
Important Terms Explained:

- **Linguistic Reorganisation:** The restructuring of administrative boundaries primarily according to the languages spoken by regional populations, aimed at bringing communities with common linguistic and cultural identities under unified administration.



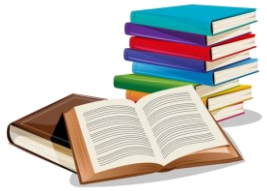
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mundu:** A traditional garment commonly worn by men in Kerala, consisting of a rectangular piece of cloth wrapped around the waist and associated with the state's cultural identity.



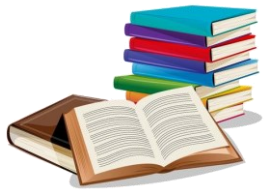
Important Terms Explained:

- **Settu Mundu:** A traditional two-piece women's attire in Kerala, generally consisting of a lower garment and an upper drape, commonly worn during festivals and cultural celebrations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kasavu Saree:** A traditional Kerala saree, typically cream or off-white with a golden border, representing an important element of Kerala's cultural dress and festive traditions.



Important Days

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance and date	Kerala Piravi or Kerala Formation Day, celebrated annually on November 1.
Formation anniversary	November 1, 2026, marked 70 years since Kerala's formation on November 1, 1956.
Formation legislation	States Reorganisation Act, 1956, which facilitated the integration of Malayalam-speaking territories.
Historical regions	Travancore, Cochin and Malabar formed the principal historical regions associated with Kerala's linguistic unification.
Travancore-Cochin merger	Travancore and Cochin were merged on July 1, 1949, to establish Travancore-Cochin State.
Territorial integration in 1956	Malabar and Kasaragod were integrated with Travancore-Cochin territories to form Kerala.
Traditional attire	Mundu, Settu Mundu and Kasavu Saree are associated with Kerala's cultural celebrations.
Celebrations and significance	Malayalam literary programmes, poetry recitations, cultural performances, traditional music and educational activities promoting regional heritage.

SPORTS

➤ **Which Indian wrestler became the first woman from India to win a freestyle gold medal at the World Wrestling Championships 2026 in Astana, Kazakhstan?**

A) Neelam Sirohi
B) Kajal Dhochak
C) Tanu Sharma
D) Manisha Bhanwala
E) Vinesh Phogat

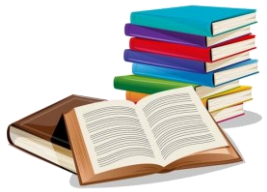


Answer
D) Manisha Bhanwala.

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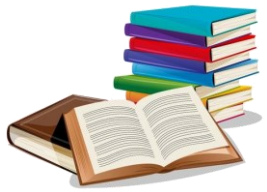
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian wrestler **Manisha Bhanwala** won India's first-ever women's freestyle gold medal at the **World Wrestling Championships 2026,** defeating American wrestler **Abigail Nette 8–6** in the women's **59kg** final after recovering from a **6–0** deficit.
- **Location:** Astana, Kazakhstan.



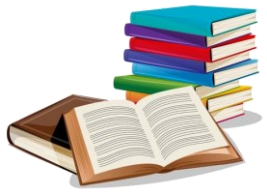
Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **2026,** with the achievement reported on October **31, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

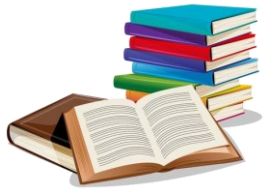
- **Mandates: Manisha Bhanwala** secured the women's **59kg** freestyle world title at the **2026 World Wrestling Championships,** becoming India's second senior wrestling world champion after **Sushil Kumar** in **2010**. India finished the championship with four medals in women's freestyle wrestling, comprising one gold, two silver and one bronze.



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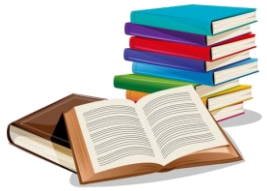
- **Objectives:** To achieve international excellence in women's freestyle wrestling, strengthen India's representation at senior-level global competitions, promote competitive wrestling across multiple weight categories and establish India as a medal-winning nation in international wrestling championships.



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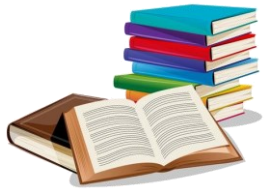
Important Terms Explained:

- **World Wrestling Championships:** An international wrestling competition organised by **United World Wrestling** (**UWW**), featuring senior-level competitions in men's freestyle, women's freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling.



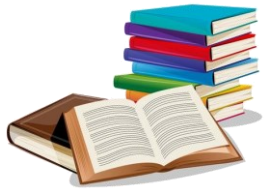
Important Terms Explained:

- Women's **Freestyle Wrestling**: A wrestling discipline in which female wrestlers compete in designated weight categories using techniques such as takedowns, throws, holds and pins to defeat opponents through points or a fall.



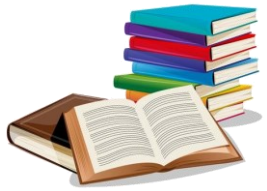
Important Terms Explained:

- **59kg Freestyle Category**: A women's wrestling weight division for competitors weighing up to **59** kilograms, classified as a non-Olympic weight category in the reported competition.



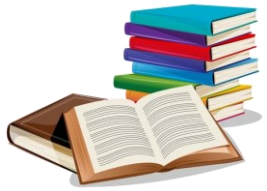
Important Terms Explained:

- **Technical Superiority:** A wrestling victory awarded when a competitor establishes a sufficiently large points advantage, generally **10** points in freestyle wrestling, resulting in the termination of the bout.



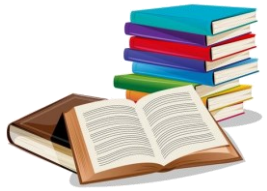
Important Terms Explained:

- **Victory by Fall:** A wrestling victory achieved when a competitor holds both shoulders of the opponent against the mat under the required conditions, ending the bout immediately regardless of the points score.



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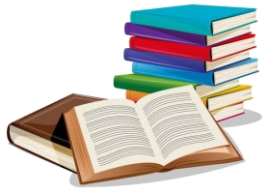
- **Senior World Champion:** A wrestler who wins a gold medal in a senior-level **World Wrestling Championships** weight category**,** with **Manisha Bhanwala** becoming India's second senior world champion after **Sushil Kumar**.



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Important Terms Explained:

- Non-**Olympic Weight Category**: A wrestling weight division contested at international championships but not included among the weight categories scheduled for the **Olympic Games,** such as women's **59kg** and **65kg** freestyle.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Wrestling Championships 2026, held in Astana, Kazakhstan.
Historic gold medal winner	Manisha Bhanwala of India won the women's 59kg freestyle gold medal.
Final opponent and score	Defeated Abigail Nette of the United States 8–6 after trailing 6–0.
Historic achievement	Became India's first women's freestyle world champion and second Indian senior wrestling world champion.
Previous Indian world champion	Sushil Kumar won the men's 66kg freestyle gold medal at the 2010 World Wrestling Championships in Moscow.
Manisha's semifinal performance	Defeated Altyn Shagayeva of Kazakhstan after establishing a 10–0 lead and securing victory by fall.
India's silver medallists	Neelam Sirohi won silver in women's 50kg, while Kajal Dhochak secured silver in women's 76kg.
India's bronze and total medals	Tanu Sharma won bronze in women's 72kg, taking India's total to four medals: one gold, two silver and one bronze.

➤ **Which two Indian sports personalities were nominated by the Union Sports Ministry to the Organising Company Board of the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad?**

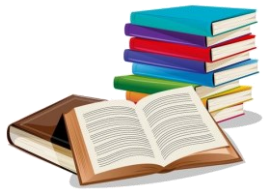
A) P. V. Sindhu and Sachin Tendulkar
B) Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid
C) Mary Kom and Virat Kohli
D) P. T. Usha and Anil Kumble
E) Saina Nehwal and Abhinav Bindra



Answer
B) Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid.

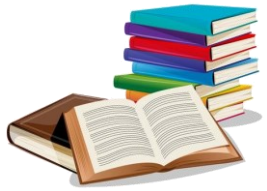
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Union Sports Ministry** nominated Olympic medallist **Saina Nehwal** and former Indian cricket captain **Rahul Dravid** as sporting community representatives on the **2030 Commonwealth Games Organising Company Board,** alongside private sector representatives **Jinal Mehta and Ananya Birla**.



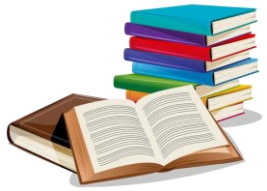
Event and Location:

- **Location:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, the host city for the **2030 Commonwealth Games**.
- **Date:** October **31, 2026** (news publication date).



Mandates and Objectives:

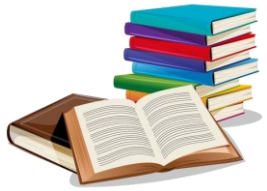
- **Mandates: The Union Sports Ministry** nominated **Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid** to the organising board for the **2030 Commonwealth Games,** while **Jinal Mehta and Ananya Birla** were nominated as private sector representatives. The proposed board structure includes **Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi** as Chairperson**, Union Sports Secretary Hari Ranjan Rao and Indian Olympic Association President** P. T. Usha as **Vice Chairpersons,** and senior Gujarat bureaucrat M. Thennarasan as **Chief Executive Officer**.



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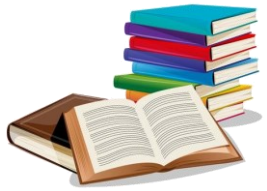
- **Objectives:** To ensure athlete-focused planning, incorporate sporting and corporate expertise into event governance, strengthen financial and organisational management, improve infrastructure and competition preparations, and facilitate the successful hosting of the centenary **Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad** in **2030**.



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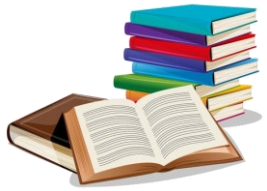
Important Terms Explained:

- **Commonwealth Games (CWG):** A major international multi-sport competition involving athletes from Commonwealth nations and territories, first held in **1930**, with the **2030** edition marking its centenary and scheduled to take place in Ahmedabad.



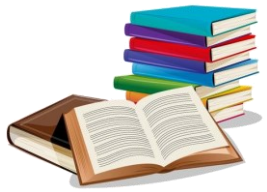
Important Terms Explained:

- **2030 Commonwealth Games Organising Company Board**: The proposed governing body responsible for overseeing preparations, infrastructure development, competition arrangements, financial management and organisational coordination for the Ahmedabad **2030 Commonwealth Games**.



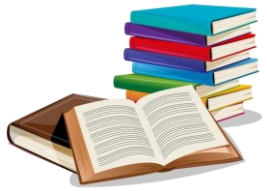
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA):** India's **National Olympic Committee** responsible for representing the country within the Olympic movement and coordinating Indian participation in major international multi-sport competitions, including the **Commonwealth Games**.



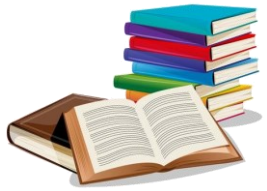
Important Terms Explained:

- **Union Sports Ministry: The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India,** responsible for national sports development policies, athlete support, sports infrastructure and coordination of major sporting initiatives.



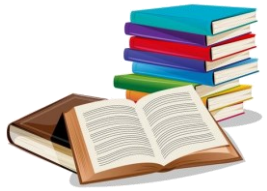
Important Terms Explained:

- **Athlete Representation in Sports Governance:** The inclusion of experienced sportspersons in decision-making bodies to incorporate athletes' perspectives into competition planning, training facilities, accommodation, logistics and sporting requirements.



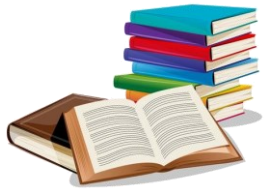
Important Terms Explained:

- Public-**Private Sector Participation**: The involvement of government institutions and private sector representatives in planning, financing and managing major sporting events through complementary administrative, commercial and organisational expertise.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GoSports Foundation: An Indian** non-profit organisation supporting talented athletes**,** including **Olympic and Paralympic** sportspersons**,** through development programmes and professional assistance. **Rahul Dravid** joined its **Board of Advisors** in **2014**.



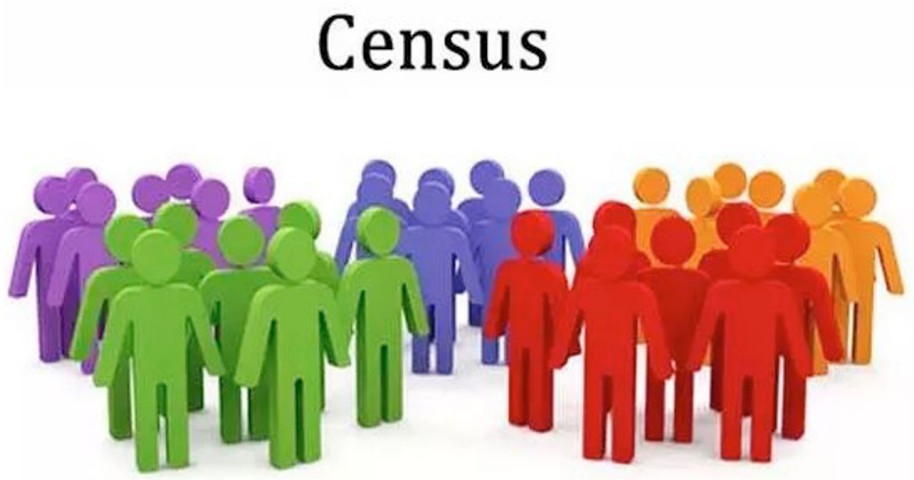
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event and host city	2030 Commonwealth Games, scheduled to be held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.
Sporting community nominees	Saina Nehwal, Olympic badminton medallist, and Rahul Dravid, former Indian cricket captain and coach.
Private sector nominees	Jinal Mehta, Managing Director of Torrent Power, and Ananya Birla.
Proposed Chairperson	Harsh Sanghavi, Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat.
Vice Chairpersons	Hari Ranjan Rao, Union Sports Secretary, and P. T. Usha, President of the Indian Olympic Association.
Chief Executive Officer	M. Thennarasan, senior Gujarat Government bureaucrat.
Games significance	Centenary edition featuring 17 sports, marking India's return as Commonwealth Games host after New Delhi 2010.
Purpose of nominations	Strengthening athlete representation, private sector participation, financial oversight and organisational preparations for the Games.

RANKING

➤ **What is the official reference date fixed for India's Population Census 2027, as announced by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India?**

A) January 10, 2027
B) January 25, 2027
C) February 28, 2027
D) March 1, 2027
E) March 5, 2027

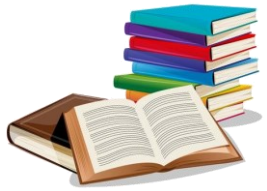


Answer
D) March 1, 2027.

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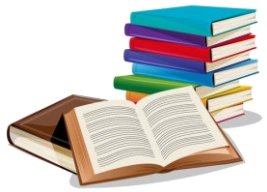
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India** (**RGI**) announced the schedule for **Population Census 2027,** with self-enumeration from January **10** to **24,** house-to-house enumeration from January **25** to February **28,** and March **1, 2027,** fixed as the official reference date.



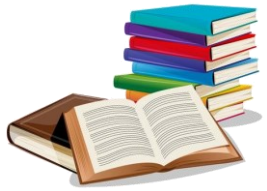
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering states and **Union Territories**, with separate schedules applicable to specified states and snowbound regions.
- **Date:** October **30, 2026** (announcement date), with the official census reference date fixed at March **1, 2027**, at **00**:**00** hours.



Mandates and Objectives:

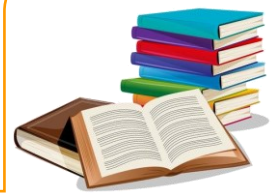
- **Mandates: The Office** of the **Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India,** under the **Ministry of Home Affairs,** announced the **Population Census 2027** schedule, including digital self-enumeration from January **10–24,** house-to-house population enumeration from January **25**–February **28,** and a revision round from March **1–5, 2027**. Separate schedules will apply to Manipur, Goa, **Uttar Pradesh,** Punjab, Uttarakhand, Ladakh and specified snowbound regions of **Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir**.



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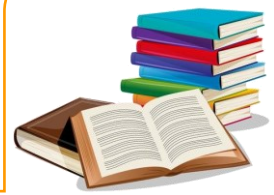
- **Objectives:** To collect comprehensive and accurate demographic information on India's population, including population size, geographical distribution, age, literacy, occupation and living conditions, while improving data collection through digital self-enumeration and supporting government planning, public policy formulation, resource allocation, administration and research.



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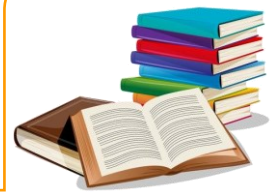
Important Terms Explained:

- **Population Census:** An official nationwide exercise conducted to systematically collect, compile and analyse demographic, social and economic information about the population, including age, literacy, occupation and living conditions.



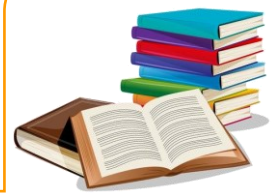
Important Terms Explained:

- **Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (RGI):** The authority responsible for coordinating and conducting the **Census of India** under the **Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India**.



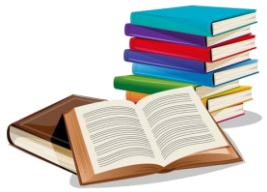
Important Terms Explained:

- Self-Enumeration: A census data collection method allowing individuals or households to submit their demographic information directly through a digital platform before the commencement of regular house-to-house enumeration.



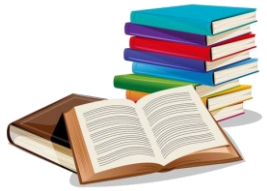
Important Terms Explained:

- House-to-**House Enumeration**: The process in which designated census enumerators visit households to collect and verify population-related information, ensuring systematic geographical coverage.



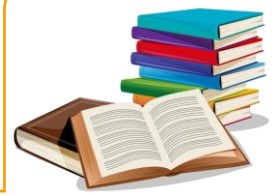
Important Terms Explained:

- **Census Reference Date:** The specific date and time to which population information relates, providing a uniform statistical reference point. **For Census 2027,** it is March **1, 2027,** at **00**:**00** hours.



Important Terms Explained:

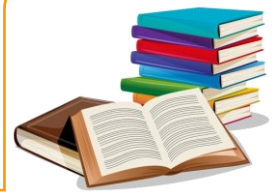
- **Revision Round:** A follow-up census exercise conducted after the main enumeration to update or correct population information and account for relevant demographic changes before finalisation.



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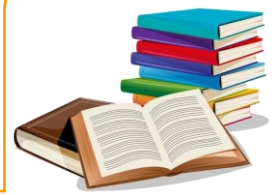
Important Terms Explained:

- Non-**Synchronous Census Areas**: Geographical regions where census enumeration is conducted on a different schedule because of climatic, geographical, administrative or logistical conditions, particularly in snowbound areas.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Census:** A technology-enabled census process involving electronic data collection and self-enumeration, intended to improve accessibility, efficiency and accuracy in population data collection.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Announcement and authority	October 30, 2026, by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
Self-enumeration schedule	January 10–24, 2027, allowing households to submit their information digitally.
House-to-house enumeration	January 25–February 28, 2027, involving direct population data collection by enumerators.
Official reference date	March 1, 2027, at 00:00 hours.
Revision round	March 1–5, 2027, for updating and revising census information.
States and UTs with separate schedules	Manipur, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Ladakh.
Other excluded regions	Specified snowbound non-synchronous areas of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.
Purpose and significance	Collection of demographic, social and economic information to support public policy, development planning, administration and resource allocation.

➤ **What was the total value of India's foreign exchange reserves in the week ended October 23, 2026, after declining for the seventh consecutive week?**

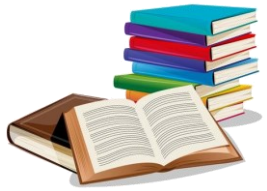
A) $785.7 billion
B) $721.1 billion
C) $719.8 billion
D) $715.6 billion
E) $725.4 billion



Answer
C) $719.8 billion.

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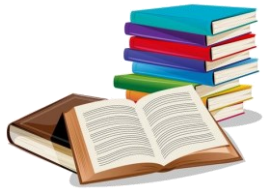
- **Event:** India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves declined by approximately $**1.3 billion** to $**719.8 billion** for the seventh consecutive week, primarily due to a fall in gold reserve valuations despite an increase in foreign currency assets.



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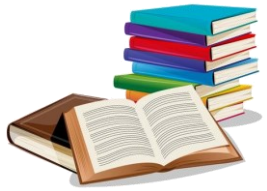
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, with foreign exchange reserves managed by the **Reserve Bank of India** (**RBI**).
- **Date:** Week ended October **23, 2026,** with the news reported on October **31, 2026**.



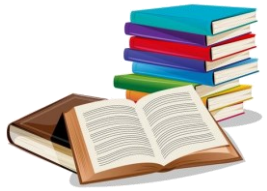
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India's forex reserves decreased from $**721.1 billion** to $**719.8 billion** during the reporting week, as gold reserves fell by $**2.7 billion** while foreign currency assets increased by $**1.4 billion**. The **RBI** reportedly intervened in the foreign exchange market by selling US dollars to moderate excessive exchange rate volatility.



Mandates and Objectives:

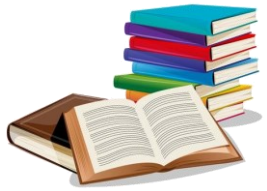
- **Objectives:** To maintain adequate foreign exchange reserves for external payment obligations, manage excessive currency market volatility, support financial stability and maintain confidence in India's external sector amid fluctuations in international gold prices and major global currencies.



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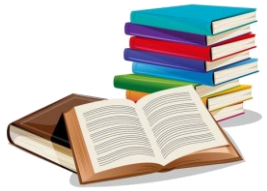
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Exchange Reserves:** External assets held by a country's central bank, including foreign currency assets, monetary gold, **Special Drawing Rights** (SDRs) and reserve positions in the **International Monetary Fund** (**IMF**), used to support external payments and currency stability.



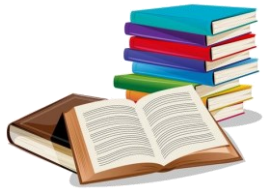
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Currency Assets (FCA):** The largest component of India's forex reserves, consisting mainly of foreign currency-denominated securities and deposits, whose US dollar value changes with exchange rates, investment returns and market valuations.



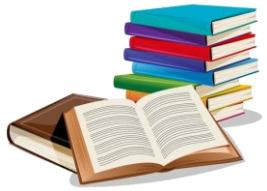
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gold Reserves:** Gold assets held by the **RBI** as part of India's official reserves, whose reported US dollar value fluctuates with international gold prices and currency exchange rates.



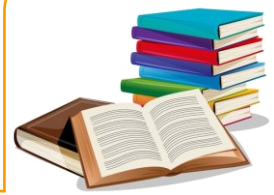
Important Terms Explained:

- **Forex Market Intervention:** The buying or selling of foreign currencies by a central bank to reduce excessive exchange rate volatility, with **RBI** dollar sales generally reducing its foreign currency holdings.



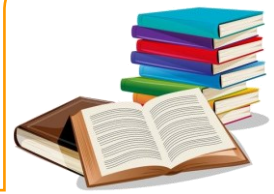
Important Terms Explained:

- **Valuation Losses:** Reductions in the reported value of reserve assets caused by changes in international market prices or exchange rates without necessarily involving actual sales of those assets.



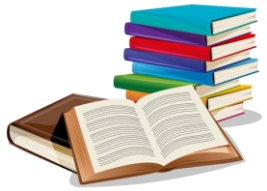
Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs):** International reserve assets created by the **IMF** to supplement member countries' official reserves, with their value determined by a basket of major international currencies.



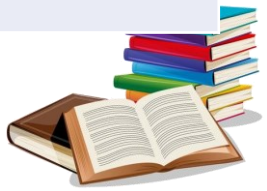
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reserve Tranche Position (RTP):** The portion of a country's **IMF** quota that is readily available for withdrawal and is included in its official foreign exchange reserves.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Reporting period	Week ended October 23, 2026.
Total forex reserves	$719.8 billion, compared with $721.1 billion in the previous week.
Weekly decline	Approximately $1.3 billion, marking the seventh consecutive weekly decrease.
Foreign currency assets	Increased by $1.4 billion during the reporting week.
Gold reserves	Declined by $2.7 billion due to lower international gold prices and valuation losses.
International gold price	Fell approximately 4% to $4,165.58 per ounce.
Record-high forex reserves	$785.7 billion in the week ended September 4, 2026, followed by a cumulative decline of approximately $66 billion.
Key contributing factors	Falling gold valuations and reported RBI dollar-selling interventions to moderate exchange rate volatility.



➤ **What percentage of the annual Budget Estimate did India's fiscal deficit reach during April–September FY27 (2026–27)?**

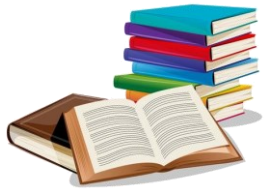
A) 36.5%
B) 42.1%
C) 44.5%
D) 47.7%
E) 43.3%



Answer
B) 42.1%.

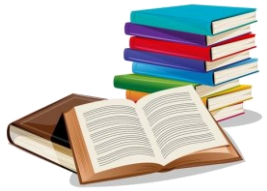
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's fiscal deficit reached **₹7.14 trillion** (**₹7.14 lakh** crore) during April–September FY**27,** accounting for **42.1%** of the annual **Budget Estimate,** compared with **₹5.7 trillion** during the corresponding period of FY**26**.
- **Location:** India**,** covering the financial operations of the **Central Government**.



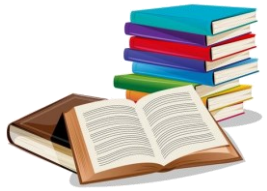
Event and Location:

- **Date:** April **1** to September **30, 2026,** with the figures reported on October **31, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

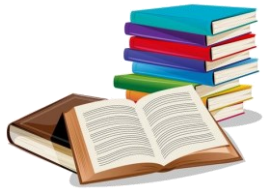
- **Mandates: The Central Government** recorded a fiscal deficit of **₹7.14 trillion** during the first half of FY**27,** reflecting higher government expenditure and capital investment. Total expenditure increased to **₹25.5 trillion,** capital expenditure reached **₹6.5 trillion,** net tax receipts stood at **₹12.76 trillion,** and non-tax revenue rose to **₹4.8 trillion**.



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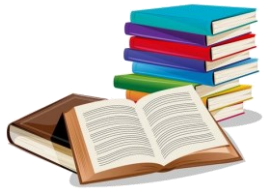
- **Objectives:** To maintain the government's annual fiscal deficit target of **4.3%** of **GDP,** equivalent to approximately **₹16.96 trillion,** while supporting economic growth through infrastructure development, capital investment and public expenditure, alongside fiscal discipline and sustainable public finances.



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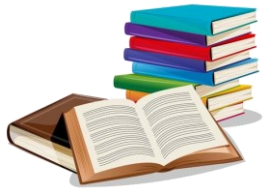
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fiscal Deficit:** The difference between the government's total expenditure and total receipts excluding borrowings, indicating the amount required to finance the expenditure gap, generally through borrowing. **Fiscal Deficit** = **Total Expenditure** − **Total Receipts** (excluding borrowings).



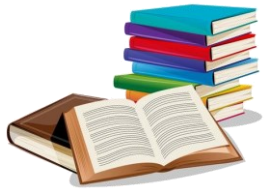
Important Terms Explained:

- **Budget Estimates (BE):** The government's projected revenue receipts, expenditure, borrowings and fiscal indicators for a financial year, presented in the **Union Budget** and used to monitor fiscal performance.



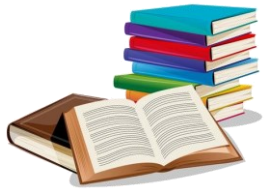
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fiscal Deficit**-to-**GDP** Ratio: The fiscal deficit expressed as a percentage of **Gross Domestic Product** (**GDP**)**,** indicating the size of the government's borrowing requirement relative to the national economy. India's FY**27** target was **4.3%** of **GDP**.



Important Terms Explained:

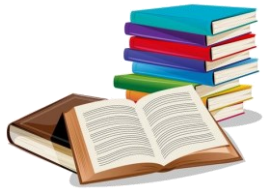
- **Net Tax Receipts:** Tax revenue retained by the **Central Government** after deducting the share of central taxes transferred to **State Governments**. Net tax receipts reached **₹12.76 trillion** during April–September FY**27**.



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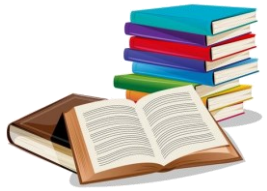
Important Terms Explained:

- Non-**Tax Revenue**: Government income from sources other than taxation, including dividends, profits from public sector enterprises, interest receipts, administrative fees and service charges. India's non-tax revenue reached **₹4.8 trillion** during the reporting period.



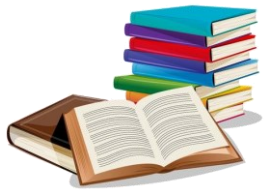
Important Terms Explained:

- **Capital Expenditure (Capex):** Government spending on creating or acquiring long-term assets, including roads, railways, infrastructure and other development projects. Capital expenditure increased to **₹6.5 trillion** during April–September FY**27**.



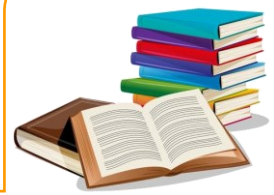
Important Terms Explained:

- **Government Expenditure:** The total spending undertaken by the government, including revenue expenditure and capital expenditure, to finance public services, administrative operations, welfare programmes and infrastructure development.



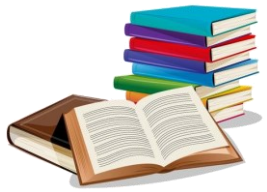
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fiscal Consolidation:** The process of managing government expenditure, improving revenue collection and reducing fiscal deficits over time to maintain sustainable public debt and fiscal stability.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Reporting period	April–September FY27 (2026–27), the first six months of the financial year.
Fiscal deficit in FY27	₹7.14 trillion (₹7.14 lakh crore), representing 42.1% of the annual Budget Estimate.
Previous-year comparison	₹5.7 trillion during April–September FY26, representing 36.5% of the annual target.
Annual fiscal deficit target	Approximately ₹16.96 trillion, equivalent to 4.3% of GDP for FY27.
Net tax receipts	₹12.76 trillion, or 44.5% of the Budget Estimate, compared with ₹12.3 trillion in FY26.
Non-tax revenue	₹4.8 trillion, compared with ₹4.7 trillion during April–September FY26.
Total government expenditure	₹25.5 trillion, or 47.7% of the Budget Estimate, compared with ₹23 trillion in FY26.
Capital expenditure	₹6.5 trillion, compared with ₹5.8 trillion in FY26, reflecting increased public investment.



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➤ **Who has been appointed Chairman of the High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, constituted by the Government of India to recommend comprehensive banking sector reforms?**

A) Shirish Chandra Murmu
B) N. S. Vishwanathan
C) Suresh N. Patel
D) Padmaja Chunduru
E) Nirmala Sitharaman

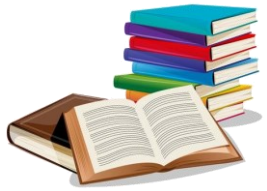


Answer
C) Suresh N. Patel.

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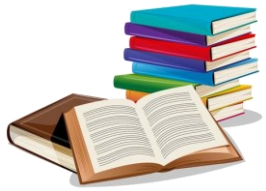
- **Event: The Government of India** constituted the High-**Level Committee** on **Banking for Viksit Bharat,** chaired by former **Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh** N. Patel**,** to recommend comprehensive banking reforms aligned with India's **Viksit Bharat 2047** vision.
- **Location:** India, under the **Ministry of Finance, Government of India**.



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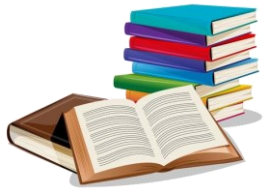
- **Date:** October **31, 2026** (news publication date), following the announcement in the **Union Budget 2026–27**.



APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Finance** constituted a high-level committee with a six-month tenure to review India's banking structure, regulatory framework, prudential norms, capital adequacy, cost of capital, private investment, technological advancements, artificial intelligence adoption, **Priority Sector Lending** and the **Lead Bank Scheme,** while examining international banking practices and recommending suitable reforms.

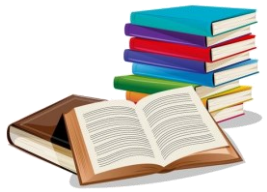


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To develop a financially strong, technologically advanced, globally competitive and inclusive banking system capable of supporting sustainable economic growth, mobilising private investment, expanding institutional credit access and meeting India's long-term development requirements under **Viksit Bharat 2047**.

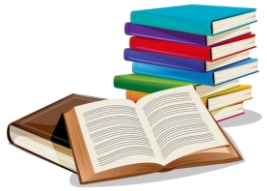


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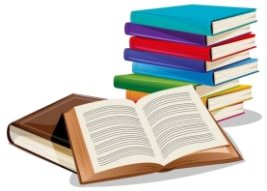
- High-**Level Committee** on **Banking for Viksit Bharat**: A government-appointed committee chaired by Suresh N. Patel to evaluate India's banking ecosystem and recommend reforms in regulation, banking structure, capital requirements, financial inclusion and technological modernisation within six months.



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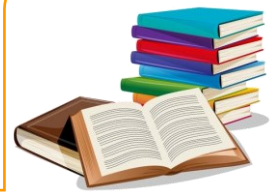
- **Viksit Bharat 2047**: **The Government of India**'s long-term vision to transform India into a developed nation by **2047,** the centenary of independence, through sustained economic growth, infrastructure development, innovation and inclusive development.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Prudential Norms:** Regulatory standards governing banks' financial soundness, including capital adequacy, asset classification, provisioning, liquidity management and risk controls, to safeguard depositors and maintain financial stability.

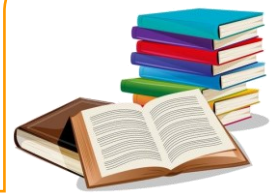


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- **Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR):** A measure of a bank's available regulatory capital relative to its risk-weighted assets, used to assess its ability to absorb financial losses and maintain financial stability.

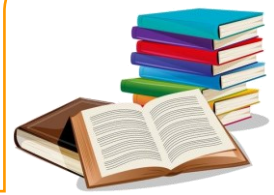


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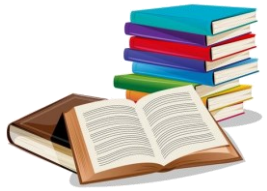
- **Cost of Capital:** The financing cost incurred by businesses or financial institutions when raising funds through debt or equity, influencing borrowing decisions, investment opportunities and economic growth.



APPOINTMENTS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Priority Sector Lending (PSL):** An **RBI**-directed lending framework requiring banks to allocate a prescribed share of eligible credit to priority sectors, including agriculture, Micro, **Small and Medium Enterprises** (MSMEs), education, housing, export credit, social infrastructure and renewable energy.

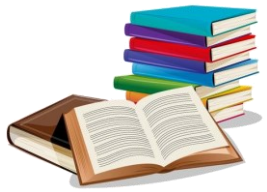


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Lead Bank Scheme (LBS):** An **RBI**-initiated framework introduced in **1969** under which designated banks coordinate banking development, financial inclusion and credit planning at the district level through cooperation with financial institutions and government agencies.

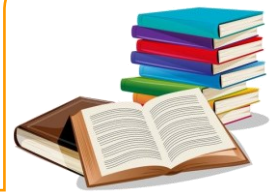


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Banking:** The application of advanced computational technologies to banking operations, including fraud detection, credit risk assessment, customer services, financial analysis, process automation and regulatory compliance.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Committee name	High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, constituted by the Ministry of Finance.
Announcement and tenure	Announced in Union Budget 2026–27 by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, with a six-month tenure.
Chairman	Suresh N. Patel, former Central Vigilance Commissioner of India.
RBI representatives	Shirish Chandra Murmu, RBI Deputy Governor, and N. S. Vishwanathan, former RBI Deputy Governor.
Other members	Padmaja Chunduru, former MD and CEO of Indian Bank, with the Joint Secretary (Banking), Department of Financial Services, serving as Member Secretary.
Regulatory review	Examination of banking structure, prudential norms, financial regulations, capital adequacy and international best practices.
Major reform areas	Cost of capital, private investment, artificial intelligence, Priority Sector Lending and the Lead Bank Scheme.
Strategic objective	Building a financially resilient, inclusive, technologically advanced and globally competitive banking sector supporting Viksit Bharat 2047.

APPOINTMENTS

➤ **Who was appointed as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force, effective from November 1, 2026?**

A) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
B) Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia
C) Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh
D) Air Marshal S. P. Dharkar
E) Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari



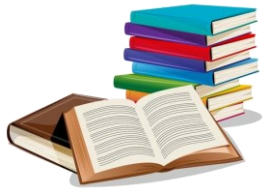
Answer
B) Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia.

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Event and Location:

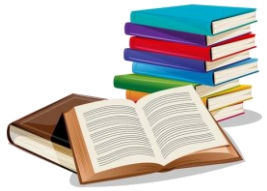
- **Event: The Ministry of Defence** appointed **Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, AVSM** and VM**,** as the **Vice Chief** of the **Air Staff** (**VCAS**) of the **Indian Air Force,** succeeding **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit**.
- **Location:** India**, Indian Air Force Headquarters, New Delhi**.



APPOINTMENTS

Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **30, 2026** (appointment announcement), with effect from November **1, 2026**.

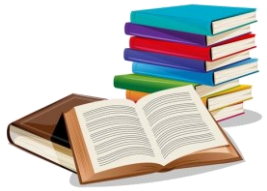


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia,** serving as **Air Officer Commanding**-in-Chief of the **Eastern Air Command,** was appointed **Vice Chief** of the **Air Staff** with effect from November **1, 2026**. He succeeds **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit,** who was scheduled to assume charge as the **29**th Chief of the **Air Staff** on October **31, 2026**.

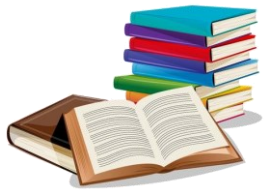


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen the **Indian Air Force**'s senior leadership, ensure continuity in operational planning and command responsibilities, support strategic decision-making, and enhance organisational readiness through the appointment of an experienced fighter pilot and senior military commander.

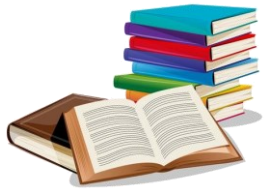


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APPOINTMENTS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS):** A senior leadership position in the **Indian Air Force** responsible for assisting the Chief of the **Air Staff** in operational planning, administration, capability development and coordination of major **Air Force** activities.

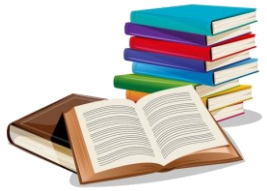


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Air Force (IAF):** The aerial warfare branch of the **Indian Armed Forces,** established on October **8, 1932,** responsible for protecting Indian airspace and conducting aerial operations in support of national defence.

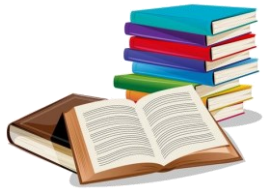


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Eastern Air Command (EAC):** An operational command of the **Indian Air Force** headquartered in Shillong, Meghalaya, responsible for overseeing air operations and air defence across India's eastern and northeastern regions.

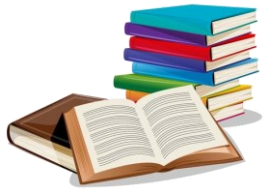


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Important Terms Explained:

- **National Defence Academy (NDA):** A tri-service military training institution located at Khadakwasla, Pune, Maharashtra, that provides foundational training to officer cadets of the **Indian Army, Navy and Air Force**.

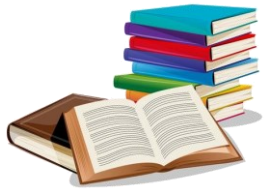


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APPOINTMENTS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment (TACDE):** A specialised **Indian Air Force** institution responsible for developing advanced air combat tactics, operational doctrines and specialised combat training for fighter aircrew.

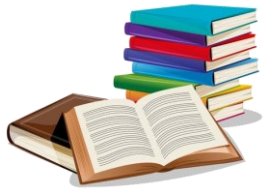


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Directorate of Air Staff Inspection (DASI): An Indian Air Force** organisation responsible for evaluating operational preparedness, training standards, efficiency and compliance with prescribed procedures across **Air Force** units.

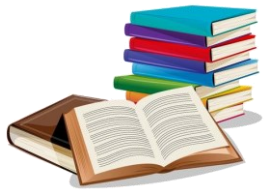


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM): An Indian** military decoration awarded for distinguished service of an exceptional order**,** received by **Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia** in **2018**.

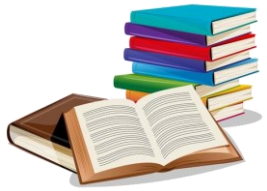


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Vayu Sena Medal (VM): An Indian Air Force** decoration awarded for gallantry or distinguished service, received by **Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia** in **2008** for distinguished service.



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APPOINTMENTS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Appointment and date	Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia was appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff, effective November 1, 2026.
Appointing authority	Ministry of Defence, Government of India, with the announcement made on October 30, 2026.
Predecessor	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, scheduled to become the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on October 31, 2026.
Previous position	Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command, Indian Air Force.
Commissioning details	Commissioned into the Indian Air Force as a fighter pilot on June 11, 1988.
Aircraft flown	MiG-21, MiG-23, MiG-27, SEPECAT Jaguar and Su-30MKI fighter aircraft.
Major assignments	Fighter squadron commander, TACDE commander, Air Force Station Bareilly commander, DASI head and Defence Attaché in Japan and South Korea.
Education and awards	NDA alumnus with advanced defence qualifications; received the Vayu Sena Medal in 2008 and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2018.

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APPOINTMENTS

➤ **Who took charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) in October 2026?**

A) Pradip Kumar Das
B) Jatin Kumar Nayak
C) Vivek Kumar Dewangan
D) Raj Kumar Singh
E) Gurdeep Singh

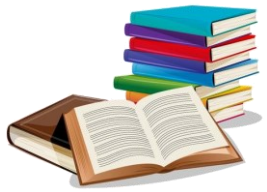


Answer
B) Jatin Kumar Nayak.

APPOINTMENTS

Event and Location:

- **Event: Jatin Kumar Nayak** took charge as the **Chairman and Managing Director** (**CMD**) of the **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency** (**IREDA**), bringing over **30** years of experience in corporate finance, project evaluation, resource mobilisation and financial management.

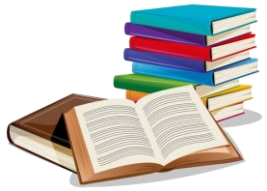


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Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, with **IREDA** headquartered in **New Delhi** and operating under the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** (**MNRE**).
- **Date:** October **31, 2026** (news publication date; exact assumption-of-charge date not specified).

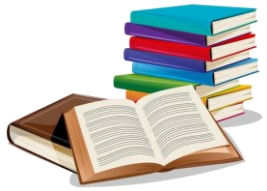


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Jatin Kumar Nayak** assumed leadership of **IREDA** after serving as **Executive Director** (Finance) at **REC** Limited. His responsibilities include overseeing renewable energy financing, resource mobilisation, corporate financial management, project lending and strategic investments to support India's renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors.

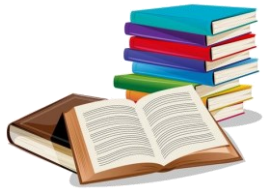


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen **IREDA**'s financial capabilities, expand access to funding for renewable energy projects, support investments in solar, wind, hydropower and bioenergy, improve financial management and accelerate India's transition towards sustainable and cleaner energy sources.

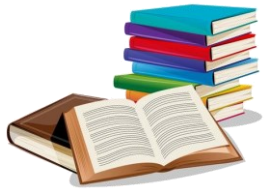


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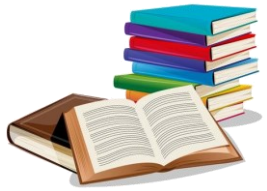
- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA):** A government-owned financial institution under the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy,** established in **1987** to provide financial assistance for renewable energy**,** energy efficiency and energy conservation projects across India.



APPOINTMENTS

Important Terms Explained:

- **REC Limited:** A public sector financial institution operating under the **Ministry of Power** that provides financing for power generation, transmission, distribution and related infrastructure projects. **Jatin Kumar Nayak** previously served as its **Executive Director** (Finance).

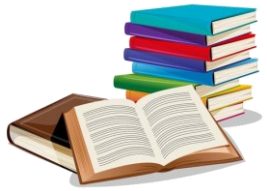


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Important Terms Explained:

- **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC Limited):** A **Government of India** public sector enterprise established in **1975,** primarily engaged in developing and operating hydropower projects and expanding into other renewable energy sectors.

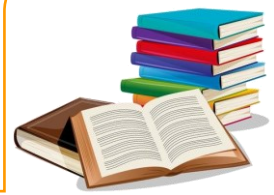


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Important Terms Explained:

- **National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO):** A public sector enterprise under the **Ministry of Mines,** established in **1981,** involved in bauxite mining, alumina refining, aluminium production and associated power generation.

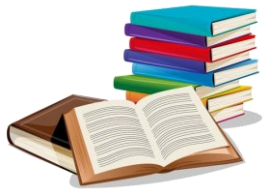


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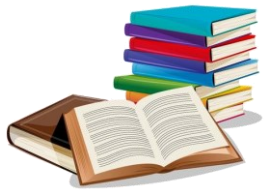
- **Resource Mobilisation:** The process of raising financial resources through domestic and international markets, institutional borrowing, debt instruments and other financing channels to support organisational activities and project investments.



APPOINTMENTS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Project Evaluation:** The financial, technical and economic assessment of proposed projects to determine their feasibility, profitability, risks and suitability for financing or investment.

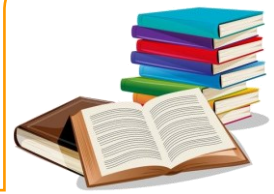


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APPOINTMENTS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Treasury Management:** The management of an organisation's cash flows, liquidity, investments, borrowing arrangements and financial risks to maintain operational efficiency and financial stability.

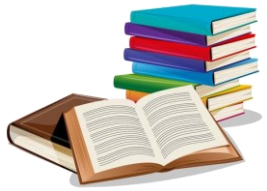


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Renewable Energy Financing:** The provision of loans, investments and other financial assistance to projects involving sustainable energy sources such as solar, wind, hydropower and bioenergy.



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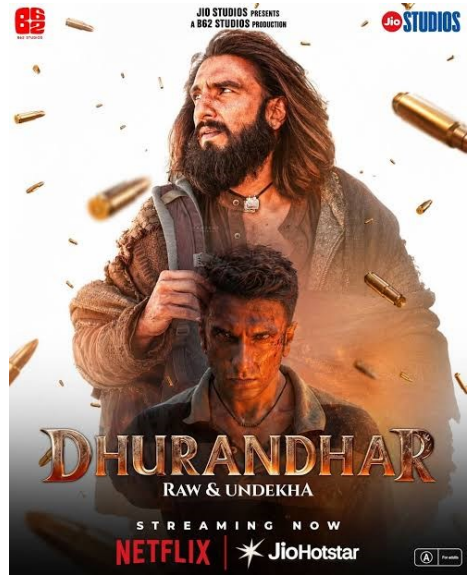
Parameter	Details
Appointment	Jatin Kumar Nayak took charge as Chairman and Managing Director of IREDA.
Organisation and ministry	Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
News publication date	October 31, 2026.
Previous position	Executive Director (Finance) at REC Limited.
Professional experience	Over 30 years in finance and leadership across the power, mining and metals sectors.
Previous organisations	REC Limited, NHPC Limited, Hindustan Copper Limited, NALCO and Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited.
Educational qualifications	Master of Commerce from Utkal University, Fellow Member of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of India and qualified Company Secretary.
IREDA's primary role	Financing renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation projects, including solar, wind, hydropower and bioenergy.

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AWARDS

➤ **Which film won the highest number of awards at the 26th IIFA Awards 2026, securing 12 awards including Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor?**

A) Saiyaara
B) Chhaava
C) Dhurandhar
D) Homebound
E) Jolly LLB 3

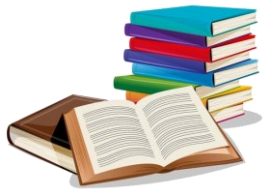


Answer
C) Dhurandhar.

AWARDS

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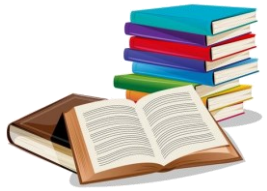
- **Event:** The **26**th **International Indian Film Academy** (**IIFA**) Awards **2026** recognised achievements in Indian cinema and digital entertainment, with Dhurandhar winning the highest number of awards (**12**), including **Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor**.



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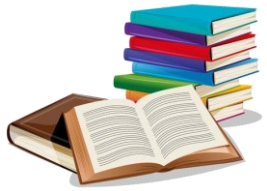
- **Location:** India (the specific venue and host city were not mentioned in the provided information).
- **Date:** October **31, 2026** (news publication date; the ceremony date was not specified).



AWARDS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **IIFA** Awards **2026** recognised outstanding achievements across Indian films, technical categories, debut performances, digital films and web series, with **Ranveer Singh** winning **Best Actor for Dhurandhar, Aneet Padda** winning **Best Actress for Saiyaara and Aditya Dhar** receiving **Best Director for Dhurandhar**.

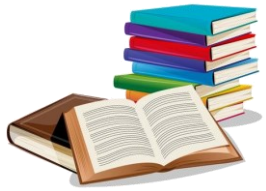


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AWARDS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To honour excellence in acting, filmmaking, direction, music, storytelling, technical production and digital entertainment while recognising established performers, emerging talent and creative contributions to the Indian entertainment industry.

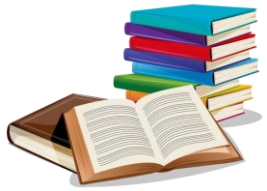


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AWARDS

Important Terms Explained:

- **International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards:** An international awards platform recognising artistic and technical excellence in Indian cinema, including acting, direction, music, storytelling and film production.

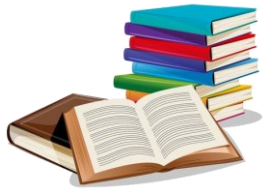


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AWARDS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Dhurandhar:** The most awarded film at **IIFA 2026,** securing **12** awards**,** including **Best Film, Best Director for Aditya Dhar, Best Actor for Ranveer Singh, Best Supporting Actor for Sanjay Dutt and Best Negative Role for Akshaye Khanna**.

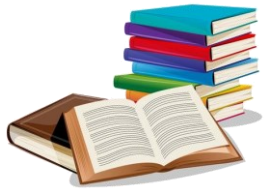


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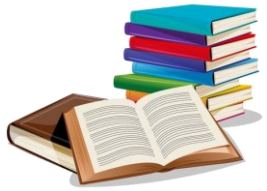
- **Saiyaara:** A film recognised for acting and music achievements, including **Best Actress for Aneet Padda, Best Male Playback Singer for Faheem Abdullah, Best Lyrics for Irshad Kamil and Best Female Playback Singer for Shreya Ghoshal**.



AWARDS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Chhaava:** A film that received major technical honours, including **Best Sound Mixing for Alok De, Best Background Score** for A. R. **Rahman and Best Visual Effects for Assemblage Entertainment and Redefine**.

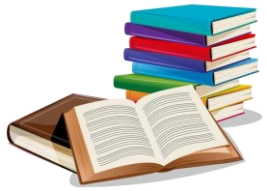


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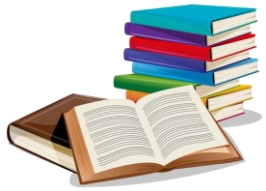
- **IIFA Digital Film Awards:** Awards recognising excellence in films distributed through digital entertainment platforms, with Baramulla winning **Best Picture and Sanya Malhotra** receiving **Best Female Leading Performance for Mrs**.



AWARDS

Important Terms Explained:

- **IIFA Digital Series Awards:** Awards honouring achievements in web series and streaming entertainment, with **The Ba**ds of Bollywood winning **Best Series and Aryan Khan** receiving **Best Direction**.

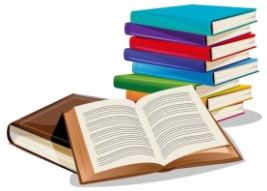


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Best Playback Singer:** An award recognising a vocalist who performs a song recorded for use in a film, with **Faheem Abdullah and Shreya Ghoshal** winning the male and female categories, respectively, for Saiyaara.

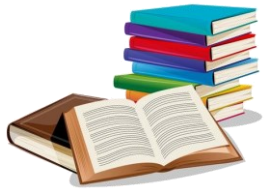


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Best Visual Effects (VFX):** A technical award recognising computer-generated imagery and other visual enhancements used in filmmaking, won by **Assemblage Entertainment and Redefine for Chhaava**.

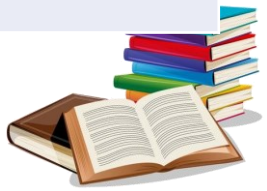


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	26th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2026.
News publication date	October 31, 2026.
Most awarded film	Dhurandhar secured 12 awards, including Best Film.
Best Director	Aditya Dhar for Dhurandhar.
Best Actor and Actress	Ranveer Singh for Dhurandhar and Aneet Padda for Saiyaara.
Supporting and Negative Roles	Sanjay Dutt and Akshaye Khanna for Dhurandhar; Huma Qureshi for Jolly LLB 3.
Digital category winners	Baramulla won Best Digital Film, while The Ba**ds of Bollywood won Best Digital Series.
Debut and technical honours	Ahaan Panday and Rasha Thadani won debut awards, while Chhaava received three major technical awards.

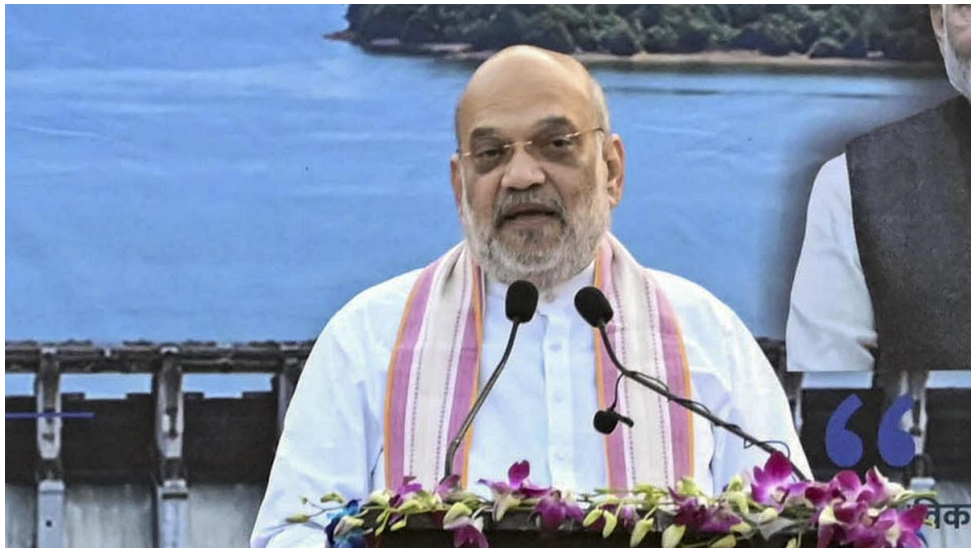


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➤ **How many police and security personnel were awarded the Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak on October 31, 2026, on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?**

A) 390
B) 450
C) 490
D) 520
E) 550

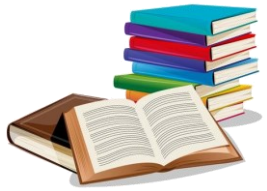


Answer
C) 490.

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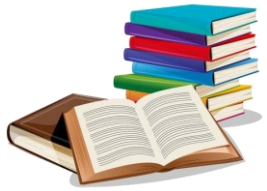
- **Event: The Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak** was awarded to **490** police and security personnel**,** including **14** officers from the **Central Bureau of Investigation** (**CBI**)**,** in recognition of outstanding professional performance across five categories.



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Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering personnel from States, **Union Territories, Central Armed Police Forces** (CAPFs), **Central Police Organisations** (CPOs) and other eligible security and intelligence organisations.
- **Date:** October **31, 2026,** coinciding with the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.

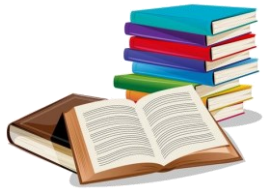


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Home Affairs** announced the **Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak** for **490** personnel from police forces, security organisations, intelligence wings, CAPFs, CPOs, the **National Security Guard and Assam Rifles**. Instituted through a notification dated February **1, 2024**, the award recognises achievements in five categories: excellence in operations, outstanding service in investigation, exceptional performance, indomitable and daring intelligence service, and meritorious work in forensic science.

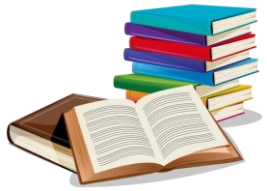


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AWARDS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise exemplary professional contributions, encourage excellence in policing and security operations, promote high professional standards, strengthen investigative and intelligence capabilities, acknowledge forensic science achievements and boost the morale of personnel serving in India's law enforcement and security organisations.

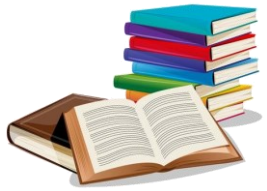


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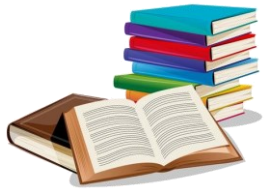
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak:** A national-level professional excellence medal instituted by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** on February **1, 2024,** to recognise distinguished performance by eligible police, security, intelligence and forensic personnel across five categories.



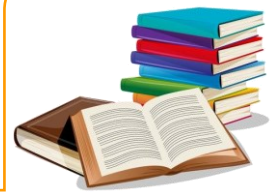
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs):** Central security forces operating under the **Ministry of Home Affairs** and responsible for duties including border security, internal security, counter-insurgency and protection of critical establishments.



Important Terms Explained:

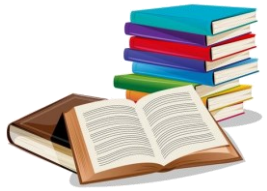
- **Central Police Organisations (CPOs):** Central-level policing and law enforcement organisations performing specialised functions related to investigation, intelligence, police administration and security coordination.



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Important Terms Explained:

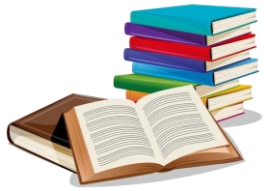
- **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):** India's premier central investigating agency responsible for investigating specified corruption cases, economic offences and serious crimes within its legal jurisdiction. Fourteen **CBI** officers were included among the **2026** medal recipients.



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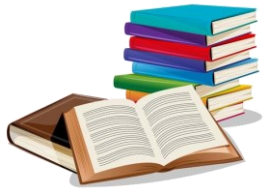
- **National Security Guard (NSG):** A specialised Indian counter-terrorism force established in **1984** to conduct counter-terrorism operations, hostage rescue and other designated high-risk security missions.



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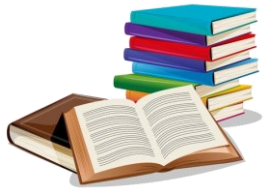
Important Terms Explained:

- **Assam Rifles: One of India**'s oldest paramilitary forces, responsible for guarding the India–Myanmar border and undertaking counter-insurgency and internal security duties, particularly in the northeastern region.



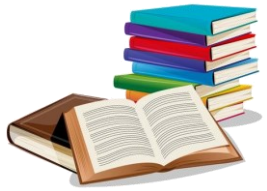
Important Terms Explained:

- **Forensic Science:** The application of scientific methods and techniques to criminal investigations, including examination of physical, biological and digital evidence to support law enforcement and judicial processes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas):** An annual observance on October **31** commemorating the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** and promoting national unity, integrity and solidarity.



AWARDS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Award name	Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak.
Award announcement date	October 31, 2026, on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
Total recipients	490 police and security personnel from eligible organisations across India.
CBI awardees	14 officers from the Central Bureau of Investigation.
Instituted by and date	Ministry of Home Affairs through a notification dated February 1, 2024.
Eligible organisations	State and UT police forces, security and intelligence wings, CAPFs, CPOs, NSG and Assam Rifles.
Five award categories	Excellence in operations, outstanding investigation, exceptional performance, daring intelligence service and meritorious forensic science work.
Purpose and significance	Recognising professional excellence, maintaining high standards and boosting the morale of police and security personnel.



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➤ **Which satellite was successfully launched by ISRO aboard the GSLV-F18 rocket on October 30, 2026, to strengthen India's NavIC navigation system?**

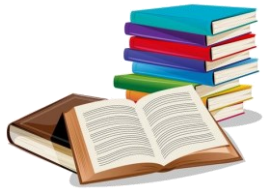
A) NVS-01
B) NVS-02
C) NVS-03
D) IRNSS-1I
E) GSAT-24



Answer
C) NVS-03.

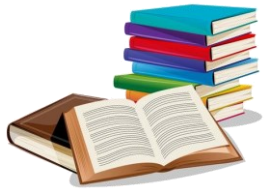
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Indian Space Research Organisation** (**ISRO**) successfully launched the **GSLV**-F**18** rocket carrying the **NVS-03** navigation satellite**,** the third satellite in India's second-generation NavIC series**,** and placed it into its intended orbit.
- **Location: Satish Dhawan Space Centre** (**SDSC**)**,** Sriharikota**, Andhra Pradesh,** India.



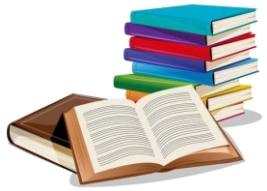
Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **30, 2026,** at **11**:**51** PM **IST**.



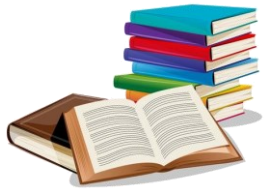
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: ISRO** launched the three-stage **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle** (**GSLV**-F**18**) carrying **NVS-03** to strengthen India's indigenous Navigation with **Indian Constellation** (NavIC) system. Following successful orbital injection, the satellite was scheduled to undergo orbit-raising manoeuvres to reach its operational orbit.



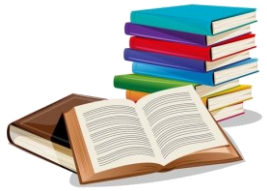
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To improve India's independent Positioning, **Navigation and Timing** (**PNT**) capabilities, restore reliable standalone navigation services, replace ageing or non-functional satellites, enhance civilian and strategic navigation applications, and reduce dependence on foreign satellite navigation systems.



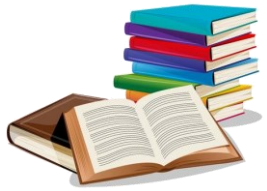
Important Terms Explained:

- **GSLV**-F**18**: A three-stage **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle** consisting of a solid-propellant core with four liquid-propellant strap-on boosters, a liquid-propellant second stage and a cryogenic upper stage using liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.



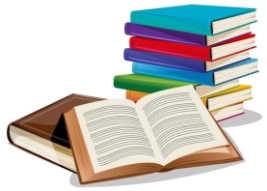
Important Terms Explained:

- **NVS-03** Satellite: The third satellite in **ISRO**'s second-generation navigation satellite series, designed to strengthen the NavIC constellation by improving navigation reliability, service continuity and compatibility with civilian navigation receivers.



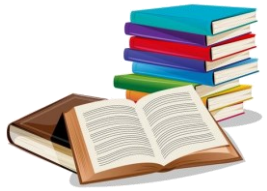
Important Terms Explained:

- **Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC):** India's indigenous regional satellite navigation system, formerly known as the **Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System** (**IRNSS**), developed by **ISRO** to provide positioning, navigation and timing services across India and approximately **1,500** kilometres beyond its borders.



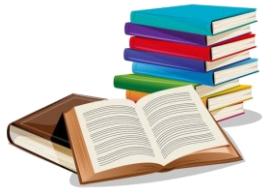
Important Terms Explained:

- Positioning, **Navigation and Timing** (**PNT**): Satellite-based services providing accurate geographical location, movement guidance and precise time synchronisation for transportation, telecommunications, disaster management, fisheries and strategic operations.



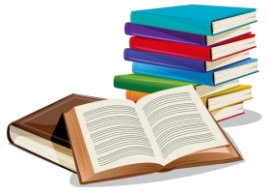
Important Terms Explained:

- L**1** Frequency: A satellite navigation signal frequency used widely in civilian navigation receivers. Its inclusion in second-generation **NVS** satellites improves compatibility with commercially available navigation devices.



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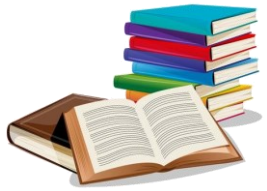
- **Cryogenic Upper Stage:** The final rocket propulsion stage that uses extremely low-temperature liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen to generate thrust for placing satellites into their intended transfer orbits.



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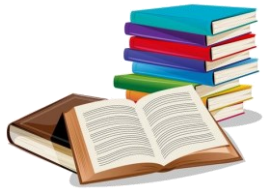
Important Terms Explained:

- **Atomic Clock:** A highly precise timekeeping instrument installed aboard navigation satellites to ensure accurate signal transmission timing, which is essential for calculating geographical positions.



Important Terms Explained:

- Orbit-**Raising Manoeuvres**: Controlled satellite propulsion operations performed after launch vehicle separation to move a spacecraft from its initial transfer orbit into its designated operational orbit.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Mission name	ISRO's GSLV-F18/NVS-03 mission.
Launch date and time	October 30, 2026, at 11:51 PM IST.
Launch location	Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
Launching organisation	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
Satellite and launch vehicle	NVS-03, the third second-generation NavIC satellite, launched aboard the three-stage GSLV-F18 rocket.
Mission outcome	Successful placement of NVS-03 into its intended orbit, followed by planned orbit-raising manoeuvres.
NavIC coverage and applications	India and approximately 1,500 km beyond its borders, supporting civilian, strategic, transportation and telecommunications services.
Operational requirement and significance	Four functioning satellites are required for basic standalone positioning; only three were providing PNT services as of July 29, 2026, making NVS-03 important for restoring navigation capability.

➤ **What was the total value of development projects inaugurated, launched and announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Banaskantha, Gujarat, on October 30, 2026?**

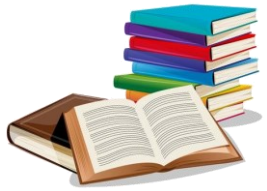
A) ₹10,000 crore
B) ₹12,000 crore
C) ₹14,000 crore
D) ₹16,000 crore
E) ₹18,000 crore



Answer
C) ₹14,000 crore.

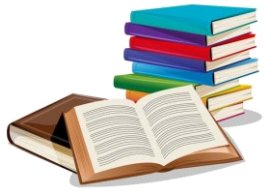
Event and Location:

- **Event: Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated, dedicated and laid foundation stones for development projects worth over **₹14,000 crore**, covering agriculture, animal husbandry, dairy, renewable energy, railways, urban transport, roads and child welfare.
- **Location:** Banaskantha district, Gujarat, India.



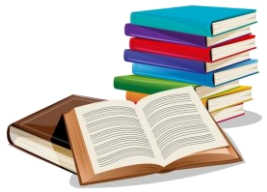
Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **30, 2026**.



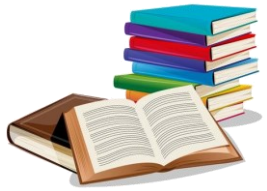
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched multiple development initiatives, including the approval of **12** horticulture clusters, establishment of a livestock research centre, foundation stones for two Bio-**CNG** plants, introduction of two railway services, expansion of **Ahmedabad Metro** connectivity, widening of the Ahmedabad–**Mehsana Highway** to eight lanes and inauguration of over **4,000** modern Anganwadi centres.



Mandates and Objectives:

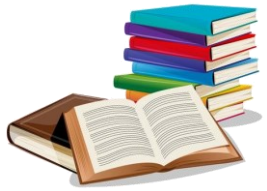
- **Objectives:** To strengthen agricultural productivity, support farmers and dairy cooperatives, promote renewable energy, improve regional transportation and connectivity, enhance rural infrastructure and expand nutritional, educational and healthcare services for children and pregnant women in Gujarat.



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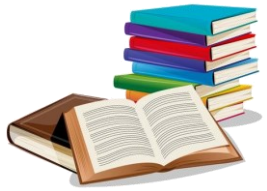
Important Terms Explained:

- **Horticulture Cluster Development Scheme:** A government initiative aimed at promoting the integrated development of horticultural crops through geographically concentrated clusters, improving production, infrastructure, post-harvest management and market access for farmers. Twelve clusters were approved, including two in **North Gujarat** to support potato farmers in **Banaskantha and Sabarkantha**.



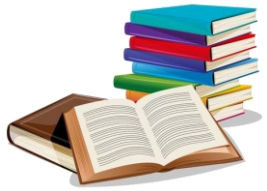
Important Terms Explained:

- Bio-**Compressed Natural Gas** (Bio-**CNG**): A renewable gaseous fuel produced by purifying biogas generated from agricultural residues, animal waste and other organic materials. It can substitute conventional natural gas and support sustainable waste management and clean energy production.



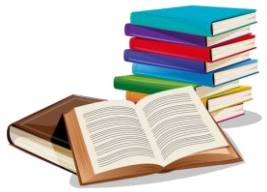
Important Terms Explained:

- **Livestock Research Centre:** A specialised facility focused on animal breeding, veterinary research, disease management and productivity improvement, with the proposed centre in Gujarat intended to support indigenous livestock.



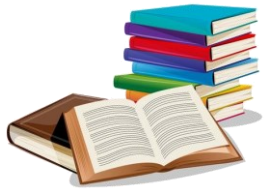
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi** (PM-**KISAN**): A **Central Sector** scheme launched in February **2019** to provide eligible landholding farmer families with annual financial assistance of **₹6,000** through three equal instalments of **₹2,000** transferred directly into their bank accounts.



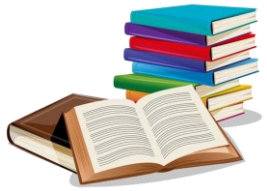
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gujarat International Finance Tec**-City (**GIFT** City): A planned financial and technology hub in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, developed to promote international financial services, technology businesses and modern urban infrastructure.



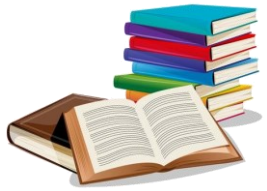
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- **Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU):** A self-propelled electric passenger train designed primarily for short- and medium-distance routes, providing frequent services and improved connectivity between suburban and regional destinations.



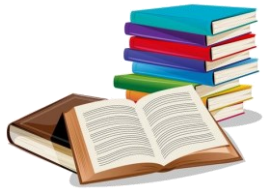
Important Terms Explained:

- **Anganwadi Centres:** Community-based childcare and maternal welfare facilities providing supplementary nutrition, preschool education, health awareness and support for immunisation and health services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission Saksham Anganwadi** and **POSHAN 2.0**: An integrated government programme focused on improving nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls, while upgrading Anganwadi infrastructure and strengthening nutrition delivery services.

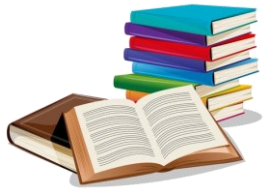


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event and date	Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development initiatives in Banaskantha, Gujarat, on October 30, 2026.
Total project value	Over ₹14,000 crore across agriculture, dairy, renewable energy, transport, roads and social welfare.
Agricultural development	Approval of 12 horticulture clusters, including two in North Gujarat benefiting potato farmers in Banaskantha and Sabarkantha.
Livestock and renewable energy	Livestock research centre for indigenous animals and foundation stones for two Bio-CNG plants.
New railway services	Ahmedabad–Varanasi Sabarmati Express and Mehsana–Becharaji–Sabarmati MEMU services.
Metro and highway projects	Ahmedabad Metro connectivity towards GIFT City and the airport, along with eight-laning of the Ahmedabad–Mehsana Highway.
Modern Anganwadi centres	Over 4,000 centres inaugurated to support approximately 4 lakh children and pregnant women.
Major objectives	Strengthening agricultural productivity, rural livelihoods, sustainable energy, regional connectivity and maternal and child welfare.

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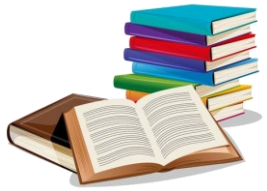
- **Madhya Pradesh celebrated its 70th Foundation Day on November 1, 2026, commemorating its formation under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, through cultural programmes, public celebrations and official events highlighting the state's history and heritage.**
- **Chhattisgarh celebrated its 26th Formation Day on November 1, 2026, with three-day Rajyotsav celebrations in Nava Raipur under the theme “Sashakt Nari, Yuva Udaan”, highlighting women's empowerment, youth development and the state's cultural heritage.**
- **Punjab observed its 60th Formation Day on November 1, 2026, commemorating the implementation of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, which established modern Punjab and Haryana and reorganised territories along linguistic and administrative lines.**
- **Haryana celebrated its 60th Foundation Day on November 1, 2026, commemorating its separation from Punjab under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, and recognising the state's linguistic identity, cultural heritage and economic development.**



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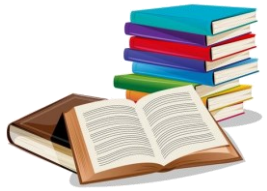
- **Karnataka celebrated its 70th unification anniversary on November 1, 2026, through Karnataka Rajyotsava, commemorating the integration of Kannada-speaking regions into the enlarged Mysore State under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956.**
- **Andhra Pradesh observed its 70th Formation Day on November 1, 2026, commemorating the merger of Andhra State with the Telugu-speaking Telangana region of Hyderabad State under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956.**
- **Kerala celebrated its 70th Formation Day, known as Kerala Piravi, on November 1, 2026, commemorating the integration of Malayalam-speaking regions under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, and promoting the state's linguistic and cultural heritage.**
- **Manisha Bhanwala became India's first women's freestyle wrestling world champion at the 2026 World Wrestling Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan, winning the 59kg gold medal with an 8–6 victory over Abigail Nette of the United States.**



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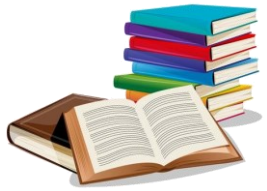
- The Union Sports Ministry nominated Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal and former Indian cricket captain Rahul Dravid to the 2030 Commonwealth Games Organising Company Board to strengthen athlete representation and preparations for the centenary Games in Ahmedabad.
- The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India announced on October 30, 2026, that Population Census 2027 would include house-to-house enumeration from January 25 to February 28, with March 1, 2027, at 00:00 hours designated as the official reference date.
- India's foreign exchange reserves declined by approximately $1.3 billion to $719.8 billion in the week ended October 23, 2026, marking the seventh consecutive weekly fall as declining gold valuations outweighed gains in foreign currency assets.
- India's Central Government recorded a fiscal deficit of ₹7.14 trillion during April–September FY27, reaching 42.1% of its annual Budget Estimate as higher government spending and capital expenditure increased the expenditure gap.
- The Government of India constituted the High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat under former Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel to recommend comprehensive banking reforms supporting India's development vision for 2047.



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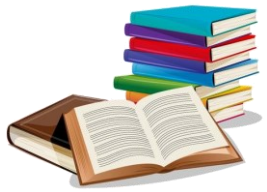
- **The Ministry of Defence appointed Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia as Vice Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force from November 1, 2026, succeeding Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit to strengthen senior operational leadership.**
- **Jatin Kumar Nayak took charge as Chairman and Managing Director of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency in October 2026, bringing over three decades of financial leadership experience to strengthen renewable energy financing in India.**
- **The 26th IIFA Awards 2026 recognised excellence in Indian cinema and digital entertainment, with Dhurandhar emerging as the most successful film after winning 12 awards, including Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor.**
- **The Ministry of Home Affairs announced the Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak for 490 police and security personnel on October 31, 2026, recognising exceptional professional achievements and promoting excellence in India's law enforcement and security services.**



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- **ISRO successfully launched the GSLV-F18 rocket carrying the NVS-03 satellite from Sriharikota on October 30, 2026, to strengthen India's indigenous NavIC satellite navigation system.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated, dedicated and laid foundation stones for development projects worth over ₹14,000 crore in Banaskantha, Gujarat, on October 30, 2026, to strengthen agriculture, dairy, infrastructure, renewable energy and rural welfare.**



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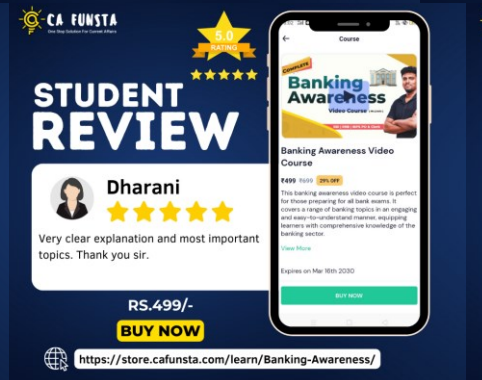

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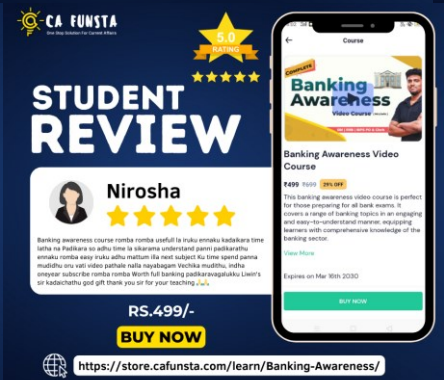

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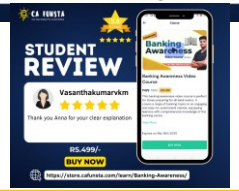

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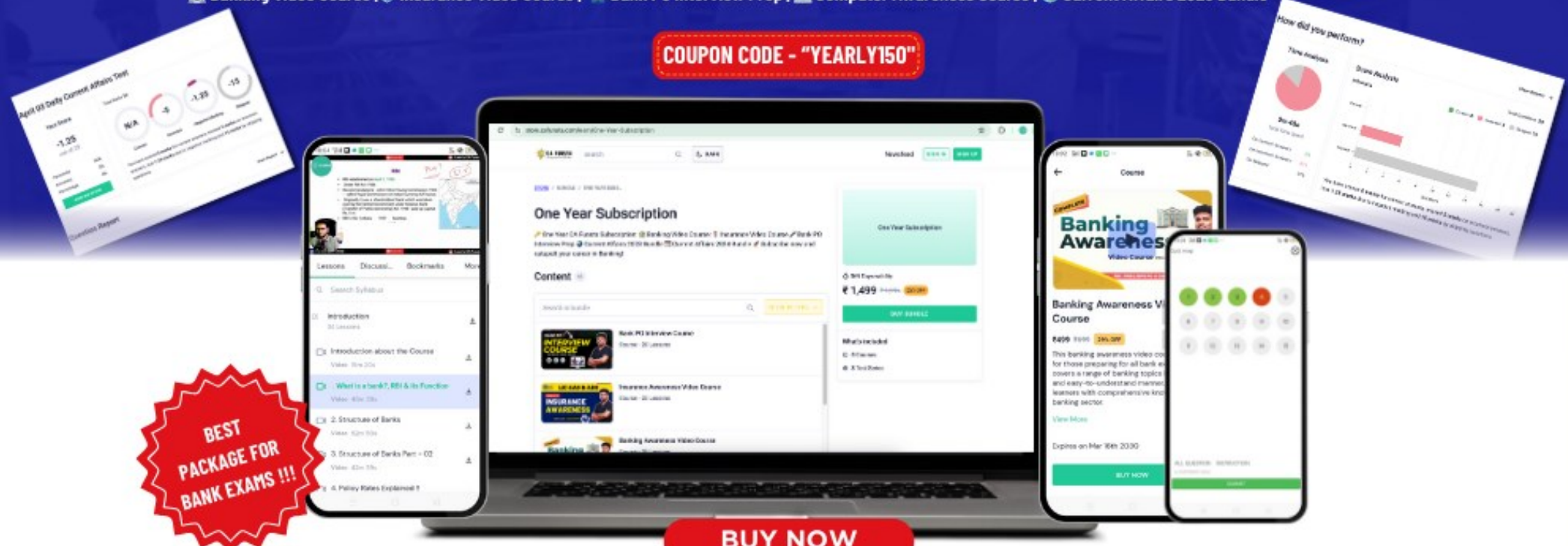
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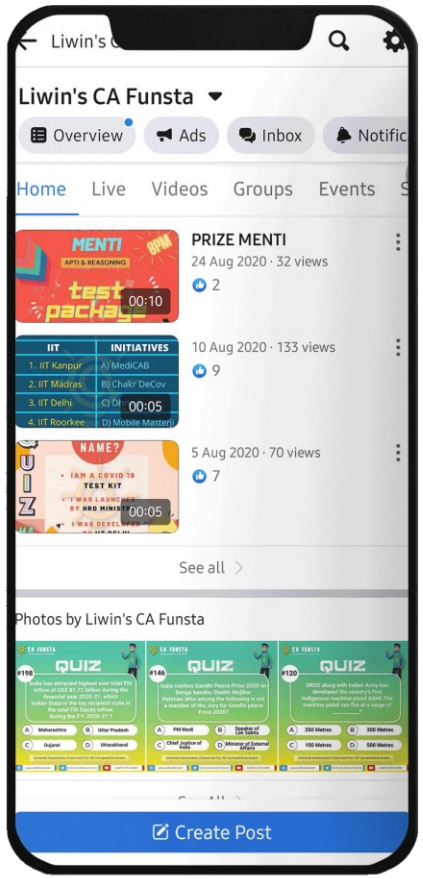
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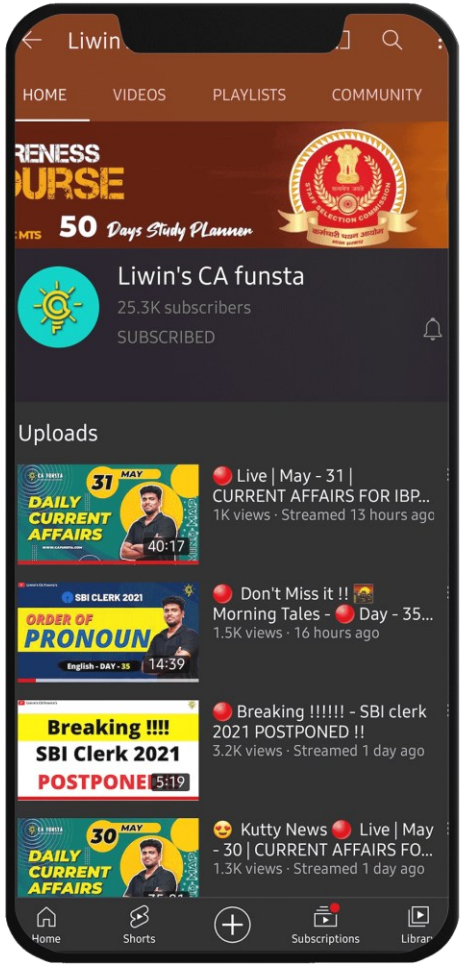


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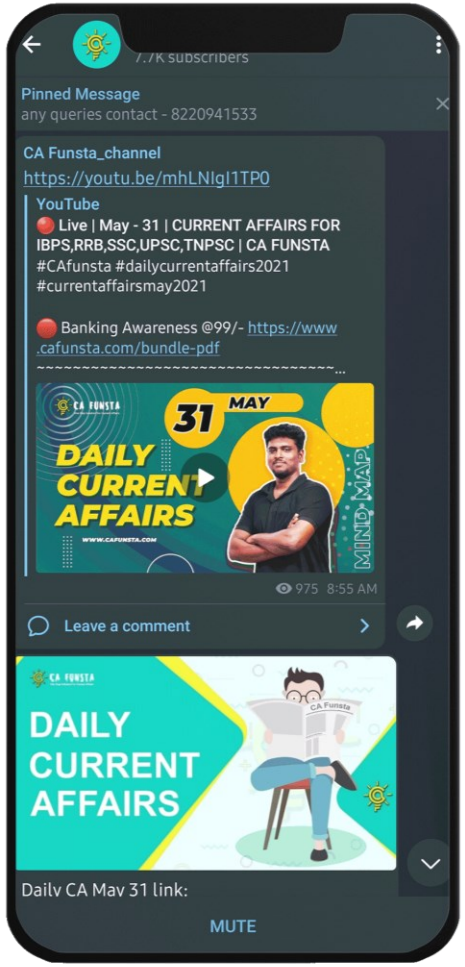
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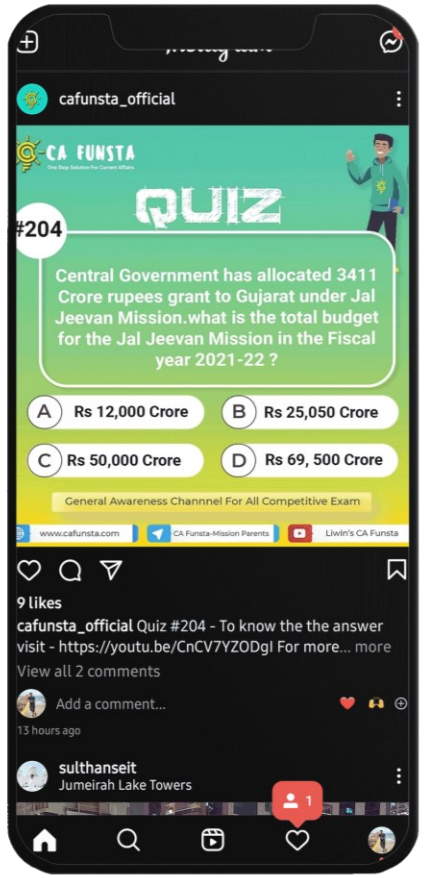


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