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- ICC Player of the Month awards 2026 – Shafali Verma and Shubman Gill
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1. ICC Player of the Month Awards 2026 — Shafali Verma and Shubman Gill



Indian women's cricketer Shafali Verma was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2026, marking her second monthly ICC award. She scored 360 runs and took six wickets across seven T20 International matches. She scored 236 runs in the Women's Asia Cup and contributed 188 runs to India's gold medal victory at the Asian Games. Meanwhile, Shubman Gill received the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for the fifth time following his outstanding performance in the ODI series against the West Indies.

2. Delay in decision to implement MDR charges on UPI transactions



According to reports, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has postponed the timeline for implementing the proposed 0.4% Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on certain specified UPI merchant transactions exceeding ₹2,000 until after Diwali. This charge was previously scheduled to come into effect on October 15, 2026. The MDR is to be paid by the merchant, while person-to-person (P2P) transactions and specified merchant transactions up to ₹2,000 are proposed to be exempt. The decision aims to alleviate the potential burden of additional payment costs on small merchants and MSMEs during the festive season.

3. Completion of One Year of Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)



The Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) was launched on October 11, 2025, with the objective of ensuring the holistic development of 100 agriculturally backward districts. It establishes coordination among 36 schemes from 11 Central Government ministries and departments, as well as state-level schemes. The scheme's key goals include enhancing agricultural productivity and improving access to crop diversification, irrigation, storage facilities, and agricultural credit. According to the report released on its first anniversary, the districts of Gaya (Bihar), Nagaur (Rajasthan), and Umaria (Madhya Pradesh) were felicitated for their performance.

4. Lakshadweep Declared 100% Literate Under ULLAS Programme



On October 11, 2026, Lakshadweep was declared a fully literate Union Territory under the ULLAS (New India Literacy Programme). An initial survey by the Education Department identified 1,113 illiterate adults, who were subsequently educated through literacy programmes. The objective of ULLAS is to impart foundational literacy, numeracy, life skills, and vocational skills to individuals aged 15 years and above. Learners' reading, writing, and basic mathematical abilities are assessed through the FLNAT.

5. American Actor RJ Mitte and His Contribution to Disability Rights



American actor RJ Mitte—whose full name was Roy Frank Mitte III—was renowned for his role as Walter White Jr. (Flynn) in the TV drama series Breaking Bad. According to reports, he passed away on October 12, 2026, at the age of 34. Living with cerebral palsy, Mitte was a staunch advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, equal opportunities, and inclusion within the entertainment industry. His contributions were significant in raising awareness about disability and encouraging equal participation in society.

6. Reshuffle of Governors across six states in October 2026



On October 12, 2026, President Droupadi Murmu announced the appointment and transfer of Governors for six states, including new appointments in Odisha, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, and Sikkim. Under Article 155 of the Constitution, the Governor is appointed by the President, while Article 156 deals with their tenure and the provision that they hold office during the pleasure of the President. To become a Governor, one must be an Indian citizen and have completed a minimum age of 35 years. Articles 161, 163, and 200 pertain to the Governor's power of clemency, the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers, and the Governor's options regarding bills, respectively.

7. Indian Army's 'Bharat Rice' Initiative and MoU with FCI



On October 12, 2026, the Indian Army launched the 'Bharat Rice' initiative to improve the quality, packaging, and distribution systems of rice provided to soldiers. For the 2026-27 financial year, rice under this initiative will be supplied by NAFED, with a special focus on quality and transportation logistics. Under a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Army and the Food Corporation of India (FCI), the Army will be able to utilize FCI's warehouses, silos, and logistics facilities as needed. The initiative aims to strengthen military logistics in border areas, expedite emergency supplies, and enhance coordination between civil infrastructure and military systems.

8. World Students' Day



World Students' Day is observed annually on October 15th to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, a renowned scientist and former President of India. Born on October 15, 1931, in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, he served as India's 11th President from 2002 to 2007. He made significant contributions to DRDO and ISRO and played a pivotal role in the development of the Agni and Prithvi missiles. The day aims to raise awareness among students about education, scientific temper, innovation, and nation-building.

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1. Who was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2026?



A - Smriti Mandhana **B - Shafali Verma**

C - Harmanpreet Kaur **D - Jemimah Rodrigues**

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2. What is the proposed MDR rate for specified UPI merchant transactions?



A - 0.2% **B - 0.4%**

C - 0.6% **D - 1.0%**

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3. How many agriculturally backward districts have been targeted for development under the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana?



A - 50 **B - 75**

C - 100 **D - 150**

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4. What is the full form of the ULLAS program?

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A - National Education Development Program **B - Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram**

C - National Skill Development Program **D - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

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5. RJ Mitte was famous for the role of Walter White Jr. in which TV series?

A - Friends
B - Breaking Bad
C - Game of Thrones
D - The Walking Dead



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6. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution is the Governor appointed by the President?

A - Article 153
B - Article 155
C - Article 156
D - Article 161



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7. Who will supply rice under this initiative in the financial year 2026-27?

A - FCI
B - NAFED
C - NCCF
D - Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)



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8. Which President of India was Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam?

A - 9th
B - 10th
C - 11th
D - 12th



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One Liner

1. Which President of India was Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam? - 11th President

2. How many agriculturally backward districts does the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) aim to develop? - 100 districts

3. What was the proposed rate for the UPI MDR charge? - 0.4% (on certain specified merchant transactions exceeding ₹2,000)

4. Who was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2026? - Shafali Verma

5. With which organization did the Indian Army sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the use of logistics and storage facilities? - Food Corporation of India (FCI)

6. Which article of the Indian Constitution deals with the appointment of the Governor? - Article 155

7. What is the primary objective of the Indian Army's 'Bharat Rice' initiative? - To improve the quality and supply system of rice for soldiers

8. Under which program was Lakshadweep declared fully literate in October 2026? - ULLAS (New India Literacy Programme)

9. Who was the actor that played the role of Walter White Jr. in the American TV series *Breaking Bad*? - RJ Mitte

10. On which date is World Students' Day celebrated every year? - October 15