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1. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026: Five Non-Fiction Books on Modern India Shortlisted

The New India Foundation (NIF) has shortlisted five non-fiction books for the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026, all of which were published in 2025. The subjects covered in these books include the Indian Constitution, the history of Partition, the development of independent India, the life of K. M. Panikkar, and classical music. The seven-member jury was chaired by political scientist Niraja Gopal Jayal. The winner will be announced on December 12, 2026, at the Bengaluru Literature Festival, and the winning author will receive a prize of ₹15 lakh.



2. Earthshot Prize 2026: International Environmental Award Ceremony to be Held in Mumbai, India for the First Time

The Earthshot Prize was launched in 2020 by Britain's Prince William with the aim of encouraging solutions to major environmental challenges by 2030. The 2026 ceremony is scheduled to take place in Mumbai on November 16–17, marking the first time the event will be held in India. The prize features five categories—nature conservation, clean air, ocean protection, waste reduction, and climate change solutions—with the winner in each category receiving £1 million.



3. Indian Pilot Captain Smit Machhar Awarded UAE's 'First Class Order of Zayed II'

On October 27, 2026, the UAE government honored Indian pilot Captain Smit Machhar and the Flydubai crew with the 'First Class Order of Zayed II' for their courage and commitment to passenger safety. On September 30, 2026, during a flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv (flight FZ1073), Captain Machhar was injured following an assault by the co-pilot inside the cockpit. Despite his injuries, he worked with the crew to bring the situation under control, leading to an emergency landing of the aircraft in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. Leaders from India, Israel, the UAE, and the United States praised his bravery, highlighting the critical importance of aviation security and crisis management.



4. Selection of the Orange Oakleaf as Chhattisgarh's First State Butterfly

In 2026, an online vote was held in Chhattisgarh to select the Orange Oakleaf (*Kallima inachus*) as the state's first official butterfly; it secured 3,000 out of 5,813 total votes. When its wings are closed, the butterfly resembles a dry leaf, a form of camouflage that helps protect it from predators. There are approximately 201 butterfly species in Chhattisgarh and about 1,500 across India; butterflies play a crucial role in pollination and maintaining ecological balance. State butterflies—such as the Blue Mormon (Maharashtra), Southern Birdwing (Karnataka), and Tamil Yeoman (Tamil Nadu)—help promote biodiversity conservation and public awareness.



5. India's Soybean Imports Reach a Record 1.1 Million Metric Tonnes; Niger Emerges as a Key Supplier



According to Reuters and the Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA), India's soybean imports for the 2025–26 marketing year have risen to approximately 1.1 million metric tonnes, a significant increase from the ~2,000 metric tonnes recorded the previous year. High domestic soybean prices prompted processing units to ramp up procurement from overseas markets, with Niger emerging as a primary supplier. The import of non-GM soybeans into India is subject to strict biosafety, food safety, and customs regulations; the country of origin for certain shipments has also been verified.

6. Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY): A ₹7,395.55 Crore Scheme to Empower Gram Panchayats



The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY) aims to empower Gram Panchayats, enhance digital good governance, and ensure citizen participation in rural development. The total financial outlay for the scheme from the years 2026-27 to 2030-31 is ₹7,395.55 crore, comprising a central share of ₹4,869.48 crore and a state share of ₹2,526.07 crore. The scheme targets the preparation of approximately 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayat Development Plans annually via the 'eGramSwaraj' platform, alongside capacity building for about 32 lakh elected representatives and relevant stakeholders.

7. Central Government Approves 3% Hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR)



The Union Cabinet has approved a 3 percentage point increase in the Dearness Allowance (DA) for central government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners. This raises the rate from 60% to 63%, effective from July 1, 2026. The decision will benefit approximately 48.54 lakh employees and 68.71 lakh pensioners, placing an additional annual financial burden of ₹10,016.10 crore on the government. DA is calculated based on the basic salary, while DR is based on the basic pension; both are intended to compensate for the erosion of purchasing power caused by inflation.

8. World Savings Day 2026: A Global Campaign to Promote Financial Security and the Habit of Saving



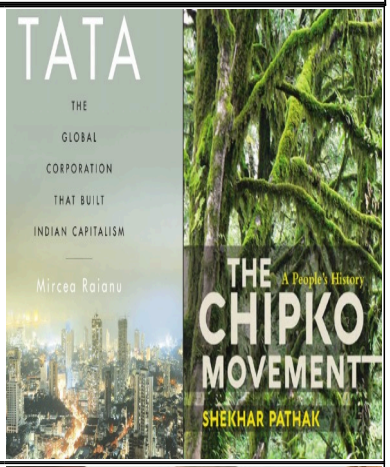
World Savings Day is observed annually on October 30th; it originated in 1924 in Milan, Italy. The theme for 2026 is "AI advises, human decides," which highlights the importance of human judgment alongside artificial intelligence in financial decision-making. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about the importance of saving, financial discipline, and future economic security. In India, initiatives such as the Jan-Dhan Yojana, Public Provident Fund (PPF), National Savings Certificates (NSC), and Post Office savings schemes promote financial inclusion and the habit of saving.

1. How many books have been shortlisted for the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026?

A - Three **B - Five**

C - Seven **D - Ten**

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2. What is the prize money awarded to the winner in each category of the Earthshot Prize?

A - £1 lakh **B - £5 lakh**

C - £10 lakh **D - £20 lakh**

The Earthshot Prize was launched in 2020 by Prince William of the United Kingdom, with the objective of promoting solutions to environmental problems by 2030. The 2026 ceremony is scheduled to be held in Mumbai on November 16–17, where the winner in each of the five categories will receive £10 lakh. Indian initiatives such as Takachar, Kheyti, Boomitra, and S4S Technologies are contributing to environmental conservation.



3. With which honor was Captain Smit Machhar awarded?

A - Order of Merit **B - First Class Order of Zayed II**

C - Bharat Ratna **D - Order of the British Empire**

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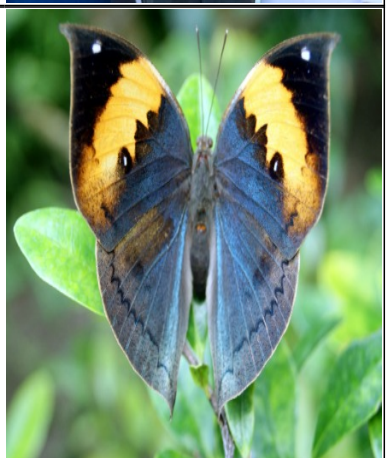


4. Which butterfly was selected as the first state butterfly of Chhattisgarh?

A - Blue Mormon **B - Orange Oakleaf**

C - Southern Birdwing **D - Tamil Yeoman**

In 2026, following an online vote in Chhattisgarh, the Orange Oakleaf (*Kallima inachus*) was selected as the state's first state butterfly, receiving 3,000 out of 5,813 votes. Its closed wings resemble a dry leaf, providing camouflage against predators; butterflies play a crucial role in pollination, biodiversity, and maintaining ecological balance.



5. Approximately how much was India's soybean import in the 2025–26 marketing year?

A - 2,000 metric tonnes
B - 5 lakh metric tonnes
C - 11 lakh metric tonnes
D - 20 lakh metric tonnes



According to Reuters and SOPA, India's soybean imports rose to approximately 11 lakh metric tonnes in the 2025–26 marketing year, compared to about 2,000 metric tonnes in the previous year. The increase in imports was driven by a rise in domestic prices, with Niger emerging as a key supplier. During the same period, soybean meal exports were estimated to have declined to approximately 10 lakh metric tonnes; soybean meal is primarily used in animal and poultry feed.

6. What is the primary objective of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY)?

A - Development of urban transport
B - Empowering Gram Panchayats
C - Increasing industrial exports
D - Establishment of private banks



The objective of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY) is to empower Gram Panchayats, enhance digital good governance, and ensure public participation in rural development. With an outlay of ₹7,395.55 crore for the period from 2026–27 to 2030–31, this scheme aims to promote Panchayat development plans, capacity building, financial transparency, and accountability through platforms like eGramSwaraj, PANCHAM AI, and AuditOnline.

7. What will the new rate be following the increase in DA (Dearness Allowance) and DR (Dearness Relief)?

A - 60%
B - 61%
C - 63%
D - 65%



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8. Where did World Savings Day originate?

A - Rome, Italy
B - Paris, France
C - Milan, Italy
D - London, Britain



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One Liner

1. Who launched the Earthshot Prize in 2020? - Prince William of Britain

2. Which UAE honor was awarded to Captain Smit Machhar, an Indian pilot for flydubai? - First Class Order of Zayed II

3. What is the total financial outlay for the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY)? - ₹7,395.55 crore

4. What did India's soybean imports reach in the 2025–26 marketing year? - Approximately 1.1 million metric tonnes

5. Which species was selected as the first state butterfly of Chhattisgarh? - Orange Oakleaf (Kallima inachus)

6. In which year was the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize established? - 2018

7. What is the prize money awarded to the winner in each category of the Earthshot Prize? - 1 million British pounds (£1 million)

8. What is the new rate set for the Dearness Allowance (DA) for central government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners? - 63%

9. On which date is World Savings Day celebrated internationally every year? - October 30

10. What is the prize money for the winner of the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026? - ₹15 lakh