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IMPORTANT DAYS

Q1. World Students' Day, observed on 15 October in association with Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, marked which birth anniversary in 2026?

डॉ. ए. पी. जे. अब्दुल कलाम की जयंती से जुड़े 15 अक्टूबर के विश्व विद्यार्थी दिवस पर वर्ष 2026 में उनकी कौन-सी जयंती मनाई गई?

- (a) 95th
- (b) 90th
- (c) 100th
- (d) 85th
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) 95th

Explanation:

1. Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam was born on **15 October 1931**; therefore, 2026 marks his **95th birth anniversary**. The occasion connects his legacy with education and scientific curiosity.
2. Kalam served as India's **11th President** and made major contributions to aerospace and indigenous missile development. He is widely remembered for encouraging young learners.
3. He received the **Bharat Ratna in 1997**. His books include *Wings of Fire* and *Ignited Minds*, which are useful person-book associations for examinations.
4. The student observance is associated with his birthday; it is not an officially designated United Nations international day. The UN observance on the same date is the **International Day of Rural Women**.
5. Remember the date, birth year, presidential sequence and award year together. Calculating an anniversary requires subtracting the birth year from the year of observance: $2026 - 1931 = 95$.

Q2. Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 was celebrated nationally on 15 October. Which theme was adopted for the occasion?

15 अक्टूबर को राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर मनाए गए महिला किसान दिवस 2026 का विषय क्या था?

- (a) Women Leading the Digital Economy
- (b) Healthy Women, Healthy Families
- (c) Rural Credit for Every Household
- (d) Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India

Explanation:

1. The theme was **Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India**. It links women's agricultural contribution with the vision of Viksit Bharat.
2. The **Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** organised the national celebration at **Dr B. R. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi**, on **15 October 2026**.
3. Women contribute to cultivation, livestock care, seed conservation, agricultural enterprises and resource management. Recognition also draws attention to their access to training, technology and institutions.
4. The event honoured outstanding women farmers and

released the book **Women Farmers of India: Journey from Challenges to Success**. Extension workers help connect scientific research with practical farming needs.

5. The date coincides with the **International Day of Rural Women**. Keep the Indian agricultural observance and the UN rural-women observance distinct, even though they share a date.

RBI, SEBI & BANKING

Q3. The World Bank Group mobilised how much cumulative private capital for India over four years, according to the October 2026 update?

अक्टूबर 2026 की जानकारी के अनुसार विश्व बैंक समूह ने चार वर्षों में भारत के लिए कुल कितनी निजी पूँजी जुटाने में सहायता की?

- (a) USD 14.5 billion
- (b) USD 36 billion
- (c) USD 9.6 billion
- (d) USD 3 billion
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) USD 36 billion

Explanation:

1. Cumulative private capital mobilised for India reached **USD 36 billion** over four years. This is a multi-year total, rather than the amount mobilised in a single year.
2. Annual mobilisation increased from around USD 3 billion in FY22 to **USD 14.5 billion in FY26**. Mobilisation means attracting private investors alongside development-finance interventions.
3. Approximately **USD 9.6 billion** of private financing benefited the **MSME sector** since 2022. Better financing can help smaller firms buy equipment, meet working-capital needs and expand production.
4. The **RAMP programme** supports reforms for MSME performance and access to finance. TReDS helps businesses obtain funds against trade receivables instead of waiting until buyers settle invoices.
5. Distinguish the three figures: **USD 36 billion** is the cumulative total; USD 14.5 billion is the FY26 annual amount; **USD 9.6 billion** relates to MSME financing. Mobilised private capital is different from a government grant.

Q4. The Supreme Court directed that railway tickets purchased over station counters should receive insurance protection comparable to online tickets from which date in 2026?

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने रेलवे स्टेशन के काउंटर से खरीदे गए टिकटों पर ऑनलाइन टिकटों के समान बीमा सुरक्षा किस तिथि से देने का निर्देश दिया?

- (a) 15 October
- (b) 1 November
- (c) 27 October
- (d) 16 November
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) 27 October

Explanation:

1. The specified implementation date is **27 October 2026**. The direction concerns extending railway travel insurance to **counter-purchased tickets**, improving protection for passengers using offline booking channels.

2. The **Railway Board** is responsible for implementation. A judicial direction establishes the required extension; operational matters such as premium collection and claim procedures still depend on the implementation mechanism.
3. The existing online travel-insurance framework provides benefits up to **Rs 10 lakh** for death or permanent total disability, subject to its policy terms. Other insured events have separate benefit limits.
4. Insurance involves payment under a policy after a covered event and satisfaction of conditions. It should not be confused with an unconditional payment to every passenger.
5. For revision, connect **Supreme Court - railway counter tickets - 27 October**. Do not assume that every implementation detail or premium amount has already been notified merely because the extension has been directed.

ECONOMY & FINANCE

Q5. According to the PLFS Monthly Bulletin for September 2026, what was the overall Labour Force Participation Rate for persons aged 15 years and above under Current Weekly Status?

सितंबर 2026 के PLFS मासिक बुलेटिन के अनुसार वर्तमान साप्ताहिक स्थिति के आधार पर 15 वर्ष और उससे अधिक आयु के व्यक्तियों की कुल श्रम बल भागीदारी दर कितनी थी?

- (a) 55.5%
- (b) 52.7%
- (c) 50.7%
- (d) 34.6%
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) 55.5%

Explanation:

1. Overall **LFPR was 55.5%** for persons aged **15 years and above** in September 2026. LFPR measures the share of the population that is employed or unemployed but participating in the labour market.
2. The **Worker Population Ratio was 52.7%**. WPR measures employed persons as a proportion of the population, so its denominator differs from that of the unemployment rate.
3. The overall **Unemployment Rate was 5.0%**. UR measures unemployed persons as a share of the labour force, not as a share of the entire population.
4. The bulletin uses **Current Weekly Status** estimates. Urban LFPR reached 50.7%, while overall female LFPR was 34.6%; these figures refer to different population groups.
5. NSO under MoSPI conducts PLFS. Remember the main set as LFPR 55.5, WPR 52.7 and UR 5.0; a rise in participation can occur even when the unemployment rate remains stable.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & POLICIES

Q6. The Cabinet approved continuation of NSAP for 2026-27 to 2030-31 in October 2026. What is the approved total outlay?

अक्टूबर 2026 में मंत्रिमंडल ने NSAP को 2026-27 से 2030-31 तक जारी रखने की मंजूरी दी। इसके लिए स्वीकृत कुल परिव्यय कितना है?

- (a) Rs 43,428 crore
- (b) Rs 63,428 crore
- (c) Rs 35,428 crore

(d) Rs 53,428 crore

(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Rs 53,428 crore

Explanation:

1. The approved five-year outlay is **Rs 53,428 crore** for **2026-27 to 2030-31**. The decision covers around 3.20 crore beneficiaries across all 36 States and Union Territories.
2. The Cabinet also approved renaming NSAP as **Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana**. NSAP originally began on 15 August 1995 to support poor and vulnerable households.
3. The disability eligibility benchmark is to change from 80% to **40%**, and the minimum age criterion is to begin **from birth**. Revised implementation guidelines are to give effect to the changes.
4. The approved monthly central assistance for eligible persons with disabilities is Rs 375 for ages 0-79 and Rs 625 for ages 80 and above. Old-age, widow and family-benefit assistance continues under existing arrangements.
5. The programme relates to Article 41's social-assistance objectives. Distinguish the Cabinet's approval from the date revised guidelines become operational; the outlay is a five-year total, not an annual allocation.

Q7. Under the October 2026 draft proposal, the first phase of Bharat Stage VII vehicle emission standards is proposed to begin on which date?

अक्टूबर 2026 के मसौदा प्रस्ताव के अनुसार भारत स्टेज VII वाहन उत्सर्जन मानकों का पहला चरण किस तिथि से शुरू करने का प्रस्ताव है?

- (a) 1 April 2027
- (b) 1 April 2029
- (c) 1 April 2031
- (d) 1 April 2035
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) 1 April 2029

Explanation:

1. The first proposed phase begins on **1 April 2029**. Later proposed phases begin on 1 April 2031 and 1 April 2035; these dates represent a staged transition.
2. The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** issued the draft proposal in October 2026. **BS-VII** refers to Bharat Stage VII, a framework for controlling pollution from vehicles.
3. Emission standards limit pollutants such as **nitrogen oxides**, hydrocarbons and particulate matter. These pollutants differ from carbon dioxide, which is a greenhouse gas associated with fuel use.
4. India implemented **BS-VI nationwide in April 2020**, moving directly from BS-IV and skipping BS-V. Remember this earlier transition separately from the proposed **BS-VII** timetable.
5. The October development is a draft, so final standards and implementation details depend on subsequent decisions. A proposed commencement date should not be described as an already enforced requirement.

STATE NEWS

Q8. Which state generated 2.04 crore person-days of rural employment under VB-G RAM G between 1 July and 13 October 2026?

1 जुलाई से 13 अक्टूबर 2026 के बीच VB-G RAM G के अंतर्गत किस राज्य ने 2.04 करोड़ व्यक्ति-दिवस ग्रामीण रोजगार सृजित किया?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) Karnataka

Explanation:

- The state is **Karnataka**, which reported **2.04 crore person-days** over the stated period. A person-day represents one person receiving work for one day.
- The programme is **Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin)**, abbreviated VB-G RAM G. The report describes an annual employment guarantee of up to 125 days per eligible rural household.
- The reported daily wage in **Karnataka** is **Rs 382**. Employment guarantees refer to eligible households and prescribed conditions, not an unlimited number of days for each individual.
- Raichur** led district-level generation with around 24 lakh person-days, followed by Bidar and Koppal. The corresponding earlier period recorded 1.71 crore person-days under MGNREGA.
- For example, ten workers employed for five days generate fifty person-days. Do not confuse the aggregate **2.04 crore person-days** with 2.04 crore distinct workers or households.

Q9. Himachal Pradesh's first solar project equipped with a Battery Energy Storage System was inaugurated at which location in Spiti Valley?

हिमाचल प्रदेश की बैटरी ऊर्जा भंडारण प्रणाली से युक्त पहली सौर परियोजना का उद्घाटन स्पीति घाटी के किस स्थान पर हुआ?

- (a) Rongtong
- (b) Rampur
- (c) Chamba
- (d) Una
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) Rongtong

Explanation:

- The project is at **Rongtong in Spiti Valley**, Himachal Pradesh. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the installation during his visit to the region.
- Its solar generation capacity is **2 MW**, while the battery storage capacity is **1 MWh**. MW measures power; MWh measures the amount of energy stored or delivered over time.
- The plant is located at approximately **3,600 metres** above sea level and is expected to generate around 36 lakh electricity units annually. One electricity unit equals one kilowatt-hour.
- A **Battery Energy Storage System** stores electricity and releases it later. It can reduce the mismatch between daytime solar generation and demand after sunshine declines.
- The reported project cost is Rs 4.42 crore. The central examination distinction is generation versus storage: a **2 MW** solar plant and a **1 MWh** battery describe two different technical characteristics.

Q10. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, emerging as an additional

natural habitat for Asiatic lions, is located in which state?

एशियाई शेरों के अतिरिक्त प्राकृतिक आवास के रूप में उभर रहा बरडा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य किस राज्य में स्थित है?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Gujarat

Explanation:

- Barda Wildlife Sanctuary** is in **Gujarat**, across Porbandar and Devbhumi Dwarka districts in the Saurashtra region. It provides additional habitat beyond the Gir landscape.
- The 2025 estimate recorded **17 lions in Barda**, comprising six adults and eleven cubs. Habitat expansion matters because reliance on a narrow range increases conservation vulnerability.
- The sanctuary covers approximately **192.31 square kilometres** and was declared a protected area in 1979. Its geography and location are useful static-GK links to the current development.
- Gujarat's** estimated Asiatic lion population increased from 674 in 2020 to **891 in 2025**. The increase of 217 represents approximately 32.2% growth.
- The Asiatic lion is commonly identified as *Panthera leo persica*. Remember Barda as an additional habitat in **Gujarat**; do not confuse it with Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

Q11. An integrated phenol and acetone plant involving an investment of Rs 6,000 crore was inaugurated in October 2026 in which West Bengal industrial centre?

अक्टूबर 2026 में पश्चिम बंगाल के किस औद्योगिक केंद्र में ₹6,000 करोड़ के निवेश वाला एकीकृत फिनॉल और एसीटोन संयंत्र उद्घाटित किया गया?

- (a) Durgapur
- (b) Haldia
- (c) Asansol
- (d) Siliguri
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) Haldia

Explanation:

- The plant is located at **Haldia, West Bengal**. Its reported investment is **Rs 6,000 crore**, supporting domestic chemical manufacturing and downstream industrial activity.
- Adperma Private Limited**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Haldia Petrochemicals Limited, developed the facility. Distinguish the operating subsidiary from its parent company.
- Annual production capacity is **3.45 lakh tonnes of phenol** and **2.15 lakh tonnes of acetone**. These are separate product capacities, rather than two measures of the same output.
- Phenol is used in resins, plastics and chemical intermediates, while acetone is an important solvent. Both are industrial chemicals used by several manufacturing chains.
- The integrated complex also includes propylene production using olefin conversion technology. Domestic capacity can reduce import dependence and improve raw-material availability for other industries.

NATIONAL NEWS

Q12. The Cabinet approved Productivity Linked Bonus for eligible railway employees in October 2026 equivalent to how many days' wages?

अक्टूबर 2026 में पात्र रेलवे कर्मचारियों के लिए स्वीकृत उत्पादकता आधारित बोनस कितने दिनों के वेतन के बराबर है?

- (a) 60 days
- (b) 72 days
- (c) 78 days
- (d) 90 days
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) 78 days

Explanation:

- The approved **Productivity Linked Bonus** is equivalent to **78 days' wages**. It recognises eligible railway employees' contribution to operational performance.
- The decision covers around **11,40,770 employees**, including eligible non-gazetted staff such as track maintainers, loco pilots, station masters and technicians.
- The total approved expenditure is **Rs 2,009.61 crore**. The reported maximum payment is **Rs 17,951** per eligible employee under the applicable calculation framework.
- The number of bonus days does not mean every employee receives seventy-eight days of their full actual salary. Eligibility, the calculation wage base and the approved ceiling determine payment.
- Link the three examination facts: 78 days, approximately 11.4 lakh employees and **Rs 2,009.61 crore**. Productivity-linked bonus is different from an across-the-board revision of basic pay.

Q13. Who heads the high-powered committee constituted in October 2026 to examine sugarcane farmers' demands and related sugar-sector issues?

अक्टूबर 2026 में गन्ना किसानों की माँगों और चीनी क्षेत्र से जुड़े मुद्दों की जाँच के लिए गठित उच्चस्तरीय समिति के अध्यक्ष कौन हैं?

- (a) Ramesh Chand
- (b) Ashok Dalwai
- (c) M. L. Jat
- (d) Arvind Panagariya
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) Ramesh Chand

Explanation:

- The committee is headed by **Ramesh Chand**, a former NITI Aayog member. Its task is to examine **sugarcane farmers' demands** and related aspects of the sugar economy.
- Its subjects include farmers' returns, the **ex-mill minimum selling price of sugar**, sugar recovery testing and deductions for mechanically harvested cane.
- The **sugar recovery rate** indicates the proportion of sugar obtained from cane. Transparent testing and weighing are important because they can affect payments and disputes.
- The panel is to consult farmers, mill associations, state governments and experts. Its examination involves both **farmers' earnings** and the financial viability of sugar mills.
- Do not confuse the selling price of processed sugar with the price paid to farmers for sugarcane. A committee's recommendations also differ from an already notified change

in pricing policy.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Q14. India held the third meeting of its Joint Trade Committee in October 2026 with which Southeast Asian country?

अक्टूबर 2026 में भारत ने किस दक्षिण-पूर्व एशियाई देश के साथ संयुक्त व्यापार समिति की तीसरी बैठक की?

- (a) Vietnam
- (b) Cambodia
- (c) Laos
- (d) Brunei Darussalam
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Brunei Darussalam

Explanation:

- The partner is **Brunei Darussalam**, and the meeting was the **third Joint Trade Committee** meeting between the two countries. JTCs provide a formal channel for addressing commercial issues.
- Discussions covered **agricultural exports**, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, energy, tourism and investment. These sectors represent possible areas for expanding bilateral business links.
- India's side was co-chaired by Amit Verma from the Department of Commerce, while Brunei's side was led by Dr May Fa'ezah Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary for Economy and Trade.
- The countries emphasised **market access** and business-to-business exchanges. Better access involves addressing barriers affecting the ability of firms to sell goods or services in another market.
- The next JTC meeting is scheduled in **Brunei Darussalam**. For static revision, connect Brunei with Southeast Asia and the island of Borneo; a JTC is a cooperation mechanism rather than a free-trade agreement by itself.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

Q15. KAUMARACON-2026, inaugurated by the Vice-President in New Delhi, focuses primarily on which branch of Ayurveda?

नई दिल्ली में उपराष्ट्रपति द्वारा उद्घाटित KAUMARACON-2026 आयुर्वेद की किस शाखा पर मुख्य रूप से केंद्रित है?

- (a) Shalya Tantra
- (b) Kaumarabhritya
- (c) Agada Tantra
- (d) Shalakya Tantra
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) Kaumarabhritya

Explanation:

- Kaumarabhritya** concerns **Ayurvedic paediatrics**, including child health, growth, nutrition and development. It is the central subject of KAUMARACON-2026.
- Vice-President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** inaugurated the conference in **New Delhi** on 15 October 2026. The three-day event emphasised clinical research and innovation.
- The **All India Institute of Ayurveda** organised the

conference, which coincided with its tenth Foundation Day. Scientific validation and evidence-based research were highlighted.

4. Associated digital launches included the AYUSH Start-up Portal, AyuDIVA, the Vamana App and the Panchakarma Assessment App. Digital platforms can support research, innovation and structured assessment.

5. For examinations, connect the event, institution and specialised branch: KAUMARACON - AIIA - **Kaumarabhritya**. The conference concerns child health rather than a general surgery or toxicology meeting.

OBITUARIES

Q16. Cheruvayal Raman, the Padma Shri awardee whose death was reported in October 2026, was known for conserving indigenous varieties of which crop?

अक्टूबर 2026 में दिवंगत पद्म श्री पुरस्कार विजेता चेरुवयल रमन किस फसल की देशी किस्मों के संरक्षण के लिए प्रसिद्ध थे?

- (a) Wheat
- (b) Millet
- (c) Rice
- (d) Cotton
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) Rice

Explanation:

1. **Cheruvayal Raman** was known for conserving indigenous **rice varieties**. He belonged to Kammana in **Wayanad, Kerala**, and promoted preservation of traditional seed diversity.

2. Popularly called **Nellachan**, or father of paddy, he conserved more than **45 indigenous varieties** on his farm. His work earned the description of a living paddy gene bank.

3. He received the **Padma Shri in 2023** for his contribution to agriculture. His conservation work combined traditional knowledge, seed sharing and cultivation practices.

4. Maintaining different crop varieties protects genetic diversity. Such diversity can be valuable when studying adaptation to pests, changing rainfall and other agricultural stresses.

5. The examination association is person - rice conservation - Kerala - Padma Shri 2023. Seed conservation preserves biological resources and farming knowledge, rather than simply increasing one commercial variety's acreage.

DEFENCE

Q17. Under the Rs 4,106-crore defence contracts signed on 15 October 2026, GSAT-7C is intended for which service and Varunastra torpedoes for which service, respectively?

15 अक्टूबर 2026 को हस्ताक्षरित ₹4,106 करोड़ के रक्षा अनुबंधों में GSAT-7C और वरुणास्त्र टॉरपीडो क्रमशः किन सेनाओं के लिए हैं?

- (a) Indian Air Force and Indian Navy
- (b) Indian Navy and Indian Army
- (c) Indian Army and Indian Air Force
- (d) Indian Coast Guard and Indian Army
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) Indian Air Force and Indian Navy

Explanation:

1. **GSAT-7C** is a dedicated communication-satellite capability for the **Indian Air Force**, while Varunastra Heavy Weight Torpedoes strengthen the **Indian Navy**.

2. The satellite contract is worth **Rs 2,563 crore** and was signed with NewSpace India Limited, Bengaluru. It is designed to support secure and resilient communication between Air Force assets.

3. The Varunastra contract is worth **Rs 1,543 crore** and was signed with Bharat Dynamics Limited, **Hyderabad**. The two contract values add to approximately Rs 4,106 crore.

4. Varunastra is an indigenous, ship-launched anti-submarine torpedo developed by the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory. Torpedoes operate underwater against maritime targets, unlike communication satellites.

5. Keep the mapping clear: satellite - NSIL - Air Force; torpedo - BDL - Navy. Both purchases support indigenous capability and domestic defence manufacturing.

SPORTS & GAMES

Q18. Vishvajit More won India's first U23 World Wrestling Championships Greco-Roman silver in October 2026 in which men's weight category?

अक्टूबर 2026 में विश्वजीत मोरे ने U23 विश्व कुश्ती चैंपियनशिप में भारत का पहला ग्रीको-रोमन रजत पदक पुरुषों के किस भार वर्ग में जीता?

- (a) 60 kg
- (b) 63 kg
- (c) 67 kg
- (d) 55 kg
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) 55 kg

Explanation:

1. More competed in the men's **55 kg Greco-Roman** category. The achievement was India's first silver and first final appearance in this style at the U23 World Championships.

2. He lost the final narrowly, **12-13**, to **Koba Karumidze of Georgia**. A silver medal means he reached the final but finished as runner-up.

3. The championships were held in **Las Vegas, United States**. U23 denotes an age-group world competition and should be distinguished from the senior World Championships.

4. **Greco-Roman** and freestyle are distinct wrestling styles. In **Greco-Roman** wrestling, attacks and holds below the waist are prohibited, making upper-body technique central.

5. Remember the association: Vishvajit More - **55 kg** - Greco-Roman - silver. Weight category, wrestling style and medal colour are separate facts that may be tested independently.

Q19. During the fourth men's T20I against West Indies in October 2026, India became the second team to reach which milestone in T20I six-hitting?

अक्टूबर 2026 में वेस्टइंडीज के विरुद्ध चौथे पुरुष T20I के दौरान भारत कुल कितने T20I छक्के लगाने वाली दूसरी टीम बना?

- (a) 1,500 sixes
- (b) 2,000 sixes
- (c) 2,500 sixes
- (d) 3,000 sixes
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) 2,000 sixes

Explanation:

1. India reached **2,000 sixes** in **men's T20 Internationals**, becoming the second team to cross the mark. It is a team aggregate, rather than a single batter's tally.
2. **Sanju Samson** struck the milestone six off **Roston Chase** during the fourth T20I against **West Indies**. The achievement links an individual shot with the team's cumulative record.
3. **West Indies** was the first team to reach the mark. The update credits **West Indies** with reaching it in 259 matches and India in 297 matches.
4. Samson also crossed one hundred T20I sixes in the match. His individual milestone is distinct from India's two-thousand-sixes team milestone.
5. T20Is are recognised international matches; domestic franchise T20 matches are not included in these records. Always check the format and whether the statistic refers to a player or a team.

Q20. Abhishek Sharma surpassed Suryakumar Yadav's calendar-year T20I sixes record for a player from an ICC Full Member nation by reaching how many sixes in October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 में अभिषेक शर्मा ने ICC पूर्ण सदस्य देश के खिलाड़ी द्वारा एक कैलेंडर वर्ष में सर्वाधिक T20I छक्कों का सूर्यकुमार यादव का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ते हुए कितने छक्के पूरे किए?

- (a) 65
- (b) 68
- (c) 69
- (d) 72
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) 69

Explanation:

1. **Abhishek Sharma** reached **69 sixes** in the 2026 calendar year, moving past **Suryakumar Yadav's 68** from 2022. The record refers to players representing ICC Full Member nations.
2. He reached the figure in the fourth T20I against **West Indies** in **Hyderabad** on 14 October 2026. Calendar-year records run from January through December.
3. A player's calendar-year tally differs from a series tally and a career tally. This question specifically concerns the aggregate during one calendar year.
4. T20I records exclude domestic league matches. A batter may therefore have a different total when all T20 cricket, including franchise leagues, is counted.
5. The key comparison is 69 versus 68, an increase of one six beyond the earlier mark. Retain the Full Member qualification when describing the record's scope.

Q21. FIFA's October 2026 proposal to expand football-development investment envisaged a total funding level of approximately how much?

अक्टूबर 2026 में फुटबॉल विकास में निवेश बढ़ाने के FIFA के प्रस्ताव में लगभग कितनी कुल धनराशि का प्रावधान था?

- (a) USD 6.35 billion
- (b) USD 3.50 billion
- (c) USD 10.00 billion
- (d) USD 25.00 billion
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) USD 6.35 billion

Explanation:

1. The proposed investment level is **USD 6.35 billion**. FIFA's Council discussion concerned increasing financial support for football development across associations and other stakeholders.
2. FIFA has **211 member associations**. The proposal envisages allocations of up to **USD 25 million per association**, alongside higher support for confederations and regional bodies.
3. The proposed enhanced funding covers **2027-2030**, according to the Council update. The associated distribution arrangements include eligibility, application, disbursement, control and audit requirements.
4. Funding is connected with the financial outcome of the **2026 FIFA World Cup**, jointly hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico. Reserves and cycle revenue help finance development programmes.
5. The proposal remains subject to governance and approval steps, including finalisation of distribution conditions. A proposed association entitlement should not be presented as money already disbursed.