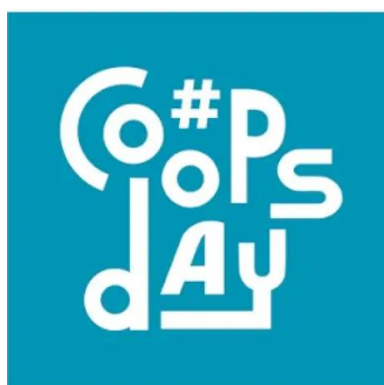


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International Day of Cooperatives 2026

- On 4th of July 2026, International Day of Cooperatives observed all around the world. For the year 2026, United Nations has officially announced the theme called “**Cooperatives for a Peaceful World!**”.
- The International Day of Cooperatives (Coops Day) is an annual global observance which is dedicated to raising awareness about the contributions of the cooperatives to economic and social development.
- The global cooperative movement has celebrated the **International Day of Cooperatives** since the year **1923**.
- The observance of the day gained greater international recognition in 1995, when it began being jointly celebrated with the United Nations to commemorate the centenary of the **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)**.



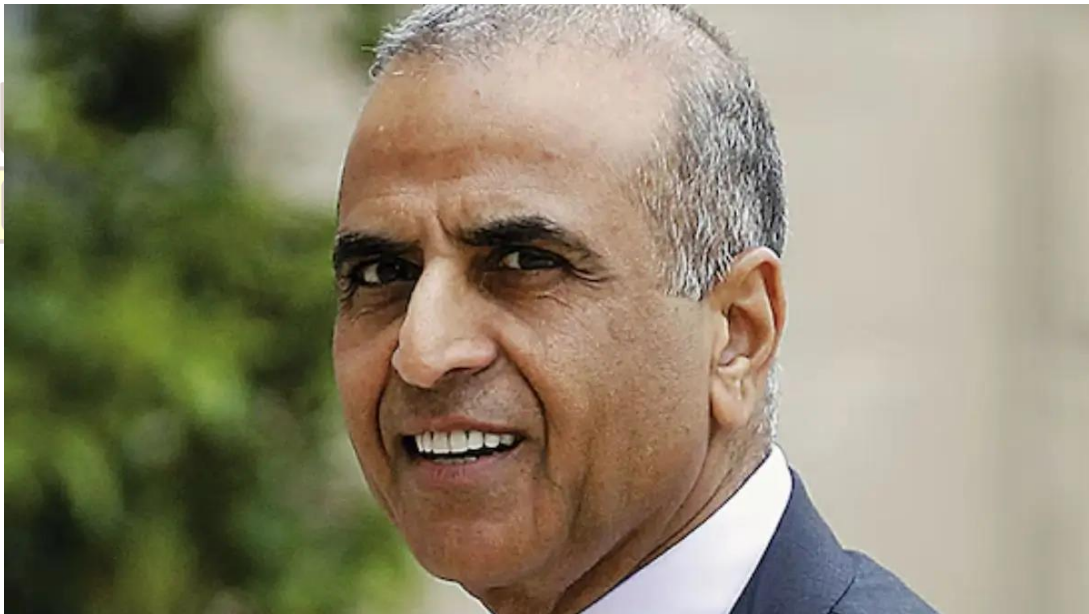
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2026 USISPF Leadership Award

- Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises has been honored with the 2026 Leadership Award by the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).
- He recognized for his outstanding contribution to strengthening economic ties between the India and North America. This award was presented during the IX USISPF Annual Leadership Summit which was held in Washington, D.C.
- USISPF has recognized Sunil Bharti Mittal for his leadership in transforming the India's telecommunications landscape through Bharti Enterprises.
- The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) is a non-profit organisation that is dedicated to strengthening the strategic, economic and commercial ties between India and the United States.



International Booker Prize Renamed

- In 2027, the **International Booker Prize** will officially to be renamed as the **Bukhman International Booker Prize** after a decade-long funding agreement with **Bukhman Philanthropies**.
- Alongside the new name, the annual award money will also double to £100,000, making it as one of the richest international literary prizes.

- The major highlight of the announcement is the increase in the award's prize money. From 2027 onwards, the winner will receive £100,000 (which is approximately ₹1.28 crore).
- Books which are eligible for the 2027 Booker Prize must,
- Be novels or short story collections.
- Be translated into the English language.
- Be published in the United Kingdom or Ireland between 1 May 2026 and 30 April 2027.



Gujarat Sets Up Semiconductor Training Hub at IIT Gandhinagar

- Project SAMARTH, or the Silicon and Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Research and Training Hub, is being established at IIT Gandhinagar in Gujarat with a total budget of ₹190 crore.
- Work on the training facility began on 2 March 2026, and the centre is linked to semiconductor manufacturing, research, and skill development.
- SAMARTH is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the Department of Science and Technology of the Gujarat government, and IIT Gandhinagar. The project name expands to Silicon and Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Research and Training Hub.
- The centre is designed to train technicians, operators, and engineers for semiconductor manufacturing plants. It also aims to support indigenous

research and development, develop niche devices and processes, and create process tools.

- The facility is intended to make engineering students fab-ready through practical exposure to semiconductor manufacturing systems.
- Over five years, the SAMARTH centre aims to train 10,000 people. The planned trainees include 5,600 undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD students, 1,500 technicians, and 1,000 participants in short-term certificate courses.
- IIT Gandhinagar is also preparing to sign MoUs with engineering colleges across Gujarat. The training is planned to be offered at nominal costs.
- L&T Semiconductor Technologies partnered with IIT Gandhinagar on 30 August 2024 for research, development, and training. The company is associated with the SAMARTH initiative through collaboration on semiconductor-related capacity building.

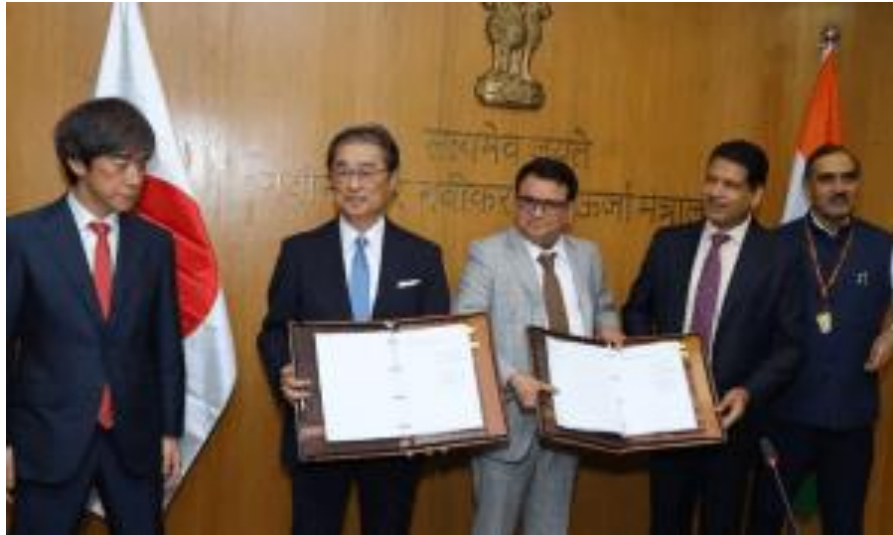


India Signs First Global Green Methanol Supply Deal

- ACME Green Molecules Business, part of India's ACME Group, signed a binding long-term Purchase and Sale Agreement with Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company on 3 July 2026. The agreement covers the supply of 100,000 tonnes per annum of green methanol and has an estimated value of about USD 1 billion
- Green methanol is a low-carbon fuel produced from renewable feedstocks and used in industrial and maritime applications. It is different from conventional methanol because its production pathway is designed to reduce lifecycle carbon dioxide emissions.
- RFNBO stands for Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin, a category used in European Union fuel regulation. The supplied green methanol is intended to

comply with European Union rules and future International Maritime Organization carbon-intensity regulations for shipping fuels.

- Green methanol will be produced at ACME's facility in Paradip, Odisha. This project is the group's third major investment in Odisha, a state on India's eastern coast with a major port at Paradip.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. The International Day of Cooperatives was observed worldwide on which date in 2026?

- A) 1 July 2026
- B) 3 July 2026
- C) **4 July 2026**
- D) 5 July 2026

Answer: C) 4 July 2026

Explanation: The International Day of Cooperatives was observed on **4 July 2026** to recognize the contribution of cooperatives towards sustainable development and global peace.

2. What was the official theme of the International Day of Cooperatives 2026?

- A) Cooperatives for Sustainable Growth
- B) Building Inclusive Communities

- C) Together for Global Prosperity
- D) **Cooperatives for a Peaceful World!**

Answer: D) Cooperatives for a Peaceful World!

Explanation: The **United Nations** declared the 2026 theme as "**Cooperatives for a Peaceful World!**", emphasizing the role of cooperatives in fostering peace, equality, and resilience.

3. Sunil Bharti Mittal received the 2026 Leadership Award from which organization?

- A) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- B) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- C) **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)**
- D) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Answer: C) US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)

Explanation: Sunil Bharti Mittal was honoured by the **USISPF** for strengthening economic and commercial relations between India and North America.

4. The 2026 USISPF Leadership Award was presented during which event?

- A) India-US Business Summit
- B) G20 Business Forum
- C) India Investment Forum
- D) **IX USISPF Annual Leadership Summit**

Answer: D) IX USISPF Annual Leadership Summit

Explanation: The award was presented during the **9th USISPF Annual Leadership Summit** held in **Washington, D.C.**

5. From 2027, the International Booker Prize will be renamed as the:

- A) Global Booker Prize
- B) International Literary Prize
- C) Commonwealth Booker Prize
- D) **Bukhman International Booker Prize**

Answer: D) Bukhman International Booker Prize

Explanation: Following a long-term funding agreement with **Bukhman Philanthropies**, the award will be known as the **Bukhman International Booker Prize** from 2027.

6. What will be the prize money for the renamed International Booker Prize from 2027?

- A) £50,000
- B) £75,000
- C) **£100,000**
- D) £150,000

Answer: C) £100,000

Explanation: The prize money will double to **£100,000**, making it one of the world's richest awards for translated literature.

7. Project SAMARTH is primarily associated with which sector?

- A) Biotechnology
- B) Artificial Intelligence
- C) Space Technology
- D) **Semiconductor Manufacturing**

Answer: D) Semiconductor Manufacturing

Explanation: Project **SAMARTH (Silicon and Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Research and Training Hub)** aims to develop skilled manpower and research capabilities in semiconductor manufacturing.

8. Project SAMARTH is being established at:

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IISc Bengaluru
- D) **IIT Gandhinagar**

Answer: D) IIT Gandhinagar

Explanation: The ₹190 crore Project SAMARTH is being developed at **IIT Gandhinagar** in Gujarat through a joint initiative of MeitY, the Gujarat Government, and IIT Gandhinagar.

9. India signed its first long-term global Green Methanol supply agreement with which company?

- A) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
- B) Sumitomo Corporation
- C) Toshiba Energy Systems
- D) **Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company**

Answer: D) Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company

Explanation: ACME Green Molecules signed a long-term agreement with **Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company** for the annual supply of **100,000 tonnes** of green methanol.

10. The green methanol under India's first global supply agreement will be produced at:

- A) Dahej, Gujarat
- B) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- C) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D) **Paradip, Odisha**

Answer: D) Paradip, Odisha

Explanation: The green methanol will be manufactured at **ACME's facility in Paradip, Odisha**, supporting India's clean energy exports and low-carbon fuel initiatives.