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International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026

- The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is celebrated annually on 13 October to increase awareness and take measures to mitigate disasters and build community resilience. For the year 2026, the UN is celebrating the day on the theme “**Resilience Starts at Home.**”
- This campaign stresses the need for safe, affordable, and resilient homes with an efficient early warning system, better construction practices, and community involvement.
- According to the United Nations, disaster resilience needs more than mere preparations within households. There is a need for governments to plan land use properly, develop suitable building codes and plan for sustainability, and for communities to have access to relevant risks.
- A significant development took place in 2015, when nations approved the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan.



ICC Player of the Month

- India skipper Shubman Gill has bagged his fifth ICC Player of the Month award to add further to his own record in the men's section. The accolade comes in light of the fantastic performances of Gill in the ODI series against the West Indies, including a hundred and a double century.
- He is now on par with **Hayley Matthews**, the captain of the West Indies women's team, who has five such awards.

Award number	Month and Year
1st	January 2023
2nd	September 2023
3rd	February 2025
4th	July 2025
5th	The most recent award following the West Indies ODI series

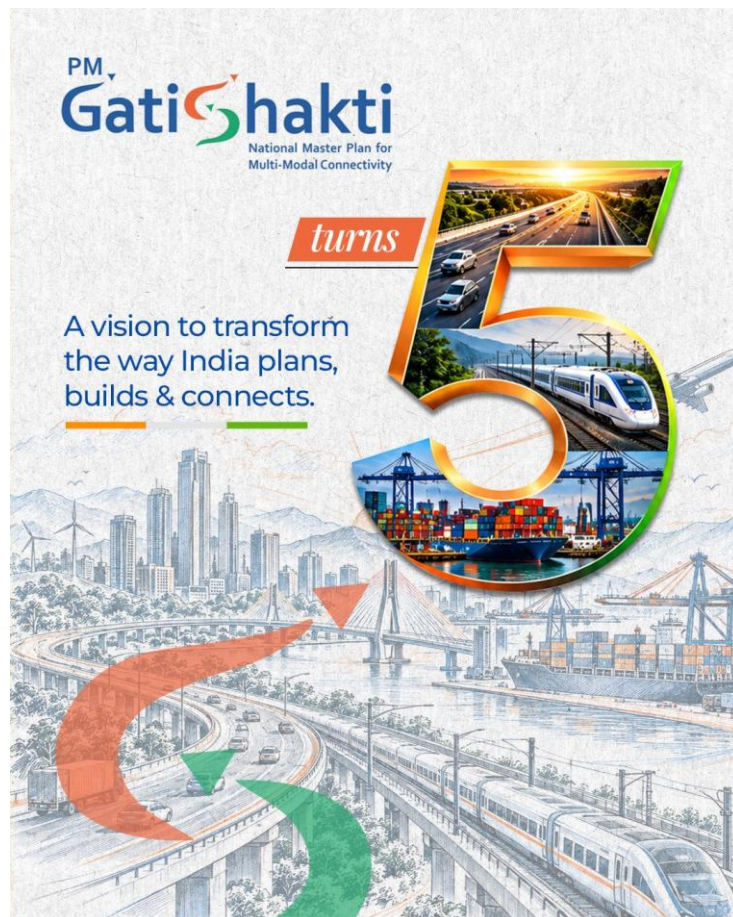
- India's all-rounder **Shafali Verma** has been selected by the International Cricket Council (ICC) as the 'Women's Player of the Month' for September 2026 following her excellent showings in the Women's Asia Cup and the Asian Games held in Nagoya, Japan.
- She has managed to score 360 runs in seven T20I matches with an average of 72 at a strike rate of 184.61 and has scored six wickets. This is the second such ICC monthly award for Shafali, who won the award in November 2025 following India's Women's Cricket World Cup success.



PM Gati Shakti Completes Five Years

- PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) completed 5 years on October 13th 2026. The plan was launched in 2021 and integrates data related to infrastructure in ministries, states, and union territories on a common Geographic Information System (GIS)-based platform.
- The program includes 58 central ministries and departments as well as 36 states and union territories. Through synchronization of roadways, railways, ports, airways, waterways, and logistics, the program seeks to enhance connectivity and streamline project implementation.
- Through its plan, PM Gati Shakti focuses on seven essential infrastructure engines that work collectively to achieve effective infrastructure development. The infrastructure development planning strategy attempts to enhance multimodal connectivity as well as efficiency during the implementation of the projects.
- PM Gati Shakti operates in conjunction with digital interventions that help to enhance the exchange of information within the logistics industry in India.

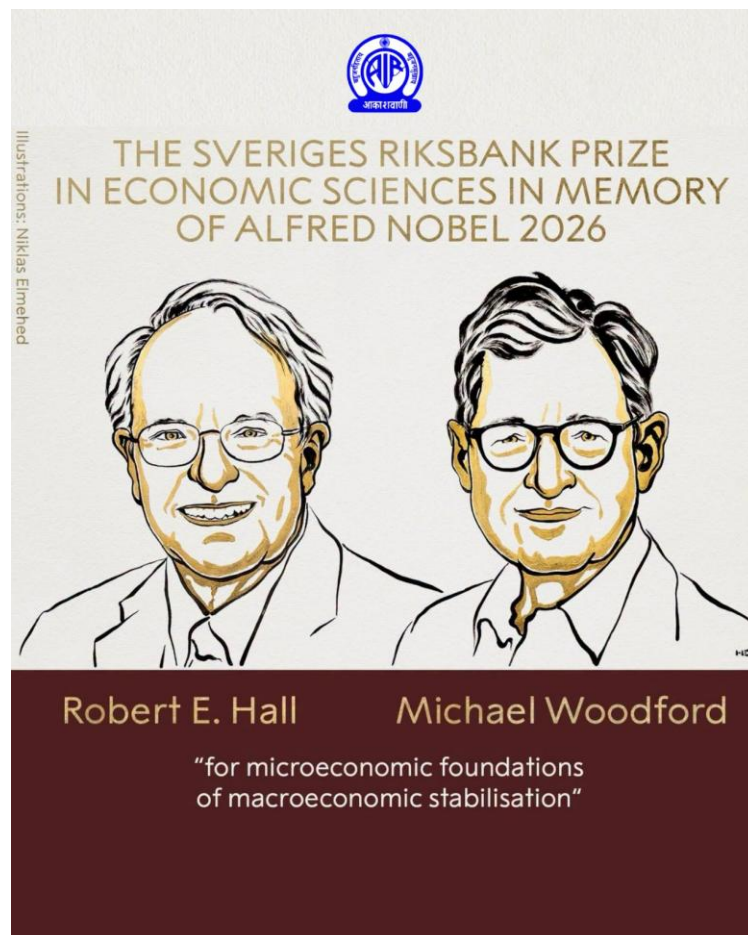
- Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP): ULIP facilitates integration of government logistics systems via API.
- By July 2026, ULIP integrates 46 government logistics systems belonging to 12 Central Ministries via 142 APIs.



Hall and Woodford Win 2026 Economics Nobel

- American economists **Robert E. Hall** and **Michael Woodford** received the 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel on 12 October 2026.
- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the prize for research on the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation. Hall is affiliated with Stanford University, while Woodford is affiliated with Columbia University.
- Hall and Woodford developed macroeconomic models built on microeconomic foundations. These foundations examine how the decisions of individual households and businesses shape economy-wide outcomes.

- Their work examines how stabilisation policy affects business cycles, including fluctuations in economic activity. The prize money of 12 million Swedish kronor is shared equally between the two laureates.
- Microeconomic foundations connect the choices of households and firms with aggregate variables such as output, employment and prices. New Keynesian models incorporate these foundations alongside factors such as price rigidities, which can affect how quickly prices respond to economic changes.
- The prize's formal name is the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. Sweden's central bank established it in 1968, and it was first awarded in 1969. It was not among the five original Nobel Prizes set out in Alfred Nobel's 1895 will.



India Hosts First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting

- India is hosting the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi on 13 October 2026. Union Home Minister Amit Shah is chairing the meeting, attended by delegations from all seven BIMSTEC member states.

- Its agenda covers regional cooperation against terrorism, transnational organized crime, narcotics radicalization, trafficking, illicit financial flows and cyber threats.
- The seven participating member states are **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand**. Bangladesh's Home Minister, Salahuddin Ahmed, is not attending; a delegation led by Home Affairs Senior Secretary Manzur Morshed Chowdhury is representing Bangladesh.
- The meeting's security agenda includes cross-border threats and criminal activities that can involve multiple jurisdictions. Transnational organised crime refers to serious criminal activity conducted across national borders. Illicit financial flows involve the movement of money across borders in ways that are unlawful or improperly recorded.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. What was the theme of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026?

- A) Building a Disaster-Free World
- B) Resilience Starts at Home
- C) Early Warning for All
- D) Sustainable Communities for the Future

Answer: B) Resilience Starts at Home

Q2. In which year did the United Nations General Assembly establish the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction?

- A) 1985
- B) 1987
- C) 1989
- D) 1992

Answer: C) 1989

Q3. Which Indian cricketer received his fifth ICC Player of the Month award in the men's category, according to the presentation?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Shubman Gill
- D) Jasprit Bumrah

Answer: C) Shubman Gill

Q4. Who was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2026?

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Shafali Verma
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Deepti Sharma

Answer: B) Shafali Verma

Q5. In which year was the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan launched?

- A) 2019
- B) 2020
- C) 2021
- D) 2022

Answer: C) 2021

Q6. The Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) integrates government logistics systems through which technology?

- A) Blockchain exclusively
- B) Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)
- C) Satellite telephony
- D) Quantum computing

Answer: B) Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)

Q7. Who received the 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, according to the presentation?

- A) Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford
- B) Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee
- C) Paul Krugman and Joseph Stiglitz
- D) Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson

Answer: A) Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford

Q8. What was the research area recognised by the 2026 Economics Prize in the supplied presentation?

- A) International trade and globalisation
- B) Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation
- C) Behavioural economics and consumer choice
- D) Economic inequality and poverty reduction

Answer: B) Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation

Q9. Which organisation's first Home Ministers' Meeting was hosted by India in New Delhi on 13 October 2026?

- A) ASEAN
- B) SAARC
- C) BIMSTEC
- D) BRICS

Answer: C) BIMSTEC

Q10. In which year was BIMSTEC established?

- A) 1995
- B) 1997
- C) 2001
- D) 2005

Answer: B) 1997