

**ST. ANNE'S SR. SEC. SCHOOL, JODHPUR**  
**G.K UPDATES FOR FINAL EXAMINATION 2025-2026**  
**CLASS- VIII**

**LITERARY AWARDS**

1. **BOOKER PRIZE** - World's most significant award for a single work of fiction, written in English and published in the UK and Ireland.
2. **NATIONAL BOOK AWARD** – A prestigious American award for literature. The five Winners in Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Translated Literature, and Young People's Literature are announced.
3. **HUGO AWARD**- The award is for the best science fiction or fantasy works, administered by the World Science Fiction Society.
4. **JNANPITH AWARD** - It is considered as the highest literary award in India for the best creative literary works in any 22 languages recognized by the Constitution of India.
5. **SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD**- Annual recognition for the literary works in 22 languages recognized by the Constitution of India, alongside English and Rajasthani.
6. **GITANJALI LITERARY PRIZE** -It is a Franco-Indian award, honouring contemporary writers by promoting French language in India and Indian works in France.
7. **TATA LITERATURE LIVE! AWARDS** - It recognises the outstanding India literary works in Fiction, non- fiction and business.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

1. The world's longest expressway tunnel is the **Tianshan Shengil Tunnel** in **China**.
2. The Punjab Government has declared **Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib and Talwandi Sabo** as the three new holy cities.
3. The Odisha Government has established a digital library named **Gyan Yagnya Mandap** in Puri to preserve and showcase rare records of the Jagannath Temple.
4. **Justice Surya Kant Sharma** has been appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of India.
5. **SEVA TEERTH** is the new name of PMO (Prime Minister's Office).
6. **Supriya Sahu** has been awarded the prestigious **Champions of the Earth award 2025**, by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for her pioneering contributions to sustainable cooling, ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation.
7. India has become the first country in the world to commercially produce **bio-bitumen** for road construction, marking a significant milestone in sustainable infrastructure.