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## BCCI Naman Awards 2026 | National Current Affairs | 17 Mar 2026

### Why in News?

The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** organised the **Naman Awards 2026** to honour **outstanding performers** and **legendary personalities** in Indian cricket for the **2024-25 season**, recognising achievements in **international and domestic cricket**.

### Key Points:

- **Polly Umrigar Award: Shubman Gill** received the **Award for Best International Cricketer (Men)** for the 2024-25 season, while **Smriti Mandhana** was named **Best International Cricketer (Women)**, marking her **record fifth BCCI honour**.
- **Colonel C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award:** It was conferred on former cricketers **Rahul Dravid, Roger Binny, and Mithali Raj** for their outstanding contribution to Indian cricket.
- **International Debut Awards:** These awards recognise **emerging cricketers** for their impressive debut performances in international cricket.
  - **Best International Debut (Men):** Harshit Rana
  - **Best International Debut (Women):** N. Sree Charani
- **Domestic Cricket Awards:** These honours recognise exceptional performances in India's domestic cricket competitions.
  - **Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy (Best Woman Cricketer - Domestic):** Ira Jadhav
  - **Best Woman Cricketer in Senior Domestic One-Day Tournament:** Shafali Verma
- **Lala Amarnath Award for Best All-Rounder:** The award in domestic cricket was presented to **Ayush Mhatre** (Limited-Overs tournaments) and **Harsh Dubey** (Ranji Trophy).
- **Best Cricket Association:** The **Mumbai Cricket Association** received the award for **Best Performance in BCCI Domestic Tournaments** for the 2024-25 season.
- **Best Umpire:** **Ulhas Gandhe** was recognised as the **Best Umpire in Domestic Cricket** for his officiating performance in domestic tournaments.
- **Significance:** The BCCI Naman Awards celebrate excellence across all levels of Indian cricket—**international, domestic, and administrative**—while honouring legendary personalities who have made **lasting contributions to the sport**.

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