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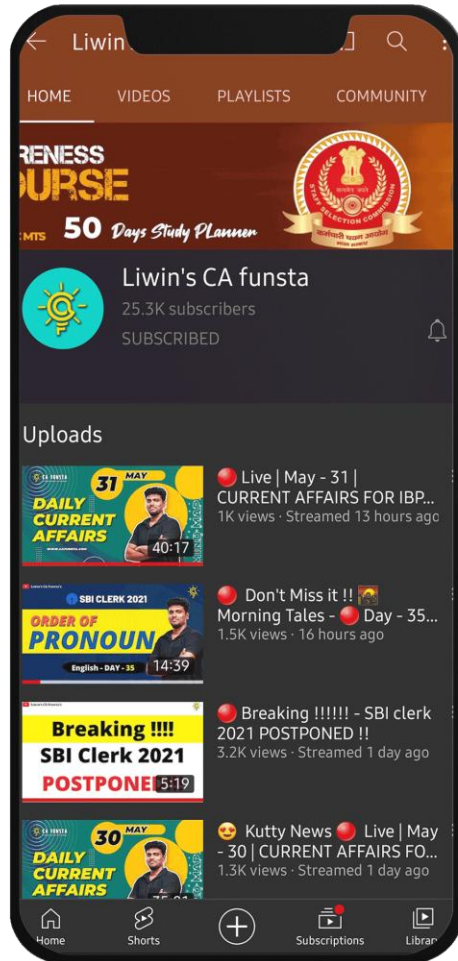




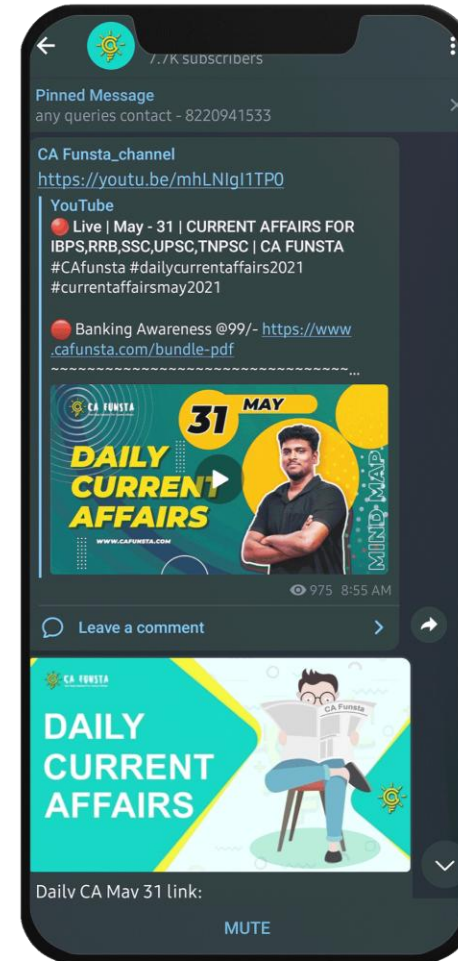
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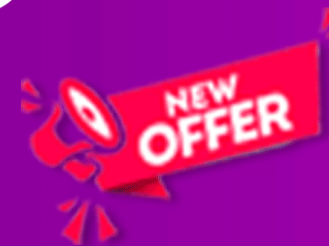


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# Important Days



➤ National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) January 9th
- B) January 10th
- C) January 11th
- D) January 12th
- E) None of these



Answer

C) January 11th



# Important Days



## Explanation

- DAY : **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**
- DATE : **11 January**
- OTHERS : **To spread awareness about the persistent issue of human trafficking. This day aims is to raise awareness about the plight of human trafficking victims, as well as to promote and protect their rights.**



# SPORTS



➤ DoPT was organizing “Nari Samagam & Spardha” - Women Sports Meet at Vinay Marg Sports Complex in \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Kerala
- C) Punjab
- D) Haryana
- E) None of these



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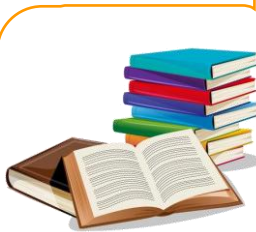
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**Answer**

**A) New Delhi**



## Explanation

- On the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, DoPT is organizing **“Nari Samagam & Spardha” - Women Sports Meet at Vinay Marg Sports Complex, New Delhi**, where Ms. Vinesh Phogat, Wrestler – Olympian and CWG Medalist will be interacting with women athletes and deliver a Winning Pep Talk.
- **Ms. Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian woman wrestler to win gold in both Commonwealth and Asian Games.**
- She is the only Indian woman wrestler to win multiple medals at the World Wrestling Championships.
- Ms. S. Radha Chauhan, Secretary, DoPT and Ms. Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary (Sports) will grace the inaugural Women Sports Meet at 11.00 AM on 11.01.2023.
- **This is second edition of the Women Sports Meet and the first was held on 22.12.2021.**





# RANKING



➤ Indian passport ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in the list of most powerful passports in the world?

- A) 83th
- B) 85th
- C) 87th
- D) 89th
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**B) 85th**



# RANKING



## Explanation

- **With visa-free entry in 59 countries, the Indian passport ranks 85th in the list of most powerful passports in the world, according to the Henley Passport Index released.**
- It has slipped two spots from the 83rd rank in 2022.
- **Japan's passport continues to be the most powerful in the world, with visa-free entry in 193 countries.**
- **South Korea and Singapore stand in the second spot.**
- **Germany and Spain jointly hold third place in the ranking.**
- Japanese citizens are now able to visit an astonishing 193 destinations out of 227 around the world visa-free, while South Koreans and Singaporeans, whose countries are tied in 2nd place on the index, enjoy a visa-free/visa-on-arrival score of 192.
- Germany and Spain are joint 3rd, with visa-free access to 190 destinations worldwide.



# BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ **Bajaj Allianz and which bank entered into corporate agency partnership?**

- A) Punjab & Sind Bank
- B) Punjab Nationala Bank
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Indian Bank
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**A) Punjab & Sind Bank**





## Explanation

- Public sector lender **Punjab & Sind Bank and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance entered into corporate agency partnership**, under which bank customers can avail insurance products of the life insurer.
- **Punjab & Sind Bank is the 25th scheduled commercial bank** that is partnering with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance for distributing its life goals-based product suite.
- The partnership will allow Delhi-headquartered Punjab & Sind Bank's customers **to avail a variety of retail life insurance products from Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance including term, savings, retirement and investment options.**
- **Punjab & Sind Bank MD & CEO Swarup Kumar Saha and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance MD & CEO Tarun Chugh** signed the partnership agreement here.

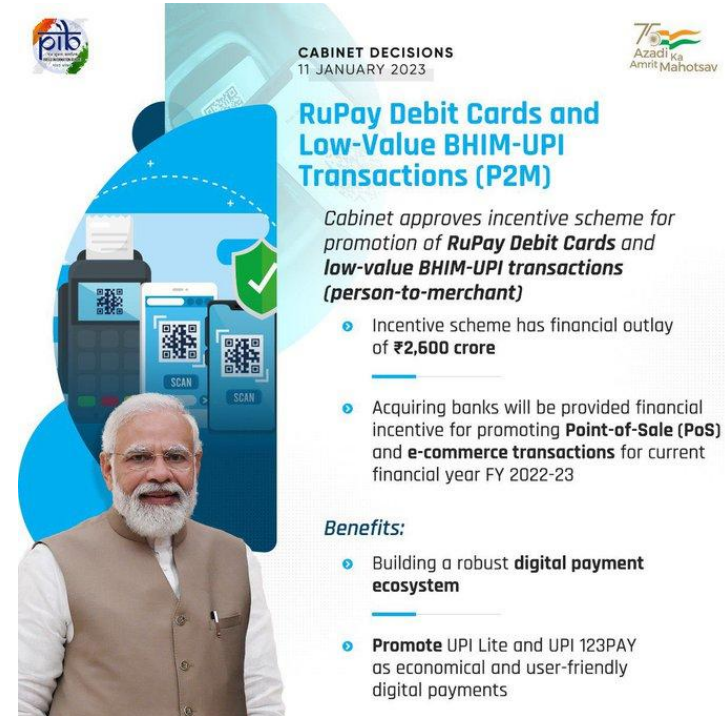


➤ Govt approved incentive scheme for promotion of \_\_\_\_\_ and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions?

- A) RuPay Debit Cards
- B) RuPay credit Cards
- C) Master Debit Cards
- D) Master credit Cards
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) RuPay Debit Cards**



**CABINET DECISIONS**  
11 JANUARY 2023

**RuPay Debit Cards and Low-Value BHIM-UPI Transactions (P2M)**

*Cabinet approves incentive scheme for promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (person-to-merchant)*

- Incentive scheme has financial outlay of **₹2,600 crore**
- Acquiring banks will be provided financial incentive for promoting **Point-of-Sale (PoS)** and **e-commerce transactions** for current financial year FY 2022-23

**Benefits:**

- Building a robust **digital payment ecosystem**
- **Promote** UPI Lite and UPI 123PAY as economical and user-friendly digital payments



## Explanation

- The **Union Cabinet** gave its nod to the incentive scheme for the promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions.
- The scheme has a financial outlay of two thousand six hundred crore rupees.
- The decision will help in building a robust digital payment system.
- Besides, the Cabinet also gave ex-post facto approval of renaming the National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation, and Quality at Joka, Kolkata as Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institution of Water and Sanitation.





# BANKING AND FINANCE

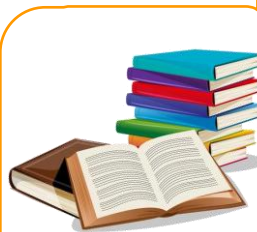


➤ Jan Dhan accounts total balance surge to \_\_\_\_\_ crore in Dec 2022?

- A) ₹1,80,857 crore
- B) ₹1,90,567 crore
- C) ₹1,70,324 crore
- D) ₹1,50,965 crore
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) ₹1,80,857 crore**



## Explanation

- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) reached ₹1.80-lakh crore.**
- **As on December 30, 2022, the total balance stood at ₹1,80,857 crore** with 47.84 crore beneficiaries.
- **Out of this, 26.54 crore are women.**
- **The beneficiaries in semi urban and rural areas are in majority at about 32 crore** while rest of the accounts are with urban and metro bank branches, according to the latest Government data.
- **The RuPay debit cards issue, however, appears to be slow at only 32.53 crore,** as per the data.



# BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ UCO Bank revised FD rates upwards by up to \_\_\_\_\_ bps?

- A) 35 basis points
- B) 45 basis points
- C) 50 basis points
- D) 65 basis points
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**C) 50 basis points**





## Explanation

- UCO Bank, one of the leading public sector lenders, raised its **interest rates on fixed deposits under ₹2 crore**.
- The revised rates took effect on January 9, 2023.
- The **bank increased interest rates on a variety of tenors starting at 1 year and going up to 5 years and above by up to 50 bps**.
- **Deposits maturing in 5 years and above will continue to fetch an interest rate of 6.10%** and those maturing in 444 days will now fetch an **interest rate of 7.00% which is 50 bps higher than the previous rate of 6.50%**.



## Titbits

### UCO Bank

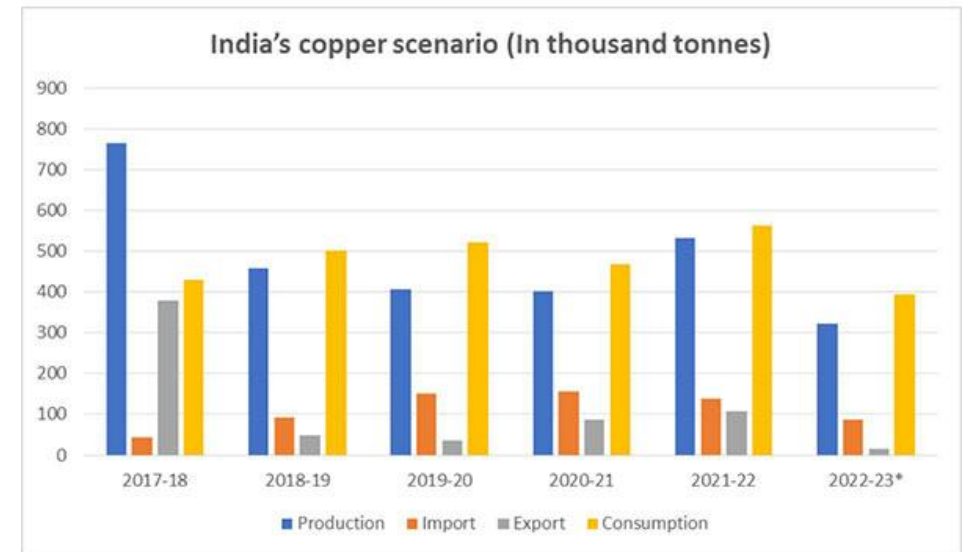
- Founded : **06/01/1943**
- HQ : **Kolkata**
- MD & CEO : **Soma Sanakra Prasad**
- Tagline : **Honours Your Trust**



➤ Which country set to become net copper importer for fifth year in a row?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) USA
- D) Russia
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) India**



(\*April-October; Source: Government)



## Explanation

- A net copper exporter since the early 2000s, **India is likely to remain a net importer of the metal, now being called as "new oil", for the fifth year in row in 2022-23** fiscal as well, hinted government data.
- The status reversal happened coinciding with **the closure of Sterlite Copper's four lakh tonnes per annum (LTPA) smelter in Tamil Nadu in May 2018.**
- "Domestic copper production fell significantly from FY2019 onwards as a result of shutdown of the Sterlite Copper plant in Tuticorin.
- Lower refined production created a huge deficit in the domestic copper market, resulting in large imports for fifth year in a row.
- Given the healthy copper demand outlook in the domestic market, the deficit situation is unlikely **to improve in the near term"**.





➤ Micro & small enterprises cornered \_\_\_\_\_ percent of total orders placed on GeM portal?

- A) 35%
- B) 45%
- C) 55%
- D) 65%
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**C) 55%**



## Explanation

- **Micro and small enterprises (MSEs) have cornered over 55 per cent of the total orders placed on the public procurement platform GeM since FY 2020-21, a senior government official said.**
- **The Government e-Market (GeM) portal was launched on August 9, 2016, for online purchases of goods and services by all the central government ministries and departments.**
- **GeM CEO P K Singh said that the public procurement policy for MSEs mandates 25 per cent of buying of goods and services from these units and 3 per cent MSEs owned by women.**
- **"On GeM, MSEs have secured 55.2 per cent (Rs 1,41,887 crore) of total order value (Rs 2,57,263 crore) and MSEs owned by women have secured 8 per cent (Rs 11,373 crore) of the MSE orders since FY 2020-21 till now. The numbers reflect inclusivity on GeM," Singh told PTI.**
- **Procurement of goods and services from government portal GeM has crossed Rs 1 lakh crore so far this fiscal on account of an increase in buying activities by different ministries and departments.**



# AWARDS



➤ Which movie bagged first Golden Globe with best original song?

- A) RRR
- B) Pushpa:The Rise
- C) Vikram
- D) KGF
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**A) RRR**

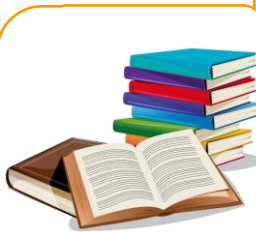


# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **SS Rajamouli's "RRR" struck gold at the 2023 Golden Globe Awards by winning the trophy for the best original song–motion picture for its hit track "Naatu Naatu".**
- The blockbuster Telugu movie is also nominated for the 'best picture-non English' at the ceremony.
- **The Telugu track “Naatu Naatu” is composed by veteran music director MM Keeravaani and sung by Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj.**
- Keeravani thanked Rajamouli for his "vision".





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC) will be held in Mumbai from 16-18 February 2023?

- A) 12<sup>th</sup>
- B) 13<sup>th</sup>
- C) 14<sup>th</sup>
- D) 15<sup>th</sup>
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**C) 14<sup>th</sup>**



## Explanation

- India is known as the 'Spice Bowl' of the world.
- It produces a number of quality, rare and medicinal spices.
- With an aim to open up newer opportunities to promote international trade of Indian spices, the 14th edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC), is to be held in Mumbai from 16-18 February 2023.
- **D Sathiyam, Secretary, Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, stated that this edition of the WSC is special because it coincides with India's G20 presidency.
- He was speaking at the curtain-raiser press conference held in Mumbai.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

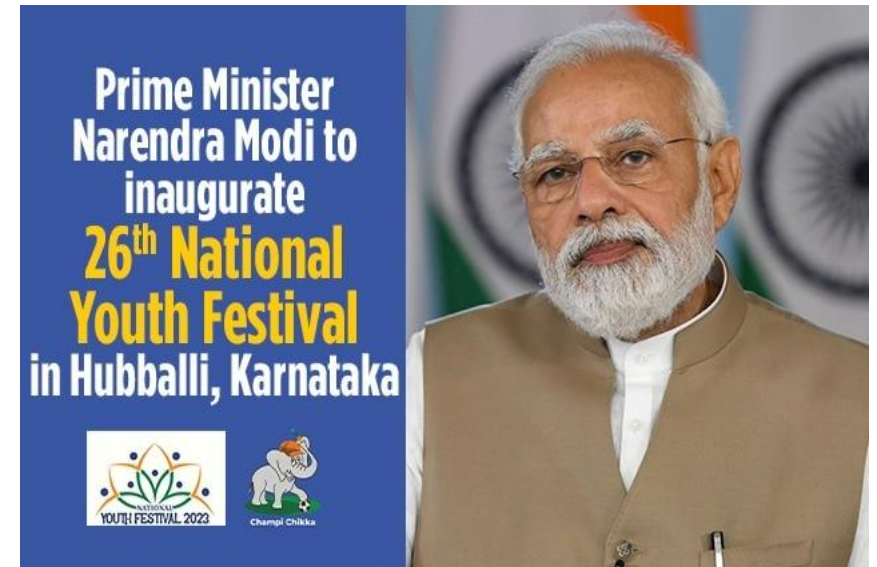


➤ Who will inaugurate 'National Youth Festival' in Hubballi on Jan 12?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) Narendra Modi**



## Explanation

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **National Youth Festival** here on the occasion of the birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda**.
- The **26th edition of National Youth Festival**, which will be held till **January 16 at Hubballi- Dharwad**, is being organised by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka.
- According to officials, **the festival is held every year to provide exposure to talented youth at the national level**, along with galvanising them towards nation building.
- It brings diverse cultures from all parts of the country on a common platform and unites the participants in the spirit of "**Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat**", they said, adding that the theme of this year's festival is "**Viksit Yuva - Viksit Bharat**".





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Centre named new Integrated Food Security Scheme as \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) PMGKAY
- B) Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme
- C) PM FME
- D) PM-Devine
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) PMGKAY**



## Explanation

- The Centre has named **the new Integrated Food Security Scheme as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana, PMGKAY.**
- Earlier, the Union Cabinet had approved **new integrated food security scheme for providing free foodgrains to Antodaya Ann Yojna (AAY) and Primary Household (PHH) beneficiaries.**
- Implementation of the new scheme has **started from 1st of January this year, benefiting more than 80 crore poor and poorest of poor people.**
- Keeping in view the welfare of the beneficiaries and in order **to maintain uniformity across the States, free foodgrains** will be provided under PMGKAY for the year 2023 to all Primary Household and Antodaya Ann Yojna beneficiaries, as per entitlement **under National Food Security Act.**



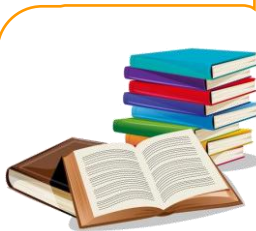
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Country's largest student-run festival 'Saarang 2023' will be held for how many days?

- A) 3 days
- B) 4 days
- C) 5 days
- D) 6 days
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**C) 5 days**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Explanation

- The Director of IIT Madras Prof. Kamakoti has said that **country's largest student-run festival Saarang 2023** will be held for **five days from 11th to 15th of Jan.**
- Speaking to media in Chennai, he said students from more than 500 colleges from all over the Country will participate in the event which is held after a gap of three years post-Covid.
- He told that over **80 thousand students are expected to attend the festival** which will have a hundred types of games and competitions.

## SAARANG 2023: WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR



Prof V Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, announces Saarang 2023 on January 11 at a press conference

### PROSHOWS

**Classical Night** | Indo Soul and Sriranjani Santhanagopalan | OAT | 6pm

**January 12** | Choreo Night | Performance by college students | OAT | 7pm

**January 13** | EDM Night | Kaaze and Krispy | OAT | 6pm

**January 14** | Rock Night | Pineapple Express and Girish and the Chronicles | OAT | 6pm

**January 15** | Pop Night | Sunidhi Chauhan | OAT | 6pm

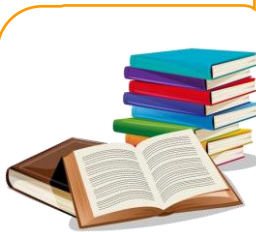
### SPOTLIGHT LECTURES

**January 12** | Sashi Cheliah | ICSR Hall | 3 – 2pm

**January 13** | Suma Kanakala | SAC Main Stage | 1.30pm & Savio Mascarenhas | CLT | 4:30pm

**January 14** | Revathy | CLT | 10:30am & Tejaswi Manogna | CLT | 4.30pm

**January 15** | Chennaiyin FC | CLT | 11am & Palki Sharma Upadhyay | CLT | 2pm





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which Government will organise 'Ganga Aarti' ?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Kerala
- C) Punjab
- D) Haryana
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) West Bengal**



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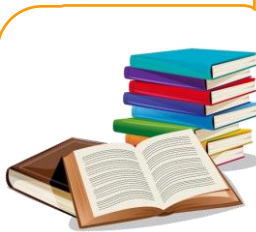
- West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** announced that her government will organise ‘**Ganga Aarti**’ at **Kolkata’s Baje Kadamtala Ghat**.
- While the announcement comes a day after a political row erupted over the Kolkata Police denying permission to BJP leaders holding a Ganga Aarti, **Ms. Banerjee had a few weeks ago expressed her interest on holding a Ganga Aarti along the lines of the ceremony held in Varanasi.**



# QUICK RECALL



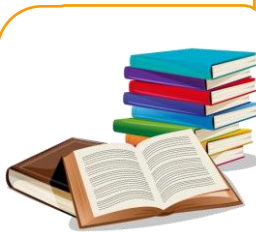
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