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Important Days



➤ **What event did the Prime Minister of India recently commemorate, offering greetings and sharing a message on social media?**

- A) The centenary of the Indian Parliament
- B) 75th Anniversary of India's Independence
- C) 100th Year of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)
- D) Foundation Day of the Indian Army
- E) 200th Year of the Reserve Bank of India



Answer

C) 100th Year of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RSS enters its 100th year
- **Location:** Nationwide, with key events organized at RSS Headquarters in Nagpur, Maharashtra



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- RSS focuses on promoting national unity, cultural pride, and social service.
- The organization works towards nation-building by inspiring individuals to serve society with selflessness and discipline.
- It encourages efforts towards achieving a Viksit Bharat (Developed India).



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS):**
 - A socio-cultural organization founded in 1925 by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
 - It is known for promoting patriotism, volunteerism, and social service.
 - RSS emphasizes Hindu values and works to foster social harmony across different communities.
- **Vijayadashami (Dussehra):**
 - A Hindu festival celebrating the victory of good over evil, symbolized by Lord Rama's victory over Ravana.
 - For RSS, Vijayadashami marks the organization's foundation day, making it a key occasion for addresses by the Chief.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Nagpur, Maharashtra**
 - **Capital:** Mumbai
 - **CM:** Eknath Shinde
 - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais
- **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)**
 - **Founded:** 1925
 - **Founder:** Keshav Baliram Hedgewar
 - **Current Chief (Sar Sanghchalak):** Mohan Bhagwat
 - **Headquarters:** Nagpur, Maharashtra



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	RSS enters 100th year
Date	12th October 2024
Location	Nationwide, focus in Nagpur, Maharashtra
Chief Guest	Mohan Bhagwat (RSS Chief)
Significance	Marks a century of RSS's service to the nation
Occasion Linked	Vijayadashami (Dussehra)
Prime Minister's Message	Congratulated RSS for its role in fostering patriotism and inspiring future generations.



➤ Which company was recently granted Maharatna status by the Union Government, making it the 14th Maharatna CPSE?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D) Steel Authority of India (SAIL)
- E) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)



Answer

C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** HAL becomes the 14th Maharatna CPSE
- **Location:** New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Eligibility for Maharatna Status:**
 - CPSE must have Navratna status and be listed on the Indian stock exchange.
 - Minimum public shareholding must meet SEBI regulations.
 - Financial eligibility criteria:
 - Average annual turnover: ₹20,000 crore+
 - Average annual net worth: ₹10,000 crore+
 - Average annual net profit: ₹2,500 crore+ for the last 3 years.
 - Must have a global presence or international operations.
- **Autonomy with Maharatna Status:**
 - Enhanced decision-making in financial, investment, and operational matters.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Maharatna CPSE:**
 - A central public sector enterprise with significant financial autonomy, allowing it to make large-scale investments and expansions without prior government approval.
 - HAL joins other Maharatna companies like ONGC, NTPC, and BHEL.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:**
 - A government initiative promoting self-reliance by reducing imports and developing indigenous capabilities across sectors, especially Defence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Future Defence Projects:**
 - HAL is working on advanced Defence systems like LCA MkII, AMCA, Indian Multirole Helicopter (IMRH), and Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF).
- **iDEX and Technology Development Fund (TDF):**
 - Government schemes encouraging innovation and R&D by start-ups, academia, and industry to boost Defence manufacturing.



Static GK Information:

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**
 - **Founded:** 1940
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
 - **Chairman & MD:** C.B. Ananthakrishnan



Tabular Summary:

Event	HAL becomes the 14th Maharatna CPSE
Date	12th October 2024
Annual Turnover (FY 2023-24)	₹28,162 crore
Net Profit (FY 2023-24)	₹7,595 crore
Maharatna CPSE Count	14
Key Projects	LCA MkII, AMCA, TEDBF, IMRH
Government Initiatives	Atmanirbhar Bharat, iDEX, TDF
Stock Market Status	Listed; shares closed at ₹4446.85



➤ Which two navies engaged in defence cooperation and joint training during the visit of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron to Muscat, Oman?

- A) Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman
- B) Indian Navy and US Navy
- C) Indian Navy and Sri Lankan Navy
- D) Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy
- E) Indian Navy and French Navy



Answer

A) Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** First Training Squadron concludes visit to Oman
- **Location:** Muscat, Oman



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strengthening Defence Cooperation:** Discussions on training exchanges, shared knowledge, and joint exercises.
- **Engagement with Omani counterparts:** Cross-deck visits to explore fleet maintenance, naval facilities, and simulators.
- **Outreach Programs:**
 - Symphonic band performance at Oman Avenues Mall.
 - Visit to Indian School Wadi Kabir and ABLE Early Intervention Centre by Mrs. Vijaya Srinivas.
- **Diplomatic Reception:** Hosted by VAdm V Srinivas, attended by Indian diplomats, Omani dignitaries, and naval officers.



Important Terms Explained:

- **First Training Squadron (1TS):**
 - A squadron of Indian Navy ships used for training cadets and naval exercises.
 - Ships involved: INS Tir (training ship), INS Shardul (amphibious warfare vessel), and ICGS Veera (Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel).
- **Royal Navy of Oman:**
 - The naval branch of the Sultan's Armed Forces, responsible for Oman's maritime defence.
 - Engages in bilateral naval cooperation with India, focusing on shared maritime interests.



Static GK Information:

- **Oman**
 - **Capital:** Muscat
 - **Currency:** Omani Rial
 - **Sultan:** Haitham bin Tariq
 - **Prime Minister:** Haitham bin Tariq (serving as both Sultan and PM)



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Indian Navy's First Training Squadron concludes visit to Oman
Location	Muscat, Oman
Date of Visit	5th to 9th October 2024
Ships Involved	INS Tir, INS Shardul, ICGS Veera
Key Activities	Joint training, cross-deck visits, outreach programs
Indian Representative	VAdm V Srinivas (FOCINC, South)
Omani Representative	RAdm Saif bin Nasser Al-Rahbi (Commander, Royal Navy of Oman)
Diplomatic Participation	Shri Amit Narang (Indian Ambassador to Oman)
Significance	Strengthened defence cooperation and maritime ties



DEFENCE



➤ What was the total cost of the infrastructure projects inaugurated by the Defence Minister under the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)?

- A) ₹731.22 crore
- B) ₹1,500 crore
- C) ₹2,236 crore
- D) ₹16,000 crore
- E) ₹3,000 crore

Answer

C) ₹2,236 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of 75 Infrastructure Projects by BRO
- **Location:** Ceremony held at Sukna, West Bengal; projects inaugurated across 11 border states/UTs, including J&K



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Infrastructure Development:** Inauguration of 22 roads, 51 bridges, and 2 miscellaneous projects to enhance border connectivity.
- **Key Projects in J&K:**
 - **Roads:** Basoli-Bani-Bhaderwah, Bandipur-Gurez, Mohura-Baaz.
 - **Bridges:** Constructed at locations like Sawa-II, Nirunar, and Gurai.
- **BRO's Record Achievement:**
 - 111 projects completed in 2024, including these 75.
 - Over the past 5 years, BRO completed 450 projects worth ₹16,000 crore.
- **Challenges:**
 - BRO works in high-altitude areas with low oxygen, harsh weather, and difficult terrain.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Border Roads Organisation (BRO):**
 - An infrastructure-building agency under the Defence Ministry responsible for constructing roads and bridges in remote border areas.
 - Its motto is “Connecting Places, Connecting People.”
- **Project Sampark and Project Beacon:**
 - Infrastructure initiatives under BRO aimed at building strategic roads and bridges in Jammu & Kashmir.
 - Project Sampark: Focuses on the western sector, including J&K.
 - Project Beacon: Develops infrastructure in northern Kashmir.



Static GK Information:

- **Jammu and Kashmir**
 - **Capital:** Srinagar (Summer), Jammu (Winter)
 - **Lieutenant Governor:** Manoj Sinha
- **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**
 - **Founded:** 1960
 - **Director General:** Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, Delhi



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Inauguration of 75 Infrastructure Projects by BRO
Date	12th October 2024
Location	Ceremony in Sukna, West Bengal; Projects across 11 border states
Total Cost	₹2,236 crore
Key Projects in J&K	7 roads and 12 bridges worth ₹731.22 crore
Total Roads Inaugurated	22 roads
Total Bridges Inaugurated	51 bridges
BRO Projects Completed (5 Years)	450 projects worth ₹16,000 crore
BRO's Achievement in 2024	111 projects, including these 75



➤ **Which ships from the First Training Squadron (1TS) visited Bahrain and UAE as part of their deployment?**

- A) INS Shardul and INS Kolkata
- B) INS Tir and ICGS Veera
- C) INS Vikrant and INS Tir
- D) INS Shardul and INS Vikramaditya
- E) INS Kochi and ICGS Veera

Answer

B) INS Tir and ICGS Veera



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Visit of First Training Squadron to Bahrain and UAE
- **Locations:**
 - **Bahrain:** Port of Manama
 - **UAE:** Port Rashid, Dubai



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strengthening Naval Cooperation:**
 - Joint training sessions, cross-ship visits, and band concerts with Royal Bahrain Naval Forces (RBNF) and UAE Navy.
 - Planning a Maritime Partnership Exercise to foster interoperability.
- **Engagement with Regional Partners:**
 - Interaction with CMF (Combined Maritime Forces) partners to promote maritime security in the region.
- **Exposure for Sea Trainees:**
 - The deployment provides sea trainees with hands-on training and exposure to diverse naval practices.
- **Cultural and Community Engagement:**
 - Includes yoga sessions, friendly sports fixtures, and social activities to strengthen diplomatic relations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **First Training Squadron (1TS):**
 - A fleet within the Indian Navy designed to provide training and practical exposure to sea trainees.
 - It includes ships such as INS Tir, a training ship, and ICGS Veera, an offshore patrol vessel.
- **Maritime Partnership Exercise:**
 - A cooperative naval exercise aimed at enhancing coordination, interoperability, and shared maritime security between participating navies.
- **CMF (Combined Maritime Forces):**
 - A multinational naval partnership focused on promoting maritime security and stability in the region, including anti-piracy and counter-terrorism operations.



Static GK Information:

- **Bahrain**
 - **Capital:** Manama
 - **Currency:** Bahraini Dinar
 - **King:** Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa
 - **Prime Minister:** Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa
- **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**
 - **Capital:** Abu Dhabi
 - **Currency:** UAE Dirham (AED)
 - **President:** Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
 - **Prime Minister:** Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Visit of First Training Squadron to Bahrain and UAE
Ships Involved	INS Tir, ICGS Veera, INS Shardul
Port in Bahrain	Port of Manama
Port in UAE	Port Rashid, Dubai
Key Naval Engagements	Maritime Partnership Exercise, Joint Training, Cross-ship visits
Diplomatic Objective	Strengthen military and maritime linkages with Bahrain and UAE
Cooperative Engagements	Interaction with CMF partners for maritime security



➤ **What was the primary focus of the Indo-US Endowment Awards presented by Dr. Jitendra Singh?**

- A) Space exploration and drone technology
- B) AI-enabled technologies and quantum technologies
- C) Renewable energy and green technology
- D) Biotechnology and pharmaceutical advancements
- E) Financial technology and blockchain solutions



Answer

B) AI-enabled technologies and quantum technologies



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Presentation of Indo-US Endowment Awards
- **Location:** United States – India Science & Technology Endowment Fund (USISTEF) award function



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Fostering Innovation:**
 - Encouraging joint collaboration between Indian and US scientists to develop emerging technologies like AI and quantum computing.
 - Promoting AI-based solutions such as decision support systems and GPT-powered AI models.
- **Expanding Indo-US Collaboration:**
 - As part of iCET, both countries signed new agreements to enhance cooperation in areas like computer science, cyber-physical systems, and trustworthy cyberspace.
- **Startup Growth in India:**
 - India's startup ecosystem grew from 350 startups in 2014 to over 1,40,000 startups today, with 110 Unicorns, including 23 formed in the past year.



Important Terms Explained:

- **USISTEF (United States – India Science & Technology Endowment Fund):**
 - Established in 2009, it supports joint Indo-US entrepreneurial initiatives to develop market-ready technologies.
 - Focus areas include AI, quantum technologies, and critical emerging technologies beyond the ideation stage.
- **iCET (Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology):**
 - A collaboration between the US and India to boost partnerships in key technology areas, including AI, quantum computing, advanced manufacturing, and blockchain.



Static GK Information:

- **United States**
 - **Capital:** Washington, D.C.
 - **Currency:** US Dollar (USD)
 - **President:** Joe Biden
- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Presentation of Indo-US Endowment Awards
Date	12th October 2024
Location	USISTEF award function
Number of Winning Teams	17 teams
Primary Focus	AI-enabled technologies, Quantum Technologies
Key Initiative	US-India iCET
Startups in India (2024)	1,40,000+ startups, with 110 unicorns
Key Attendees	Dr. Jitendra Singh, US Ambassador Eric Garcetti



- **What is the key achievement of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan in its three years of operation?**
- A) Establishment of 50 new airports across India
 - B) Onboarding 36 States/UTs and 44 Central Ministries on a unified platform
 - C) Implementation of 5000 smart city projects under PM GatiShakti
 - D) Signing infrastructure pacts with 15 countries
 - E) Establishment of 20 new industrial corridors



Answer

B) Onboarding 36 States/UTs and 44 Central Ministries on a unified platform



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM GatiShakti National Master Plan completes three years
- **Location:** Nation-wide adoption across Central Ministries, States, and UTs



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Integration of Ministries and States/UTs:** 44 Central Ministries and 36 States/UTs onboarded with 1600 data layers.
- **Improving logistics and reducing costs:** Supports the National Logistics Policy by addressing infrastructure gaps and enhancing efficiency.
- **Social Development Focus:** Extended to education, healthcare, and postal services to improve infrastructure in rural and underserved regions.
- **Training and Capacity Building:** Over 20,000 officials trained on the iGoT platform, with continuous training at institutions like LBSNAA and SVPNPA.
- **International Collaboration:** Diplomatic engagements initiated with Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and others to share geospatial technology and planning strategies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP):**
 - Launched on 13th October 2021 to promote multi-modal infrastructure development.
 - Uses geospatial technology and real-time data monitoring for better coordination across government bodies.
 - Aims to achieve sustainable logistics solutions aligned with India's Net Zero 2070 commitments.
- **National Logistics Policy (NLP):**
 - Launched to reduce logistics costs and improve India's global ranking in logistics performance.
 - India improved its Logistics Performance Index rank from 44th in 2018 to 38th in 2023.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BISAG-N:**
 - Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics.
 - Provides technical support for developing geospatial infrastructure, including PM GatiShakti's portals.



Static GK Information:

- **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N)**
 - **Founded:** 1997
 - **Headquarters:** Gandhinagar, Gujarat
 - **Director:** Tapan Misra



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Tabular Summary:

Event	PM GatiShakti completes three years
Launch Date	13th October 2021
Location	Nation-wide implementation with geospatial technology
Ministries Onboarded	44 Central Ministries
States/UTs Onboarded	36 States/UTs
Major Achievement	Over 200 infrastructure projects evaluated by NPG
Social Impact	Improved infrastructure in education, healthcare, and logistics
International Collaboration	Engagements with Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and others



- What percentage of the Geological Survey of India Training Institute's (GSITI) energy needs will the new rooftop solar power plant meet?



- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 75%
- D) 85%
- E) 100%

Answer
C) 75%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Rooftop Solar Power Plant
- **Location:** Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI), Hyderabad, Telangana



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Sustainable Energy Use:** The rooftop solar plant promotes renewable energy and reduces carbon emissions.
- **Financial Savings:** The 150-kilowatt plant will save ₹30 lakh annually by meeting 75% of GSITI's energy needs.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** The event also included sapling plantation to highlight environmental responsibility.
- **Support for National Goals:** This project aligns with the government's larger objective to increase the share of renewable energy and achieve climate goals.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana:**
 - A government scheme encouraging households to install solar panels and generate their own electricity.
 - Aims to reduce household energy bills and increase India's reliance on clean solar energy.
- **Rooftop Solar Power Plant:**
 - A solar system installed on rooftops to generate renewable energy for local use.
 - Reduces dependency on conventional energy sources, helping institutions like GSITI lower costs and carbon footprints.



Static GK Information:

- **Hyderabad, Telangana**
 - **Capital:** Hyderabad
 - **CM:** K Chandrashekar Rao
 - **Governor:** Tamilisai Soundararajan
- **Geological Survey of India (GSI)**
 - **Founded:** 1851
 - **Headquarters:** Kolkata, West Bengal
 - **Director General:** Dr. S Raju



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Inauguration of Rooftop Solar Power Plant at GSITI, Hyderabad
Date	12th October 2024
Location	GSITI, Hyderabad, Telangana
Installed Capacity	150 Kilowatt
Energy Contribution	75% of GSITI's energy needs
Financial Savings	₹30 lakh annually
Chief Guest	Shri G Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Coal and Mines
Other Attendees	Eatala Rajender (MP, Malkajgiri), S.D. Patbhaje (ADG, GSI)
Significance	Promotes sustainable development and renewable energy use



➤ **Which organization has empowered district authorities in NCR, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh to prosecute officials for failing to act on stubble burning violations?**

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- B) National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- C) Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)
- D) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
- E) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



Answer

C) Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** CAQM empowers district authorities to act on stubble burning violations
- **Location:** Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi NCR



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Legal Authority:**
 - District authorities can file complaints or initiate prosecutions against officials failing to control stubble burning.
- **Field Monitoring:**
 - 26 Central teams deployed in Punjab and Haryana for close coordination with local authorities.
- **Paddy Stubble Management Cell:**
 - Located in Chandigarh, it monitors the use of in situ and ex situ techniques for managing crop residue.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Air Quality Management:**
 - Aims to reduce air pollution caused by stubble burning, aligning with CAQM's action plans for 2024.
- **Updated Action Plans:**
 - Developed for Punjab, Haryana, and NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh based on previous years' field experiences.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CAQM (Commission for Air Quality Management):**
 - Established under the CAQM Act, 2021 to improve air quality in Delhi NCR and adjoining regions.
 - Empowers authorities to take strict enforcement actions against stubble burning and pollution.
- **In Situ and Ex Situ Management:**
 - **In situ management:** Refers to treating crop residues within the field (e.g., mulching).
 - **Ex situ management:** Involves removing residues and repurposing them for other uses (e.g., biofuel production).
- **Stubble Burning:**
 - A practice where farmers burn paddy crop residue to clear fields for the next sowing season, contributing to severe air pollution in northern India.



Static GK Information:

- **Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)**
 - **Founded:** 2021
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, Delhi
 - **Chairman:** M M Kutty



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Tabular Summary:

Event	CAQM empowers district authorities to act on stubble burning violations
Date	12th October 2024
Location	Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi NCR
Central Teams Deployed	26 teams in hotspot districts
Paddy Stubble Management Cell	Chandigarh
Mandate	Prosecute officials for failure in stubble burning enforcement
Action Plans Updated	Punjab, Haryana, and NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh



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- How much grant was released as the first instalment for Rajasthan under the XV Finance Commission grants for 2024-25?

- A) ₹760.6769 crores
- B) ₹988 crores
- C) ₹1267 crores
- D) ₹507.1177 crores
- E) ₹395.5091 crores

Answer

C) ₹1267 crores



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of XV Finance Commission Grants to Rural Local Bodies (RLBs)
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Grant Allocation:**
 - Untied grants can be used by Panchayats to address local needs across 29 subjects under the Eleventh Schedule (e.g., agriculture, sanitation, education).
 - Tied grants must be utilized for core services such as sanitation, water management, and maintaining ODF (Open Defecation Free) status.
- **Empowering Grassroots Governance:**
 - Supports the principle of Gram Swaraj (village self-governance), enhancing local leadership.
 - Funds reinforce the government's commitment to "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Viswas, Sabka Prayas" for inclusive and sustainable growth.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Grant Management:**
 - Managed through the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Jal Shakti.
 - Grants are released twice annually by the Ministry of Finance to eligible Panchayats.



Important Terms Explained:

- **XV Finance Commission (XV FC):**
 - A constitutional body that recommends financial allocations to states for local bodies and public infrastructure.
 - For 2024-25, grants are released to RLBs to enhance rural governance and infrastructure.
- **Untied Grants:**
 - Flexible funds used by Panchayats to meet local needs across various sectors.
 - Cannot be spent on salaries or administrative expenses.
- **Tied Grants:**
 - Restricted funds allocated for specific purposes such as sanitation, ODF maintenance, and water resource management.



Static GK Information:

- **Andhra Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Amaravati (de facto)
 - **CM:** Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
 - **Governor:** S. Abdul Nazeer
- **Rajasthan**
 - **Capital:** Jaipur
 - **CM:** Ashok Gehlot
 - **Governor:** Kalraj Mishra



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Release of XV Finance Commission Grants for RLBs
Date	12th October 2024
States Covered	Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan
Total Grant for Rajasthan	₹1267 crores (Untied: ₹507.1177 crores, Tied: ₹760.6769 crores)
Total Grant for Andhra Pradesh	₹988 crores (Untied: ₹395.5091 crores, Tied: ₹593.2639 crores)
Key Ministries Involved	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Jal Shakti
Purpose	Strengthen rural governance, sanitation, and water management



QUICK RECALL



- Prime Minister Modi greeted RSS on entering its 100th year.
- HAL becomes the 14th Maharatna CPSE, enhancing its financial autonomy.
- Indian Navy's First Training Squadron visited Muscat, Oman, from 5-9 October 2024.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated 75 BRO projects worth ₹2,236 crore.
- INS Tir and ICGS Veera visited Bahrain, while INS Shardul docked in Dubai.
- 17 Indo-US teams awarded for work in AI-enabled technologies and Quantum Technologies.
- PM GatiShakti completes three years, transforming India's infrastructure.
- Shri G Kishan Reddy inaugurated a 150-kilowatt solar power plant at GSITI, Hyderabad.



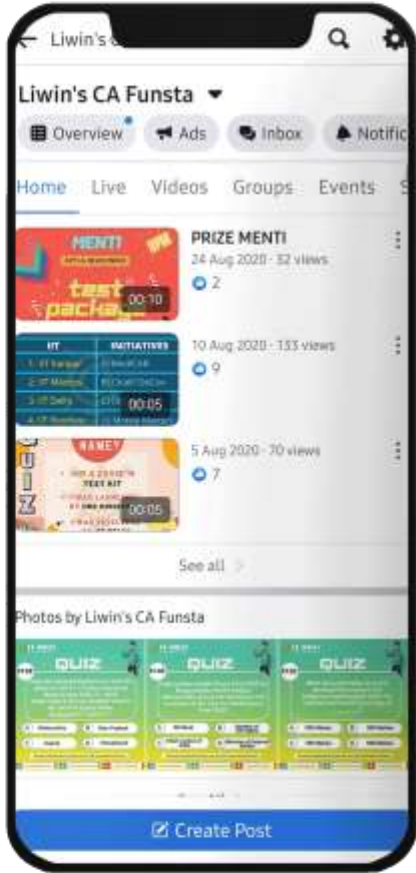
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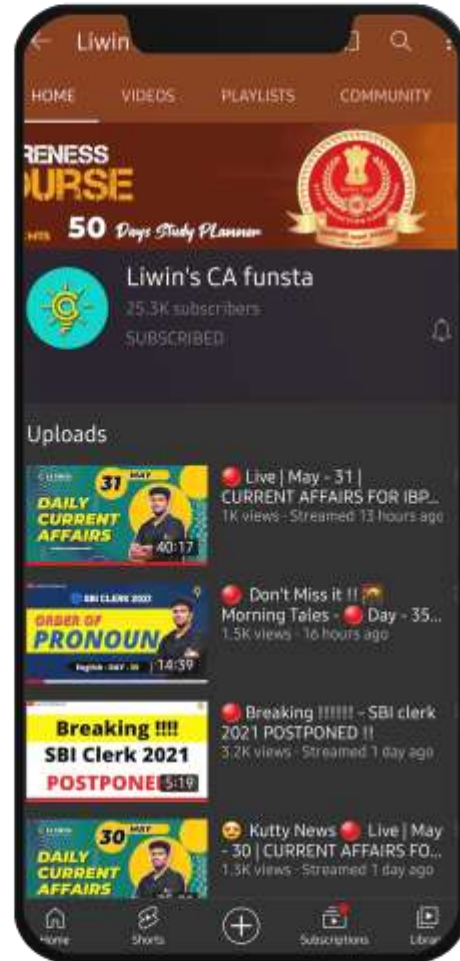
- **CAQM authorizes district authorities to prosecute officials for stubble burning violations.**
- **Union Government released ₹1267 crores to Rajasthan and ₹988 crores to Andhra Pradesh.**



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