

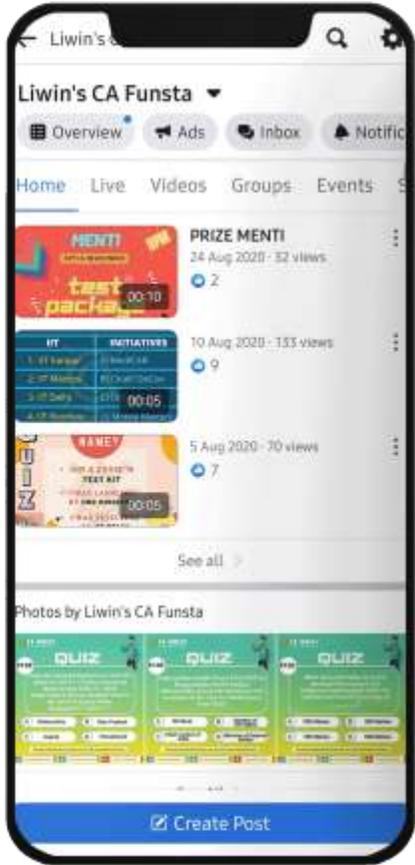


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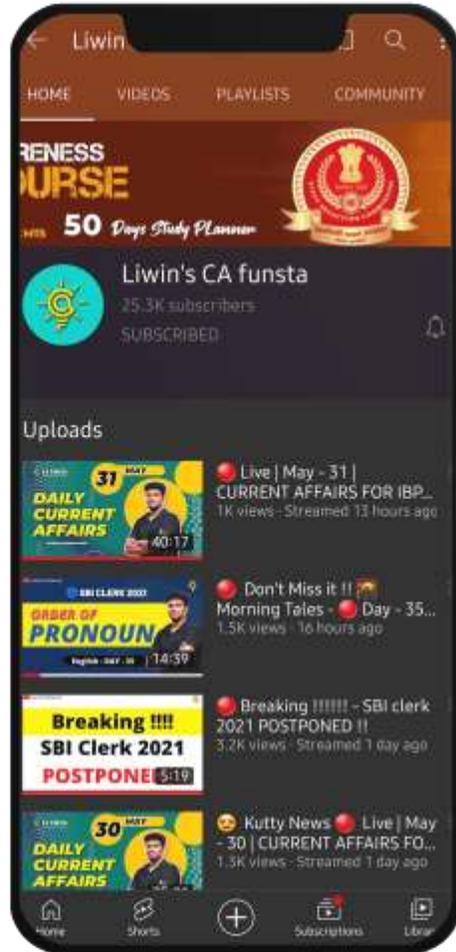
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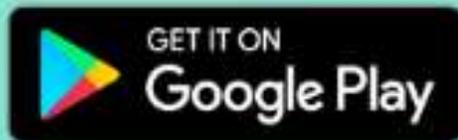
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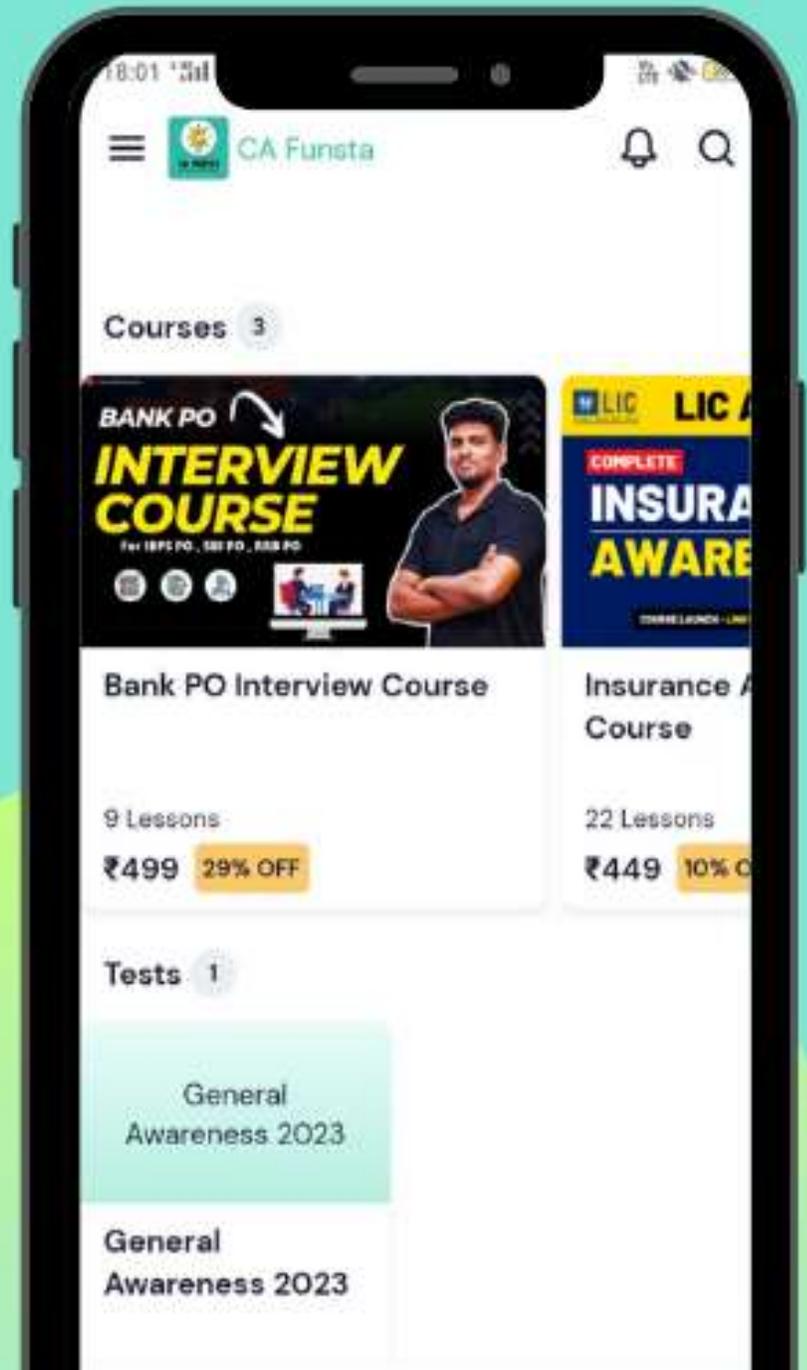


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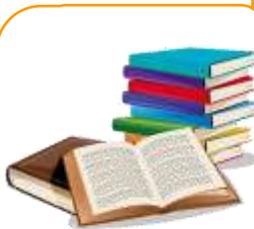
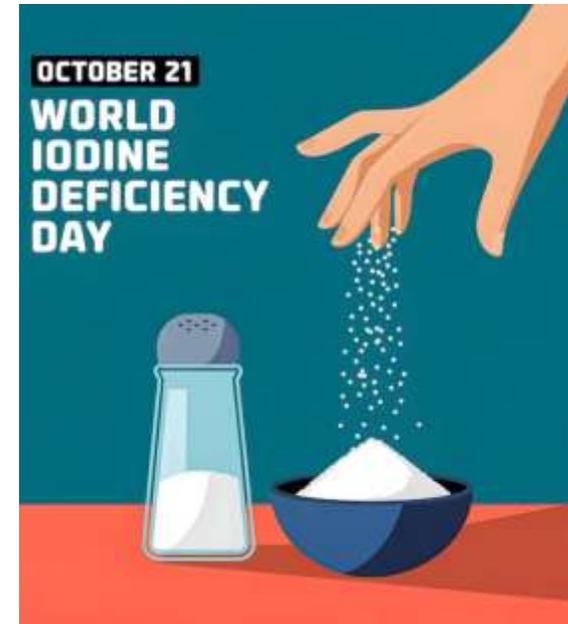
# Important Days



➤ **When is World Iodine Deficiency Day observed annually?**

- A) 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- B) 15<sup>th</sup> October
- C) 21<sup>st</sup> October
- D) 20<sup>th</sup> October
- E) 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Answer**  
**C) 21<sup>st</sup> October**

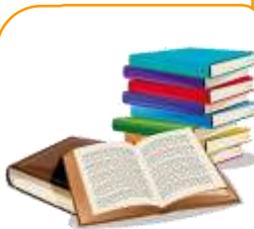


# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Iodine Deficiency Day (Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day)
- **Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> October
- **Purpose:** To raise awareness about the importance of iodine in health and the prevention of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD).

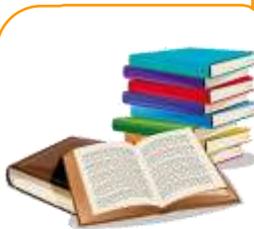


# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Importance of Iodine:**
  - Essential for thyroid hormone production (T4 and T3).
  - Critical for fetal and infant development, metabolism regulation.
- **Iodine Deficiency Consequences:**
  - Causes preventable intellectual disabilities.
  - Leads to goitre, hypothyroidism, and severe cases like cretinism.
  - Affects neurodevelopment, mental function, and productivity.

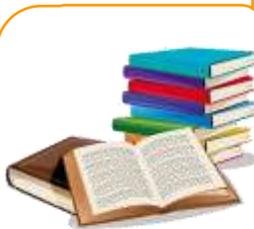


# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **India's National Efforts:**
  - Launched the National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) to combat IDD.
  - Goals: Reduce IDD prevalence to less than 5%, ensure 100% iodized salt consumption.
  - Achievements include reduced goitre rates, mandatory iodized salt usage, and national monitoring labs.

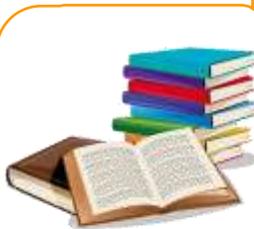


# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Goitre:** Enlargement of the thyroid gland, often the earliest clinical sign of iodine deficiency.
- **NIDDCP:** A national program aimed at eradicating iodine deficiency disorders in India by ensuring the use of iodized salt and monitoring iodine levels in the population.

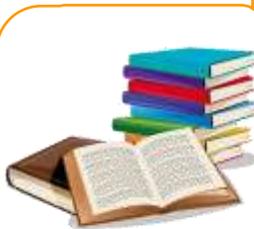


# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **World Health Organization (WHO):**
  - **Founded:** 1948
  - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland
  - **Director-General:** Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- **UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund):**
  - **Founded:** 1946
  - **Headquarters:** New York, United States
  - **Executive Director:** Catherine M. Russell

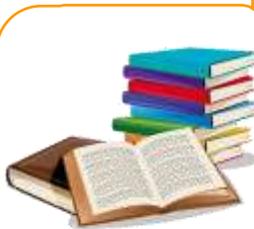


# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	World Iodine Deficiency Day
Observed On	21st October
Objective	Raise awareness of iodine's health role and prevent IDD
Primary National Initiative	National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP)
Key Achievement in India	Reduction in Total Goitre Rate, mandatory iodized salt production
Global Initiatives	WHO & UNICEF support universal salt iodization since 1993
Global Risk Population	1.88 billion at risk, including 30% of school-aged children globally
Significance	Highlight iodine's role in preventing mental and physical retardation



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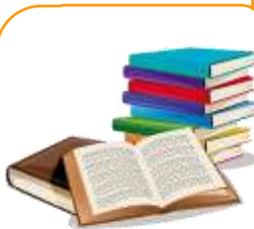


➤ **Who was the standout player in New Zealand's first-ever ICC Women's T20 World Cup win against South Africa?**

- A) Sophie Devine
- B) Brooke Halliday
- C) Suzie Bates
- D) Amelia Kerr
- E) Laura Wolvaardt

**Answer**

**D) Amelia Kerr**

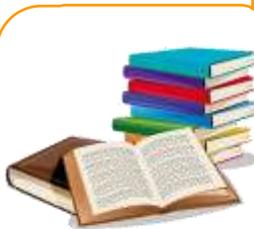


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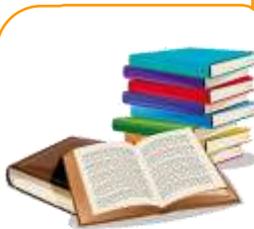
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final
- **Location:** Dubai International Stadium, United Arab Emirates



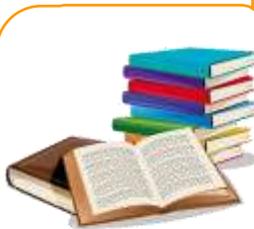
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **New Zealand's performance:**
  - **Batting:** Amelia Kerr scored 43 and Brooke Halliday contributed 38, leading to a strong total of 158/5.
  - **Bowling:** Amelia Kerr took 3 crucial wickets, including Laura Wolvaardt and Anneke Bosch, shifting momentum towards New Zealand.
- **South Africa's performance:**
  - **Batting:** Laura Wolvaardt top-scored with 33 runs, but South Africa was restricted to 126/9.
  - **Bowling:** Nonkululeko Mlaba (2/31) bowled well but couldn't prevent New Zealand's strong innings.



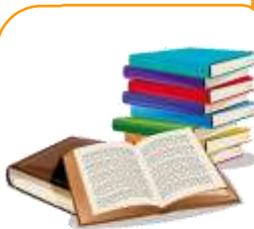
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Powerplay:** The first six overs with fielding restrictions. New Zealand made 43/1 during this phase, the highest conceded by South Africa in the tournament.
- **Review:** A system allowing players to challenge umpire decisions using technology. South Africa successfully used it to dismiss Sophie Devine.



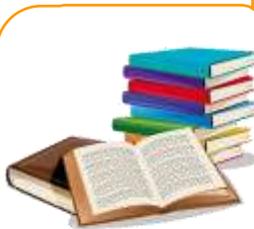
## Static GK Information:

- **New Zealand:**
  - **Capital:** Wellington
  - **Currency:** New Zealand Dollar (NZD)
  - **Prime Minister:** Chris Hipkins
- **South Africa:**
  - **Capital:** Pretoria (executive), Bloemfontein (judicial), Cape Town (legislative)
  - **Currency:** South African Rand (ZAR)
  - **President:** Cyril Ramaphosa



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final
Location	Dubai International Stadium, UAE
Winner	New Zealand
Final Score (New Zealand)	158/5 in 20 overs
Final Score (South Africa)	126/9 in 20 overs
Top Run-scorer (New Zealand)	Amelia Kerr (43)
Top Run-scorer (South Africa)	Laura Wolvaardt (33)
Top Wicket-taker (New Zealand)	Amelia Kerr (3/24)
Top Wicket-taker (South Africa)	Nonkululeko Mlaba (2/31)
Significance	New Zealand won their first ICC Women's T20 World Cup



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➤ **Who were named the ISSF Athletes of the Year 2024?**

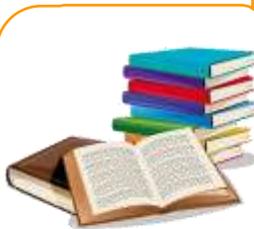


- A) Yang Ji-in and Camille Jedrzejewski
- B) Liu Yukun and Serhiy Kulish
- C) Yang Ji-in and Liu Yukun
- D) Li Yuehong and Kim Ye-ji
- E) Kim Min-seo and Yang Ji-in



**Answer**

**C) Yang Ji-in and Liu Yukun**

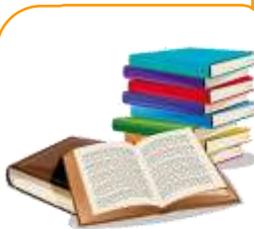


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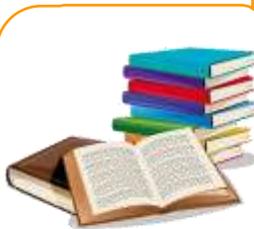
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** ISSF Athletes of the Year 2024 Awards
- **Location:** ISSF World Cup Final, New Delhi, India



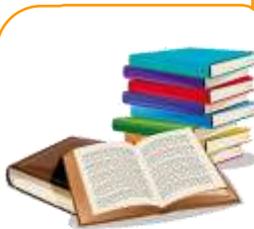
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Yang Ji-in's achievements:**
  - Gold medal in 25m pistol at the Paris 2024 Olympics, after a shoot-off against Camille Jedrzejewski.
  - Won both individual and team events at the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championships in Jakarta.
  - Secured multiple medals in the ISSF World Cup, including gold and silver in Baku.
- **Liu Yukun's achievements:**
  - Broke the finals world record in the 50m rifle 3 positions at the ISSF World Cup in Baku with a score of 468.9.
  - Set an Olympic qualification record in Paris with a score of 594, winning gold with a final score of 463.6.
  - Dominated the season with multiple gold medals in ISSF events.



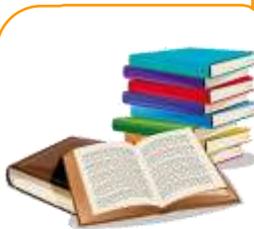
## Important Terms Explained:

- **ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation):** Governing body for the Olympic shooting sports, recognizing outstanding achievements through awards like Athlete of the Year.
- **World Record:** An official best performance in the world, set by athletes like Liu Yukun in shooting events, recognized by international bodies like ISSF.



## Static GK Information:

- **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF):**
  - **Founded:** 1907
  - **Headquarters:** Munich, Germany
  - **President:** Luciano Rossi
- **Republic of Korea:**
  - **Capital:** Seoul
  - **Currency:** South Korean Won (KRW)
  - **President:** Yoon Suk-yeol
- **China:**
  - **Capital:** Beijing
  - **Currency:** Renminbi (Yuan, CNY)
  - **President:** Xi Jinping

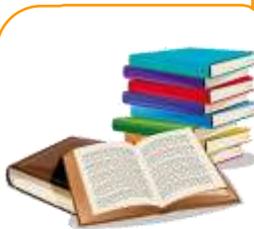


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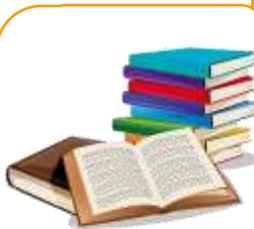
Key Details	Information
Event	ISSF Athletes of the Year 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Athlete of the Year (Female)	Yang Ji-in (Republic of Korea)
Athlete of the Year (Male)	Liu Yukun (China)
Top Achievements (Yang Ji-in)	Gold at Paris 2024, medals in ISSF World Cups
Top Achievements (Liu Yukun)	Olympic record, world record in ISSF World Cup
Significance	Recognizes exceptional shooting performance in 2024



➤ **Who became the first Indian woman footballer to score 50 international goals?**

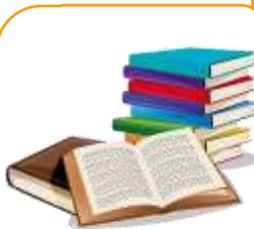
- A) Manisha
- B) Bala Devi
- C) Aditi Chauhan
- D) Dangmei Grace
- E) Renu

**Answer**  
**B) Bala Devi**



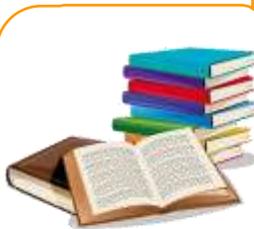
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bala Devi becomes the first Indian woman footballer to score 50 international goals.
- **Location:** SAFF Women's Championship, Nepal



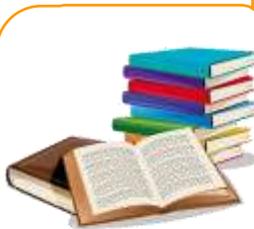
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Bala Devi's Achievement:**
  - Bala Devi, a prolific striker from Manipur, scored her 50<sup>th</sup> international goal during the 2024 SAFF Women's Championship in a match against Pakistan.
  - She became the first Indian woman to reach this milestone in football history.
- **Career Highlights:**
  - Bala has represented India since 2005 and is known as the "goal machine" of Indian women's football.
  - She played in European football with Rangers FC and learned about fitness and professionalism during her time abroad.
  - Bala has shown resilience by overcoming injury to make a strong comeback, crediting her recovery to her mental strength and support from her coaches.



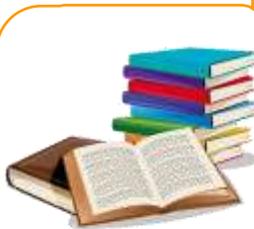
## Important Terms Explained:

- **SAFF Women's Championship:** A football tournament for national women's teams from South Asia, organized by the South Asian Football Federation.
- **Set-Piece Play:** A planned football move used during a restart of play, such as a free kick or corner, leading to Bala's 50th goal.



## Static GK Information:

- **All India Football Federation (AIFF):**
  - **Founded:** 1937
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **President:** Kalyan Chaubey
- **Manipur:**
  - **Capital:** Imphal
  - **Chief Minister:** N. Biren Singh
  - **Governor:** Anusuiya Uikey

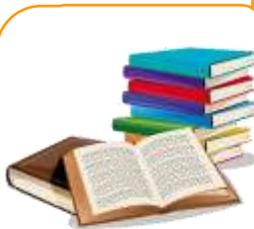


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Milestone Achieved	First Indian woman to score 50 international goals
Player Name	Bala Devi
Location of Milestone	SAFF Women's Championship, Nepal
Opponent for 50th Goal	Pakistan
Top Teammate in Play	Manisha (assisted Bala's 50th goal)
Career Start	2005
Significance	Major achievement in Indian women's football history



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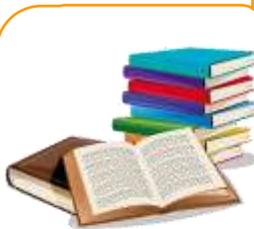
➤ Who was the Sanskrit scholar and founder of Sharda Gyan Peetham who passed away at 94?

- A) G B Palsule
- B) Prabhakar Joshi
- C) Vasant Anant Gadgil
- D) Nitin Jalukar
- E) Shrivardhan Gadgil



**Answer**

**C) Vasant Anant Gadgil**

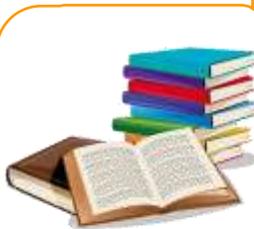


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Passing of Sanskrit scholar Vasant Anant Gadgil
- **Location:** Pune, Maharashtra
- **Date:** Passed away at the age of 94

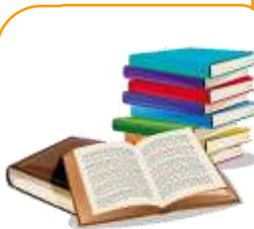


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Contributions:**
  - Founder of Sharda Gyan Peetham in Pune, promoting Sanskrit in India and abroad, including the US and Africa.
  - Known for studying Sanskrit at Tilak Maharashtra University and being associated with the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute.
  - Played a significant role in propagating Sanskrit through journalism, founding the monthly magazine Sharda.

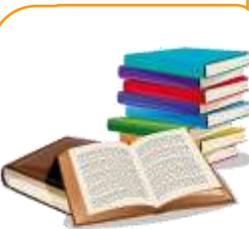


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Notable Works and Contributions:**
  - Published Bhimayanam, the first Sanskrit biography of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, under his Sharada Gaurav Granthamala series.
  - Published a Sanskrit poem on the life of Vinayak Savarkar, written by G B Palsule.
  - Felicitated intellectuals and sages above the age of 80 every year on Rishi Panchami for their contributions to various fields.

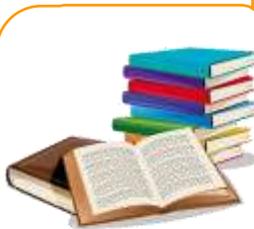


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute:** A prominent institute in Pune dedicated to research on ancient Indian texts and history.
- **Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskrit-Vrati National Award:** A prestigious award given for significant contributions to the propagation and development of Sanskrit.

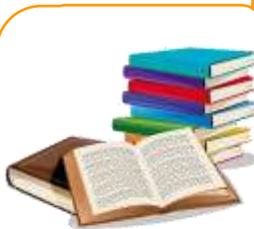


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## Static GK Information:

- **Tilak Maharashtra University:**
  - **Founded:** 1921
  - **Location:** Pune, Maharashtra
  - **Focus:** Higher education in Sanskrit and Indian culture
- **Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI):**
  - **Founded:** 1917
  - **Location:** Pune, Maharashtra
  - **Focus:** Oriental studies, Sanskrit research, and ancient texts

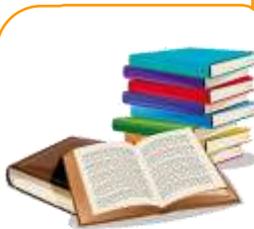


# OBITUARY



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Name of Scholar	Vasant Anant Gadgil
Age	94
Place of Death	Pune, Maharashtra
Significant Contributions	Founder of Sharda Gyan Peetham, promoted Sanskrit globally
Education	Studied Sanskrit at Tilak Maharashtra University
Associated with	Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute
Notable Works	Published Bhimayanam, Sanskrit biography of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar
Award	Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskrit-Vrati National Award
Date of Passing	October 2024



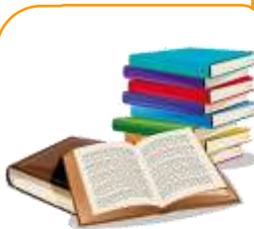
➤ **Which subsidiary of PB Fintech has received approval from the RBI to commence the Account Aggregator business?**

- A) PB Financial Services
- B) PB Tech Solutions
- C) PB Financial Account Aggregators Private Ltd
- D) PB Wealth Management
- E) PB Digital Banking



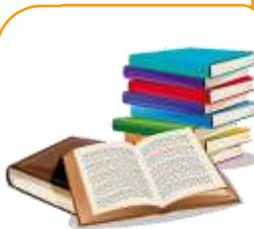
**Answer**

**C) PB Financial Account Aggregators Private Ltd**



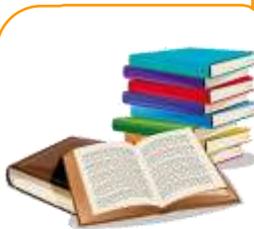
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI approval for PB Financial Account Aggregators Private Ltd to commence Account Aggregator business.
- **Location:** India, granted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- **Date of Approval:** October 18, 2024



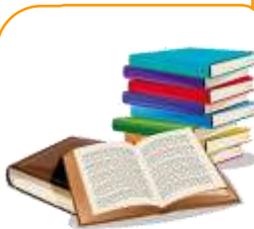
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Account Aggregator Business:**
  - PB Financial Account Aggregators Private Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PB Fintech, received the Certificate of Registration (CoR) from RBI to start its Account Aggregator operations.
  - Account Aggregators facilitate the secure sharing of financial data between users and financial institutions, helping individuals manage their financial information across multiple platforms.



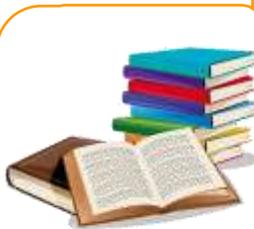
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Account Aggregator (AA):** A system that allows individuals to securely and easily share their financial data with third parties for better financial planning and management.
- **Certificate of Registration (CoR):** A formal approval granted by RBI to begin operations in regulated businesses like account aggregation.



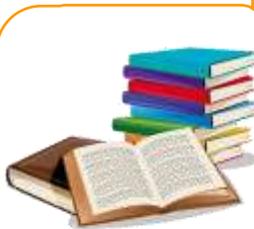
## Static GK Information:

- **PB Fintech (Parent Company):**
  - **Founded:** 2008
  - **CEO:** Yashish Dahiya
  - **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana, India
  - Known for its platforms like Policybazaar and Paisabazaar.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
  - **Founded:** 1935
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
  - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das



## Tabular Summary:

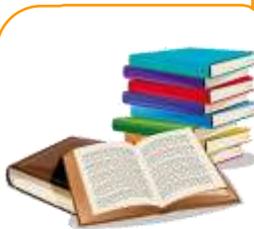
Key Details	Information
Company	PB Financial Account Aggregators Private Ltd
Parent Company	PB Fintech
Approval Granted By	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Date of Approval	October 18, 2024
Business Type	Account Aggregator
Significance	Enables secure financial data sharing between individuals and financial institutions



➤ **What new sector is Freo entering after securing a Corporate Agent License from IRDAI?**

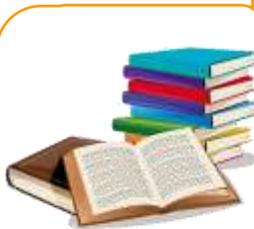
- A) Mutual Funds
- B) Stock Trading
- C) Insurance
- D) Real Estate
- E) Cryptocurrency

**Answer**  
**C) Insurance**



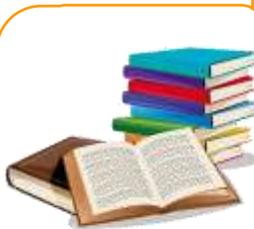
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Freo secures a Corporate Agent License from IRDAI and enters the insurance market.
- **Location:** Bengaluru, India
- **Date:** October 21, 2024



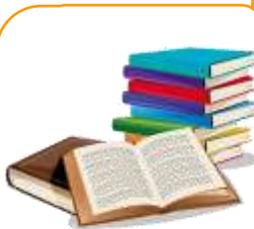
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Freo's Expansion:**
  - Freo, a digital finance app, expands its services by offering insurance products alongside its existing offerings, such as credit cards, UPI, investment, and savings solutions.
  - The company will partner with top insurance providers to offer insurance products to users in over 1200 cities.
- **Targeted Insurance Products:**
  - Initially focusing on essential coverage for common diseases.
  - Plans to introduce policies covering emerging risks such as cyber fraud and job loss.



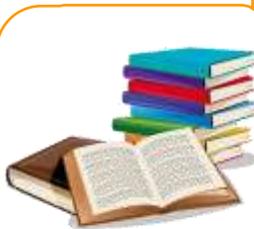
## Important Terms Explained:

- **IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India):** The regulatory body overseeing the insurance sector in India, responsible for issuing licenses and ensuring compliance.
- **Corporate Agent License:** A license that allows companies to sell insurance products on behalf of insurance providers.



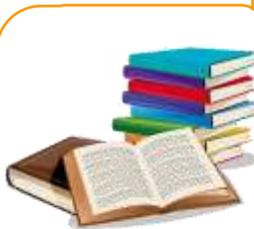
## Static GK Information:

- **Freo (Company):**
  - **Founded:** 2015
  - **Founders:** Kunal Varma, Anuj Kacker, Bala Parthasarathy
  - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, India
  - **Current Offerings:** Credit, UPI, savings, investment, and insurance solutions
- **IRDAI:**
  - **Founded:** 1999
  - **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana
  - **Chairman:** Debasish Panda



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Company Name	Freo
New Sector Entered	Insurance
License Obtained	Corporate Agent License from IRDAI
Existing Services	Credit cards, UPI, savings, investment
Focus of Insurance Products	Essential coverage for diseases, cyber fraud, job loss
Revenue in FY24	₹99.5 crore, 8% increase from FY23
Profitability Achieved	December 2023



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



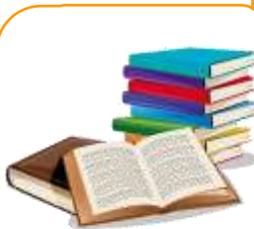
- Who is acquiring a 50% stake in Karan Johar's Dharma Productions for ₹1000 crore?



- A) Mukesh Ambani
- B) Adar Poonawalla
- C) Ratan Tata
- D) Anand Mahindra
- E) Gautam Adani

**Answer**

- B) Adar Poonawalla**

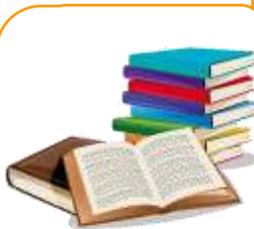


# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Adar Poonawalla, CEO of Serum Institute of India, is acquiring a 50% stake in Dharma Productions.
- **Location:** The investment was announced by Adar Poonawalla and Karan Johar in India.

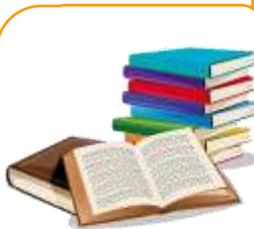


# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Stake Acquisition:**
  - Adar Poonawalla, through Serene Productions, is acquiring a 50% stake in Dharma Productions and Dharmatic Entertainment for ₹1000 crore.
  - Karan Johar will retain creative control, continuing as Executive Chairman of Dharma Productions.
- **Vision for Partnership:**
  - Both Adar Poonawalla and Karan Johar expressed their commitment to taking Dharma to greater heights, combining storytelling and business innovation.

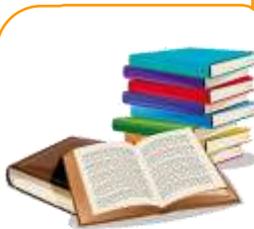


# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dharma Productions:** One of India's largest film production companies, founded by Yash Johar, known for producing iconic Bollywood films.
- **Serum Institute of India (SII):** The world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume, led by Adar Poonawalla.

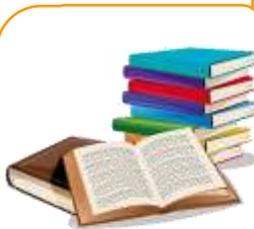


# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Static GK Information:

- **Serum Institute of India (SII):**
  - **Founded:** 1966
  - **Headquarters:** Pune, Maharashtra
  - **CEO:** Adar Poonawalla
- **Dharma Productions:**
  - **Founded:** 1979
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Executive Chairman:** Karan Johar

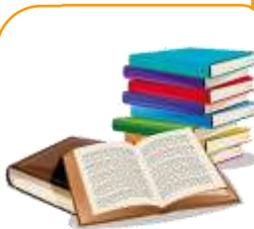


# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Investment Announcement	Adar Poonawalla acquires 50% stake in Dharma Productions
Stake Acquired By	Adar Poonawalla through Serene Productions
Investment Value	₹1000 crore
Remaining Stake Holder	Karan Johar (retains creative control)
Dharma Productions' Revenue (FY23)	₹1,040 crore
Dharma Productions' Net Profit (FY23)	₹11 crore
Significance	Partnership to expand Dharma's legacy and business innovation



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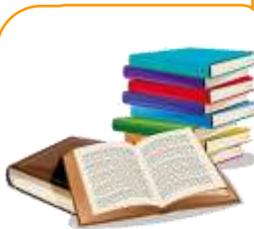


➤ Who has been appointed as the President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in 2024?

- A) Piyush Goyal
- B) Brij Bhushan Agarwal
- C) Parthiv Vikram Neotia
- D) Abhyuday Jindal
- E) Sharmila Tagore

**Answer**

**D) Abhyuday Jindal**

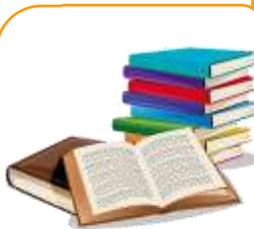


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Abhyuday Jindal as ICC President
- **Location:** ICC Annual Plenary Session

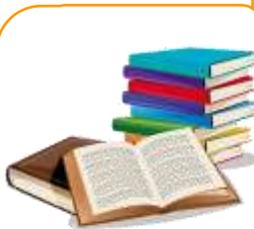


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **New ICC President:**
  - **Abhyuday Jindal**, Managing Director of Jindal Stainless Ltd, has been appointed as the new President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC).
  - Jindal aims to promote sustainable growth, foster inclusive business practices, and support India's goal of becoming a USD 35 trillion economy by 2047.
  - His experience in project management and supply chain optimization will help guide the chamber's success.

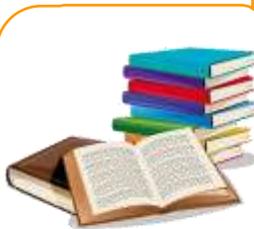


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Other Appointments:**
  - **Brij Bhushan Agarwal:** Appointed Senior Vice President of ICC.
  - **Parthiv Vikram Neotia:** Appointed Vice President of ICC.
  - **Sharmila Tagore:** Honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to Indian cinema.

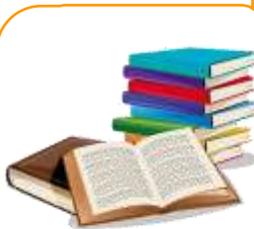


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC):** One of India's leading industry associations, promoting business, entrepreneurship, and sustainable growth.

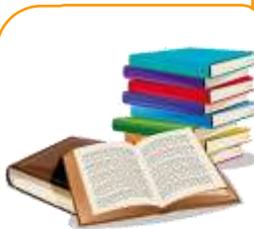


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## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC):**
  - **Founded:** 1925
  - **Headquarters:** Kolkata, India
  - **New President:** Abhyuday Jindal
- **Jindal Stainless Ltd:**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Managing Director:** Abhyuday Jindal
- **India:**
  - **Commerce Minister:** Piyush Goyal
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi

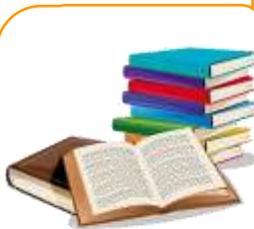


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
New ICC President	Abhyuday Jindal
Role of Abhyuday Jindal	Managing Director of Jindal Stainless Ltd
Appointed At	ICC Annual Plenary Session
Senior Vice President	Brij Bhushan Agarwal
Vice President	Parthiv Vikram Neotia
Chief Guest of the Event	Piyush Goyal
Award Presented	Lifetime Achievement Award to Sharmila Tagore
Vision	India's USD 35 trillion economy by 2047



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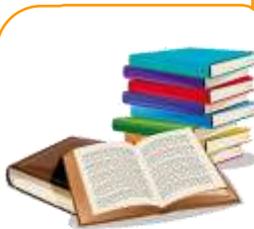


➤ **Who has been appointed as the Director-General Designate of ICRISAT?**

- A) Rajiv Kumar
- B) Himanshu Pathak
- C) Suresh Kumar
- D) Arvind Sharma
- E) Deepak Rao

**Answer**

**B) Himanshu Pathak**

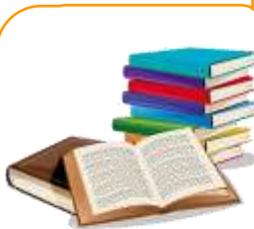


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Himanshu Pathak appointed as Director-General Designate of ICRISAT
- **Location:** Hyderabad, India
- **Date:** Appointment announced on October 21, 2024

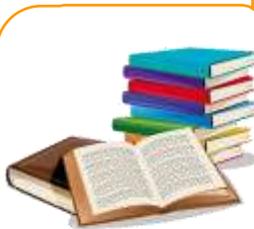


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics):**
  - **Himanshu Pathak** will be the first Indian to head the institute when he officially takes over next year.
  - ICRISAT focuses on agricultural research to improve crops in semi-arid tropic regions, enhancing food security and rural development.

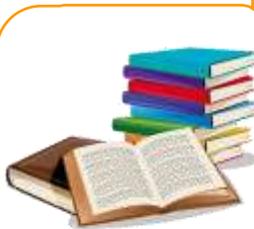


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Director-General Designate:** A person appointed to become the Director-General, awaiting formal assumption of the role.

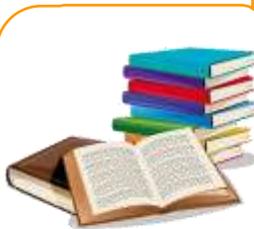


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## Static GK Information:

- **ICRISAT:**
  - **Founded:** 1972
  - **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana, India
  - **Focus Area:** Research on crops for semi-arid regions to enhance food security
- **Himanshu Pathak:**
  - **Appointed Role:** Director-General Designate
  - **Significance:** First Indian to lead ICRISAT

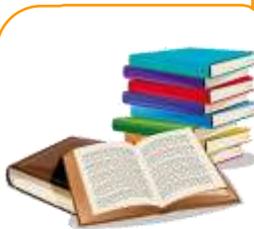


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Appointed Role	Director-General Designate of ICRISAT
Appointed Individual	Himanshu Pathak
Location of Appointment	Hyderabad, India
Institution	ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics)
Focus of ICRISAT	Agricultural research for semi-arid regions
Significance	Himanshu Pathak will be the first Indian to head ICRISAT



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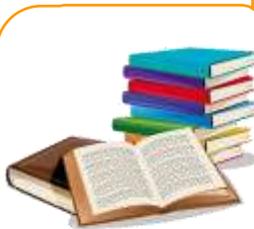


➤ **Who has assumed the role of Coal Secretary of India in October 2024?**

- A) Amrit Lal Meena
- B) VL Kantha Rao
- C) Vikram Dev Dutt
- D) Rajiv Kumar
- E) Deepak Gupta

**Answer**

**C) Vikram Dev Dutt**

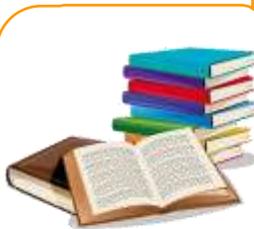


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Vikram Dev Dutt assumes charge as Coal Secretary
- **Location:** Ministry of Coal, India
- **Date:** October 21, 2024

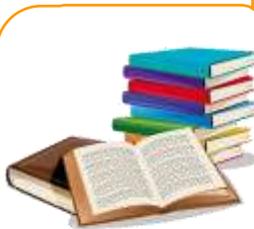


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Vikram Dev Dutt's Appointment:**
  - Vikram Dev Dutt, a 1993-batch IAS officer from the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre, has taken charge as Coal Secretary.
  - He succeeds VL Kantha Rao, who held the additional charge after Amrit Lal Meena was appointed as the Chief Secretary of Bihar.
- **Challenges for the New Coal Secretary:**
  - One of the key tasks will be enhancing coal production to meet the growing demand from India's power and industrial sectors, with a target of producing more than 1 billion tonnes.
  - India also plans to add 80 gigawatts (GW) of coal-fired capacity by 2032.

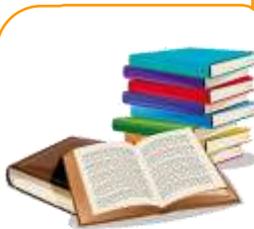


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Coal Secretary:** The senior-most official in the Ministry of Coal, responsible for overseeing India's coal production and policy development.
- **Gigawatt (GW):** A unit of power, with 1 GW equaling 1 billion watts, commonly used to measure the output of power plants.

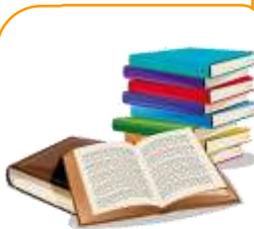


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## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Coal (India):**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Current Coal Secretary:** Vikram Dev Dutt
  - **Responsibilities:** Ensuring coal availability, overseeing policy for coal mining, and improving coal sector productivity
- **India's Coal Production Target:**
  - Over 1 billion tonnes of coal production annually
  - 80 GW of additional coal-fired capacity by 2032

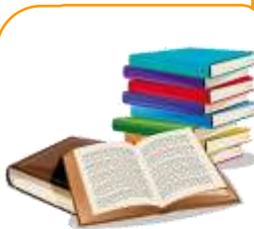


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
New Coal Secretary	Vikram Dev Dutt
Predecessor (Additional Charge Holder)	VL Kantha Rao
Date of Appointment	October 21, 2024
Current Focus	Increasing coal production and managing power demands
India's Power Generation Goal	80 GW additional coal-fired capacity by 2032

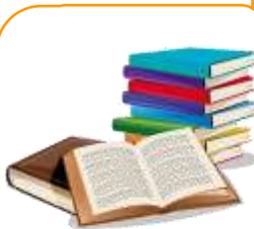


➤ What is the name of the joint naval exercise conducted between India and Oman in October 2024?

- A) Samudra Shakti
- B) Naseem Al Bahr
- C) Varuna
- D) Malabar
- E) Konkan

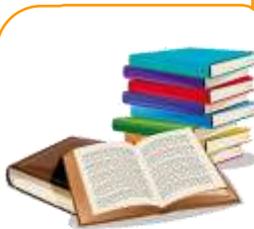
**Answer**

**B) Naseem Al Bahr**



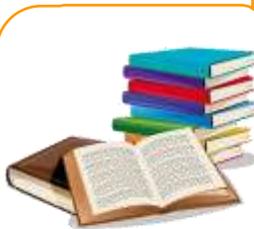
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India-Oman Joint Naval Exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr'
- **Location:** Off the coast of Goa, India
- **Duration:** October 13 to October 18, 2024



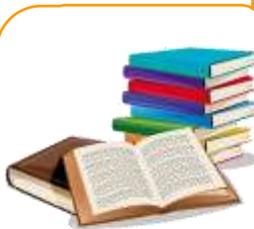
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of the Exercise:**
  - Strengthen interoperability between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman.
  - Foster mutual understanding and consolidate defence ties between the two nations.



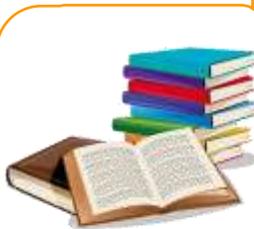
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Phases of the Exercise:**
  - **Harbour Phase (Oct 13-15):** Professional interactions, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, planning conferences, and social engagements.
  - **Sea Phase (Oct 16-18):** Joint naval maneuvers, gun firings, anti-aircraft firings, Replenishment at Sea Approaches (RASAPS), and cross-deck landings involving the helicopter from INS Trikand.
  - **Other operations:** Over-the-Horizon Targeting (OTHT) provided by Indian Navy's Dornier aircraft, and Sea Riders' engagement on RNOV Al Seeb.



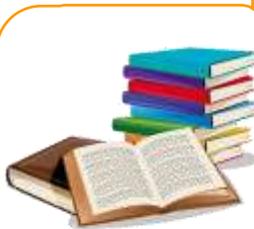
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Replenishment at Sea Approaches (RASAPS):** A naval operation where ships come alongside each other at sea for resupplying fuel, ammunition, or other essentials.
- **Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP):** A method of transferring supplies via helicopter from one ship to another at sea.



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Navy:**
  - **Founded:** 1612
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Chief of Naval Staff:** Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- **Royal Navy of Oman (RNO):**
  - **Founded:** 1950s
  - **Headquarters:** Muscat, Oman
  - **Commander:** Rear Admiral Saif bin Nasser Al-Rahbi
- **Oman:**
  - **Capital:** Muscat
  - **Currency:** Omani Rial (OMR)
  - **Sultan of Oman:** Haitham bin Tariq

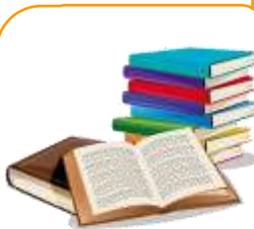


# DEFENCE



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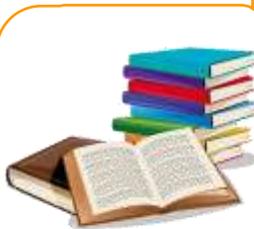
Key Details	Information
Exercise Name	Naseem Al Bahr
Countries Involved	India and Oman
Location	Off Goa, India
Duration	October 13-18, 2024
Harbour Phase	October 13-15, 2024
Sea Phase	October 16-18, 2024
Key Activities	Gun firings, RASAPS, VERTREP, OTHT
Participating Ships	INS Trikand, RNOV Al Seeb
Significance	Enhanced interoperability between Indian and Omani navies



➤ Where is the Army's 'Swavlamban Shakti' exercise being conducted?

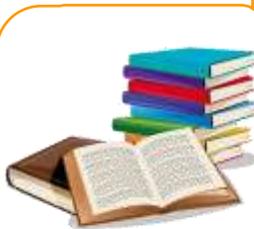
- A) Goa
- B) Bhopal
- C) Jhansi
- D) Pune
- E) New Delhi

**Answer**  
**C) Jhansi**



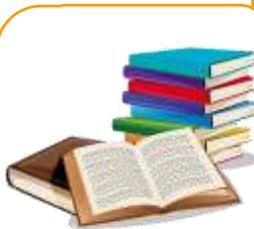
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 'Exercise Swavlamban Shakti' by the Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps
- **Location:** Babina Field Firing Ranges, near Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
- **Date:** Started on October 19, continuing until October 22, 2024



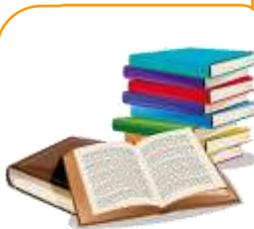
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of the Exercise:**
  - The exercise focuses on enhancing the combat capabilities of the Sudarshan Chakra Corps through the integration of niche and emerging technologies.
  - It is aimed at boosting the operational readiness of the strike corps under challenging battlefield scenarios.



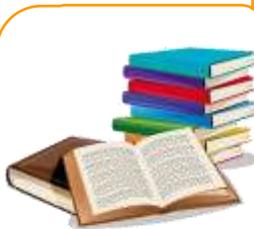
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Sudarshan Chakra Corps (XXI Corps):**
  - A strike corps of the Indian Army, tasked with offensive operations.
  - **Headquartered:** Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
  - Conducts exercises to test and improve combat abilities using modern technology.



## Static GK Information:

- **The Indian Army:**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Founded:** April 1, 1895
  - **Chief of Army Staff:** General Manoj Pande
  - **Commander-in-Chief:** India's President Droupadi Murmu
- **Madhya Pradesh:**
  - **Capital:** Bhopal
  - **Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
  - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel

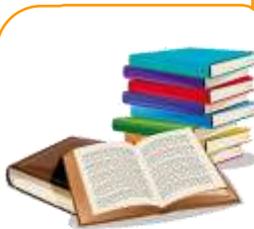


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Exercise Name	Swavlamban Shakti
Conducted By	Sudarshan Chakra Corps (XXI Corps)
Location	Babina Field Firing Ranges, Jhansi
Headquarters of Sudarshan Chakra Corps	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Objective	Enhance combat capabilities with emerging technologies
Duration	October 19 to October 22, 2024
Army Command	Southern Command

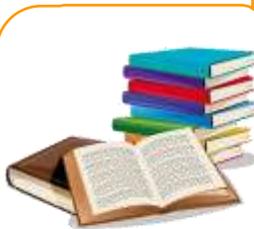


➤ Which two countries are participating in the 6<sup>th</sup> Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi in October 2024?

- A) India and Malaysia
- B) India and Japan
- C) India and Singapore
- D) India and Vietnam
- E) India and Thailand

**Answer**

**C) India and Singapore**

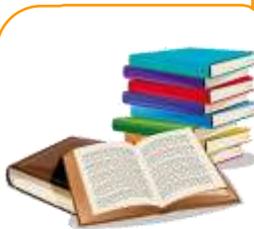


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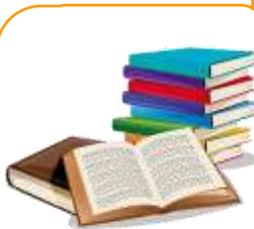
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 6<sup>th</sup> India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** October 22, 2024



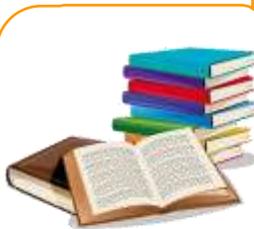
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Participants:**
  - **India's Defence Minister:** Shri Rajnath Singh
  - **Singapore's Defence Minister:** Dr. Ng Eng Hen
- **Purpose of the Dialogue:**
  - To strengthen defence ties and cooperation between India and Singapore.
  - Both sides will also discuss regional and global issues of shared interest, with a focus on the Indo-Pacific region.



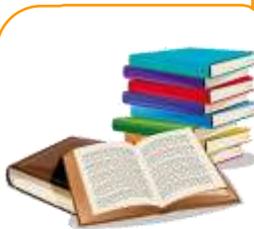
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Significance:**
  - **India and Singapore** share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, with defence relations forming a key pillar.
  - This cooperation includes military exchanges, capacity building, and joint UN Peacekeeping efforts, contributing to stability in the Indo-Pacific.



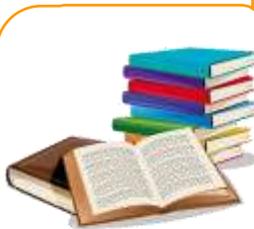
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Act East Policy:** India's strategic initiative aimed at enhancing relations with Southeast Asia, with Singapore being a central partner.
- **Indo-Pacific Vision:** A regional strategy focusing on free, open, and inclusive cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, essential for stability.



## Static GK Information:

- **India:**
  - **Defence Minister:** Rajnath Singh
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
- **Singapore:**
  - **Defence Minister:** Dr. Ng Eng Hen
  - **Capital:** Singapore
  - **Currency:** Singapore Dollar (SGD)

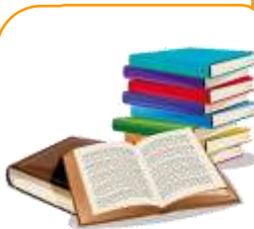


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event Name	6 <sup>th</sup> India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue
Date	October 22, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Indian Defence Minister	Shri Rajnath Singh
Singapore Defence Minister	Dr. Ng Eng Hen
Objective	Strengthen defence ties, discuss Indo-Pacific issues
Significance	Key component of India's Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific cooperation



➤ **Where is the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Joint Military Training (JMT) between the Indian Air Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force taking place?**

- A) Kalaikunda, West Bengal
- B) Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D) Hyderabad, Telangana
- E) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

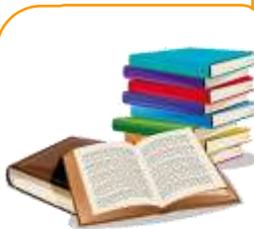
**Answer**

**A) Kalaikunda, West Bengal**



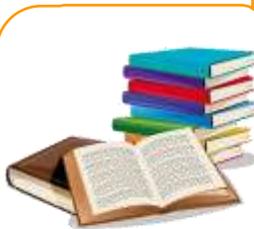
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Military Training (JMT) between Indian Air Force (IAF) and Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF)
- **Location:** Air Force Station Kalaikunda, West Bengal, India
- **Date:** Commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024, with the bilateral phase running from 13 to 21 November 2024



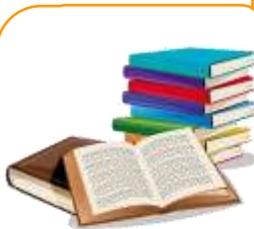
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of JMT:**
  - To enhance interoperability between the two air forces and sharpen combat readiness through air combat simulations, joint mission planning, and debriefing sessions.
  - The exercise promotes the exchange of best practices and knowledge between IAF and RSAF personnel.
- **Participants and Aircraft:**
  - **RSAF:** Participating with F-16, F-15, G-550 AEW&C, and C-130 aircraft.
  - **IAF:** Participating with Rafale, Mirage 2000, Su-30 MKI, Tejas, MiG-29, and Jaguar aircraft.



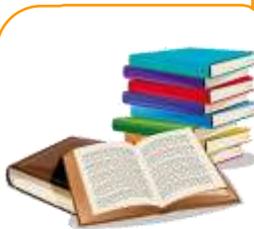
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Interoperability:** The ability of military forces to work together efficiently in joint operations.
- **Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C):** Aircraft equipped with radar and communication systems to detect incoming threats from long distances.



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Air Force (IAF):**
  - **Founded:** 1932
  - **Chief of Air Staff:** Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF):**
  - **Founded:** 1968
  - **Commander:** Major-General Kelvin Khong Boon Leong
  - **Headquarters:** Singapore

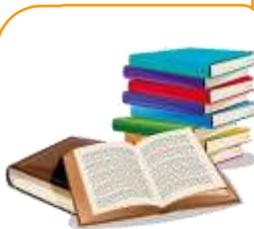


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Exercise Name	Joint Military Training (JMT)
Edition	12th
Location	Air Force Station Kalaikunda, West Bengal
Start Date	October 21, 2024
Bilateral Phase	November 13-21, 2024
IAF Aircraft	Rafale, Mirage 2000, Su-30 MKI, Tejas, MiG-29, Jaguar
RSAF Aircraft	F-16, F-15, G-550 AEW&C, C-130
Objective	Enhance interoperability, exchange knowledge, improve combat readiness



➤ Which three airports were inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the RCS-UDAN scheme in 2024?

- A) Rewa, Saharanpur, Ambikapur
- B) Shimla, Ambikapur, Rewa
- C) Varanasi, Saharanpur, Rewa
- D) Agatti, Rewa, Ambikapur
- E) Prayagraj, Saharanpur, Tezu

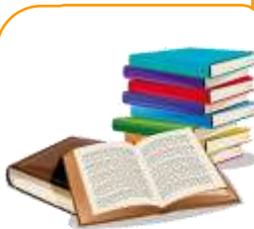
**Answer**

**A) Rewa, Saharanpur, Ambikapur**



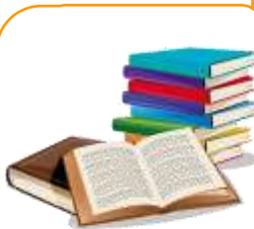
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of three airports under RCS-UDAN
- **Location:** Airports inaugurated from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



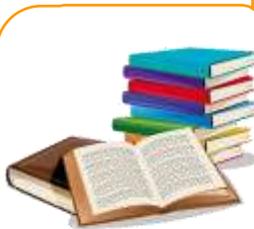
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Airports Inaugurated:**
  - Rewa (Madhya Pradesh)
  - Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh)
  - Ambikapur (Chhattisgarh)
  - These airports were developed under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN, an initiative to enhance regional air connectivity.
- **RCS-UDAN Scheme:**
  - Launched under NCAP 2016 (National Civil Aviation Policy) to promote air connectivity in underserved regions of India.
  - Focuses on improving infrastructure and offering affordable flights to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
  - Over 1.44 crore passengers have benefited, with 601 operational routes created.



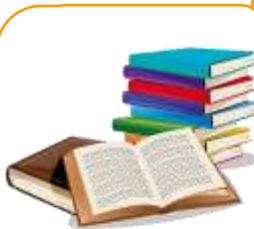
## Important Terms Explained:

- **RCS-UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik):** A government initiative to provide regional air connectivity, making flying accessible and affordable for common citizens.
- **NCAP 2016:** The National Civil Aviation Policy, designed to promote the growth of the Indian aviation sector, with RCS being a key part of it.



## Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh:**
  - **Capital:** Bhopal
  - **Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
  - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel
- **Uttar Pradesh:**
  - **Capital:** Lucknow
  - **Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath
  - **Governor:** Anandiben Patel
- **Chhattisgarh:**
  - **Capital:** Raipur
  - **Chief Minister:** Bhupesh Baghel
  - **Governor:** Biswabhusan Harichandan

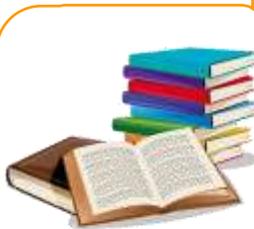


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Inauguration of three airports under RCS-UDAN
Location of Inauguration	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
Airports Inaugurated	Rewa (MP), Saharanpur (UP), Ambikapur (CG)
Duration of RCS-UDAN Scheme	Launched in 2016, operational till 2026
Total Passengers Flown	Over 1.44 crore
Key Initiative	Enhance air connectivity in underserved regions
Operational UDAN Routes	601
Significance	Improving accessibility and promoting tourism

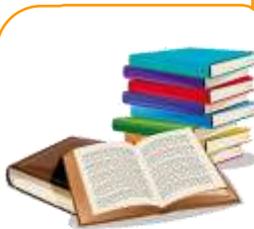


➤ How long will the UDAN scheme be extended, and what is the target number of operational airports by 2047?

- A) 5 years, 300 airports
- B) 10 years, 250 airports
- C) 15 years, 200 airports
- D) 10 years, 350-400 airports
- E) 20 years, 500 airports

**Answer**

**D) 10 years, 350-400 airports**

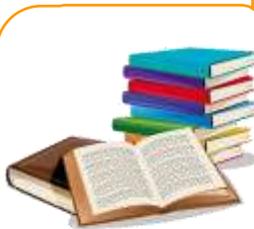


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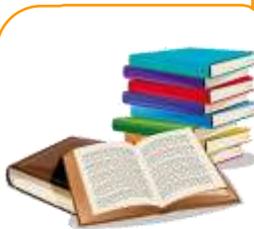
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Extension of UDAN Scheme
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** October 21, 2024



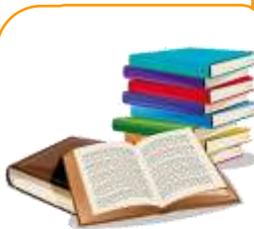
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **UDAN Scheme:**
  - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), launched in October 2016, is a program to enhance regional air connectivity and make flying more affordable for the common citizen.
  - The scheme has operationalized 601 routes, covering 71 airports, 13 heliports, and 2 water aerodromes, benefiting over 1.44 crore passengers.
- **Extension and Future Plans:**
  - The scheme will be extended for 10 more years, with the government aiming to have 350-400 operational airports by 2047.
  - This extension is expected to further boost regional airlines, create jobs, and promote tourism in India.



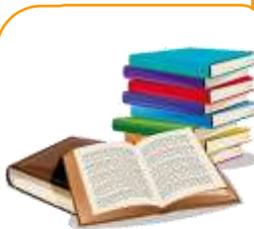
## Important Terms Explained:

- **UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik):** A regional air connectivity scheme launched to make flying affordable and accessible, promoting the growth of aviation in underserved regions.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Civil Aviation (India):**
  - **Union Minister:** K Rammohan Naidu
  - **Founded:** 1947
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Key Statistics of UDAN (as of 2024):**
  - **Operational Routes:** 601
  - **Operational Airports:** 71
  - **Total Passengers Facilitated:** 1.44 crore
  - **Target for 2047:** 350-400 operational airports

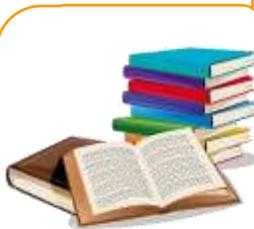


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Scheme Name	UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik)
Launch Date	October 21, 2016
Extension Period	10 years
Target Airports by 2047	350-400 airports
Current Operational Routes	601
Current Operational Airports	71
Passengers Facilitated	1.44 crore
Key Objective	Enhance regional air connectivity and affordability



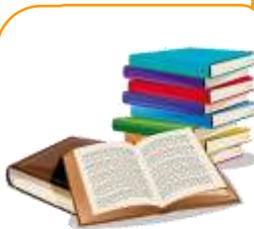
➤ **What is the primary objective of Mission Karmayogi, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- A) To promote lifelong learning for students
- B) To boost infrastructure development
- C) To enhance the skills of public servants through continuous learning
- D) To introduce AI in the private sector
- E) To build new government offices



**Answer**

**C) To enhance the skills of public servants through continuous learning**

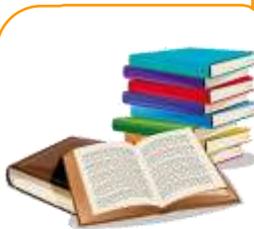


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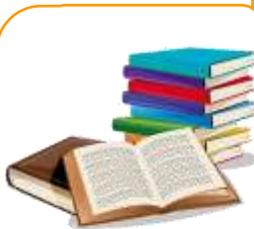
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of National Learning Week (Karmayogi Saptah) under Mission Karmayogi
- **Location:** Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi



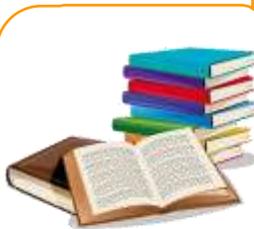
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mission Karmayogi's Purpose:**
  - Launched in September 2020, Mission Karmayogi aims to create a future-ready public service by enhancing the skills of civil servants through continuous learning.
  - It promotes a blend of global thinking with Indian values to ensure public servants contribute effectively to India's development goals.
  - National Learning Week is a key part of this mission, encouraging civil servants to participate in learning programs to upgrade their skills.



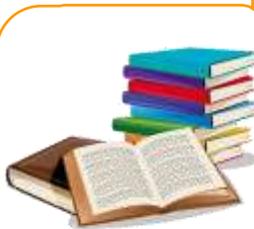
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **AI for Aspirational India:**
  - Prime Minister Modi emphasized the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in transforming governance and urged public servants to explore the potential of AI to contribute to a more Aspirational India.



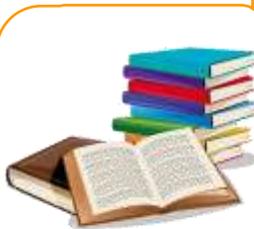
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission Karmayogi:** A government initiative designed to upskill and modernize the Indian public sector workforce through online learning and development programs.
- **National Learning Week (Karmayogi Saptah):** A dedicated week focused on continuous learning for civil servants, featuring courses and webinars on iGOT, an e-learning platform under Mission Karmayogi.



## Static GK Information:

- **India (Government Details):**
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
- **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre:**
  - **Location:** New Delhi
  - **Purpose:** A center dedicated to research, education, and public policy in line with the values of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

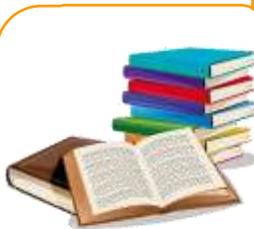


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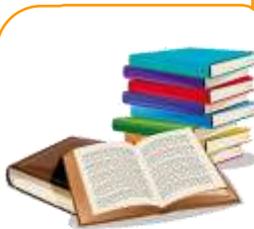
Key Details	Information
Initiative	National Learning Week (Karmayogi Saptah)
Launched Under	Mission Karmayogi
Objective of Mission Karmayogi	Upskill public servants through continuous learning
AI for Aspirational India	AI to drive national progress and innovation
Participants	Government employees (Karmayogis)
iGOT Platform Stats	4 million employees, 1.5 crore certifications, 1,400+ courses
Significance	Builds a future-ready, citizen-centered workforce for India's development goals



- Which state became the first in India to implement subclassification of Scheduled Castes (SC) for job reservations?

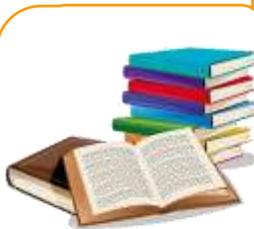
- A) Maharashtra
- B) Haryana
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Gujarat
- E) Punjab

**Answer**  
**B) Haryana**



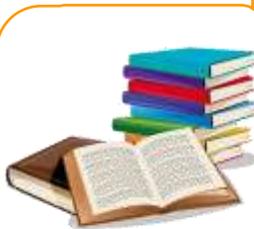
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Haryana becomes the first state to implement subclassification of Scheduled Castes (SCs) for job reservations.
- **Location:** Haryana, India



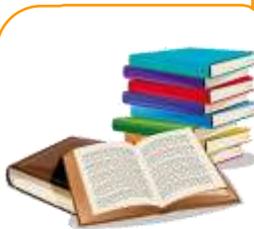
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Subclassifications within SCs:**
  - **Haryana will divide SCs into two categories:**
    - **Deprived Scheduled Castes (DSC):** Includes 36 groups like Balmikis, Dhanaks, Mazhabi Sikhs, and Khatiks.
    - **Other Scheduled Castes (OSC):** Includes groups like Chamar, Jatia Chamar, Rehgar, Raigar, Ramdasi, and Ravidasi.
  - **Quota Division:**
    - Each group (DSC and OSC) will get 50% of the 20% SC reservation in government jobs.



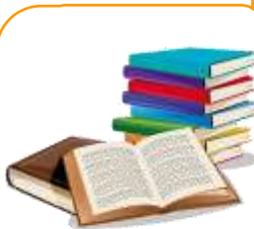
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Reason for Subclassification:**
  - Aimed at providing more equitable representation for deprived groups like the DSCs, which were underrepresented in higher-level jobs (Groups A, B, and C) but overrepresented in Group D jobs (related to sanitation and scavenging).



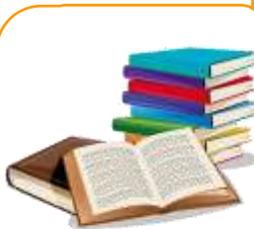
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Deprived Scheduled Castes (DSC):** A subgroup of SCs identified as being significantly underrepresented in government jobs due to social and economic backwardness.
- **Other Scheduled Castes (OSC):** The remaining SC groups, who were found to have better representation in higher-level jobs.



## Static GK Information:

- **Haryana:**
  - **Capital:** Chandigarh
  - **Chief Minister:** Nayab Singh Saini
  - **Governor:** Bandaru Dattatreya
- **Supreme Court of India:**
  - **Founded:** January 28, 1950
  - **Chief Justice:** DY Chandrachud
  - **Location:** New Delhi

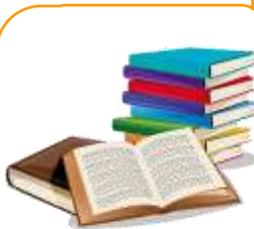


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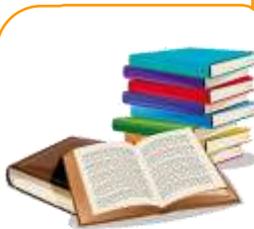
Key Details	Information
State Implementing Subclassification	Haryana
New SC Categories	Deprived Scheduled Castes (DSC) and Other Scheduled Castes (OSC)
SC Quota Distribution	50% for DSC and 50% for OSC in 20% SC reservation
SC Population Distribution	DSC: 52%, OSC: 48%
Rationale	Better representation for the most deprived among SCs
Date of Implementation	October 2024
Court Ruling Enabling Subclassification	Supreme Court of India (August 1, 2024)



➤ Where was India's first-ever coal gallery inaugurated?

- A) Kolkata
- B) Bengaluru
- C) New Delhi
- D) Mumbai
- E) Hyderabad

**Answer**  
**C) New Delhi**

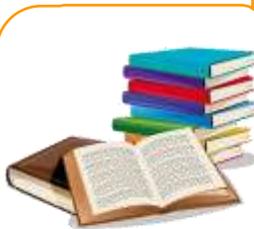


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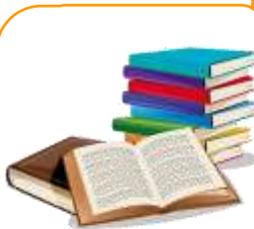
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of India's first-ever coal gallery
- **Location:** National Science Centre, New Delhi
- **Date:** October 2024



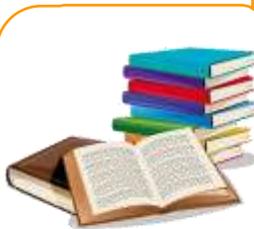
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Exhibition Theme:**
  - Titled “**Black Diamond – Unveiling the Depths**”, the exhibition focuses on the lifespan of coal and provides insights into:
    - The discovery of coal
    - Coal extraction processes
    - Techniques and mining methods used to extract coal and minerals
- **Purpose of the Exhibition:**
  - Aims to offer a real experience of coal and its significance in industries and daily life.



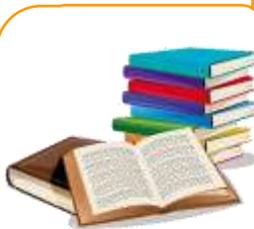
## Important Terms Explained:

- **National Science Centre:** A major science museum in New Delhi, part of the National Council of Science Museums, showcasing exhibitions to promote scientific awareness and learning.



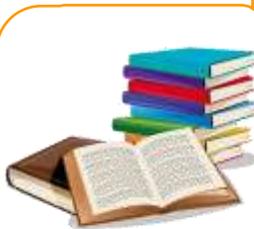
## Static GK Information:

- **National Science Centre, New Delhi:**
  - **Founded:** 1992
  - **Location:** New Delhi, India
  - **Objective:** To spread scientific knowledge and inspire curiosity about science and technology.
- **Union Culture and Tourism Ministry:**
  - **Union Minister:** Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
  - **Minister of State for Coal and Mines:** Satish Chandra Dubey



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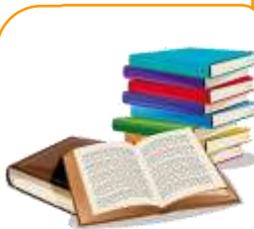
Key Details	Information
Exhibition Name	"Black Diamond – Unveiling the Depths"
Location of Coal Gallery	National Science Centre, New Delhi
Inaugurated By	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Satish Chandra Dubey
Exhibition Focus	Lifespan of coal, extraction techniques, mining of minerals
Visiting Hours	9:30 AM – 6:00 PM daily
Significance	India's first-ever coal gallery provides insight into coal mining



➤ Which district in Madhya Pradesh introduced the 'pink panic buttons and siren system' for enhanced women's safety?

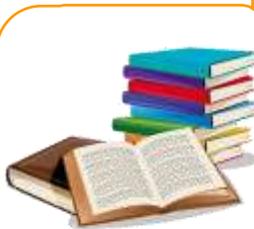
- A) Indore
- B) Datia
- C) Bhopal
- D) Gwalior
- E) Jabalpur

**Answer**  
**B) Datia**



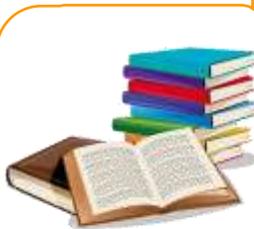
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Installation of 'pink panic buttons and siren system' for women's safety
- **Location:** Datia District Hospital, Madhya Pradesh
- **Introduced By:** Datia Collector Sandeep Mawkin



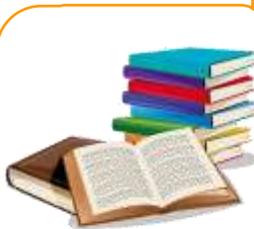
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of the System:**
  - The initiative aims to enhance women's safety by installing panic buttons at seven strategic locations across the Datia District Hospital and Medical College campus.
  - Sirens installed along with these panic buttons will alert the public and law enforcement within a 2 km radius if an emergency occurs.
- **Functionality:**
  - The system allows female doctors, nurses, and patients to quickly access police assistance by triggering an alarm.
  - Once activated, the siren alerts security guards and police, aiming to prevent incidents like sexual harassment before they occur.



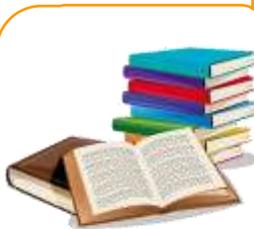
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Panic Button System:** A security feature where users can press a button in case of an emergency, triggering an alarm to alert authorities.
- **CCTV Cameras:** Surveillance cameras that record activity, but often provide evidence only after incidents occur.



## Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh:**
  - **Capital:** Bhopal
  - **Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
  - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel

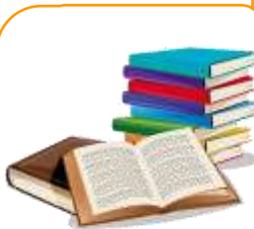


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Initiative Name	Pink panic buttons and siren system
Location	Datia District Hospital, Madhya Pradesh
Initiated By	Sandeep Mawkin (Datia Collector)
Purpose	To ensure women's safety and prevent incidents like sexual harassment
Panic Button Installation	7 locations, 3 sirens, 2 km range
Target Audience	Female doctors, nurses, and patients
Technology Used	Panic buttons, public sirens, CCTV cameras



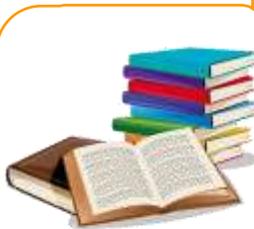
➤ **What is the primary purpose of the eShram – One Stop Solution launched by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya?**

- A) To provide jobs for unemployed youth
- B) To consolidate social security schemes for unorganised workers
- C) To offer free education for workers
- D) To increase wages for government employees
- E) To provide digital banking services



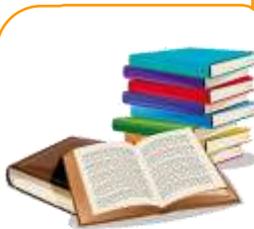
**Answer**

**B) To consolidate social security schemes for unorganised workers**



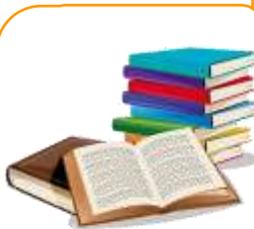
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of eShram – One Stop Solution
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Launched By:** Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Labour & Employment



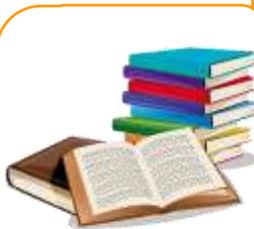
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of eShram – One Stop Solution:**
  - Aims to provide seamless access to various social security schemes for unorganised workers registered on the eShram portal.
  - Simplifies the registration process for workers, enabling them to easily connect with government welfare schemes and improve their livelihoods.
  - Integrates key schemes such as One Nation One Ration Card, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Social Assistance Programme, and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan.



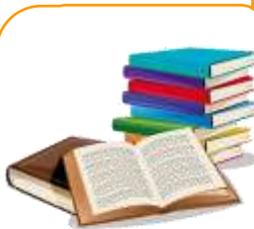
## Important Terms Explained:

- **eShram Portal:** Launched in August 2021 by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, this platform serves as a central database for unorganised workers to register and access welfare schemes.
- **One Stop Solution:** Consolidates and integrates data from various Central Ministries/Departments to ensure last-mile connectivity for the unorganised sector.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Labour & Employment (India):**
  - **Founded:** 1946
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Union Minister:** Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
  - **Minister of State:** Sushri Shobha Karandlaje

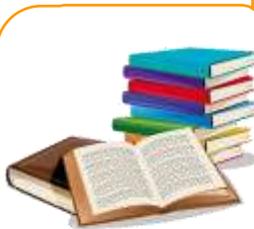


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## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Initiative Name	eShram – One Stop Solution
Launched By	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Location	New Delhi, India
Objective	Seamless access to social security schemes for unorganised workers
Key Integrated Schemes	One Nation One Ration Card, MGNREGA, PM Shram Yogi Maandhan
Total Workers Registered on eShram	Over 30 crore
Significance	Empowers unorganised workers by connecting them with welfare schemes

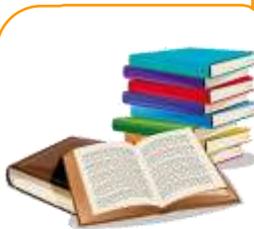


➤ **What is the name of India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) celebrated on Namo Bharat Diwas?**

- A) Delhi Metro
- B) Namo Bharat Trains
- C) Mumbai Monorail
- D) Chennai MRTS
- E) Kolkata Metro

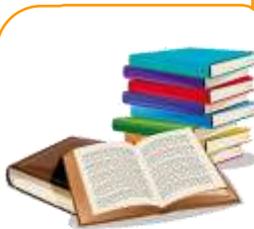
**Answer**

**B) Namo Bharat Trains**



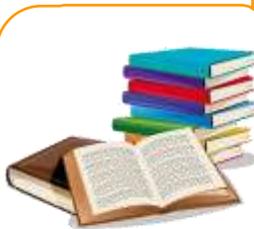
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Namo Bharat Diwas celebrates the first anniversary of Namo Bharat Train operations
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date of Celebration:** 21 October 2024



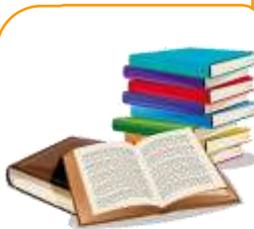
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Namo Bharat Trains:**
  - India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), launched on 20 October 2023 with a 17-kilometer section between Sahibabad and Duhai Depot.
  - Further expanded to cover 42 kilometers, with nine operational stations including Ghaziabad, Duhai, Modinagar, and Meerut South.
  - The next phase will extend the corridor to 54 kilometers, connecting Sahibabad to New Ashok Nagar.



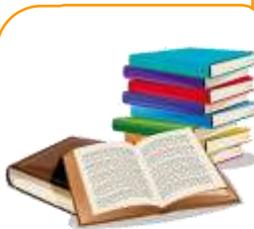
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Features of RRTS:**
  - Provides high-speed connectivity between suburban areas, reducing commute times, and supporting sustainable urban transport solutions.
  - Aims to position India as a leader in urban transport with efficient and rapid commuting options.



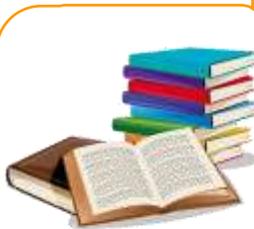
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS):** A high-speed rail-based transport system connecting suburban areas to cities, reducing travel time over longer distances.



## Static GK Information:

- **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC):**
  - **Founded:** 2013
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Managing Director:** Shalabh Goel
- **India's Urban Transport Rank:**
  - India currently ranks third in the world for the longest metro network and is on track to surpass the United States.

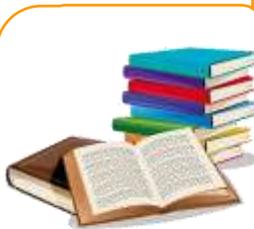


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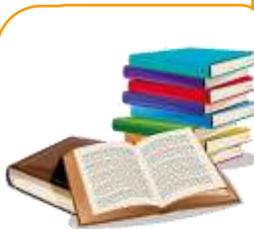
Key Details	Information
Event Name	Namo Bharat Diwas
Celebration Reason	First anniversary of Nammo Bharat Train operations
Train System	Namo Bharat Trains (India's first RRTS)
Operational Corridor	42 km, 9 stations
Next Extension	To 54 km, connecting Sahibabad to New Ashok Nagar
Significance	High-speed suburban connectivity, supporting sustainable transport
Inaugurated By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi (October 2023)



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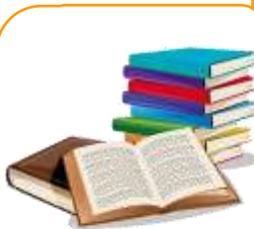
- **World Iodine Deficiency Day on 21st October raises awareness on iodine's role in preventing IDD.**
- **Amelia Kerr excelled with bat and ball to lead New Zealand to their first ICC Women's T20 World Cup win.**
- **Yang Ji-in and Liu Yukun named ISSF Athletes of the Year 2024 for their outstanding performances.**
- **Bala Devi becomes the first Indian woman footballer to score 50 international goals at SAFF 2024.**
- **Vasant Anant Gadgil, renowned Sanskrit scholar and founder of Sharda Gyan Peetham, passed away at 94 in Pune.**
- **PB Financial Account Aggregators Private Ltd, a subsidiary of PB Fintech, received RBI approval to begin Account Aggregator operations.**
- **Freo enters the insurance market after securing an IRDAI Corporate Agent License, expanding its digital finance offerings.**



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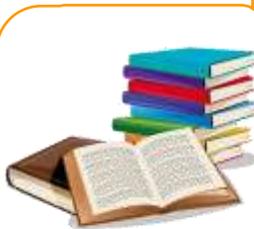
- **Adar Poonawalla acquires 50% stake in Dharma Productions for ₹1000 crore, partnering with Karan Johar.**
- **Abhyuday Jindal appointed President of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) at the 2024 Annual Plenary Session.**
- **Himanshu Pathak appointed as the Director-General Designate of ICRISAT, becoming the first Indian to lead the institute.**
- **Vikram Dev Dutt assumes charge as Coal Secretary of India, focusing on boosting coal production to meet growing power demands.**
- **India and Oman concluded Naseem Al Bahr naval exercise from October 13-18, 2024, off Goa coast.**
- **Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps conducts Swavlamban Shakti exercise at Jhansi to enhance combat readiness.**
- **India and Singapore to co-chair the 6th Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi on October 22, 2024, to strengthen defence ties.**



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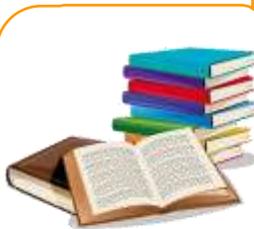
- **The 12th Joint Military Training (JMT) between IAF and RSAF began at Kalaikunda, West Bengal, enhancing bilateral air defence collaboration.**
- **PM Modi inaugurates Rewa, Saharanpur, and Ambikapur airports under RCS-UDAN to boost regional connectivity.**
- **UDAN scheme extended for 10 more years, targeting 350-400 operational airports by 2047.**
- **Mission Karmayogi aims to enhance public servants' skills through continuous learning and AI adoption.**
- **Haryana becomes India's first state to implement subclassification of Scheduled Castes (SC) for job reservations.**
- **India's first-ever coal gallery titled "Black Diamond" inaugurated at National Science Centre, New Delhi.**
- **Datia District in Madhya Pradesh launches pink panic button system to boost women's safety in hospitals.**



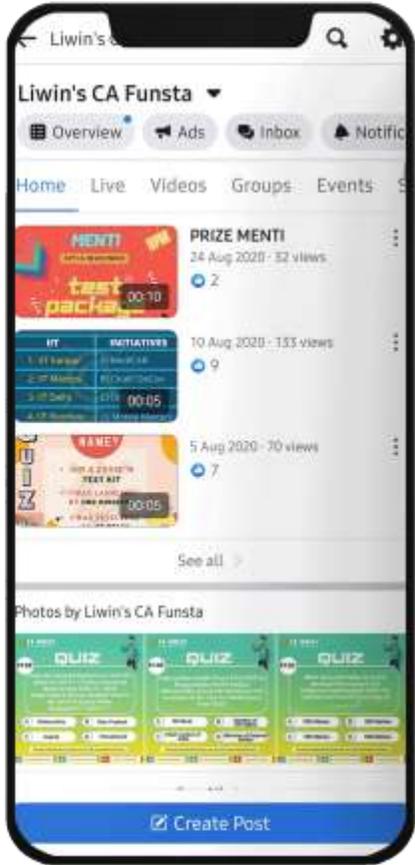
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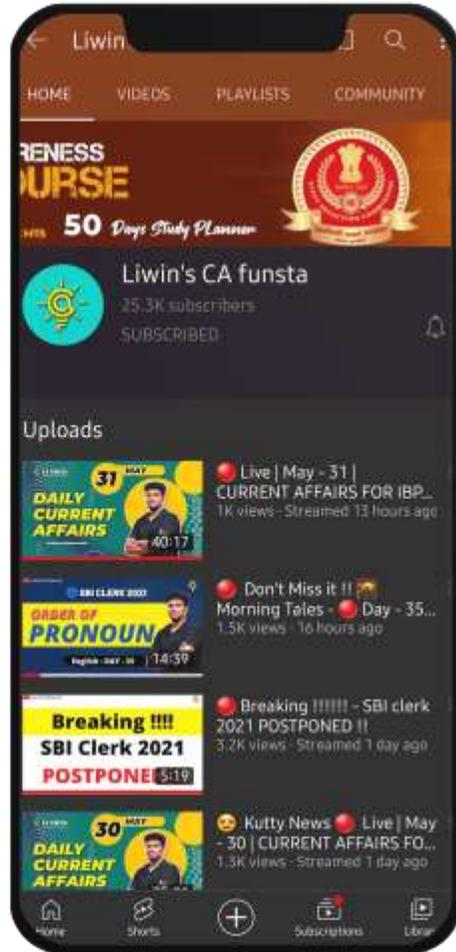
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