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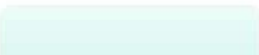


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- **Which of the following is true about the ADB's \$500 million loan for India?**
- A) The entire amount is dedicated solely to solar rooftop installations.
 - B) Punjab National Bank is managing the loan for all green infrastructure projects.
 - C) It supports both renewable energy and climate-resilient infrastructure projects.
 - D) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited will oversee solar rooftop projects.
 - E) The loan is exclusively funded by ADB with no other contributors.



Answer

C) It supports both renewable energy and climate-resilient infrastructure projects.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of \$500 million loan by ADB for renewable energy and climate-resilient infrastructure in India.
- **Location:** Across India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Focus Areas:**
 - Expanding renewable energy capacity through solar rooftop systems.
 - Developing infrastructure that can withstand natural disasters like floods and cyclones.
- **Contribution to Climate Goals:**
 - Aligns with India's commitment under the Paris Agreement to reduce emissions and increase non-fossil fuel power.
 - Addresses India's climate financing gap, which exceeds \$1 trillion.



Key Highlights:

- **Solar Rooftop Systems:**
 - Part of India's target to achieve 40 GW of solar rooftop capacity under the National Solar Mission.
 - **Funding breakdown:**
 - \$330 million from ADB
 - \$170 million from the Clean Technology Fund
 - **Impact:** Reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 11 million tons over the systems' lifetime.



Key Highlights:

- **Climate-Resilient Infrastructure:**
 - Supports infrastructure capable of withstanding floods, droughts, and cyclones.
 - Funding managed by India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) for projects in energy, urban development, education, and healthcare.
- **Private Sector and Sustainability:**
 - Encourages private investment in sustainable infrastructure.
 - A sustainability unit will integrate green technologies into infrastructure projects.



ADB's Commitment to India:

- ADB supports India's climate goals by financing projects that align with **the Paris Agreement** and reduce emissions intensity.
- This funding bridges the gap between India's growing infrastructure needs and environmental challenges posed by climate change.



Static GK Information:

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
 - **Headquarters:** Manila, Philippines
 - **Founded:** 1966
 - **President:** Masatsugu Asakawa
 - **Members:** 68 (including 48 from Asia-Pacific)
- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Atul Kumar Goel
 - **Tagline:** The Name You Can Bank Upon
- **India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman & MD:** Padmanabhan Raja Jaishankar



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Loan Amount	\$500 million approved by ADB
Focus Areas	Solar rooftop systems and climate-resilient infrastructure
Funding Breakdown	\$330 million from ADB, \$170 million from Clean Technology Fund
Solar Target	40 GW of solar rooftop capacity under National Solar Mission
Key Entities Involved	Punjab National Bank (PNB), India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)
Environmental Impact	11 million tons of CO ₂ emissions reduction over solar systems' lifetime
Paris Agreement Alignment	Supports India's target to reduce emissions and enhance non-fossil fuel power



➤ Which of the following is true about Baroda Mahila Swavalamban and Baroda Smart OD schemes?

- A) Baroda Mahila Swavalamban offers loans only up to ₹5 crore.
- B) Baroda Smart OD is exclusively for large enterprises.
- C) Baroda Mahila Swavalamban is tailored for women entrepreneurs.
- D) Both schemes have a tenure of more than 12 months.
- E) Baroda Smart OD provides loans starting at ₹1 crore.



Answer

C) Baroda Mahila Swavalamban is tailored for women entrepreneurs.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Baroda Mahila Swavalamban and Baroda Smart OD schemes.
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Baroda Mahila Swavalamban:**
 - Specifically designed for women entrepreneurs.
 - Offers competitive interest rates starting at 9.15%, linked to BRLLR.
 - **Loan range:** ₹20 lakh to ₹7.5 crore.
 - For loans up to ₹5 crore, no additional collateral is required if secured under CGTMSE.
 - **Eligibility:** Enterprises must have 51% ownership by women, registered under UDYAM and GST.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Baroda Smart OD:**
 - **A digital overdraft facility** for GST-registered MSMEs.
 - **Loan range:** ₹50,000 to ₹25 lakh.
 - Interest rates start at 10% per annum.
 - **Tenure:** 12 months.
 - Straight-Through Processing ensures quick and efficient access to funds.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE):**
 - Facilitates collateral-free lending by providing credit guarantees to financial institutions for loans extended to MSMEs.
- **Repo Linked Lending Rate (BRLLR):**
 - Ensures transparency in interest rates by linking lending rates directly to the RBI's repo rate.



Static GK Information:

- **Bank of Baroda**
 - **Founded:** 1908
 - **Headquarters:** Vadodara, Gujarat
 - **CEO:** Sanjiv Chadha



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Scheme Names	Baroda Mahila Swavalamban, Baroda Smart OD
Launch Date	December 6, 2024
Location	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Target Groups	Women entrepreneurs (Mahila Swavalamban), GST-registered MSMEs (Smart OD)
Loan Amount (Mahila Swavalamban)	₹20 lakh to ₹7.5 crore
Loan Amount (Smart OD)	₹50,000 to ₹25 lakh
Significance	Promote financial inclusion and support MSME growth, focusing on women and digital access.



➤ **What was the key factor behind the decline in India's retail inflation to 5.48% in November 2024?**

- A) Decline in core inflation
- B) Increase in industrial output
- C) Cooling food prices, especially vegetables
- D) Lower prices of consumer durables
- E) Strong monsoon conditions



Answer

C) Cooling food prices, especially vegetables



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's retail inflation eased to 5.48% in November 2024.
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Retail Inflation:**
 - Retail inflation fell to 5.48% in November from 6.21% in October 2024.
 - Brought inflation back within the RBI's target range of 2%-6%.
- **Primary Driver:**
 - Easing food inflation, particularly a decline in vegetable prices.
 - Vegetable inflation dropped from 42% in October to 29% in November 2024.
- **Impact:**
 - Speculation of a potential RBI rate cut in February 2025 if inflation continues to moderate.



Key Highlights:

- **Food Inflation:**
 - Food inflation declined to 9.04% in November from 10.87% in October 2024.
 - **Key drivers:** Vegetables, though some items like potatoes, carrots, and garlic maintained double-digit inflation.
- **Industrial Output Growth:**
 - Industrial production grew by 3.5% in October 2024, driven by consumer durables and garments.
 - Weakness persists in core sectors like mining and electricity.



Key Highlights:

- **RBI and Rate Cut Speculation:**
 - RBI's decision depends on December's inflation data, with analysts predicting further easing to around 5%.
- **Future Outlook:**
 - Inflation could approach 4% by FY25, though global and food price volatility remain risks.



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **Governor:** Sanjay Malhotra
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Founded:** 1935
- **Inflation Target Range (RBI):** 2%-6%



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Retail Inflation (Nov 2024)	5.48%, a decline from 6.21% in October 2024.
Food Inflation	Declined from 10.87% (Oct) to 9.04% (Nov), driven by easing vegetable prices.
Vegetable Inflation	Dropped from 42% (Oct) to 29% (Nov), leading the overall decline.
Industrial Output Growth	3.5% in October 2024, driven by consumer durables and garments.
RBI Inflation Target	2%-6%
RBI Rate Cut Speculation	Potential rate cut in February 2025 if inflation continues to moderate.



➤ Which sector showed the highest growth in India's industrial output for October 2024?

- A) Basic metals
- B) Mining
- C) Electrical equipment
- D) Consumer durables
- E) Electricity

Answer

C) Electrical equipment



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Industrial output growth slowed to 3.5% in October 2024.
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Industrial Output Performance:**
 - Growth of 3.5% in October 2024, compared to 11.9% in October 2023.
 - The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) stood at 149.9 (October 2024), up from 144.9 (October 2023).



Sectoral Performance:

- **Manufacturing Sector:**
 - Grew by 4.1% in October 2024 (down from 10.6% in October 2023).
 - **Top contributors in manufacturing:**
 - **Electrical equipment:** 33.1% growth (highest).
 - **Basic metals:** 3.5% growth.
 - **Coke and refined petroleum products:** 5.6% growth.
- **Mining Sector:** Marginal growth of 0.9%.
- **Electricity Sector:** Grew by 2.0%.



Use-Based Classification Growth:

- **Infrastructure/construction goods: 4.0%.**
- **Consumer durables: 5.9%.**
- **Capital goods: 3.1%.**
- **Intermediate goods: 3.7%.**
- **Consumer non-durables: 2.7%.**
- **Primary goods: 2.6%.**



Year-to-Date Trends (April-October 2024):

- **Industrial output growth:** 4.0%, down from 7.0% during the same period in 2023.

Employment and Economic Implications:

- The manufacturing sector contributes over **three-fourths** to the IIP, playing a critical role in job creation.
- Growth in **capital goods** suggests potential for increased investment and multiplier effects.

Outlook:

- The next IIP data release for **November 2024** is scheduled for **January 10, 2025**.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**
 - **Founded:** 1999
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Rao Inderjit Singh



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
IIP Growth (October 2024)	3.5% (down from 11.9% in October 2023)
Manufacturing Growth	4.1%
Mining Growth	0.9%
Electricity Growth	2.0%
Top Performing Industry Group	Electrical equipment: 33.1% growth
Use-Based Classification	Consumer durables (5.9%), Infrastructure goods (4.0%), Capital goods (3.1%)
April-October Growth (2024)	4.0% (down from 7.0% in the same period in 2023)



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➤ **Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of TransUnion CIBIL?**

- A) Rajesh Kumar
- B) Todd Skinner
- C) Bhavesh Jain
- D) V. Anantharaman
- E) Sanjay Malhotra

Answer

C) Bhavesh Jain



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of **Bhavesh Jain** as the MD & CEO of TransUnion CIBIL.
- **Location:** India



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Leadership Transition:

- **Outgoing Leader:**
 - Rajesh Kumar, who served as MD & CEO for 5 years, resigned after an impactful tenure, including steering the company through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Incoming Leader:**
 - Bhavesh Jain, previously the Chief Revenue Officer at TransUnion CIBIL, brings decades of financial services experience.



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Bhavesh Jain's Background:

- **Professional Experience:**
 - Served in senior roles at Citi, Kone, and Thomson Reuters.
 - Worked as Chief Revenue Officer at TransUnion CIBIL for 5 years.
- **Education:**
 - Bachelor's degree in engineering from VESIT.
 - Master's in management studies from the Welingkar Institute of Management.
 - Completed the Senior Executive Leadership Program at Harvard Business School.



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Static GK Information:

- **TransUnion CIBIL**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Founded:** 2000
 - **Chairman:** V. Anantharaman
 - **New MD & CEO:** Bhavesh Jain



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
New MD & CEO	Bhavesh Jain
Outgoing Leader	Rajesh Kumar (resigned after 5 years)
Professional Background	Jain served as Chief Revenue Officer at TransUnion CIBIL for 5 years; roles at Citi, Kone, Thomson Reuters.
Educational Background	Engineering (VESIT), Management (Welingkar), Leadership Program (Harvard).
Company Role	Serves MSMEs, NBFCs, housing finance firms, microfinance companies, insurers.
Strategic Focus	Financial inclusion, credit access, and strengthening trust in the digital economy.



➤ **What is the target year for the establishment of India's Bharat Antariksha Station?**

- A) 2026
- B) 2030
- C) 2035
- D) 2040
- E) 2045

Answer
C) 2035



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of India's plans to establish **Bharat Antariksha Station** by 2035.
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Bharat Antariksha Station:**
 - India's first space station, targeted for completion by 2035.
 - Positions India among an elite group of nations with independent space stations.
- **Moon Mission by 2040:**
 - India aims to land an astronaut on the Moon by 2040, showcasing its growing capabilities in space exploration.
- **Gaganyaan Mission:**
 - India's first human spaceflight program to send an astronaut into space by late 2024 or early 2026.



Key Highlights:

- **Satellite Launch Success:**
 - India has launched 432 foreign satellites, with nearly 90% completed in the last decade from Sriharikota.
 - Demonstrates India's advanced satellite launch capabilities.
- **Deep Sea Mission:**
 - Aims to send humans to explore depths of 6,000 meters as part of a broader marine exploration initiative.
- **Biotechnology E3 Policy:**
 - Focuses on integrating biotechnology for economic growth, sustainability, and employment generation.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
 - **Founded:** 1969
 - **Chairman:** S. Somanath



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Space Station Target	Bharat Antariksha Station to be established by 2035
Moon Mission Target	India to land an astronaut on the Moon by 2040
Gaganyaan Mission Timeline	First human spaceflight expected by late 2024 or early 2026
Satellite Launches	432 foreign satellites launched, 90% in the past decade
Deep Sea Mission	Human exploration of 6,000 meters depth under marine exploration plans
Biotechnology Policy	E3 Policy emphasizes economic growth, employment, and sustainability



➤ **Which of the following is true about the 22nd Divya Kala Mela?**

- A) It was held at Connaught Place, New Delhi.
- B) The event showcased talents only from artisans in Delhi.
- C) Over 100 Divyang participants from 20 states and UTs participated.
- D) It was held under the theme "Digital Empowerment of Divyangjan."
- E) No cultural programs were part of the event.



Answer

C) Over 100 Divyang participants from 20 states and UTs participated.



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 22nd Divya Kala Mela
- **Location:** India Gate, New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- Organized by **the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)** and **the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC)**.
- Supported by **the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
- Aims to promote **the economic independence and artistic talents** of Divyangjan.
- Showcases products and talents under **the Vocal for Local initiative**, boosting visibility for artisans with disabilities.



Key Highlights:

- **Participants:** Over 100 Divyang entrepreneurs from 20 states/UTs.
- **Products Displayed:** Handicrafts, handlooms, eco-friendly items, organic foods, toys, jewelry, home decor, and more.
- **Cultural Events:**
 - Daily performances by Divyang artists in music and dance.
 - **Grand finale:** Divya Kala Shakti on December 22, 2024, with the theme “Ability in Disability.”
- **Economic Impact:**
 - Since its inception in 2022, the Mela has generated over ₹14 crores in sales.
 - It boosts societal awareness about the abilities of persons with disabilities.



Government's Commitment to Inclusivity:

- Highlights the government's focus on promoting **inclusivity and economic empowerment** for persons with disabilities.
- Union Minister **Dr. Virendra Kumar** and **MoS Shri Ramdas Athawale** emphasized the government's resolve to improve conditions for Divyangjan.



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Empowerment of PwDs**
 - **Founded:** 2012
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC)**
 - **Founded:** 1997
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**
 - **Union Minister:** Dr. Virendra Kumar



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event Name	22nd Divya Kala Mela
Location	India Gate, New Delhi
Dates	December 12–22, 2024
Chief Guest	Dr. Virendra Kumar
Participants	100+ Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans from 20 states/UTs
Significance	Promotes entrepreneurial and artistic talents of persons with disabilities.
Products Displayed	Handicrafts, handlooms, eco-friendly products, organic foods, jewelry, toys.
Cultural Highlights	Daily cultural performances by Divyang artists; Grand finale: Divya Kala Shakti
Theme	“Ability in Disability”



➤ Which of the following statements about Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary is correct?

- A) Ratapani is India's 58th tiger reserve.
- B) Ratapani was declared under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
- C) It is located in the state of Rajasthan.
- D) The declaration process involved NTCA and Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- E) Ratapani is not part of Project Tiger.



Answer

D) The declaration process involved NTCA and Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Declaration of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary as India's 57th tiger reserve.
- **Location:** Madhya Pradesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- Tiger reserves are designated areas established under **Project Tiger (1973)** to conserve tigers and their habitats.
- Ratapani was declared under **Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.**
- Aims to protect tigers, mitigate climate change impacts, and promote biodiversity.



Key Highlights:

- **Tiger Reserve Process:**
 - **State-Level Identification:** Areas with viable tiger populations are identified.
 - **NTCA Proposal Review:** The proposal is submitted to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), which evaluates it.
 - **Legal Notification:** After public objections, the state issues final approval under Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
 - **Management Plans:** Habitat improvement, anti-poaching measures, and community engagement are planned under Project Tiger.



Key Highlights:

- **India's Tiger Conservation Achievements:**
 - Total of 57 tiger reserves across 82,000 sq. km (2.3% of India's geographical area).
 - As of NTCA's 2022 report, India hosts 3,167 wild tigers, accounting for 70% of the global population.
- **Environmental Impact of Tiger Reserves:**
 - Prevented loss of 5,800 hectares of forest between 2007 and 2020.
 - Averted 1 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions, contributing to climate mitigation.



Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Bhopal
 - **Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel
- **NTCA**
 - **Abbreviation:** National Tiger Conservation Authority
 - **Founded:** 2005
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Bhupender Yadav (Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change)



Static GK Information:

- **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**
 - Enacted to provide protection for wildlife and their habitats in India.
 - Section 38V pertains to the legal process for declaring tiger reserves.
- **Project Tiger**
 - **Launched:** April 1, 1973
 - **First Reserve:** Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand
 - **Objective:** To protect and increase tiger populations and conserve their ecosystems.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event Name	Declaration of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve
Location	Madhya Pradesh
Date of Declaration	December 2024
Legal Framework	Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
Tiger Reserves in India	57 tiger reserves covering 82,000 sq. km
India's Tiger Population	3,167 tigers as per NTCA 2022 report
Environmental Significance	Tiger reserves prevent deforestation and reduce CO ₂ emissions.



➤ **Which of the following is correct regarding the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana announced by the Delhi government?**

- A) It provides ₹1,000 per month to women aged 18 and above.
- B) Registrations for the scheme start after the Delhi Assembly elections.
- C) The scheme aims to empower women financially with ₹2,100 monthly aid.
- D) Only women employed in government jobs are eligible for the scheme.
- E) It is fully funded by the Central Government.



Answer

C) The scheme aims to empower women financially with ₹2,100 monthly aid.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.
- **Location:** Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Financial empowerment of women by providing a monthly aid of ₹2,100 (increased from ₹1,000).
- **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - Women aged 18 and above.
 - Not employed in government jobs.
 - Not paying GST or income tax.
- **Budget Allocation:** ₹2,000 crore allocated under the Delhi government's budget.
- **Target Beneficiaries:** Approximately 45 lakh women in Delhi.



Key Highlights:

- **Registration Start Date:** December 13, 2024.
- **Aid Disbursal:** The aid will begin post-elections.
- **Political Impact:**
 - Strategically aimed at mobilizing women voters in the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections (February 2024).
 - The scheme mirrors the Ladli Behna schemes in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, which led to electoral success for the BJP.
- **Opposition's Criticism:**
 - The BJP accused AAP of making unfulfilled promises similar to those in Punjab during 2022.



Financial Context:

- **Funding:** Fully supported by the Delhi government's budget.
- **Allocation Size:** ₹2,000 crore earmarked for implementation.



Static GK Information:

- **Delhi**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Chief Minister:** Arvind Kejriwal
 - **Lieutenant Governor:** Vinai Kumar Saxena



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Scheme Name	Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana
Financial Aid	₹2,100 per month (increased from ₹1,000)
Registration Start Date	December 13, 2024
Target Beneficiaries	Women aged 18 and above, not in government jobs or paying taxes
Budget Allocation	₹2,000 crore
Expected Beneficiaries	45 lakh women
Launch Context	Ahead of Delhi Assembly elections (February 2024)
Opposition's Criticism	BJP raised doubts over scheme feasibility citing similar unfulfilled promises in Punjab



➤ Which of the following is true about Uttar Pradesh's initiatives in cow welfare and milk production?

- A) Uttar Pradesh currently leads India in cow milk production.
- B) Yogi Adityanath's initiatives focus only on foreign cow breeds.
- C) Veterinary colleges are being established in Gorakhpur and Bhadohi.
- D) Uttar Pradesh's cow milk production is entirely from indigenous breeds.
- E) No land reserves are planned for animal housing under current initiatives.



Answer

C) Veterinary colleges are being established in Gorakhpur and Bhadohi.



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uttar Pradesh's initiatives to lead in cow milk production and cow welfare.
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Cow Welfare Priorities:**
 - Rescuing stray cows.
 - Providing incentives to herders.
 - Ensuring regular vaccination and breed improvement.
- **Promotion of Indigenous Breeds:**
 - Focus on enhancing milk quality through natural adaptations to the Indian climate.
 - Conservation of indigenous breeds supported by Gorakshapeeth and government initiatives.



Key Highlights:

- **Current Status of Milk Production:**
 - Uttar Pradesh produces 5.29 million tonnes of milk annually, second in India.
 - **Breakdown:**
 - 4.2 million tonnes from indigenous and mixed breeds.
 - 1.7 million tonnes from foreign breeds.
 - **Contribution:** 16% of India's total milk production.



Key Highlights:

- **Infrastructure Developments:**
 - Veterinary colleges being established in Gorakhpur and Bhadohi.
 - Gorakhpur Veterinary College:
 - **Budget:** ₹350 crore.
 - **Area:** 80-acre campus.
 - **Completion Year:** 2026.
 - Aimed to serve as a research hub for improving cow productivity.
- **Future Goals:**
 - Uttar Pradesh aims to become India's top producer of cow milk.
 - Focus on creating adequate land reserves for animal housing, pastures, and Gau Sarovar (animal water bodies).



Static GK Information:

- **Uttar Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Lucknow
 - **Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath
 - **Governor:** Anandiben Patel
- **Gorakshapeeth**
 - **Location:** Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
 - **Role:** Dedicated to preserving indigenous cow breeds and promoting cow welfare.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event Name	Uttar Pradesh's initiatives in cow welfare and milk production
Annual Milk Production	5.29 million tonnes (4.2 million from indigenous/mixed, 1.7 million foreign)
Contribution to India	16% of total milk production
Infrastructure Development	Veterinary colleges in Gorakhpur and Bhadohi
Future Goal	To become India's top producer of cow milk
Special Initiatives	Land for animal housing, pastures, and Gau Sarovar



➤ **What is the primary objective of the AP Urjaveer Scheme 2024?**

- A) To provide free energy-efficient appliances to the public.
- B) To train electricians as advocates for energy-efficient appliances.
- C) To manufacture energy-saving devices within Andhra Pradesh.
- D) To replace all incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs by 2025.
- E) To set up renewable energy plants in rural areas.



Answer

B) To train electricians as advocates for energy-efficient appliances.



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of **the AP Urjaveer Scheme 2024.**
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- The scheme aims to **enhance energy efficiency and sustainability** across the state.
- In collaboration with **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, the program focuses on **training private electricians** and promoting energy-efficient appliances.



Key Highlights:

- **Training of Electricians:**
 - 1,12,000 electricians will be trained under the scheme.
 - They will be taught to market six types of energy-efficient appliances:
 - 6W LED bulbs
 - 20W LED tube lights
 - 30W BLDC ceiling fans
 - 5-star air conditioners
 - Induction cooking stoves
 - 10W LED inverter lamps



Key Highlights:

- **Role of Urjaveers:**
 - Trained electricians, referred to as Urjaveers, will:
 - Form a statewide network.
 - Educate the public about energy-efficient products.
 - Promote the adoption of energy-saving technologies by explaining their benefits.
- **Integration with Other Initiatives:**
 - Supports the National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP).
 - Complements energy solutions under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).



Key Highlights:

- **Expected Outcomes:**
 - Increased public awareness of energy conservation.
 - Promoted use of advanced energy-efficient technologies.
 - Positive economic impact and reduced energy consumption.



Static GK Information:

- **Andhra Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Amaravati
 - **Chief Minister:** Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
 - **Governor:** S. Abdul Nazeer
- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Founded:** 2009
 - **CEO:** Vishal Kapoor



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Scheme Name	AP Urjaveer Scheme 2024
Focus	Enhancing energy efficiency and sustainability in Andhra Pradesh
Target Group	Private electricians
Number of Electricians Trained	1,12,000
Appliances Promoted	LED bulbs, tube lights, BLDC fans, 5-star ACs, induction stoves, inverter lamps
Collaborating Entity	Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)
Integration with Other Initiatives	National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP), PMAY
Long-term Vision	Sustainable development through energy efficiency



➤ **What was the primary focus of PM Narendra Modi's visit to Prayagraj on December 13, 2024?**

- A) Launching new AI-based education platforms
- B) Inspecting preparations for Maha Kumbh 2025
- C) Inaugurating Vishwanath Dham Project
- D) Announcing Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2.0
- E) Declaring Ayodhya's tourism development plan



Answer

B) Inspecting preparations for Maha Kumbh 2025



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi inaugurated projects worth ₹5,500 crore in preparation for Maha Kumbh 2025.
- **Location:** Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Infrastructure Development:**
 - Launch of new flyovers, riverfront roads, and upgraded ghats.
 - Projects for seamless water and electricity access to pilgrims.
- **Spiritual Corridors:**
 - Hanuman Mandir Corridor, Akshay Vat Corridor, and Bharadwaj Ashram Corridor inaugurated.
- **Cleanliness and Awareness:**
 - Namami Gange Programme accelerated.
 - Over 15,000 sanitation workers deployed for Maha Kumbh.
- **Technological Integration:**
 - Introduction of Kumbh Sahayak Chatbot, supporting 11 languages.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Namami Gange Programme:**
 - Government initiative for rejuvenation and cleanliness of the Ganga River.
- **Kumbh Sahayak Chatbot:**
 - AI-powered tool offering multilingual support for Maha Kumbh updates and guidance.
- **Maha Kumbh Mela:**
 - A globally significant spiritual event held every 12 years, fostering unity and faith.



Static GK Information:

- **Uttar Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Lucknow
 - **CM:** Yogi Adityanath
 - **Governor:** Anandiben Patel



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	PM Modi's development project launch in Prayagraj
Location	Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
Date	December 13, 2024
Chief Guest	PM Narendra Modi
Focus	Maha Kumbh 2025 preparations
Technological Highlight	Launch of Kumbh Sahayak Chatbot
Infrastructure Projects	₹5,500 crore for roads, ghats, and corridors



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- **ADB approved \$500 million for solar rooftops and green infrastructure in India.**
- **Bank of Baroda launched Baroda Mahila Swavalamban for women entrepreneurs and Baroda Smart OD for MSMEs.**
- **India's retail inflation dropped to 5.48% in November 2024, within RBI's target range.**
- **India's industrial output grew by 3.5% in October 2024, down from 11.9% in 2023.**
- **Bhavesh Jain appointed MD & CEO of TransUnion CIBIL, succeeding Rajesh Kumar.**
- **India to establish Bharat Antariksha Station by 2035, becoming a leader in space exploration.**
- **22nd Divya Kala Mela held at India Gate, New Delhi, from December 12-22, 2024.**



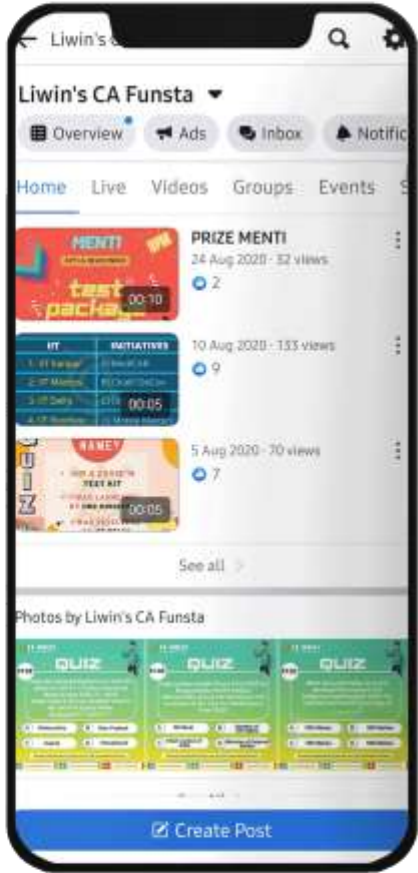
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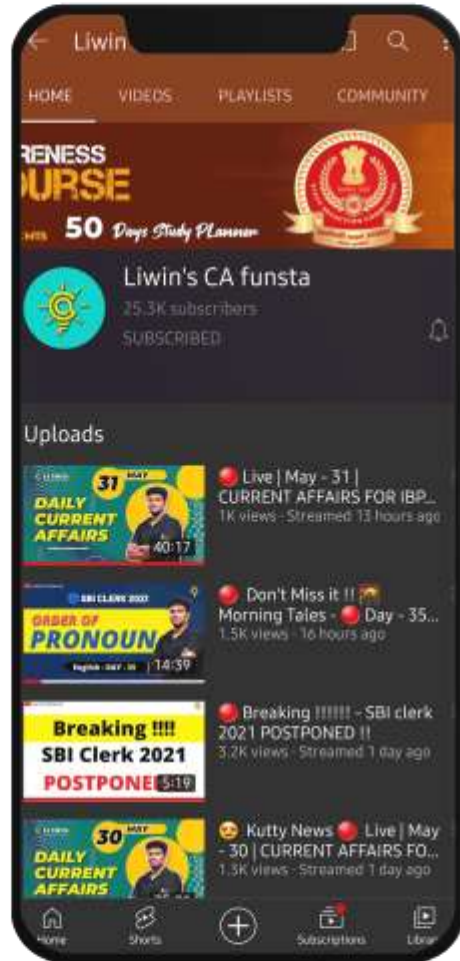
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- **Delhi launches Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana, offering ₹2,100/month aid to eligible women.**
- **Uttar Pradesh is set to become India's top cow milk producer with 5.29 million tonnes annually.**
- **Andhra Pradesh launched the AP Urjaveer Scheme 2024, training 1,12,000 electricians as Urjaveers.**
- **PM Modi launched ₹5,500 crore projects for Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj.**



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