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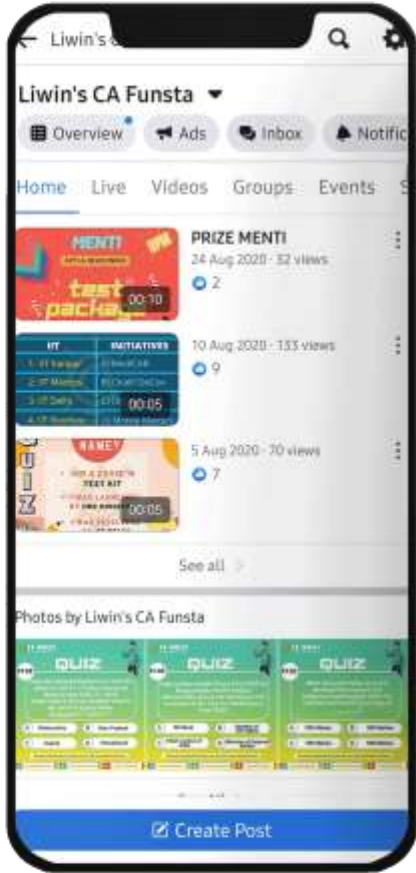
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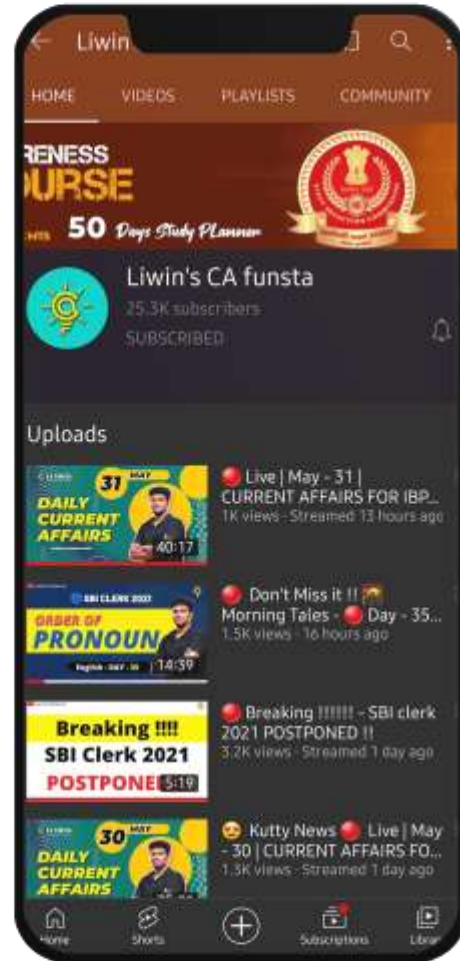
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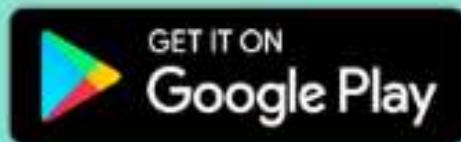
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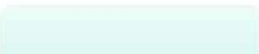
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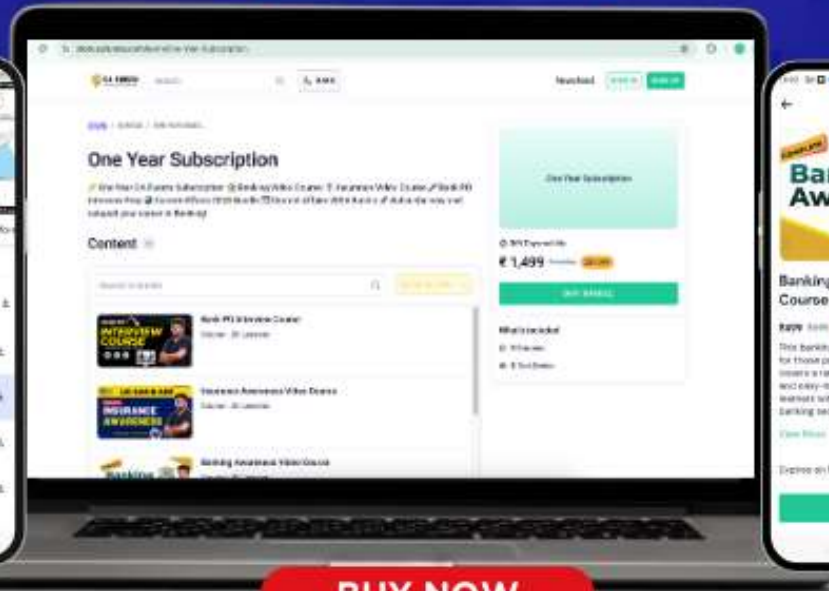
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# Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of the 15<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day (NVD) celebration in 2025?**

- A) "Empowering Democracy, One Vote at a Time"
- B) "Every Vote Matters, Make It Count"
- C) "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure"
- D) "Celebrating Democracy, Honoring Voters"
- E) "Proud to Vote, Proud to Serve"



**Answer**

**C) "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure"**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 15<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day (NVD) celebration.
- **Date:** January 25, 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi, India





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Commemorates the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (January 25, 1950).
- **Theme:** “Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure,” emphasizing active voter participation.
- **Significance:**
  - Celebrates the successful conduct of the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections with 99.1 crore voters.
  - Highlights increased Electoral Gender Ratio from 948 (2024) to 954 (2025).
  - Focuses on engaging young voters, with 21.7 crore electors aged 18-29 years.



# Important Days



## Key Highlights of the Event:

- **Chief Guest:** Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu.
- **Guest of Honour:** Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State for Law and Justice.
- **Awards:** Best Electoral Practices Awards presented to officials for innovative voter outreach and accessible elections.



# Important Days



## Key Highlights of the Event:

- **Publications:**
  - **"India Votes 2024"**: A coffee table book presented to the President by Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar.
  - **"Belief in the Ballot"**: A curated set of human interest stories from the 2024 elections.
- **Media Launches:**
  - A preview of "India Decides," a docu-drama series by Warner Bros Discovery.
  - A multimedia exhibition showcasing key aspects of 2024 Lok Sabha Elections.





# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Electoral Gender Ratio:** The number of female voters per 1,000 male voters in electoral rolls.
- **EPIC (Elector Photo Identity Card):** A voter ID issued to eligible citizens for identification during elections.
- **National Voters' Day (NVD):** Observed annually on January 25 to promote electoral participation and voter awareness.



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect      | Details   |
|-----------------|---|
| Event           | 15 <sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day (NVD) celebration.                      |
| Date            | January 25, 2025  |
| Location        | New Delhi, India  |
| Theme           | "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure"  |
| Chief Guest     | Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu   |
| Guest of Honour | Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal  |
| Special Focus   | Honoring voters, promoting young voter enrollment, celebrating voter turnout. |



# RANKING



➤ Which country has the highest public pension wealth in 2025, according to the Global SWF 2025 report?

- A) Japan
- B) Canada
- C) USA
- D) Netherlands
- E) China

**Answer**  
**C) USA**





# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Global SWF 2025 report highlighting public pension wealth rankings.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** Worldwide



# RANKING



## Top 10 Countries in Public Pension Wealth (2025):

- **USA:** \$11,760 billion – Leads with the largest public pension funds, reflecting a strong social security system.
- **Japan:** \$2,066 billion – Home to the Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF), the world's largest pension fund (\$15.93 trillion in assets).
- **Canada, Netherlands, and Australia:** Known for sustainable and inclusive pension systems.
- **India's Position:** Ranks 14th with \$305 billion, highlighting significant gaps in pension inclusivity and sustainability.



## India's Pension System Challenges:

- **Low Coverage:** Informal sector workers (75% of employment) lack pension benefits.
- **Economic Inequality:** Unequal income distribution limits pension access.
- **Absence of Universal Pensions:** Rural and marginalized populations remain vulnerable post-retirement.





## Unified Pension Scheme (UPS):

- **Implementation:** Effective April 1, 2025, after approval in August 2024.
- **Objective:**
  - Provide assured pensions to government employees.
  - Streamline and enhance pension system efficiency.
  - Boost financial inclusivity.



## Global Trends in Pension Wealth:

- **Japan's GPIF:** Known for its robust management and long-term stability focus.
- **Gold Reserves:** Central banks, including the **RBI**, are diversifying reserves to safeguard pension wealth against inflation and economic uncertainties.



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect          | Details   |
|---------------------|---|
| Event               | Top 10 countries in public pension wealth (2025).   |
| Date                | January 22, 2025                                    |
| Location            | Worldwide   |
| Leader              | USA (\$11,760 billion in public pension funds).     |
| India's Rank        | 14th globally with \$305 billion in pension wealth. |
| Key Reform in India | Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) effective April 2025.  |



# RANKING



➤ Which country secured the second position in the Edelman Trust Barometer 2025 rankings?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Indonesia
- D) UAE
- E) Canada

**Answer**  
**C) Indonesia**





# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India slips to the third position in the Edelman Trust Barometer 2025 rankings.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** Global



## Key Highlights of the Rankings:

- **India's Position:** Slipped from 2nd to 3rd place globally despite its trust score remaining unchanged.
- **Top 3 Countries:**
  1. **China** (77% trust score)
  2. **Indonesia** (76% trust score)
  3. **India** (75% trust score)
- **Developing vs. Developed Nations:**
  1. Developing nations lead in institutional trust, with UAE (72%) and India among the top.
  2. Developed nations like Japan (37%), Germany (41%), and US (47%) lag in trust levels.



## Trust Gaps in India:

- **High-Income Group:** India ranks 4th globally, with 80% trust.
- **Low-Income Group:** India ranks 3rd, with 65% trust.
- **Gap:** 15% disparity reflects economic inequality impacting trust in institutions.



# RANKING



## Global Concerns Highlighted in the Report:

- 1. Mistrust in Leaders:** 69% fear misinformation from government and business leaders.
- 2. Economic Inequality:**
  - 67% believe the wealthy avoid fair taxation.
  - 65% blame the wealthy for societal problems.
- 3. Polarization:**
  - 53% of youth approve hostile activism, including online attacks and violence.
- 4. Employer Trust:** Employers remain the most trusted institutions globally (75% trust level).





# RANKING



## Implications for India:

- Address economic inequality to maintain public trust.
- Combat disinformation and polarization to strengthen institutional credibility.



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect         | Details  |
|--------------------|--|
| Event              | India slips to 3rd place in Edelman Trust Barometer 2025 rankings. |
| Date               | January 22, 2025   |
| Top 3 Rankings     | 1. China 2. Indonesia 3. India                                     |
| Trust Gap in India | 15% between high-income (80%) and low-income (65%) groups.         |
| Employer Trust     | Globally the most trusted institution (75%).                       |



➤ **What is the significant change in the RBI's revised settlement norms for Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)?**

- A) Removal of board approval for settlement policies.
- B) Exemption of accounts below ₹1 crore from IAC review.
- C) Elimination of judicial consent for ongoing recovery cases.
- D) Mandatory upfront payment for all settlements.
- E) Introduction of a standard settlement policy for ARCs.



**Answer**

**B) Exemption of accounts below ₹1 crore from IAC review**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI eases settlement norms for ARC, resolutions could quicken.
- **Date:** January 21, 2025
- **Location:** India





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Revised guidelines aim to expedite the resolution process for distressed assets.
- **Policy Requirements:** ARCs must frame a board-approved settlement policy defining processes.
- **Eligibility for IAC Exemption:** Accounts with aggregate value  $\leq$  ₹1 crore no longer require IAC review.
- **Fraud Cases:** Accounts flagged as fraud or wilful defaults require mandatory IAC scrutiny, regardless of amount.
- **Judicial Consent:** Required for cases with ongoing recovery litigation.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs):** Entities specializing in acquiring and managing distressed assets, aiming to recover dues through restructuring or resolution strategies.
- **Independent Advisory Committee (IAC):** A body of professionals with financial, legal, or technical expertise, now only mandatory for high-value or fraud-related cases.



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect         | Details   |
|--------------------|---|
| Event              | RBI eases settlement norms for ARCs, resolutions could quicken. |
| Date               | January 21, 2025  |
| Location           | India   |
| Chief Objective    | To accelerate distressed asset resolution processes.            |
| Significant Change | Accounts $\leq$ ₹1 crore exempted from IAC review.              |



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **What is the current position assigned to senior IPS officer Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal?**

- A) Commissioner of Police, Chennai
- B) Special Director General of Police, Armed Police, Tamil Nadu
- C) Additional Director General (ADG) of Border Security Force (BSF)
- D) Director General of Police (DGP), Tamil Nadu
- E) Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Enforcement Bureau



**Answer**

**C) Additional Director General (ADG) of  
Border Security Force (BSF)**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal appointed as BSF ADG.
- **Date:** January 19, 2025
- **Location:** India





# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Appointment:** Senior IPS officer Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal (1994-batch, Tamil Nadu cadre) has been appointed as the Additional Director General (ADG) of the Border Security Force (BSF).
- **Term:** Four years from the date he assumes charge or until further orders.
- **Authority:** Appointment confirmed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).



# APPOINTMENTS



## Career Highlights:

- **Current Role Prior to BSF:** Served as Special Director General of Police (Armed Police), Tamil Nadu.
- **Key Positions Held:**
  - Commissioner of Police, Chennai and Madurai.
  - Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Enforcement Bureau, Tamil Nadu.
- **Promotion:** Elevated to the rank of Director General of Police (DGP) on December 29, 2024.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Notable Incidents:

- **Kallakurichi Hooch Tragedy (2024):**
  - Transferred after over 60 deaths due to spurious liquor consumption.
  - Faced scrutiny for similar incidents in Marakkanam and Chengalpattu (2023).



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect | Details                                     |
|------------|---|
| Event      | Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal appointed ADG of BSF. |
| Date       | January 19, 2025                            |
| Location   | India                                       |
| Position   | Additional Director General (ADG), BSF      |
| Cadre      | Tamil Nadu (1994 batch IPS officer)         |
| Term       | Four years or until further orders.         |



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court in 2025?**

- A) Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya
- B) Justice Alok Aradhe
- C) Justice N.V. Ramana
- D) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- E) Justice S.A. Bobde

**Answer**

**B) Justice Alok Aradhe**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Justice Alok Aradhe appointed as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** Bombay High Court, Maharashtra





# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Appointment Confirmation:** Issued by the Central Government based on the Supreme Court Collegium's recommendation (January 7, 2025).
- **Previous Position:** Justice Alok Aradhe served as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court (appointed in 2023).



# APPOINTMENTS



## Judicial Career Highlights:

- **Madhya Pradesh High Court:**
  - Appointed as Additional Judge in December 2009.
  - Elevated to Permanent Judge in February 2011.
- **Jammu and Kashmir High Court:**
  - Served as Acting Chief Justice from 2015 to 2018.
- **Telangana High Court:**
  - Appointed Chief Justice in 2023, contributing through key judgments and reforms.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Significance of the Appointment:

- **Strategic Move:** Strengthen judicial leadership in **the Bombay High Court**, which handles significant commercial, constitutional, and public interest litigations.
- **Pivotal Role:** Expected to enhance the court's functioning and administrative efficiency.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect               | Details   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Event                    | Justice Alok Aradhe appointed Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court. |
| Date                     | January 22, 2025  |
| Previous Position        | Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.                            |
| Collegium Recommendation | Issued on January 7, 2025.  |
| Judicial Career          | Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Telangana High Courts.               |
| Significance             | Strengthen leadership in one of India's busiest high courts.          |



➤ **What significant milestone has DRDL achieved in hypersonic technology development?**

- A) Successful flight test of a hypersonic missile
- B) Ground test of Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor for 120 seconds
- C) Development of reusable hypersonic vehicle
- D) Collaboration with the USA on hypersonic weapons
- E) Creation of world's first hypersonic wind tunnel



**Answer**

**B) Ground test of Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor for 120 seconds**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** DRDL successfully conducts a 120-second ground test of an Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** Hyderabad, India





## Key Highlights of the Achievement:

- **Scramjet Engine Role:** Scramjet engines are air-breathing propulsion systems capable of sustained combustion at supersonic speeds.
- **Hypersonic Missiles:** Designed to travel at speeds greater than Mach 5 (>5,400 km/hr), making them extremely difficult to intercept with current air defense systems.



## Key Highlights of the Achievement:

- **Ground Test Achievements:**
  - **Successful Ignition and Combustion:** Demonstrated stable combustion at air speeds exceeding 1.5 km/s.
  - **Flame Stabilization:** A novel technique was developed to maintain flame stability during high-speed airflow.
  - **Advanced Simulations:** CFD tools accurately predicted and enhanced engine performance.



## Innovations and Contributions:

- **Indigenous Scramjet Fuel:** Jointly developed by DRDL and Indian industry, the endothermic fuel improves thermal management and ensures reliable ignition.
- **Thermal Barrier Coating (TBC):**
  - Designed using advanced ceramic materials to withstand extreme temperatures.
  - Enhances engine durability and operational efficiency.



## Strategic Implications:

- Positions India among global leaders in hypersonic technology alongside the USA, Russia, and China.
- Advances India's defense capabilities, supporting the development of next-generation hypersonic missiles.



# DEFENCE

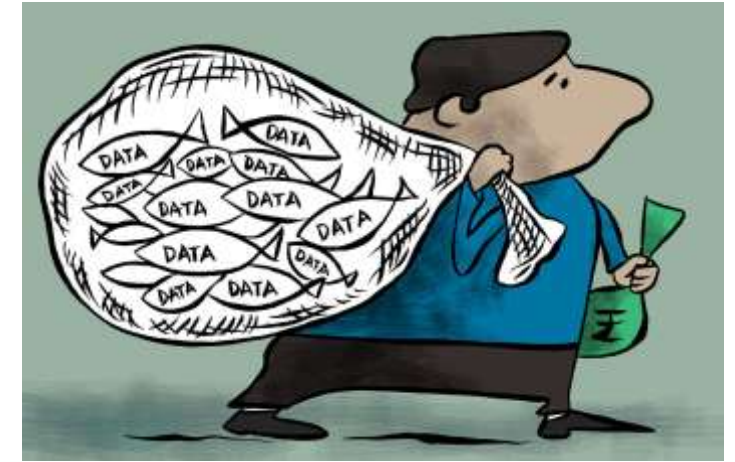


## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect           | Details   |
|----------------------|---|
| Event                | Successful ground test of Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor by DRDL.     |
| Date                 | January 22, 2025  |
| Location             | Hyderabad, India  |
| Achievement          | 120-second stable combustion in a scramjet engine.                      |
| Key Innovations      | Indigenous endothermic scramjet fuel, thermal barrier coating (TBC).    |
| Strategic Importance | Positions India as a global leader in hypersonic propulsion technology. |



- **What milestone has eSankhyiki, India's data dissemination platform, achieved in just seven months of its launch?**
- A) Integration of AI-powered search capabilities.
  - B) Surpassing 134 million records in its repository.
  - C) Becoming a member of the United Nations Statistical Commission.
  - D) Introduction of personalized dashboards and interactive infographics.
  - E) Addition of 2,291 datasets in the Data Catalogue section.



**Answer**

**B) Surpassing 134 million records in its repository.**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** eSankhyiki surpasses 100 million records milestone.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Milestone Achieved:** eSankhyiki reached 134 million records in its repository within seven months of its launch in June 2024.
- **Purpose:** To provide a comprehensive platform for statistical data dissemination supporting evidence-based policymaking.
- **Development:** Built using open-source tools and in-house expertise.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Modules:**
  - **Data Catalogue Module:** Catalogues major data assets for ease of access and reusability, with over 2,291 datasets.
  - **Macro Indicators Module:** Provides time-series data on key macro indicators with visualization and filtering tools.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Global Role:** Demonstrates India's leadership as a member of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in statistical excellence and data democratization.
- **Future Plans:** Expand datasets, integrate AI-powered search, and offer advanced features like personalized dashboards and interactive infographics.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **eSankhyiki:**
  - A data dissemination platform developed by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
  - Provides user-friendly tools for filtering, visualizing, and exporting data.
- **United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC):**
  - The apex body for coordinating global statistical activities and setting international standards.
  - India is an active member, demonstrating its commitment to open data and governance.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NAS (National Accounts Statistics):**
  - Provides macroeconomic data on India's economic activities.
  - Covers GDP estimates, national income, and savings.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect          | Details   |
|---------------------|---|
| Event               | eSankhyiki surpasses 100 million records milestone.                   |
| Date                | January 22, 2025  |
| Location            | New Delhi, India  |
| Launch Date         | June 2024   |
| Key Milestone       | 134 million records in the repository.                                |
| Modules             | Data Catalogue Module, Macro Indicators Module.                       |
| Future Enhancements | AI-powered search, personalized dashboards, interactive infographics. |





➤ **What is the objective of the "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman" campaign launched at Prayagraj?**

- A) To celebrate India's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence anniversary.
- B) To promote awareness about the Indian Constitution and legal rights.
- C) To commemorate the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj.
- D) To inspire youth towards entrepreneurship.
- E) To release a movie about India's constitutional journey.



**Answer**

**B) To promote awareness about the Indian Constitution and legal rights.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman" campaign launch at Maha Kumbh, Prayagraj.
- **Date:** January 24, 2025
- **Location:** Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Campaign Name:** "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman" (HS2).
- **Objective:** Raise awareness about the Indian Constitution and legal rights of citizens.
- **Significance:**
  - Marks the conclusion of a year-long campaign celebrating India's 75th Republic anniversary.
  - Encourages citizens' contribution to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Initiatives Under HS2:**
  - **Panch Pran Pledge:** Over 1.3 lakh citizens pledged commitment to nation-building via MyGov.
  - **Gram Vidhi Chetna Initiative:** Law students conducted awareness drives, benefiting 21,000+ citizens.
  - **Nari Bhagidari Initiative:** Over 70 lakh participants engaged in webinars promoting women's legal rights.
  - **Nav Bharat Nav Sankalp Campaign:** Interactive competitions for youth, fostering responsibility.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Regional Events:** Conducted in Bikaner (Rajasthan), Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh), and Guwahati (Assam).
- **Maha Kumbh Context:** The event coincides with the Maha Kumbh at Sangam Nagri, Prayagraj, enhancing its cultural and spiritual significance.



## Highlights of the Concluding Event:

- **Achievement Booklet:** Documents the campaign's milestones.
- **2025 Calendar:** Features themes and activities from the campaign.
- **Movie Release:** Showcases the journey of HS2.
- **Guest of Honor:**
  - Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law and Justice (Independent Charge).
  - Swami Chidanand Saraswati Ji and Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati Ji from Parmarth Niketan.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman:** A year-long campaign launched on January 24, 2024, by the Vice President of India to promote constitutional values.
- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** A vision for a developed India by its 100th year of Independence.
- **Maha Kumbh:** One of the world's largest spiritual gatherings, held in Prayagraj at the confluence of the **Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers.**





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect  | Details   |
|-------------|---|
| Event       | "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman" campaign launch.        |
| Date        | January 24, 2025  |
| Location    | Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh                                    |
| Occasion    | Conclusion of the year-long HS2 campaign during Maha Kumbh. |
| Chief Guest | Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal                                      |
| Objective   | Promote awareness about the Constitution and legal rights.  |



➤ **What target has Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal set for the number of GI tags to be achieved by 2030?**

- A) 1,000 GI tags
- B) 5,000 GI tags
- C) 10,000 GI tags
- D) 15,000 GI tags
- E) 20,000 GI tags

**Answer**

**C) 10,000 GI tags**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal sets a target of 10,000 GI tags by 2030.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Target:** Achieve 10,000 Geographical Indication (GI) tags by 2030.
- **Current Status:** As of now, 605 GI tags have been issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- **Oversight:** A committee will be constituted to oversee the implementation of this target.
- **IPR Ecosystem Growth:**
  - Authorized GI tag users increased from 365 to 29,000 in 10 years.
  - Patents granted grew from 6,000 to 1,00,000 in the same period.



## Key Initiatives Discussed:

- **Anusandhan National Research Foundation Fund:**  
Promotes innovation and research.
- **One District One Product (ODOP):** Highlights unique products from each district.
- **Better Branding for GI Products:**
  - Collaboration with FSSAI and BIS to improve quality standards and prevent counterfeiting.
  - Partnerships with private sectors and organizations like railways and airports for marketing GI products.



## Key Initiatives Discussed:

- **E-Commerce Integration:**
  - GI-tagged products may be listed on GeM, ONDC, and other e-commerce platforms.
  - Promotion through Indian embassies abroad, similar to ODOP initiatives.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Geographical Indication (GI):**
  - A tag identifying products that originate from specific regions and have unique qualities due to geographical, cultural, or traditional factors (e.g., Darjeeling Tea, Pashmina Shawls).
- **GeM (Government e-Marketplace):** An online procurement platform for government purchases.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce):** A network promoting open access to digital commerce.
- **FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India):** Regulates food safety standards in India.
- **BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards):** Establishes quality benchmarks for various products and services.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect          | Details  |
|---------------------|--|
| Event               | Commerce Minister sets target of 10,000 GI tags by 2030.       |
| Date                | January 22, 2025   |
| Location            | New Delhi, India   |
| Current GI Tags     | 605  |
| Target for 2030     | 10,000   |
| Oversight Mechanism | Committee to be constituted for implementation.                |
| Supporting Schemes  | ODOP, Anusandhan Fund, e-commerce integration for GI products. |



➤ **What significant milestone is being marked by the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao movement in 2025?**

- A) Launch of a new scheme for girl child education
- B) 10 years since its inception
- C) Introduction of gender equality awards
- D) Expansion to all districts of India
- E) Achievement of 100% literacy for girls

**Answer**

**B) 10 years since its inception**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister marks 10 years of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao movement.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Address gender biases, improve the child sex ratio, and ensure girls have access to education and opportunities.
- **Achievements:**
  - Significant improvements reported in districts with historically low child sex ratios.
  - Increased grassroots participation, turning the initiative into a people-powered movement.
- **Key Message:**
  - Prime Minister emphasized the importance of continuing efforts to protect the rights of daughters, ensuring their education, and creating a discrimination-free society.



## Prime Minister's Remarks:

- Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao has become a transformative initiative with participation across all walks of life.
- Awareness campaigns have deepened the understanding of **gender equality** and reduced gender biases.
- Stakeholders at the grassroots level have been instrumental in the movement's success.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect  | Details   |
|-------------|---|
| Event       | 10-year celebration of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao movement.                       |
| Date        | January 22, 2025  |
| Location    | India   |
| Objective   | Address gender bias, improve child sex ratio, and promote girl child education. |
| Achievement | Significant improvements in districts with low child sex ratios.                |
| Launched On | January 22, 2015  |



➤ **What is the primary goal of the UNESCO and MeitY consultation on AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM)?**

- A) To promote AI startups globally
- B) To create a diagnostic tool for AI funding
- C) To align India's AI ecosystem with global ethical standards
- D) To establish UNESCO's AI policy in India
- E) To set up AI research centers across India



**Answer**

**C) To align India's AI ecosystem with global ethical standards**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** UNESCO and MeitY host AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) consultation.
- **Date:** January 16-17, 2025
- **Location:** IIT Bangalore and NASSCOM AI office, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Goal:** Align India's AI ecosystem with global ethical standards and foster responsible AI adoption.
- **AI RAM Purpose:**
  - A diagnostic tool to assess AI infrastructure, legislation, and stakeholder engagement.
  - Identify growth opportunities for India's AI governance and innovation.
- **Stakeholders:** Participants included representatives from government, academia, industry, and civil society.



## Key Highlights:

- **Focus on Ethics:** Emphasized transparency, inclusiveness, and fairness in AI development.
- **Startups' Role:** Recognized startups as key drivers of India's AI innovation.
- **UNESCO's Guidance:** Aligns with UNESCO's Global Recommendation on the Ethics of AI, promoting safety and accountability.



## India's AI Initiatives:

- **INDIAai Mission: Backed by ₹10,000 crore, focusing on:**
  - **Safe and Trusted AI:** Ethical practices and robust governance tools.
  - **Self-assessment Frameworks:** Empowering innovators and ensuring responsible deployment of AI solutions.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect         | Details  |
|--------------------|--|
| Event              | UNESCO and MeitY AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) consultation. |
| Date               | January 16-17, 2025  |
| Location           | IIIT Bangalore and NASSCOM AI office, India                              |
| Primary Goal       | Align India's AI ecosystem with global ethical standards.                |
| Key Tool           | AI RAM – Assesses AI ecosystem strengths and governance opportunities.   |
| India's Initiative | INDIAai Mission with ₹10,000 crore funding for Safe and Trusted AI.      |



➤ **What is the primary focus of the 1<sup>st</sup> Olympic Research Conference hosted in Gujarat?**

- A) Promoting Indian athletes globally
- B) Strategies for India's 2036 Olympics bid
- C) Organizing international sports leagues
- D) Strengthening bilateral sports agreements
- E) Establishing new training academies in Gujarat



**Answer**

**B) Strategies for India's 2036 Olympics bid**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat hosts the 1st Olympic Research Conference.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** Gujarat, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Goal:** Develop strategies and innovative economic models to support India's bid for the 2036 Olympics.
- **Organized By:** Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.





## Key Themes:

- 1. 2036 Vision:** Charting India's readiness to host the Olympics.
- 2. Global Best Practices:** Insights from previous Olympic host cities on urban legacy and infrastructure.
- 3. Economic Models:** Exploring public-private partnerships and sustainable funding for hosting the Olympics.
- 4. Sustainability:** Focus on eco-friendly venues and reducing the event's carbon footprint.
- 5. Gender Equity:** Strategies for inclusivity in sports across all disciplines.



## Key Participants:

- **PT Usha:** President of IOA and a celebrated athlete.
- **Gagan Narang:** Vice-President of IOA and Olympic medalist.
- **Olympic Experts:** Renowned scholars and practitioners sharing insights on event management and governance.



## Key Focus Areas:

- **Sustainable Sports Infrastructure:** Adoption of green technologies and eco-friendly practices.
- **Urban Legacy:** Long-term benefits for cities, such as infrastructure and global visibility.
- **Positioning India Globally:** Highlighting India's cultural heritage and advancements in technology as competitive advantages.



## Outcome:

- The strategies and insights developed during the conference will shape India's comprehensive proposal to **the International Olympic Committee (IOC)**, showcasing India's capabilities and vision to host the 2036 Olympics.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect       | Details  |
|------------------|--|
| Event            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Olympic Research Conference                      |
| Date             | January 22, 2025   |
| Location         | Gujarat, India   |
| Primary Focus    | Strategies for India's 2036 Olympics bid                         |
| Key Participants | PT Usha, Gagan Narang, Olympic experts                           |
| Themes           | Sustainability, economic models, gender equity, and urban legacy |
| Outcome          | Insights to shape India's Olympic bid for 2036                   |



➤ **What is the primary objective of the Rs 10,000 annual aid scheme launched by the Chhattisgarh CM?**

- A) To provide subsidies for agricultural inputs
- B) To offer financial aid to landless agricultural labourers
- C) To promote skill development programs
- D) To create new job opportunities in urban areas
- E) To increase government revenue through taxation



**Answer**

**B) To offer financial aid to landless agricultural labourers**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Chhattisgarh CM launches Rs 10,000 annual aid scheme for labourers.
- **Date:** January 22, 2025
- **Location:** Chhattisgarh, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Scheme Objective:** Provide Rs 10,000 annually to improve the financial stability of 7.5 lakh landless agricultural labourers.
- **Purpose:** Fulfill a pre-poll promise to support marginalized sections and ensure economic upliftment.
- **Beneficiaries:** Landless agricultural labourers across the state.





## Key Features of the Scheme:

- **Target Group:** Vulnerable sections of agricultural workers without landholdings.
- **Support Focus:** Consistent financial assistance to enhance livelihoods.
- **Alignment with Other Schemes:** Continues the state's welfare initiatives like **the Godhan Nyay Yojana and Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana**, aimed at rural economic support.



## Impact:

- **Economic Stability:** Offers direct financial relief to labourers, improving their quality of life.
- **Political Significance:** Demonstrates the CM's commitment to fulfilling electoral promises, strengthening public trust ahead of future elections.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Aspect       | Details  |
|------------------|--|
| Event            | Launch of Rs 10,000 annual aid scheme for labourers. |
| Date             | January 22, 2025                                     |
| Location         | Chhattisgarh, India                                  |
| Beneficiaries    | 7.5 lakh landless agricultural labourers.            |
| Objective        | Financial aid for livelihood improvement.            |
| Previous Schemes | Godhan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana.  |



# QUICK RECALL



- **15th National Voters' Day to be celebrated on January 25, 2025.**
- **USA leads public pension wealth rankings with \$11.76 trillion.**
- **India ranks 3rd in Edelman Trust Barometer 2025; China and Indonesia lead.**
- **RBI revises ARC guidelines to expedite asset resolution.**
- **Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal appointed as BSF ADG for a four-year term.**
- **Justice Alok Aradhe appointed Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court in 2025.**
- **DRDL successfully tests an Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor for 120 seconds.**



# QUICK RECALL



- eSankhyiki reaches 134 million records within seven months of its June 2024 launch.
- "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman" celebrates India's Constitution and citizen awareness.
- Commerce Minister targets 10,000 GI tags by 2030.
- Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao celebrates 10 years of empowering girl children in India.
- UNESCO and MeitY collaborate to align India's AI ecosystem with global ethical standards.
- Gujarat hosts the 1st Olympic Research Conference to boost India's 2036 Olympics bid.
- Chhattisgarh CM launches a Rs 10,000 annual aid scheme for 7.5 lakh landless labourers.





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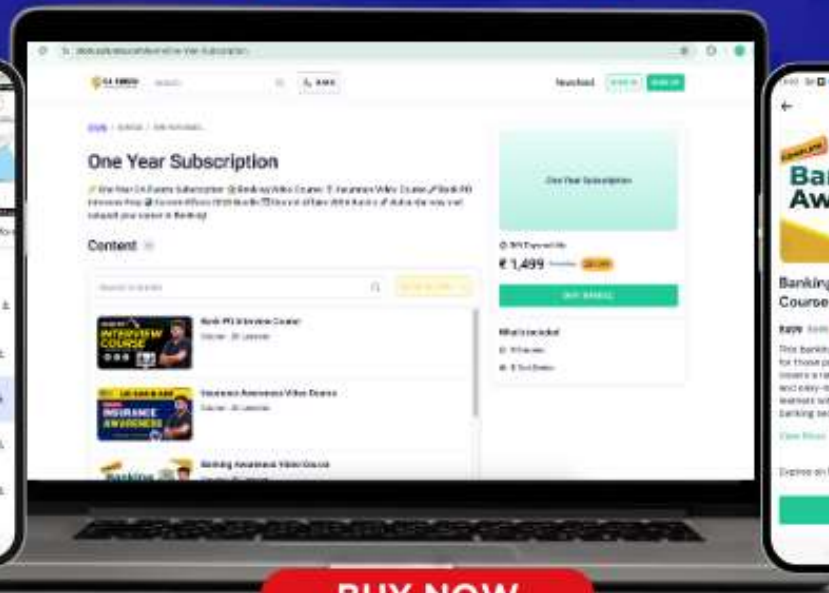


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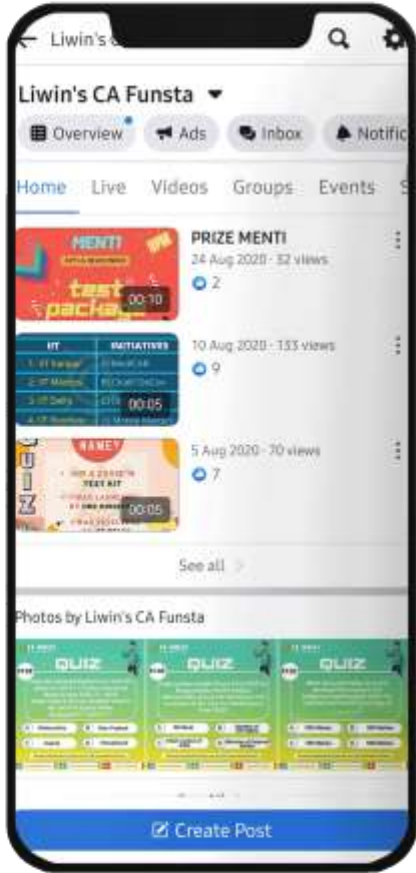
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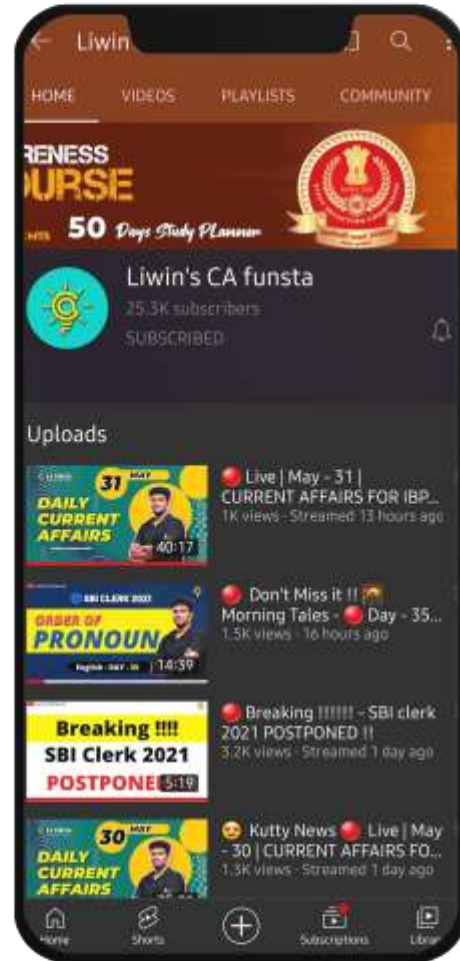
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