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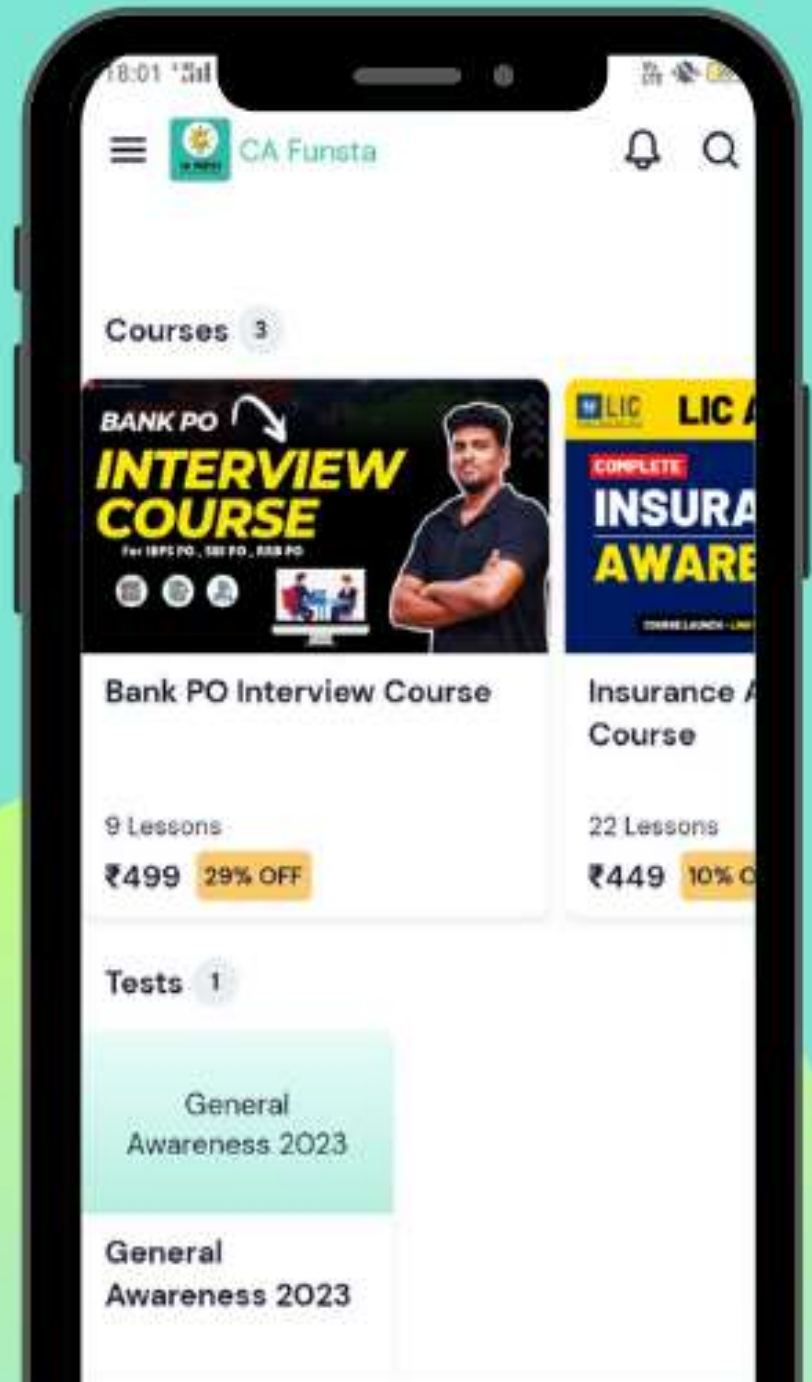


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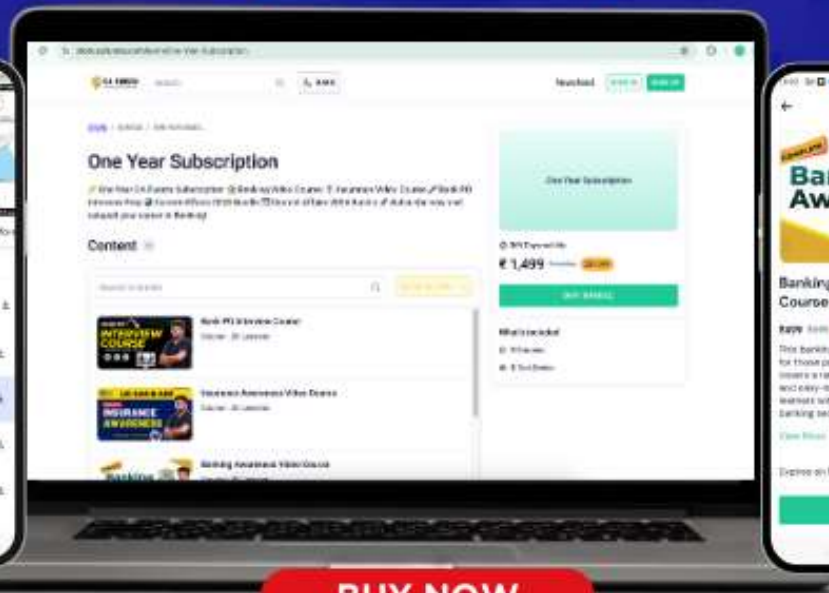
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Important Days



➤ **When is International Mother Language Day observed annually?**

- A) February 14
- B) February 17
- C) February 21
- D) February 25
- E) March 1

Answer
C) February 21



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Mother Language Day 2025
- **Date:** February 21, 2025
- **Location:** Global



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To promote linguistic and cultural diversity and protect endangered languages
- **Focus:** Encouraging multilingual education and language preservation
- **Contribution:** Strengthening social inclusion and digital linguistic representation



Important Days



Key Highlights:

- **Theme for 2025:** Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day
- **Significance:** Marks 25 years of promoting linguistic diversity and preserving mother tongues
- **Objective:** Emphasizes language preservation, cultural heritage, and inclusive education



Important Days



History of International Mother Language Day:

- **Origins:** Inspired by Bangladesh's 1952 language movement advocating for Bengali recognition
- **UNESCO Proclamation:** Declared February 21 as International Mother Language Day in 1999



Important Days



UN Endorsement:

- **2002:** The UN General Assembly welcomed the proclamation
- **2007:** Resolution A/RES/61/266 promoted language preservation
- **2008:** Declared as the International Year of Languages



Important Days



Significance of International Mother Language Day:

- **Preserving Linguistic and Cultural Heritage:** Prevents the loss of languages and protects indigenous knowledge
- **Promoting Multilingual Education:** Improves learning outcomes and sustains linguistic diversity
- **Enhancing Social Inclusion:** Strengthens cultural respect and equitable opportunities
- **Encouraging Digital Inclusivity:** Expands linguistic representation in AI, technology, and online education



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Mother Language Day:**
 - **Established By:** UNESCO in 1999
 - **Objective:** Promotes linguistic diversity and mother tongue preservation
- **Resolution A/RES/61/266:**
 - **Adopted By:** United Nations General Assembly in 2007
 - **Purpose:** Encourages member states to protect and preserve all languages



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|------------------------|---|
| Event Name | International Mother Language Day 2025 |
| Event Date | February 21, 2025 |
| Theme | Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day |
| Proclamation by UNESCO | 1999 |
| UN Endorsement | 2002 (Recognition), 2007 (Resolution A/RES/61/266), 2008 (International Year of Languages) |
| Significance | Promotes linguistic diversity, cultural heritage, multilingual education, and digital inclusivity |



Important Days



➤ **When is Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day celebrated?**

- A) January 25
- B) February 20
- C) March 15
- D) April 2
- E) May 10

Answer
B) February 20



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day 2025
- **Date:** February 20, 2025
- **Location:** Arunachal Pradesh, India



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To commemorate Arunachal Pradesh's transition to statehood in 1987
- **Implementation:** Celebrations featuring cultural events, historical tributes, and official ceremonies
- **Significance:** Highlights the state's rich heritage, biodiversity, and socio-economic progress



Important Days



Key Highlights:

- **Statehood Achieved:** February 20, 1987, through the 55th Constitutional Amendment

Historical Background:

- **1826:** Treaty of Yandaboo brought the region under British control
- **1914:** Shimla Treaty defined the boundary between Tibet and NEFA
- **1972:** NEFA renamed Arunachal Pradesh and made a Union Territory
- **1987:** Became India's 24th state



Important Days



Major Celebrations in 2025:

- **State-Level Events:**
 - Ceremonial functions in Itanagar
 - Speeches by political leaders on the state's progress
 - Awards recognizing contributions to Arunachal Pradesh
- **Cultural Programs:**
 - Traditional folk dances and music performances by various tribes
 - Exhibitions showcasing Arunachal Pradesh's history, crafts, and traditions



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Major Celebrations in 2025:

- **Public Festivities:**
 - Community feasts featuring traditional Arunachali cuisine
 - Sports events and competitions held across different districts



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Interesting Facts About Arunachal Pradesh:

- **Geographical & Demographic Features:**
 - **Largest State in Northeast India:** Covers 83,743 sq. km
 - **Lowest Population Density:** Just 13 persons per sq. km
 - **First Sunrise in India:** Dong village receives India's first sunlight
- **Biodiversity & Environment:**
 - 82% forest cover, one of the most ecologically diverse regions in India
 - Home to Namdapha and Mouling National Parks
 - **Highest Peak:** Kangto (7,090 meters)



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Interesting Facts About Arunachal Pradesh:

- **Cultural & Historical Significance:**
 - Home to 26 major tribes and over 100 sub-tribes
 - Tawang Monastery: India's largest and world's second-largest Buddhist monastery



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **55th Constitutional Amendment (1987):**
 - **Purpose:** Granted full statehood to Arunachal Pradesh on February 20, 1987
 - **Significance:** Made it India's 24th state
- **Shimla Treaty (1914):**
 - **Agreement Between:** British India, Tibet, and China
 - **Significance:** Defined the boundary between Tibet and NEFA (now Arunachal Pradesh)



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Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|-----------------------|---|
| Event Name | Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day 2025 |
| Event Date | February 20, 2025 |
| Statehood Achieved | February 20, 1987 (55th Constitutional Amendment) |
| Historical Background | Treaty of Yandaboo (1826), Shimla Treaty (1914), NEFA to Union Territory (1972) |
| Significance | Celebrates Arunachal's journey to statehood, culture, and development |
| Major Celebrations | State ceremonies, cultural programs, public festivities |
| Interesting Facts | Largest NE state, Dong receives India's first sunlight, 82% forest cover |



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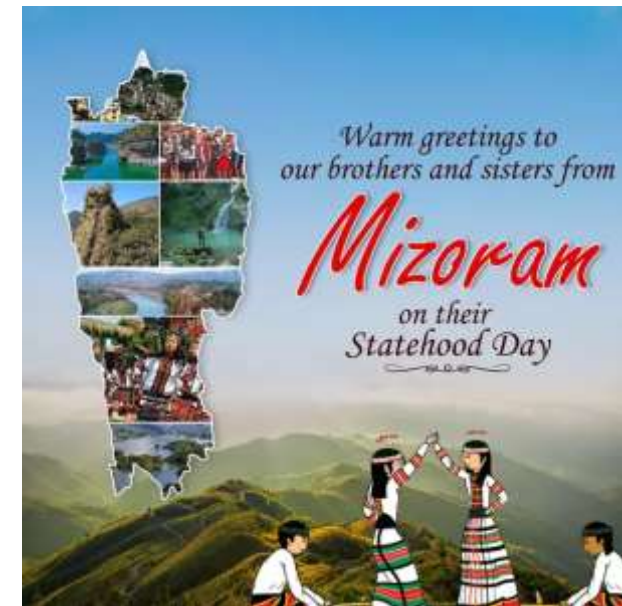


➤ **When is Mizoram Foundation Day celebrated?**

- A) January 26
- B) February 20
- C) March 15
- D) April 2
- E) May 10

Answer

B) February 20



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mizoram Foundation Day 2025
- **Date:** February 20, 2025
- **Location:** Mizoram, India



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To commemorate Mizoram's transition to statehood in 1987
- **Implementation:** Celebrations honoring the state's history, culture, and development
- **Significance:** Recognizes the struggles of the Mizo people and their contributions to India's diversity



Important Days



Key Highlights:

- **Statehood Achieved:** February 20, 1987, under the 53rd Constitutional Amendment Act

Historical Background:

- **1961:** Formation of the Mizo National Front (MNF) demanding autonomy
- **1966:** Armed insurgency by MNF seeking independence
- **1986:** Mizoram Peace Accord signed between MNF and the Indian government
- **1987:** Mizoram became India's 23rd state



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Major Celebrations in 2025:

- **Government Events:**
 - Public addresses by the Governor and Chief Minister
 - Awards for contributions to Mizoram's development
- **Cultural Programs:**
 - Traditional Cheraw (Bamboo Dance) performances
 - Exhibitions showcasing Mizoram's tribal art, music, and crafts



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Major Celebrations in 2025:

- **Community Gatherings:**
 - Traditional feasts featuring Mizo cuisine like Bai, Bamboo Shoot Dishes, and Sawhchiar
 - Social events promoting community unity
- **Sports & Awareness Campaigns:**
 - Football, archery, and traditional wrestling competitions
 - Environmental and educational awareness programs



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Interesting Facts About Mizoram:

- **Highest Literacy Rate in Northeast India:** 91.33%
- **Home to the World's Largest Family:** Ziona Chana had over 180 family members
- **Tribal Population:** 95% of Mizoram's population belongs to Scheduled Tribes
- **Lush Greenery:** Over 75% of the state is covered in forests
- **Aizawl – The Capital:** Known for its scenic landscapes and vibrant culture



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Important Terms Explained:

- **53rd Constitutional Amendment Act (1987):**
 - **Purpose:** Granted full statehood to Mizoram on February 20, 1987
 - **Significance:** Made Mizoram the 23rd state of India
- **Mizoram Peace Accord (1986):**
 - **Agreement Between:** Mizo National Front (MNF) & Government of India
 - **Outcome:** Ended two decades of insurgency, leading to statehood



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|-----------------------|--|
| Event Name | Mizoram Foundation Day 2025 |
| Event Date | February 20, 2025 |
| Statehood Achieved | February 20, 1987 (53rd Constitutional Amendment) |
| Historical Background | Formation of MNF (1961), Insurgency (1966), Peace Accord (1986) |
| Significance | Recognizes Mizoram's struggle for autonomy & rich cultural heritage |
| Major Celebrations | Cultural programs, sports events, government addresses |
| Interesting Facts | Highest literacy rate (91.33%), world's largest family, 75% forest cover |



Important Days



➤ **Where was the 2nd Simolu Festival held in February 2025?**

- A) Kaziranga National Park, Assam
- B) Bwisang-Na, Barunguri, Laokhowa, Assam
- C) Sundarbans, West Bengal
- D) Nameri National Park, Assam
- E) Manas National Park, Assam



Answer

B) Bwisang-Na, Barunguri, Laokhowa, Assam



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 2nd Simolu Festival
- **Date:** February 15-16, 2025
- **Location:** Bwisang-Na, Barunguri, Laokhowa, Assam



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - Celebrate the blooming of Bombax ceiba (Shimul) flowers
 - Promote eco-tourism, conservation, and Assam's cultural heritage
 - Engage local communities, students, and conservationists in environmental awareness
- **Implementation:**
 - Organized by eco-tourism groups, conservationists, and local administration
 - Featured cycling, camping, cultural performances, and conservation awareness programs



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Key Highlights:

- **Festival Location & Natural Significance:**
 - Bwisang-Na eco-resort is known for its wetlands, grasslands, and diverse wildlife
 - Simolu (Shimul) trees bloom, turning the landscape vibrant red
 - The festival aimed to highlight Laokhowa and Donduwa Beel as eco-tourism destinations



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Main Activities at the Festival:

1. Cycling Through the Simolu Track

- Participants cycled along scenic trails filled with blooming Shimul flowers
- The route covered wetlands and grasslands, rich in biodiversity
- Dr. Sonali Ghosh (Kaziranga National Park Field Director) praised the experience as an adventure blending nature with conservation



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Main Activities at the Festival:

2. Camping & Ethnic Cuisine

- Visitors stayed at Bwisang-Na eco-resort
- Local delicacies were showcased, preserving Assamese and tribal culinary traditions
- Cultural performances like folk dances and music celebrated the region's rich heritage

3. Cyclothon to Donduwa Beel

- Cyclists rode to Donduwa Beel, a biodiversity hotspot with migratory birds, aquatic plants, and wetland wildlife
- Promoted eco-tourism and environmental awareness



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Main Activities at the Festival:

4. Conservation Awareness & Debriefing

- Experts held sessions on biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable tourism
- Discussions focused on wetland ecosystem conservation

5. Student Nature Walk & Certificate Distribution

- Local students participated in guided nature walks
- Certificates were awarded to encourage youth engagement in conservation



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Significance of the Festival:

1. Promoting Eco-Tourism

- Showcased Laokhowa and Donduwa Beel as hidden eco-tourism destinations
- Encouraged sustainable tourism that supports conservation

2. Cultural Heritage & Ethnic Identity

- Celebrated indigenous culture through music, dance, and cuisine
- Strengthened community involvement in tourism



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Significance of the Festival:

3. Conservation & Environmental Awareness

- Highlighted the importance of wetland ecosystems
- Emphasized preserving *Bombax ceiba* (Simolu trees) and local biodiversity
- Inspired youth participation in conservation efforts



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Bombax ceiba (Shimul Tree):**
 - A tall flowering tree that produces bright red blooms in spring
 - Found in Assam's wetlands and forests, it supports biodiversity
- **Donduwa Beel:**
 - A wetland in Assam known for its rich birdlife and aquatic biodiversity
 - A vital eco-tourism and conservation site



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|--------------------|---|
| Event Name | 2 nd Simolu Festival 2025 |
| Event Date | February 15-16, 2025 |
| Location | Bwisang-Na, Barunguri, Laokhowa, Assam |
| Purpose | Celebrate Bombax ceiba bloom, promote eco-tourism & conservation |
| Organizers | Eco-tourism groups, conservationists, local administration |
| Main Activities | Cycling, camping, ethnic cuisine, cultural performances, conservation talks |
| Cyclothon Route | Bwisang-Na to Donduwa Beel (wetland biodiversity site) |
| Conservation Focus | Awareness about wetland ecosystems & Simolu trees |
| Special Features | Certificate distribution for students, debriefing on conservation |



➤ **Who is the fastest player to reach 11,000 ODI runs?**



- A) Sachin Tendulkar
- B) Ricky Ponting
- C) Rohit Sharma
- D) Virat Kohli
- E) Sourav Ganguly

Answer
D) Virat Kohli



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rohit Sharma Becomes the Second Fastest to 11,000 ODI Runs
- **Date:** February 20, 2025
- **Location:** Dubai, UAE (Champions Trophy 2025 match vs Bangladesh)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Recognizing Rohit Sharma's achievement in ODI cricket
- **Implementation:** Reached 11,000 ODI runs in 261 innings
- **Significance:** Becomes 4th Indian and 10th overall player to achieve this milestone



Key Highlights:

1. Rohit Sharma's Milestone:

- **Innings Taken:** 261 (Second fastest after Virat Kohli – 222 innings)
- **Match Situation:** Achieved in the 4th over vs Bangladesh, hitting Mustafizur Rahman for a boundary
- **ODI Matches Played:** 270



Key Highlights:

2. Top 5 Fastest to 11,000 ODI Runs:

| Player | Innings Taken |
|------------------|---------------|
| Virat Kohli | 222 |
| Rohit Sharma | 261 |
| Sachin Tendulkar | 276 |
| Ricky Ponting | 286 |
| Sourav Ganguly | 288 |



Rohit Sharma's ODI Career Stats (as of Feb 20, 2025):

- **Total Matches:** 270
- **Total Runs:** 11,000+
- **Batting Average:** Nearly 50
- **Centuries:** 32
- **Half-Centuries:** 52
- **Total Sixes:** 338 (2nd highest in ODI history, after Shahid Afridi – 351 sixes)



India's All-Time ODI Run Scorers:

| Player | Total ODI Runs | Rank |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sachin Tendulkar | 18,426 | 1 st |
| Virat Kohli | 13,985+ | 2 nd |
| Sourav Ganguly | 11,363 | 3 rd |
| Rohit Sharma | 11,000+ | 4 th |
| Rahul Dravid | 10,889 | 5 th |
| MS Dhoni | 10,773 | 6 th |



Important Terms Explained:

- **One-Day Internationals (ODIs):**
 - **Format:** 50-over cricket matches played between international teams
 - **First Played:** 1971 (England vs Australia)
 - **Governing Body:** International Cricket Council (ICC)
- **Champions Trophy:**
 - **Organized By:** ICC
 - **Format:** Limited-overs international tournament
 - **2025 Host:** UAE (Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah)



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Event Name | Rohit Sharma Becomes Second Fastest to 11,000 ODI Runs |
| Event Date | February 20, 2025 |
| Venue | Dubai, UAE (Champions Trophy 2025) |
| Milestone Achieved In | 261 innings (2nd fastest) |
| Fastest to 11,000 ODI Runs | Virat Kohli – 222 innings |
| Other Indians with 11,000+ Runs | Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma |
| Total ODI Matches Played by Rohit | 270 |
| Total ODI Runs | 11,000+ |
| Batting Average | ~50 |
| Total Sixes | 338 (2nd highest in ODI history) |



➤ **Who holds the record for being the fastest bowler to reach 200 ODI wickets?**

- A) Mohammed Shami
- B) Ajit Agarkar
- C) Mitchell Starc
- D) Saqlain Mushtaq
- E) Brett Lee

Answer
C) Mitchell Starc



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mohammed Shami Becomes Fastest Indian to 200 ODI Wickets
- **Date:** February 20, 2025
- **Location:** Dubai, UAE (ICC Champions Trophy 2025 – IND vs BAN match)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Recognizing Mohammed Shami's achievement in ODI cricket
- **Implementation:** Achieved 200 ODI wickets in just 110 matches
- **Significance:** Becomes fastest Indian and joint second-fastest globally to reach the milestone



Key Highlights:

1. Fastest Indian to 200 ODI Wickets:

- Achieved in 110 matches, breaking Ajit Agarkar's Indian record (133 matches)
- Becomes 8th Indian bowler to reach the 200-wicket mark
- Globally, joint second fastest with Saqlain Mushtaq (110 matches)
- Only Mitchell Starc (102 matches) has achieved this faster



Key Highlights:

2. Most Wickets for India in ICC ODI Events:

- Became India's highest wicket-taker in ICC ODI events with 60 wickets in 19 matches
- Surpassed Zaheer Khan's record of 59 wickets
- Best strike rate in ICC ODI tournaments: 15.5 (minimum 50 wickets)



Key Highlights:

3. Shami's Performance in IND vs BAN (Champions Trophy 2025):

- Five-wicket haul in the match
- **Dismissed key Bangladeshi batters:**
 - **Soumya Sarkar** – Caught behind by KL Rahul
 - **Mehidy Hasan Miraz** – Caught at slip by Shubman Gill
 - **Jaker Ali** – Caught by Virat Kohli (200th ODI wicket)
 - **Tanzim Hasan Sakib** – Bowled with an off-cutter
 - **Taskin Ahmed** – Caught at deep midwicket



Key Highlights:

4. Best Strike Rates in ICC ODI Events (Minimum 50 Wickets):

| Bowler | Wickets Taken | Strike Rate |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Mohammed Shami | 60 wickets | 15.5 |
| Mitchell Starc | 71 wickets | 23.7 |
| Brett Lee | 35 wickets | 27.4 |
| Lasith Malinga | 56 wickets | 27.8 |
| Glenn McGrath | 71 wickets | 27.9 |

- Shami's exceptional strike rate makes him the **most effective wicket-taker in ICC ODI history.**



Key Highlights:

5. Comeback After Injury:

- Last played in **the 2023 ODI World Cup final** before undergoing surgery
- Faced rehabilitation struggles but remained determined to return
- **Rohit Sharma's support:** Prioritized Shami's return over immediate performance expectations



Important Terms Explained:

- **Strike Rate (Bowling):**
 - **Formula:** Balls bowled per wicket taken
 - Lower strike rate = More effective wicket-taking ability
- **ICC Champions Trophy:**
 - **Organized By:** International Cricket Council (ICC)
 - **2025 Host:** UAE (Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah)
 - **Format:** 50-over knockout tournament for top ODI teams



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Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|---|--|
| Event Name | Mohammed Shami Joins Elite Club with 200 ODI Wickets |
| Event Date | February 20, 2025 |
| Venue | Dubai, UAE (ICC Champions Trophy 2025) |
| Milestone Achieved In | 110 matches (Fastest Indian, Joint 2nd Fastest Globally) |
| Fastest to 200 ODI Wickets (Overall) | Mitchell Starc – 102 matches |
| Joint 2nd Fastest (With Shami) | Saqlain Mushtaq – 110 matches |
| Most Wickets in ICC ODI Events (India) | Mohammed Shami – 60 wickets (Surpassed Zaheer Khan – 59 wickets) |
| Best Bowling Strike Rate (ICC ODI Events) | Shami – 15.5 (Best among bowlers with 50+ wickets) |
| Return After Surgery | Recovered post-2023 World Cup, made strong comeback |



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➤ **Which state recorded the highest number of bird species in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2025?**

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Assam
- C) Maharashtra
- D) West Bengal
- E) Karnataka

Answer

D) West Bengal



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2025
- **Date:** February 14–17, 2025
- **Location:** India



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** A global birdwatching event promoting species documentation and conservation
- **Focus:** Tracking bird population trends and diversity
- **Contribution:** Citizen science initiative engaging volunteers worldwide



RANKING



Key Findings:

- **Total Bird Species in India:** 1,068
- **Top State:** West Bengal (543 species)
- **Top District (Species Count):** Darjeeling (252 species)
- **Top District (Checklists):** South 24 Parganas (513 checklists)
- **Notable Sightings:** Ibisbill (Jhalong), Spotted Crake (Baruipur), Common Starling (Malda)



RANKING



Participation and Observations:

- **Total Participants in India:** 5,300+
- **Participants from Bengal:** 344
- **Top Observer:** Baharuddin Sk (310 species)
- **Top Checklist Contributor:** Santanu Manna (112 checklists)



Important Terms Explained:

- **Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC):**
 - **Started In:** 1998
 - **India's Participation:** Since 2013
 - **Objective:** Birdwatchers record and report species for conservation
- **Citizen Science:**
 - **Definition:** Research conducted by amateur volunteers
 - **Significance:** Helps collect large-scale bird population data



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|---|--|
| Event Name | Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2025 |
| Event Dates | February 14–17, 2025 |
| Total Bird Species in India | 1,068 |
| Top State (Highest Bird Species Count) | West Bengal (543 species) |
| District with Highest Species Count in Bengal | Darjeeling (252 species) |
| District with Most Checklists in Bengal | South 24 Parganas (513 checklists) |
| Notable Bird Sightings | Ibisbill (Jhalong), Spotted Crake (Baruipur), Common Starling (Malda) |
| Total Participants in India | 5,300+ |
| Total Participants from Bengal | 344 |
| Top Individual Observer | Baharuddin Sk (310 species recorded) |
| Top Checklist Contributor | Santanu Manna (112 checklists) |



RANKING



➤ **Who is the richest woman in the Forbes Women Billionaire List 2025?**

- A) Francoise Bettencourt Meyers
- B) Julia Koch
- C) Alice Walton
- D) Savitri Jindal
- E) MacKenzie Scott

Answer
C) Alice Walton



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Forbes Women Billionaire List 2025 Release
- **Date:** February 2025
- **Location:** Global



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To highlight the wealthiest women globally and their influence in various industries
- **Focus:** Showcasing female leadership in business, technology, and finance
- **Contribution:** Recognizing women who have amassed billion-dollar fortunes through inheritance, entrepreneurship, and investment



RANKING



Key Highlights:

- **Total Women Billionaires:** 13.3% of the global billionaire population in 2024
- **Collective Net Worth:** The top 10 richest women collectively hold over \$500 billion
- **Industries Represented:** Retail, pharmaceuticals, finance, technology, industrial manufacturing



RANKING



Top 10 Richest Women in the World (2025):

| Rank | Name | Net Worth (USD) | Source of Wealth |
|------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Alice Walton | \$112.5 billion | Walmart |
| 2 | Francoise Bettencourt Meyers & Family | \$74.4 billion | L'Oréal |
| 3 | Julia Koch & Family | \$74.2 billion | Koch Industries |
| 4 | Jacqueline Mars | \$42.3 billion | Mars Inc. |
| 5 | Rafaela Aponte-Diamant | \$39.0 billion | MSC Group |
| 6 | Abigail Johnson | \$36.0 billion | Fidelity Investments |
| 7 | Savitri Jindal & Family | \$32.3 billion | JSW Group |
| 8 | MacKenzie Scott | \$32.3 billion | Amazon |
| 9 | Miriam Adelson & Family | \$31.5 billion | Las Vegas Sands |
| 10 | Marilyn Simons & Family | \$31.0 billion | Hedge Funds |



The Rise of Women Billionaires:

- **Growing Representation:** More women are appearing in billionaire rankings due to shifting business dynamics
- **Inherited Wealth vs. Self-Made:** Some inherited fortunes, while others built billion-dollar businesses
- **Industry Influence:** Women billionaires impact retail, technology, finance, shipping, and manufacturing



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Forbes Billionaire List:**
 - **Objective:** Annual ranking of the world's wealthiest individuals based on net worth
 - **Significance:** Recognizes financial success, economic influence, and leadership in global industries
- **Alice Walton:**
 - **Net Worth:** \$112.5 billion (Richest woman in the world in 2025)
 - **Source of Wealth:** Walmart (Heiress of the Walton family fortune)



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Event Name | Forbes Women Billionaire List 2025 Release |
| Event Date | February 2025 |
| Richest Woman in the World | Alice Walton (\$112.5 billion) |
| Total Women Billionaires (2024) | 13.3% of the global billionaire population |
| Top 3 Women Billionaires | Alice Walton, Francoise Bettencourt Meyers, Julia Koch |
| Industries Represented | Retail, pharmaceuticals, finance, shipping, technology |
| Collective Net Worth of Top 10 | Over \$500 billion |



- **What is the primary function of Bima-ASBA, introduced by IRDAI?**
- A) Allows direct premium deduction from bank accounts
 - B) Enables UPI-based insurance premium payments by blocking funds until policy approval
 - C) Requires customers to prepay premiums before policy underwriting
 - D) Charges additional fees for secure insurance transactions
 - E) Eliminates the need for bank transactions in insurance payments

Answer

B) Enables UPI-based insurance premium payments by blocking funds until policy approval



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Bima-ASBA by IRDAI
- **Effective From:** March 1, 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To enhance transparency and security in life and health insurance premium payments
- **Implementation:** A UPI-based system where funds remain blocked until policy approval
- **Regulatory Requirement:** Mandatory for all life and health insurers



Key Highlights:

- **Payment Mechanism:** One-time UPI mandate (OTM) blocks funds until the insurer approves the policy
- **Fund Blocking Duration:** Maximum 14 days or until an underwriting decision is made
- **Refund Policy:** Immediate release of funds within one working day if the proposal is rejected
- **Customer Charges:** No extra fees for policyholders
- **Real-Time Updates:** Notifications at every stage—fund blocking, debiting, and release
- **Bank Partnerships:** Insurers must collaborate with multiple banks to ensure seamless transactions



How Bima-ASBA Works:

- **Fund Blocking:** Customers authorize the premium amount via UPI without immediate debit
- **Underwriting Process:** The insurer reviews the policy application while funds remain blocked
- **Approval:** If accepted, the blocked amount is debited as premium payment
- **Rejection:** If declined, funds are unblocked and returned within one working day



Impact on the Insurance Industry:

- **Security Enhancement:** Prevents unauthorized deductions by debiting funds only after approval
- **Operational Efficiency:** Reduces transaction failures and simplifies the payment process
- **Customer Trust:** Ensures policyholders retain control over their funds until policy confirmation
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Insurers must maintain detailed records of all transactions



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bima-ASBA (Bima Applications Supported by Blocked Amount):**
 - **Objective:** A UPI-based system for insurance premium payments, ensuring funds are debited only after policy approval
 - **Effective From:** March 1, 2025
 - **Regulation:** Mandatory for all life and health insurers
- **One-Time UPI Mandate (OTM):**
 - **Definition:** A system allowing policyholders to block funds for a specific transaction without immediate deduction
 - **Significance:** Enhances security and prevents unauthorized debits



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|-------------------------|---|
| Event Name | Launch of Bima-ASBA by IRDAI |
| Effective From | March 1, 2025 |
| Payment Mechanism | One-time UPI mandate (OTM) |
| Fund Blocking | Amount remains in the account until policy approval |
| Blocking Duration | Maximum 14 days |
| Refund Policy | Funds released within one working day if the proposal is rejected |
| Mandatory for Insurers? | Yes, for all life and health insurers |
| Customer Charges | No extra fees for policyholders |
| Bank Partnerships | Required for smooth UPI transactions |
| Notifications | Real-time updates for policyholders |



➤ **What is the primary purpose of the RBIDATA app launched by RBI?**

- A) To facilitate online banking transactions
- B) To provide seamless access to macroeconomic and financial data
- C) To offer stock market analysis and trading services
- D) To enable digital lending and loan applications
- E) To track cryptocurrency trends in India



Answer

B) To provide seamless access to macroeconomic and financial data



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of RBIDATA Mobile App by RBI
- **Date:** February 21, 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To provide easy access to economic and financial data for researchers, policymakers, and the public
- **Implementation:** Integrated with RBI's Database on the Indian Economy (DBIE)
- **Availability:** Free for iOS and Android users (version 12 and above)



Key Highlights:

- **Data Access:** Provides 11,000+ macroeconomic and financial data series
- **Interactive Visualization:** Users can analyze financial trends using graphs and charts
- **Search & Reports:** Advanced search function and "Popular Reports" section for frequently accessed data
- **Banking Facility Locator:** Helps users find bank branches and financial services within a 20 km radius
- **SAARC Economic Data:** Offers financial statistics from SAARC nations for comparative analysis



Features that Enhance Data Accessibility:

- **User-Friendly Design:** Presents financial data in a structured and interactive format
- **Real-Time Updates:** Ensures accuracy by connecting directly to RBI's DBIE portal
- **Dataset Information:** Each dataset includes source details, measurement units, and update frequency
- **Feedback Mechanism:** Users can submit feedback for future enhancements



Impact of RBIDATA on Financial Analysis:

- **Transparency:** Increases public access to macroeconomic data for informed decision-making
- **Efficiency:** Simplifies financial research with interactive tools and structured reports
- **Policy Support:** Aids policymakers in analyzing economic trends effectively
- **Academic Use:** Supports students and researchers in conducting financial studies



Important Terms Explained:

- **RBIDATA:**
 - **Objective:** A mobile app launched by RBI to provide seamless access to macroeconomic and financial data
 - **Integration:** Linked with RBI's Database on the Indian Economy (DBIE)
 - **Key Features:** Interactive charts, search function, banking outlet locator, and SAARC economic data
- **Database on the Indian Economy (DBIE):**
 - **Managed By:** Reserve Bank of India
 - **Purpose:** A centralized financial data repository offering real-time economic insights



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Event Name | Launch of RBIDATA Mobile App by RBI |
| Event Date | February 21, 2025 |
| Purpose | Provides seamless access to macroeconomic and financial data |
| Total Data Series Available | 11,000+ |
| Integration | Linked with RBI's Database on the Indian Economy (DBIE) |
| Key Features | Interactive charts, banking locator, SAARC economic data, search & reports |
| Availability | Free on iOS & Android (version 12 and above) |
| Significance | Enhances financial transparency and accessibility |



➤ **What is India's projected GDP growth for Q3 FY25 according to ICRA?**

- A) 5.4%
- B) 6.2%
- C) 6.4%
- D) 6.5%
- E) 7.0%

Answer
C) 6.4%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's Q3 FY25 GDP Growth Projection
- **Date:** February 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Assess India's economic performance in Q3 FY25
- **Implementation:** Growth driven by government spending and export recovery
- **Significance:** Highlights India's economic resilience and sectoral growth trends



Key Highlights:

- **GDP Growth Projection (ICRA): 6.4%**
- **Previous Quarter Growth: 5.4% (Q2 FY25)**
- **Gross Value Added (GVA) Growth: 6.6%**
- **Sector-Wise Growth:**
 - **Industry: 6.2%**
 - **Services: 7.7%**
 - **Agriculture: 4.0%**



Major Growth Drivers:

- **Government Spending:** Increased public investments in infrastructure and welfare schemes
- **Export Growth:**
 - Service exports hit a record \$36.9 billion in December 2024
 - Merchandise exports rebounded, boosting overall economic activity



Major Growth Drivers:

- **Strong Industrial & Service Sector Performance:**
 - Services sector grew the fastest at 7.7%
 - Industry expanded by 6.2%, supported by policy incentives
- **Comparison with Other Projections:**
 - SBI GDP Estimate: 6.2%-6.3% for Q3 FY25
 - IMF Growth Forecast: 6.5% for FY25 and FY26



Challenges & Future Outlook:

- **Concerns Impacting Growth:**
 - High unemployment despite economic expansion
 - Food inflation & weak consumer spending affecting demand
 - Need for structural reforms in labor and land policies
- **Long-Term Outlook:**
 - India remains one of the fastest-growing economies globally
 - Sustaining growth requires continued policy support, economic reforms, and workforce development



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross Value Added (GVA):**
 - **Definition:** Measures economic productivity by calculating output from different sectors
 - **Significance:** Provides a detailed sectoral view of growth
- **EBIDTA (Earnings Before Interest, Depreciation, Taxes, and Amortization):**
 - **Function:** Measures a company's operating profitability
 - **SBI's Analysis:** Found 74% of economic indicators showed acceleration in Q3 FY25



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|----------------------------|---|
| Event Name | India's Q3 FY25 GDP Growth Projection |
| Event Date | February 2025 |
| GDP Growth Estimate (ICRA) | 6.4% |
| Previous Quarter Growth | 5.4% (Q2 FY25) |
| GVA Growth Estimate | 6.6% |
| Sectoral Growth | Industry: 6.2%, Services: 7.7%, Agriculture: 4.0% |
| Service Exports | \$36.9 billion (record high in Dec 2024) |
| SBI GDP Projection | 6.2%-6.3% for Q3 FY25 |
| IMF GDP Projection | 6.5% for FY25 & FY26 |
| Key Concerns | Unemployment, food inflation, weak consumer spending |
| Future Outlook | Structural reforms needed in labor, land, and workforce development |



- Which technology company has Tata Power partnered with to drive India's smart energy transition?



- A) Microsoft
- B) Google Cloud
- C) IBM
- D) Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- E) Infosys



Answer

- D) Amazon Web Services (AWS)**



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tata Power Partners with AWS for India's Smart Energy Transition
- **Date:** February 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Modernize Tata Power's digital infrastructure to enhance operational efficiency and grid resilience
- **Implementation:** Migrating 23 mission-critical applications to AWS using Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS)
- **Significance:** Supports India's renewable energy goals by integrating cloud, AI, and IoT technologies



Key Highlights:

1. Digital Transformation for Energy Efficiency:

- Tata Power is leveraging cloud computing, AI, and IoT to optimize energy distribution
- Enables real-time energy monitoring and automation for grid stability
- Enhances service reliability by reducing energy inefficiencies



Key Highlights:

2. Consumer Empowerment & Smart Energy Management:

- Consumers will get digital platforms for monitoring and controlling their energy usage
- AWS's AI and machine learning capabilities will optimize energy distribution
- Promotes green energy adoption by encouraging efficient consumption



Key Highlights:

3. Contribution to India's Renewable Energy Goals:

- India aims for 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy by 2030
- Cloud-based grid management enhances energy supply-demand balance
- Strengthens India's transition to a low-carbon, tech-driven power sector



Impact of the Tata Power & AWS Collaboration:

| Impact Area | Expected Benefit |
|---------------------|---|
| Grid Resilience | Improved automation & real-time monitoring |
| Consumer Experience | Smarter energy consumption tracking |
| Sustainability | Supports green energy & carbon footprint reduction |
| Technology Adoption | AI, IoT, and cloud for power sector modernization |
| Efficiency | Reduces energy wastage & improves service reliability |



Important Terms Explained:

- **Amazon Web Services (AWS):**
 - Cloud computing division of Amazon, providing scalable storage, AI, and computing power
 - Supports businesses in digital transformation and automation
- **Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS):**
 - A managed Kubernetes service that automates application deployment and scaling
 - Used to run & manage Tata Power's mission-critical energy applications



Important Terms Explained:

- **Grid Resilience:**
 - Ensuring power grids can handle fluctuations & disruptions efficiently
 - Critical for stable electricity supply & renewable energy integration



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|---------------------|--|
| Event Name | Tata Power Partners with AWS for Smart Energy Transition |
| Event Date | February 2025 |
| Objective | Modernize digital infrastructure & enhance energy efficiency |
| Technology Used | Cloud computing, AI, IoT, Amazon EKS |
| Key Initiative | Migration of 23 mission-critical apps to AWS |
| Impact on Consumers | Real-time energy monitoring & smarter consumption |
| Broader Impact | Supports India's renewable energy & low-carbon goals |
| Tata Power CEO & MD | Praveer Sinha |
| AWS CEO | Adam Selipsky |



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the Election Commissioner of India in February 2025?

- A) Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
- B) Gyanesh Kumar
- C) Rajiv Kumar
- D) Vivek Joshi
- E) Anup Chandra Pandey

Answer
D) Vivek Joshi



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Vivek Joshi as Election Commissioner of India
- **Date:** February 2025
- **Location:** India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To oversee free and fair elections in India
- **Implementation:** Supervise electoral laws, reforms, and voter participation
- **Tenure:** Serves for six years or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier



APPOINTMENTS



Key Highlights:

- **New Role:** Appointed as Election Commissioner of India in February 2025
- **Educational Background:**
 - **B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering** – IIT Roorkee
 - **Master's in International Business** – IIFT, New Delhi
 - **MA & Ph.D. in International Economics** – Graduate Institute, Geneva
- **IAS Career:** 1989-batch IAS officer (Haryana cadre)



APPOINTMENTS



Notable Positions Held:

- Chief Secretary of Haryana
- Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)
- Secretary, Department of Financial Services
- Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India
- Member Secretary, Fifth State Finance Commission of Haryana



APPOINTMENTS



Tenure and Future Prospects:

- **Term Duration:** February 2025 – February 18, 2031
- **Possible Future Role:** Likely to become Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) in 2029
- **Significance:** Could oversee the 2029 Lok Sabha elections



APPOINTMENTS



Responsibilities as Election Commissioner:

- **Election Oversight:** Ensuring free and fair national and state elections
- **Electoral Reforms:** Implementing laws and enhancing transparency
- **Voter Participation:** Strengthening voter awareness and accessibility
- **Technological Integration:** Adopting advanced systems for secure elections



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Election Commission of India (ECI):**
 - **Established:** 1950
 - **Function:** Conducts and regulates elections in India
 - **Composition:** Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and two Election Commissioners (ECs)
- **Chief Election Commissioner (CEC):**
 - **Appointment:** By the President of India
 - **Tenure:** Six years or until 65 years of age
 - **Significance:** Oversees major elections, including Lok Sabha and state assemblies



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Event Name | Appointment of Vivek Joshi as Election Commissioner |
| Event Date | February 2025 |
| Birth Details | May 21, 1966 (Age: 58) |
| IAS Batch & Cadre | 1989 batch, Haryana cadre |
| Educational Background | IIT Roorkee (B.Tech), IIFT Delhi (Master's), Geneva (Ph.D.) |
| Notable Positions | Chief Secretary, Haryana; Secretary, DoPT & Financial Services |
| Tenure as Election Commissioner | February 2025 – February 18, 2031 |
| Possible Future Role | Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) in 2029 |
| Key Responsibilities | Overseeing elections, implementing reforms, increasing voter participation |



AWARDS



➤ Which project won the SKOCH Award 2024 at the 100th SKOCH Summit?

- A) Green India Mission
- B) Nagaland Forest Management Project
- C) National Afforestation Programme
- D) Van Dhan Yojana
- E) Eco-Restoration Project

Answer

B) Nagaland Forest Management Project



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** SKOCH Award 2024 Presentation
- **Date:** February 15, 2025
- **Location:** India Habitat Centre, New Delhi



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To improve forest ecosystems and support sustainable livelihoods
- **Implementation:** Managed by the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (DEFCC), Government of Nagaland, with support from JICA
- **Duration:** 2017–2027



AWARDS



Key Highlights:

- **Award Received:** SKOCH Award 2024
- **Presented At:** 100th SKOCH Summit
- **Award Recipients:** Ango Konyak (Deputy Project Director, NFMP) and Wennyei Konyak (Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House)



AWARDS



Project Coverage:

- **Total Area Covered:** 79,096 hectares
- **Villages Involved:** 185 villages across 11 districts
- **Forest Ranges Covered:** 22
- **Livelihood Component:** 555 self-help groups to be formed



AWARDS



Focus Areas:

- **Forest Management:** Sustainable conservation efforts across Nagaland
- **Jhum Rehabilitation:** Restoration of shifting cultivation areas
- **Community Development:** Improving rural livelihoods through self-help groups
- **Environmental Conservation:** Promoting eco-friendly practices in forest areas



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP):**
 - **Objective:** Sustainable forest conservation and livelihood enhancement
 - **Duration:** 2017–2027
 - **Supported By:** Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- **SKOCH Award:**
 - **Established By:** SKOCH Group
 - **Significance:** Recognizes excellence in governance, public service, and social development
 - **Notable Focus:** Best practices in environmental sustainability and rural development



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|---------------------|---|
| Event Name | SKOCH Award 2024 Presentation |
| Event Date | February 15, 2025 |
| Awarded Project | Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) |
| Award Category | SKOCH Award 2024 |
| Venue | India Habitat Centre, New Delhi |
| Recipients | Ango Konyak, Wennyei Konyak |
| Implementing Agency | Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of Nagaland |
| Project Duration | 2017–2027 |
| Assistance | Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) |
| Total Area Covered | 79,096 hectares |
| Villages Involved | 185 villages across 11 districts |
| Livelihood Support | 555 self-help groups |
| Key Focus Areas | Sustainable forest management, environmental conservation, livelihood improvement |



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which country was the first to introduce Electronic Personnel License (EPL) for pilots before India?



- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) China
- D) France
- E) Germany

Answer
C) China



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Electronic Personnel License (EPL) for pilots
- **Date:** February 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To digitize pilot licensing for enhanced convenience, transparency, and security
- **Implementation:** EPL introduced under the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
- **Significance:** Aligns with India's digital transformation and aviation modernization goals



Key Highlights:

- **Global Ranking:** India becomes the second country after China to roll out EPL for flight crew
- **Launched By:** Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu
- **Regulatory Body:** DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation)



Benefits of EPL:

- **Convenience:** Reduces paperwork and simplifies the licensing process
- **Transparency:** Enables real-time tracking and authentication of pilot credentials
- **Efficiency:** Speeds up license issuance and renewal procedures
- **Security:** Reduces fraud risks and improves regulatory compliance



Aviation Sector Growth Projections:

- **Pilot Demand:** India will require 20,000 additional pilots in the coming years
- **Airport Expansion:** 50 new airports planned in the next five years
- **New Domestic Routes:** 120 new domestic routes to be added over the next decade



Future Plans:

- **Digital Twin Systems:** Real-time decision-making tools for airport management
- **Technology Integration:** Continued focus on AI-driven aviation solutions



Industry Reactions and Impact:

- **Pilots' Response:** Streamlines processes, allowing them to focus on safer travel
- **Experts' View:** Marks a significant step in India's aviation digitalization



Important Terms Explained:

- **Electronic Personnel License (EPL):**
 - **Objective:** Digital licensing system for pilots to streamline processes
 - **Significance:** Ensures faster, more secure, and transparent licensing
- **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA):**
 - **Function:** Regulates India's aviation sector, including pilot licensing and safety norms



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|------------------------|--|
| Event Name | Launch of Electronic Personnel License (EPL) |
| Event Date | February 2025 |
| Launched By | Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu |
| Regulatory Body | Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) |
| Global Ranking | India is the second country after China to introduce EPL |
| Key Benefits | Faster licensing, real-time tracking, reduced fraud risks |
| Aviation Sector Growth | 50 new airports, 120 new domestic routes planned |
| Pilot Demand | 20,000 additional pilots needed in the coming years |
| Future Plans | Digital twin systems for real-time airport decision-making |



➤ **What is Brazil's status in OPEC+ after joining the group in 2025?**

- A) Full Member
- B) Associate Member
- C) Observer
- D) Founding Member
- E) Non-Member



Answer
C) Observer



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Brazil Joins OPEC+ as an Observer
- **Date:** February 2025
- **Location:** Global



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To engage in global oil policy discussions without committing to production quotas
- **Implementation:** Brazil retains control over its oil production while participating in OPEC+ talks
- **Significance:** Strengthens Brazil's energy diplomacy while balancing economic and environmental priorities



Key Highlights:

- **Observer Status:** Brazil can participate in OPEC+ discussions but is not required to follow production cuts
- **Strategic Decision:** Approved by Brazil's National Council for Energy Policy
- **Government's Stance:** President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva sees oil revenue as a key fund for Brazil's green energy transition



Impact on Brazil's Energy Policies:

- **Energy Strategy:**
 - Brazil seeks to stabilize global oil prices and advocate for sustainable energy policies
 - Oil profits will be used to fund renewable energy projects
- **Environmental Concerns:**
 - Oil exploration near the Amazon River has sparked criticism from environmental groups
 - The government argues oil revenue is essential for economic growth and climate initiatives



Impact on Brazil's Energy Policies:

- **Petrobras' Role in Oil Production:**
 - **Diesel Production Expansion:** 120,000 barrels per day increase in 2025 to reduce fuel import dependency
 - **Recent Challenges:** Petrobras reported a 10.5% drop in oil and gas output in Q4 2024 due to maintenance and unplanned shutdowns
 - **Future Outlook:** Despite setbacks, Petrobras remains committed to meeting domestic and international energy demands



Impact on Brazil's Energy Policies:

- **Brazil's Global Energy Influence:**
 - Brazil will use its observer role to push for investments in green energy
 - The move enhances Brazil's position as a major player in global oil and climate policy



Important Terms Explained:

- **OPEC+ (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Plus):**
 - **Established:** 2016 (OPEC + non-OPEC allies)
 - **Objective:** Regulates oil production to stabilize global oil prices
 - **Brazil's Status:** Observer (participates in discussions but retains production independence)
- **Petrobras (Petróleo Brasileiro S.A.):**
 - **Founded:** 1953
 - **Headquarters:** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 - **Role:** Brazil's state-controlled oil company, leading domestic oil production



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

| Category | Details |
|--------------------------|---|
| Event Name | Brazil Joins OPEC+ as an Observer |
| Event Date | February 2025 |
| Brazil's Status in OPEC+ | Observer (Not bound by production quotas) |
| Government's Stance | Oil revenue will fund green energy transition |
| Environmental Concerns | Oil exploration near the Amazon has faced criticism |
| Petrobras Expansion | Diesel production to increase by 120,000 barrels/day |
| Impact on Brazil | Strengthens global energy position while maintaining oil autonomy |
| Global Influence | Brazil aims to push OPEC+ towards renewable energy investments |



➤ What is the total budget outlay for Uttar Pradesh Budget 2025-26?

- A) ₹6.75 lakh crore
- B) ₹7.36 lakh crore
- C) ₹8.08 lakh crore
- D) ₹9.25 lakh crore
- E) ₹10.10 lakh crore

Answer

C) ₹8.08 lakh crore



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uttar Pradesh Budget 2025-26 Presentation
- **Date:** February 20, 2025
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To allocate funds for infrastructure, welfare, education, healthcare, and economic growth
- **Implementation:** Investment in new projects, modernization, and digital transformation
- **Significance:** Supports Uttar Pradesh's vision to become a \$1 trillion economy



Key Highlights:

- **Total Budget:** ₹8.08 lakh crore (9.8% increase from ₹7.36 lakh crore in 2024-25)
- **New Expenditure:** ₹28,478 crore earmarked for new initiatives
- **Top Sectors Funded:** Infrastructure, education, agriculture, healthcare, AI, and women's welfare



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Sector-Wise Allocations:

| Sector | Budget Allocation | % of Total Budget |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Infrastructure Development | ₹1.79 lakh crore | 22% |
| Education | ₹1.06 lakh crore | 13% |
| Agriculture & Rural Development | ₹89,353 crore | 11% |
| Healthcare | ₹50,550 crore | 6% |
| Social Welfare & Women Empowerment | ₹7,980 crore | - |
| New Technology (AI, Cybersecurity, Data Centers, etc.) | ₹5,000 crore | - |



Major Announcements & Initiatives:

- **Infrastructure Development (₹1.79 lakh crore, 22%)**
 - **Energy:** ₹61,070 crore for power sector improvements
 - **Urban Development:** ₹25,308 crore for smart city expansion
 - **Affordable Housing:** ₹7,403 crore for urban housing projects
 - **Irrigation:** ₹21,340 crore to enhance water conservation
 - **Civil Aviation:** ₹3,152 crore for airport expansion
 - **New Expressways:** Construction of four expressways for connectivity
 - **Ayodhya Solar City:** Transforming Ayodhya into a solar-powered city



Major Announcements & Initiatives:

- **Education (₹1.06 lakh crore, 13%)**
 - **Smart Classrooms & Labs:** Digital learning infrastructure in schools
 - **Scholarships:** ₹900 crore for pre & post-10th-grade scholarships
 - **Meritorious Girls:** Scooties for academically outstanding female students
 - **Digital Governance:** ₹24 crore for laptops to state revenue personnel



Major Announcements & Initiatives:

- **Healthcare (₹50,550 crore, 6%)**
 - **Free Medical Treatment:** ₹5 lakh coverage under CM Jan Arogya Abhiyan
 - **New Medical Colleges:** 13 new medical colleges, 1,500 new medical seats
 - **Medical Infrastructure:** Expansion of AIIMS campuses in Gorakhpur & Rae Bareli



Major Announcements & Initiatives:

- **Agriculture & Rural Development (₹89,353 crore, 11%)**
 - **Farmer Welfare Fund:** ₹1,050 crore for financial assistance
 - **Water Conservation:** Expansion of Namami Gange project
 - **Zero Poverty Abhiyan:** Identify and uplift poorest families



Major Announcements & Initiatives:

- **Social Welfare & Women Empowerment (₹7,980 crore)**
 - **Mass Marriage Scheme:** ₹550 crore for supporting girls' marriages
 - **Destitute Women Pension:** ₹2,980 crore for widows and abandoned women
 - **Kanya Sumangala Scheme:** ₹700 crore for girls' education and welfare
- **AI & Cybersecurity Initiatives (₹5,000 crore)**
 - **AI City:** Development of a hub for AI and tech-driven growth
 - **Cybersecurity Research Park:** Strengthening digital security



Major Announcements & Initiatives:

- **Other Key Initiatives:**
 - **Ujjwala Scheme:** Two free LPG cylinders per family annually
 - **Labor Welfare Centers:** Improved worker facilities in district headquarters
 - **Ambedkar Memorial:** Construction of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial in Lucknow
- **Economic Growth & Future Vision:**
 - **Target:** Transform Uttar Pradesh into a \$1 trillion economy
 - **GDP Growth:** ₹12.89 lakh crore (2017-18) → ₹27.51 lakh crore (2024-25)



Major Announcements & Initiatives:

- **Strategic Development Focus:**
 - Trade
 - Tourism
 - Technology
 - Tradition
 - Talent



Important Terms Explained:

- **Zero Poverty Abhiyan:**
 - **Launched On:** October 2, 2024 (Gandhi Jayanti)
 - **Objective:** Identify the poorest families and raise their annual income to ₹1.25 lakh
- **CM Jan Arogya Abhiyan:**
 - **Benefit:** Free medical treatment up to ₹5 lakh for specific state employees
 - **Target Groups:** Home guards, PRD personnel, village watchmen, and teachers



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Tabular Summary:

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| Healthcare | ₹50,550 crore (Free ₹5 lakh treatment, 13 new medical colleges) |
| Agriculture & Rural Development | ₹89,353 crore (Farmer Welfare Fund, Zero Poverty Abhiyan) |
| Social Welfare & Women Empowerment | ₹7,980 crore (Marriage Scheme, Pensions) |
| AI & Cybersecurity Initiatives | AI City, Cybersecurity Research Park |
| Economic Growth Target | Transform UP into a \$1 trillion economy |
| Vision | "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah" – Inclusive development for all |



QUICK RECALL



- **International Mother Language Day is observed annually on February 21.**
- **Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day is celebrated annually on February 20.**
- **Mizoram Foundation Day is celebrated annually on February 20.**
- **The 2nd Simolu Festival was held at Bwisang-Na, Barunguri, Laokhowa, Assam.**
- **Rohit Sharma became the second fastest player to 11,000 ODI runs in 261 innings.**
- **Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian to 200 ODI wickets in 110 matches.**
- **Bengal led India in bird species count for the third consecutive year in GBBC 2025.**
- **Alice Walton is the richest woman in the world with a net worth of \$112.5 billion.**
- **IRDAI introduced Bima-ASBA for UPI-based insurance premium payments.**



QUICK RECALL



- **RBI launched RBIDATA, a mobile app for macroeconomic and financial data access.**
- **Tata Power partnered with AWS to modernize its digital energy infrastructure.**
- **India's Q3 FY25 GDP growth is projected at 6.4%, up from 5.4% in Q2.**
- **Vivek Joshi has been appointed as the Election Commissioner of India.**
- **Nagaland Forest Management Project won the SKOCH Award 2024.**
- **India introduced Electronic Personnel License (EPL) for pilots in February 2025.**
- **Brazil joined OPEC+ as an observer in February 2025.**
- **Uttar Pradesh Budget 2025-26 was presented by Suresh Kumar Khanna on February 20, 2025.**



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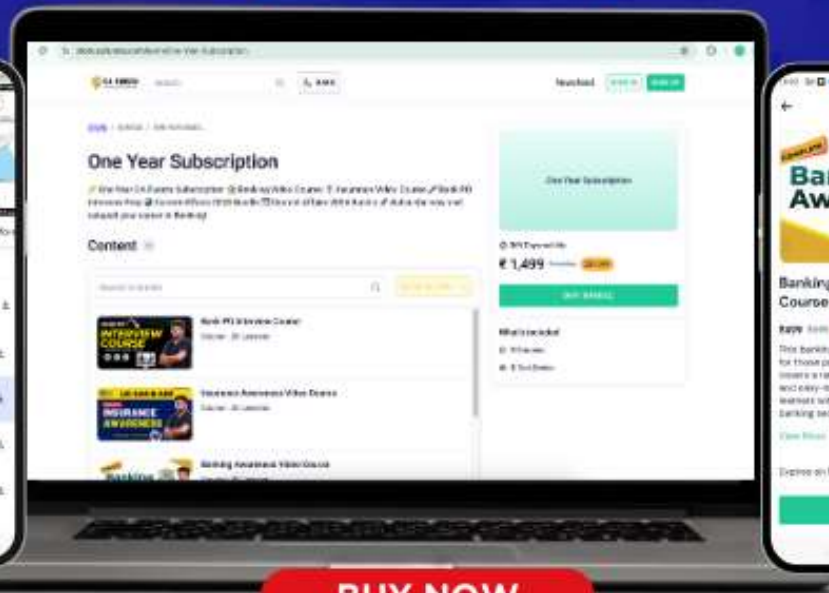
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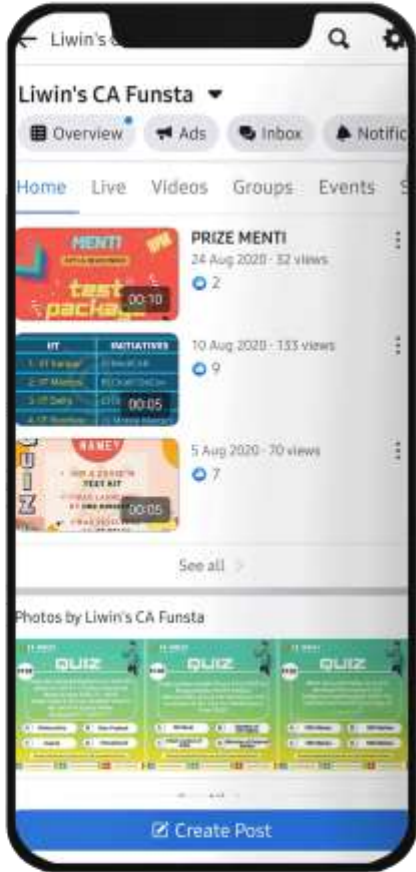
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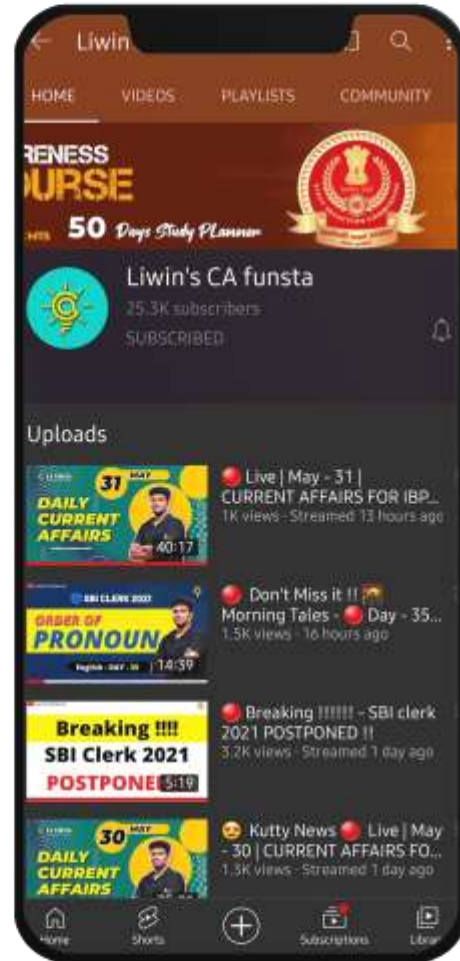


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