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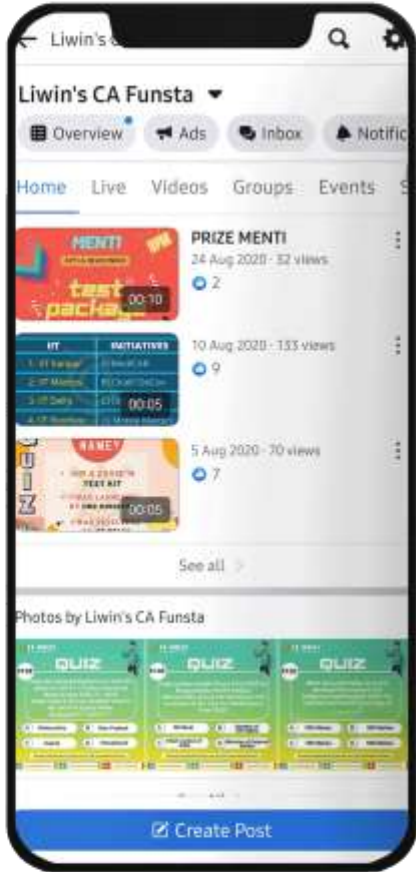
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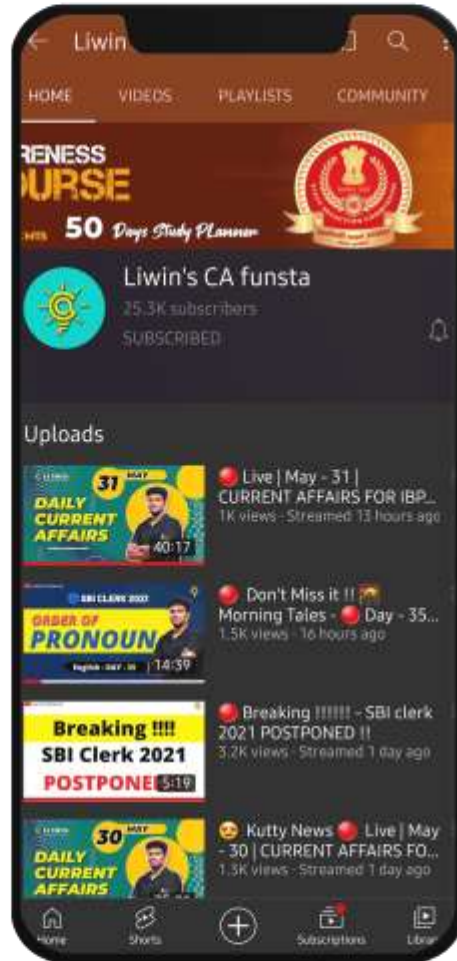
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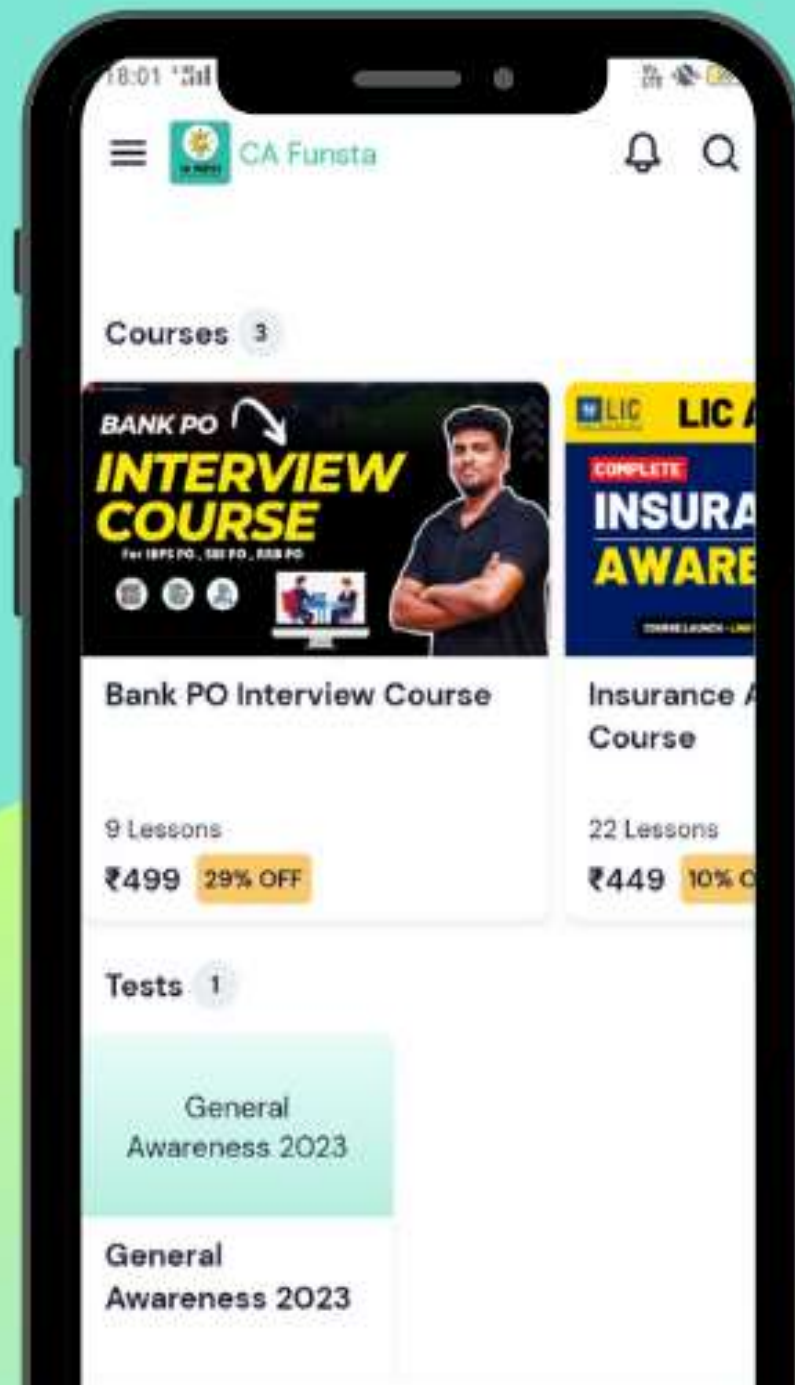
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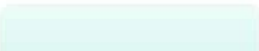
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OBITUARY



➤ Who recently passed away at the age of 100 while serving as the spiritual head of Brahma Kumaris?

- A) Dadi Janki
- B) Dadi Ratan Mohini
- C) Sister Shivani
- D) Dadi Prakashmani
- E) Dadi Hridaya Pushpa

Answer

B) Dadi Ratan Mohini



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Dadi Ratan Mohini, spiritual head of Brahma Kumaris, passed away.
- **Date:** April 8, 2025
- **Location:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Spiritual Leadership:** Served as Chief Administrator of Brahma Kumaris from 2021 until her death.
- **Centenarian Legacy:** Passed away days after celebrating her 100th birthday on March 25, 2025.
- **Early Life:** Born in 1925 in Hyderabad, Sindh (pre-Partition India), later migrated to India.
- **International Recognition:** Represented Brahma Kumaris at the 1954 World Peace Conference in Japan.
- **Global Outreach:** Visited countries including Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore promoting spiritual values.



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Major Spiritual Journey:** Undertook a 31,000-km spiritual pilgrimage in 2006 to spread peace and teachings.
- **Organisational Succession:** Took over the role from Dadi Janki, who passed away in 2020 at age 104.
- **National Tribute:** Leaders including President Droupadi Murmu and PM Modi paid homage to her legacy.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Brahma Kumaris:** A global spiritual movement dedicated to personal transformation and world renewal through meditation and spiritual knowledge.
- **Chief Administrator:** The top spiritual and administrative role within Brahma Kumaris, responsible for guiding the organisation's global mission.
- **World Peace Conference 1954:** A significant platform where Dadi Ratan Mohini represented the organisation internationally, promoting peace and unity.



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Dadi Ratan Mohini passed away
Date	April 8, 2025
Location	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Age at Death	100 years (born March 25, 1925)
Organization	Brahma Kumaris
Role	Chief Administrator since 2021
Predecessor	Dadi Janki (died 2020, aged 104)
Notable Representation	World Peace Conference, Japan (1954)
Spiritual Journey	31,000-km yatra in 2006
Countries Visited	Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia
Tributes Paid By	President Murmu, PM Modi, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma
Resting Place	Shantivan, Abu Road



➤ Which initiative has been launched by the RBI to deliver verified financial updates via WhatsApp?

- A) Digital India Connect
- B) RBI Suraksha App
- C) RBI Kehta Hai WhatsApp Channel
- D) Jan Dhan Chatbot
- E) UPI Alert System

Answer

C) RBI Kehta Hai WhatsApp Channel



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI launched an official WhatsApp channel for verified financial updates.
- **Date:** April 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Enhancing Communication:** The initiative aims to improve digital communication using WhatsApp.
- **Financial Literacy:** It promotes financial awareness and fraud prevention education across India.
- **Direct Updates:** Provides users with real-time, official alerts on financial matters.
- **Campaign Integration:** It is a key component of the ongoing 'RBI Kehta Hai' campaign.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Accessibility:** Users can join the channel by scanning a QR code provided by RBI.
- **Inclusivity:** It targets rural and digitally underserved populations for wider outreach.
- **Security Framework:** Aligns with RBI's digital security goals, supporting dynamic authentication in transactions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI Kehta Hai:** A financial literacy campaign by RBI focusing on safe and secure banking practices.
- **Dynamic Authentication:** A one-time, non-reusable authentication method used for secure digital transactions.
- **WhatsApp Channel:** A verified communication tool by RBI on WhatsApp to share accurate financial information.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	RBI launched official WhatsApp Channel for financial updates
Date	April 2025
Location	India
Launched By	Reserve Bank of India
Platform	WhatsApp
Access Method	Via QR Code provided by RBI
Part of Campaign	RBI Kehta Hai
Target Audience	All citizens, especially rural and digitally underserved regions
Security Framework	Supports RBI's digital security using dynamic authentication
Occasion	Launched during Digital Payments Awareness Week 2025



➤ Which of the following changes was made in RBI's April 2025 Monetary Policy review?

- A) Repo rate increased to 6.25%
- B) MSF rate reduced to 6.00%
- C) Repo rate reduced by 25 bps to 6%
- D) Reverse repo rate increased to 4%
- E) SDF rate increased to 6%



Answer

C) Repo rate reduced by 25 bps to 6%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI conducted the first bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting of FY 2025–26.
- **Date:** April 7–9, 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Repo Rate Revision:** The policy repo rate was reduced by 25 basis points to 6%.
- **SDF and MSF Adjustments:** The SDF rate was revised to 5.75% and the MSF rate to 6.25%.
- **Economic Outlook:** RBI projected a downward revision in GDP growth and CPI inflation for FY26.
- **Regulatory Enhancements:** Six additional measures were announced to improve financial regulation and innovation.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Credit Market Reform:** Proposed securitisation of stressed assets and wider co-lending framework for regulated entities.
- **Digital Payments Upgrade:** NPCI was allowed to revise UPI transaction limits in person-to-merchant transactions.
- **Innovation Support:** Regulatory sandbox was announced to become theme-neutral and on-tap.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Repo Rate:** The rate at which RBI lends short-term funds to commercial banks. A reduction signals cheaper borrowing.
- **SDF (Standing Deposit Facility):** A tool for absorbing liquidity without collateral; rate reduction indicates easing liquidity.
- **MSF (Marginal Standing Facility):** A facility allowing banks to borrow overnight from RBI against approved securities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):** A six-member panel responsible for setting interest rates to maintain price stability.
- **UPI Limit Revision:** Permission to the NPCI to modify the UPI transaction cap to support merchant payments flexibility.
- **Regulatory Sandbox:** A framework to test new financial innovations in a controlled environment, now theme-neutral.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	RBI's First Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Meeting of FY 2025–26
Date	April 7–9, 2025
Location	India
Policy Repo Rate	Reduced to 6.00%
SDF Rate	Reduced to 5.75%
MSF Rate / Bank Rate	Revised to 6.25%
Fixed Reverse Repo Rate	Remained unchanged at 3.35%
GDP Projection FY26	Reduced from 6.7% to 6.5%
CPI Inflation FY26	Reduced from 4.2% to 4.0%
Special Measures	Six regulatory and financial reforms announced
Next MPC Meetings	June, August, October, December 2025; February 2026



➤ **What key change did RBI permit NPCI to implement regarding UPI transactions on April 9, 2025?**

- A) Reduce UPI P2P limit to ₹50,000
- B) Remove all UPI transaction limits
- C) Revise UPI P2M transaction limits based on user needs
- D) Merge UPI with IMPS platform
- E) Stop P2M UPI payments above ₹1 lakh



Answer

C) Revise UPI P2M transaction limits based on user needs



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI permitted NPCI to revise UPI transaction limits for Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payments.
- **Date:** April 9, 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Revised Transaction Flexibility:** RBI allowed NPCI to adjust UPI limits for P2M transactions based on evolving user needs and fintech growth.
- **Current Limit Status:** General cap remains ₹1 lakh; for specific categories like education, healthcare, and credit card bill payments, limits may go up to ₹2 lakh or ₹5 lakh.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **P2P Cap Unchanged:** Person-to-Person transactions continue to have a maximum cap of ₹1 lakh.
- **NPCI's Role:** NPCI is tasked with revising limits after stakeholder consultation and based on market requirements.
- **Risk Management:** Banks may set internal limits and implement appropriate safeguards to manage risks related to higher transaction values.



Additional RBI Announcements:

- **Gold Loan Norms:** RBI will release draft norms to harmonize gold loan regulations across all regulated entities.
- **Regulatory Sandbox Reform:** Sandbox will now be theme-neutral and available on-tap to foster continuous innovation.
- **Securitisation Framework:** Draft guidelines to allow market-based securitisation of stressed assets beyond the SARFAESI-based ARC route.
- **Co-Lending Expansion:** RBI to frame a unified co-lending model beyond banks and NBFCs, promoting broader financial access.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time payment system that allows instant transfer of funds between two bank accounts via mobile platforms.
- **P2M (Person-to-Merchant):** UPI transactions where individuals make payments to merchants for goods/services.
- **P2P (Person-to-Person):** UPI transactions between two individuals.
- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):** The entity that operates UPI and other digital payment systems in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Regulatory Sandbox:** A controlled testing environment for fintech innovations under regulatory supervision.
- **SARFAESI Act, 2002:** Legislation enabling asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) to recover non-performing assets without court intervention.
- **Co-Lending:** A joint lending arrangement between two or more financial institutions to share risk and improve credit flow.



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	RBI allowed NPCI to enhance UPI P2M transaction limits
Date	April 9, 2025
Location	India
Authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Implementing Body	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
Current UPI Limit	₹1 lakh general; ₹2–5 lakh for select P2M categories
P2P Limit	Unchanged at ₹1 lakh
Safeguards	Risk mitigation and internal bank-level limits
Additional Announcements	Gold loan guidelines, sandbox reform, co-lending expansion, securitisation framework



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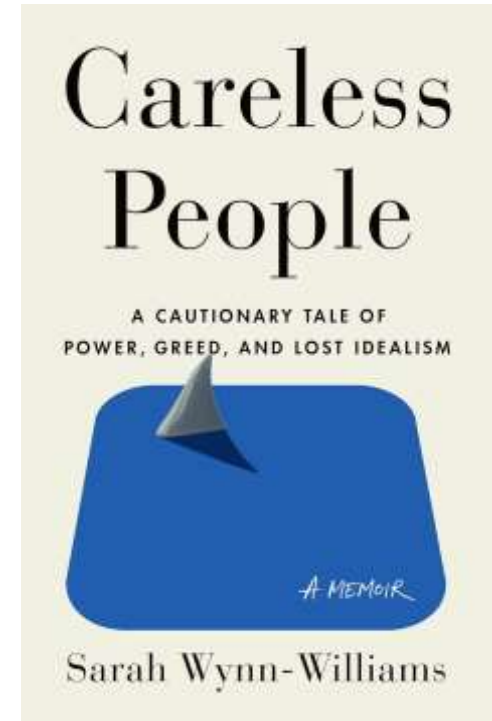


➤ What is the central theme of Sarah Wynn-Williams' memoir "Careless People"?

- A) Facebook's global market expansion strategy
- B) A detailed account of Facebook's technological innovations
- C) Exposure of toxic leadership and ethical failures inside Facebook
- D) Biography of Mark Zuckerberg's rise in tech
- E) Feminist leadership in Silicon Valley

Answer

C) Exposure of toxic leadership and ethical failures inside Facebook



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sarah Wynn-Williams released her memoir Careless People exposing Facebook's internal dysfunction.
- **Date:** April 2025
- **Location:** Global (book launch, analysis, and political impact primarily in the U.S.)



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Insider Memoir:** Offers a revealing account of the author's seven-year tenure as Director of Global Public Policy at Facebook (now Meta).
- **Disillusionment Arc:** Chronicles her transformation from idealism to disillusionment with Facebook's internal culture and leadership.
- **Corporate Power Critique:** The book acts as a cautionary tale on how unchecked power and ambition override ethics and public good.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Ethical Failures:** Details Facebook's failings during the 2016 U.S. election, Myanmar's Rohingya crisis, and its covert China ambitions.
- **Whistleblowing:** Wynn-Williams eventually filed a complaint with the U.S. SEC and left the company emotionally and professionally drained.
- **Cultural Parallels:** Draws parallels with The Great Gatsby's "careless people," showing how Facebook's elite mirrored recklessness and disregard.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Micro-Targeting:** A marketing strategy that uses data analytics to target messages to specific demographics – criticized for being used to spread disinformation.
- **Project “Aldrin”:** Facebook’s internal name for its controversial effort to enter China through censorship concessions and secret negotiations.
- **SEC Whistleblower Complaint:** A formal legal action filed by Wynn-Williams to expose corporate misconduct and misrepresentation to regulators.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Autocracy of One:** Term used by the author to describe Zuckerberg's absolute control over the company's direction and decisions.
- **Performative Feminism:** Used to criticize Sheryl Sandberg's public persona, contrasting her feminist image with alleged behind-the-scenes manipulation.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Launch of memoir Careless People by Sarah Wynn-Williams
Date	April 2025
Location	Global (Facebook/Meta operations context)
Author	Sarah Wynn-Williams, former Facebook policy director, ex-New Zealand diplomat
Publisher & Title	Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism
Main Focus	Toxic leadership, ethical breakdown, insider experiences at Facebook
Key Criticized Figures	Mark Zuckerberg, Sheryl Sandberg, Joel Kaplan
Major Events Covered	2016 U.S. election, Myanmar genocide, China expansion project “Aldrin”
Whistleblowing Action	Filed complaint with U.S. SEC
Narrative Tone	Emotionally charged, darkly humorous, critical of tech elite culture



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?



- A) Rajeev Kumar
- B) Viral Davda
- C) Pramod Desai
- D) Manish Vyas
- E) Suresh Mehta

Answer
B) Viral Davda



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Viral Davda as Deputy CIO at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- **Date:** April 2025
- **Location:** India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Technological Advancement:** His appointment aims to boost BSE's tech infrastructure and support modernization.
- **Leadership Role:** He will lead BSE's IT transformation and strategic innovation projects.
- **Experience Base:** Viral Davda brings 20+ years of experience in financial IT systems and project management.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Previous Tenure:** He worked for more than 15 years at NCDEX and served as CTO since April 2021.
- **Digital Transition Expertise:** He led major initiatives like hybrid cloud migration and operational innovation at NCDEX.
- **Strategic Vision:** He will focus on building scalable, secure, and future-ready IT systems for BSE.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deputy Chief Information Officer (Deputy CIO):** A senior executive responsible for managing an organization's technological infrastructure and supporting IT-driven growth.
- **Hybrid Cloud Transition:** A mix of on-premises and cloud computing services, enhancing flexibility and data security.
- **BFSI Technology Excellence Awards:** Recognizes top professionals and institutions in banking, financial services, and insurance tech innovation.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Appointment of Viral Davda as Deputy CIO at BSE
Date	April 2025
Location	India
Appointee	Viral Davda
Designation	Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Previous Role	Chief Technology Officer at NCDEX
Experience	Over 20 years in tech and financial sectors
Major Recognition	CTO of the Year (NBFC), 2022 BFSI Technology Excellence Awards
Key Contribution at NCDEX	Hybrid cloud adoption and digital innovation
BSE Tech Strength	400GB data/day, handles 100,000 orders/second
Strategic Goal	Enhance IT modernization and meet market demands



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been elected as the Vice-President of the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS) in April 2025?**

- A) Dr. Aravind Srinivasan
- B) Dr. Prathap Reddy
- C) Dr. Mohan Rajan
- D) Dr. Natarajan R
- E) Dr. Rajeev Jain

Answer

C) Dr. Mohan Rajan



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Dr. Mohan Rajan elected as Vice-President of the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS).
- **Date:** April 5, 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **New Appointment:** Dr. Mohan Rajan has been elected as Vice-President of AIOS.
- **Current Position:** He serves as Chairman and Medical Director of Rajan Eye Care Hospital in Chennai.
- **Professional Body:** AIOS represents over 29,000 ophthalmologists across India, making it a major medical society.
- **Election Venue:** The announcement was made during the AIOS General Body Meeting at the Asia Pacific Academy Congress.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **State Achievement:** Dr. Rajan becomes the fifth ophthalmologist from Tamil Nadu to hold this position in 84 years.
- **Future Role:** He is expected to become President of AIOS in the year 2027.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS):** A professional organization of eye specialists committed to promoting excellence in ophthalmology across India.
- **Asia Pacific Academy Congress:** A prestigious regional event for medical professionals in the Asia-Pacific, where the AIOS meeting was held.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Dr. Mohan Rajan elected Vice-President of AIOS
Date	April 5, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Designation	Vice-President, All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS)
Current Role	Chairman and Medical Director, Rajan Eye Care Hospital
Organization	AIOS – Over 29,000 ophthalmologist members across India
Future Role	Will assume presidency of AIOS in 2027
State Representation	Fifth ophthalmologist from Tamil Nadu to be elected to this position
Event Venue	Asia Pacific Academy Congress, New Delhi



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who is the main frontrunner in Gabon's 2025 presidential election scheduled for April 12?

- A) Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze
- B) Joseph Lapensee Essingone
- C) Zenaba Gninga Chaning
- D) Brice Oligui Nguema
- E) Stephane Germain Iloko Boussengui

Answer

D) Brice Oligui Nguema



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gabon to hold a presidential election with Brice Oligui Nguema as the leading candidate.
- **Date:** April 12, 2025
- **Location:** Gabon



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Election Purpose:** Transition from military to civilian rule following the 2023 coup.
- **Leading Candidate:** Brice Oligui Nguema, junta chief and transitional leader, contesting for electoral legitimacy.
- **Previous Regime:** Ends over 50 years of Bongo family rule, ousted by the August 2023 coup.
- **Main Challenger:** Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze, former Prime Minister under Ali Bongo, campaigning for a "clean break."
- **New Electoral Code:** Introduced in January 2025; Nguema suspended military duties to comply with it.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Public Sentiment:** Citizens demand restoration of constitutional order, improved governance, and poverty alleviation.
- **Socioeconomic Issues:** High poverty rate, weak infrastructure, oil dependency, and growing debt burden.
- **Campaign Style:** Nguema is leveraging populist messaging, social media, and mass rallies to reach voters.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Election Oversight:** Interior Ministry promises fair, transparent elections with results expected by April 16, 2025.
- **Historical Context:** Past elections in 2009 and 2016 were marred by violence; current vote seen as a test for peaceful transition.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Junta Chief:** A military leader who assumes political power, often after a coup.
- **C'BON:** Nguema's campaign slogan, a wordplay meaning "It's Good" in French and referencing his initials.
- **Electoral Code:** A set of legal reforms governing the conduct of elections to ensure transparency and fairness.
- **Debt-to-GDP Ratio:** Indicator of a country's financial health; Gabon's rising debt suggests economic stress.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Gabon presidential election
Date	April 12, 2025
Location	Gabon
Main Frontrunner	Brice Oligui Nguema
Main Rival	Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze
Number of Candidates	8
Campaign Slogan (Nguema)	"C'BON" – "It's Good" and his initials
Key Issues	Poverty, infrastructure, economic reform, constitutional transition
Projected Debt (2025)	80% of GDP
Electoral Reform	New Electoral Code introduced in January 2025
Public Demand	Peaceful transition, improved governance, end of dynastic rule
Result Date	Expected by April 16, 2025



- Who won India's first Agentic AI Hackathon for developing a solution in regulatory compliance and anti-money laundering?

- A) Suresh Iyer
- B) Arjun Dev
- C) Venkata Saketh Dakuri
- D) Mehul Shah
- E) Nikhil Sharma

Answer

C) Venkata Saketh Dakuri



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's first Agentic AI Hackathon was organized as part of Agentic AI Week.
- **Date:** March–April 2025 (Month-long initiative)
- **Location:** Grand Finale held at Technopark, Kerala



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Hackathon Focus:** Encourage development of Agentic AI systems to solve real-world problems, particularly in the BFSI sector.
- **Key Problem Areas:** Participants developed AI solutions for fraud detection, credit scoring, regulatory compliance, and anti-money laundering.
- **Organizers:** Hosted by Techvantage.ai in collaboration with CrewAI.
- **Participation Scale:** Attracted over 1,500 developers, data scientists, and AI professionals from across India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Grand Finale:** Culminated in Kerala's Technopark with live demos, expert sessions, and networking programs.
- **Winning Solution:** Venkata Saketh Dakuri won for developing an AI tool targeting regulatory compliance and anti-money laundering for the BFSI sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Agentic AI:** A type of artificial intelligence designed to act autonomously with minimal human input to solve specific tasks.
- **BFSI Sector:** Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance – a sector highly reliant on compliance, fraud monitoring, and secure financial processes.
- **Anti-Money Laundering (AML):** Processes and technologies used to detect and prevent the illegal generation of income through financial systems.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensuring financial entities follow local and international laws and regulations, crucial in banking and finance.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	India's First Agentic AI Hackathon
Date	March–April 2025
Location	Grand Finale at Technopark, Kerala
Organizers	Techvantage.ai, CrewAI
Duration	Month-long (as part of Agentic AI Week)
Participants	Over 1,500 developers, AI professionals, and data scientists
Focus Areas	Fraud detection, Credit scoring, Regulatory compliance, Anti-money laundering
Winner	Venkata Saketh Dakuri
Winning Solution	AI-based tool for Regulatory Compliance and Anti-Money Laundering
Sector Focus	BFSI (Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance)



DEFENCE



- India signed a ₹63,000 crore deal with which country to procure 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets for the Navy?

- A) Russia
- B) United Kingdom
- C) United States
- D) France
- E) Israel

Answer
D) France



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India cleared a ₹63,000 crore deal with France to procure 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets for the Navy.
- **Date:** April 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Procurement Purpose:** Strengthen India's naval air power, particularly for operations from INS Vikrant.
- **Approval Authority:** The deal was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).
- **Procurement Structure:** It is a Government-to-Government (G2G) agreement with France.
- **Aircraft Composition:** The deal includes 22 single-seater carrier-compliant Rafale-M jets and 4 twin-seater trainer aircraft.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Deployment Platform:** The Rafale Marine jets will be deployed on India's indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
- **Offset Clauses:** The agreement includes local manufacturing components to boost India's defense ecosystem and generate employment.
- **Additional Support:** The package covers fleet maintenance, weapons, spares, logistics, and training of Navy personnel.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **IAF Integration:** The Indian Air Force, already operating 36 Rafale jets, will benefit from enhancements to aerial refueling systems.
- **Naval Modernization:** The Rafale-M jets are equipped for STOBAR operations (Short Take-Off But Arrested Recovery), suiting carrier-based warfare.
- **Scorpene Deal Link:** The Ministry of Defence also approved procurement of 3 additional Scorpene-class submarines from France, pending CCS clearance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS):** India's top security decision-making body that approves high-value defense acquisitions.
- **G2G Agreement:** A direct inter-governmental agreement between two countries, bypassing commercial bidding for critical defense procurements.
- **Rafale-M (Marine):** Naval variant of the Rafale fighter jet, customized for carrier-based operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Vikrant:** India's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier commissioned into the Indian Navy in 2022.
- **Offset Clause:** A requirement in defense contracts mandating foreign vendors to invest in the domestic defense sector.
- **STOBAR:** Aircraft launch and recovery method used on aircraft carriers, combining short take-off with arrestor wire landings.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	India cleared deal to procure 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets
Date	April 2025
Location	India
Deal Value	₹63,000 crore (over \$7 billion)
Approval Authority	Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)
Partner Country	France
Aircraft Details	22 single-seater Rafale-M + 4 twin-seater trainer jets
Deployment Platform	INS Vikrant
Procurement Mode	Government-to-Government (G2G) agreement
Offset Package	Indigenous manufacturing, job creation, tech support
Support Inclusions	Maintenance, logistics, weapons, spares, and training
IAF Link	Enhances existing Rafale ecosystem and aerial refueling capabilities
Associated Deal	Approval of 3 more Scorpene-class submarines pending



➤ **Which country's Crown Prince visited India in April 2025 to strengthen strategic partnership ties?**

- A) Qatar
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Oman
- D) United Arab Emirates
- E) Bahrain

Answer
D) United Arab Emirates



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum visited India to enhance strategic partnership.
- **Date:** April 8, 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strategic Dialogue:** Sheikh Hamdan held discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to enhance the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- **Defence Cooperation:** A MoU was signed for collaboration between the Indian and UAE Coast Guards, focusing on joint training and co-development.
- **Defence Manufacturing:** Both sides emphasized defence co-production, co-development, and partnerships under Make-in-India and Make-in-Emirates.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Diplomatic Engagements:** Sheikh Hamdan also met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
- **Economic Collaboration:** India-UAE non-oil trade reached \$54.2 billion in 2023; over 70,000 Indian companies now operate in Dubai.
- **Business Forum:** The Dubai-India Business Forum was hosted in Mumbai, attended by 200 Indian business leaders.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **People-to-People Ties:** Dubai welcomed 3.14 million South Asian visitors in 2024, with India being the top source country.
- **Cultural Ties:** Discussions included enhancing cultural, historical, and tourism connections between the nations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership:** A high-level agreement that includes multi-sector cooperation, covering defence, trade, technology, and diplomacy.
- **Make-in-India and Make-in-Emirates:** National industrial development programs focusing on self-reliant manufacturing and international partnerships.
- **Dubai Chamber of Commerce:** A governmental body in Dubai that promotes international trade and supports business growth.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Dubai Crown Prince visited India to enhance strategic partnership
Date	April 8, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Key Leaders Involved	PM Narendra Modi, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
Defence Cooperation	MoU on Coast Guard collaboration; focus on joint training and co-development
Economic Ties	\$54.2B non-oil trade; \$4.68B UAE investment in India
Business Forum	Dubai-India Business Forum hosted in Mumbai
Tourism Link	3.14 million South Asian tourists in Dubai in 2024, India top contributor
Industrial Collaboration	Focus on synergy between Make-in-India and Make-in-Emirates



➤ Which country became the 54th nation to sign the Artemis Accords in April 2025?

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Pakistan
- D) Bangladesh
- E) Bhutan

Answer
D) Bangladesh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bangladesh became the 54th signatory to the Artemis Accords.
- **Date:** April 8, 2025
- **Location:** Dhaka, Bangladesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **International Space Cooperation:** Bangladesh commits to peaceful, transparent, and sustainable space exploration.
- **Strategic Alignment:** Signing reinforces Bangladesh's intent to collaborate with NASA and other nations on civil space initiatives.
- **Legal Foundation:** The Artemis Accords are grounded in the Outer Space Treaty, Registration Convention, and Rescue and Return Agreement.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **NASA Engagement:** The agreement allows for possible technology sharing, joint missions, and scientific data collaboration.
- **Global Integration:** Bangladesh's participation affirms its role in the expanding international space community.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Artemis Accords:** A multilateral agreement launched in 2020 by NASA to establish guidelines for responsible space exploration, particularly under the Artemis lunar program.
- **Outer Space Treaty:** An international treaty forming the foundation of space law, ensuring peaceful use of outer space.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Registration Convention:** Requires nations to register space objects launched into orbit.
- **Rescue and Return Agreement:** Provides for the safe return of astronauts and space objects to their country of origin.
- **Artemis Program:** NASA-led program aiming to land the next humans on the Moon and prepare for future missions to Mars.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Bangladesh signed the Artemis Accords
Date	April 8, 2025
Location	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Signatory Nation	Bangladesh (54th signatory)
Bangladesh Representative	Ashraf Uddin, Secretary of Defense
NASA Representative	Janet Petro, Acting Administrator
Purpose of Accords	Promote safe, transparent, and sustainable space exploration
Legal Framework	Based on Outer Space Treaty, Registration Convention, and Rescue Agreement
Program Link	Supports NASA's Artemis mission to the Moon and Mars
Global Collaboration	Over 50 nations committed to civil space cooperation



➤ Which company has committed ₹61,077 crore to establish a world-class petrochemical complex in Paradip, Odisha?

- A) Reliance Industries
- B) Bharat Petroleum
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd
- D) Hindustan Petroleum
- E) ONGC Petro Additions Ltd

Answer

C) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd



Event and Location:

- **Event:** IOCL announced a ₹61,077 crore investment for a petrochemical complex in Paradip, Odisha.
- **Date:** April 2025
- **Location:** Paradip, Odisha



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Massive Investment:** IOCL's ₹61,077 crore investment is its largest-ever at a single location.
- **Project Scope:** Includes a dual-feed cracker and downstream units for essential petrochemical production.
- **Product Portfolio:** The plant will produce phenol, polypropylene (PP), isopropyl alcohol (IPA), HDPE, LLDPE, PVC, and butadiene.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Infrastructure Boost:** Aims to strengthen petrochemical infrastructure and catalyze Paradip's industrial growth.
- **Strategic Importance:** Supports the development of Paradip PCPIR and aligns with India's global industrial competitiveness.
- **Employment Creation:** The project will generate both direct and indirect employment across sectors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Petrochemical Complex:** An integrated facility that produces chemicals derived from petroleum and natural gas.
- **Dual-Feed Cracker:** A unit capable of processing two types of feedstock to produce a variety of petrochemicals.
- **PCPIR (Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region):** A specially designated industrial zone aimed at attracting large-scale investments in the petrochemical sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE):** A plastic used in containers, pipes, and packaging.
- **Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA):** A solvent used in pharmaceuticals and cleaning agents.
- **Polypropylene (PP):** A versatile plastic used in textiles, packaging, and automotive components.
- **Phenol, PVC, Butadiene:** Key chemicals used in making adhesives, plastics, and synthetic rubber.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	IOCL announced petrochemical complex investment in Odisha
Date	April 2025
Location	Paradip, Odisha
Investment Amount	₹61,077 crore
Organization	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)
Key Products	Phenol, PP, IPA, HDPE, LLDPE, PVC, Butadiene
Product Applications	Pharmaceuticals, packaging, construction, electrical, medical, automotive
Infrastructure Impact	Enhances Odisha's petrochemical and industrial ecosystem
Employment Effect	Will create direct and indirect employment opportunities
Strategic Significance	Supports development of Paradip PCPIR and India's industrial competitiveness
Government Officials Present	CM Mohan Charan Majhi, Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Dharmendra Pradhan, Jual Oram



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➤ When was the 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada launched in 2025?

- A) March 1
- B) April 1
- C) April 8
- D) March 8
- E) April 15

Answer
C) April 8



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada 2025.
- **Date:** April 8, 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Campaign Duration:** The campaign is being held from April 8 to April 22, 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry:** The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development is the primary implementing body.
- **Supporting Ministries:** The initiative is supported by the Ministries of Rural Development, Health & Family Welfare, Education, Jal Shakti, and Panchayati Raj.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Themes:**
 - Focus on the first 1000 days of life for child nutrition.
 - Raise awareness about the Poshan Tracker's citizen module.
 - Manage malnutrition through CMAM (Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition).
 - Promote healthy lifestyle habits to address childhood obesity.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Community Involvement:** Home visits, outreach programs, and awareness drives are organized to educate the public.
- **Technological Empowerment:** Promotion of Poshan Tracker for community-led nutritional monitoring.
- **Nutrition Awareness:** Emphasis on exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Poshan Pakhwada:** A fortnight-long national nutrition campaign under Poshan Abhiyaan aimed at creating awareness and strengthening nutrition outcomes.
- **Poshan Tracker:** A digital platform to monitor and evaluate nutrition-related data at the community level, promoting active citizen participation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CMAM (Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition):** A strategy that focuses on treating malnutrition through local interventions without hospitalization.
- **First 1000 Days:** A critical window from conception to two years of age where proper nutrition significantly impacts a child's development.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	7 th Edition of Poshan Pakhwada launched
Date	April 8, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Duration	April 8 to April 22, 2025
Nodal Ministry	Ministry of Women and Child Development
Supporting Ministries	Rural Development, Health & Family Welfare, Education, Jal Shakti, Panchayati Raj
Main Themes	First 1000 Days of Life, Poshan Tracker, CMAM, Childhood Obesity
Objectives	Improve grassroots nutrition, promote early feeding, empower communities
Technology Use	Emphasis on using the Poshan Tracker for better nutritional monitoring
Outreach Activities	Home visits, awareness campaigns, and community engagement



QUICK RECALL



- Dadi Ratan Mohini passed away in Ahmedabad on April 8, 2025, at the age of 100.
- RBI launched a WhatsApp channel to deliver real-time verified financial updates.
- RBI reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6 percent.
- RBI permitted NPCI to revise UPI P2M transaction limits on April 9, 2025.
- Sarah Wynn-Williams released Careless People, an insider memoir on Facebook's internal chaos.
- Viral Davda has been appointed as Deputy CIO at Bombay Stock Exchange.
- Dr. Mohan Rajan has been elected Vice-President of the All India Ophthalmological Society.
- Gabon will hold its presidential election on April 12, 2025.
- India's first Agentic AI Hackathon was held as part of Agentic AI Week.



QUICK RECALL



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- Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan visited India to enhance strategic cooperation.
- Bangladesh became the 54th nation to sign the Artemis Accords on April 8, 2025.
- IOCL committed ₹61,077 crore for a petrochemical complex in Paradip, Odisha.
- The 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada was launched on April 8, 2025.



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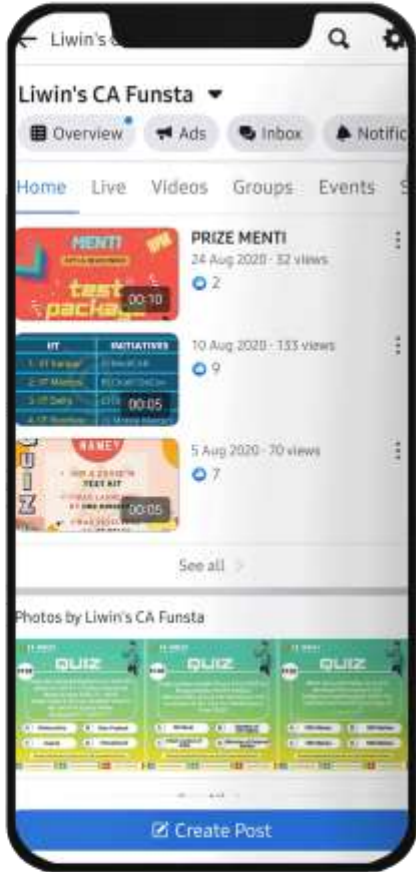
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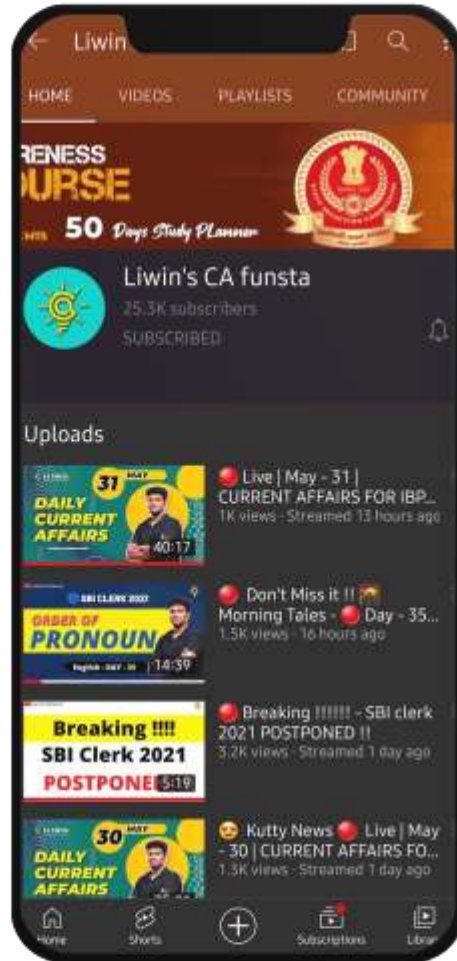


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