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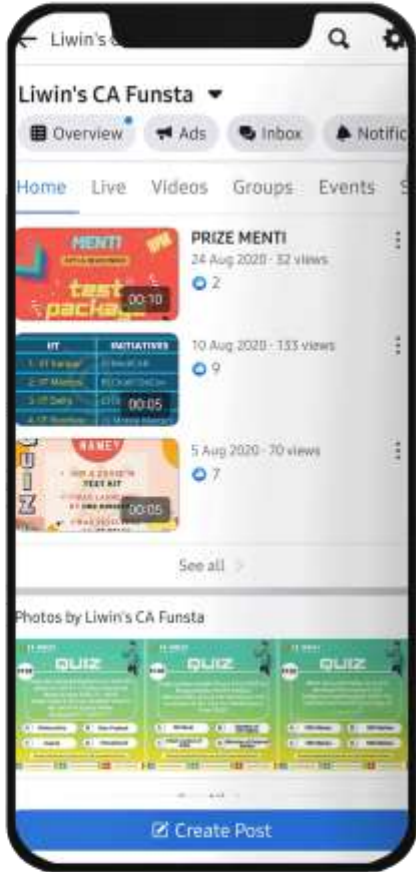
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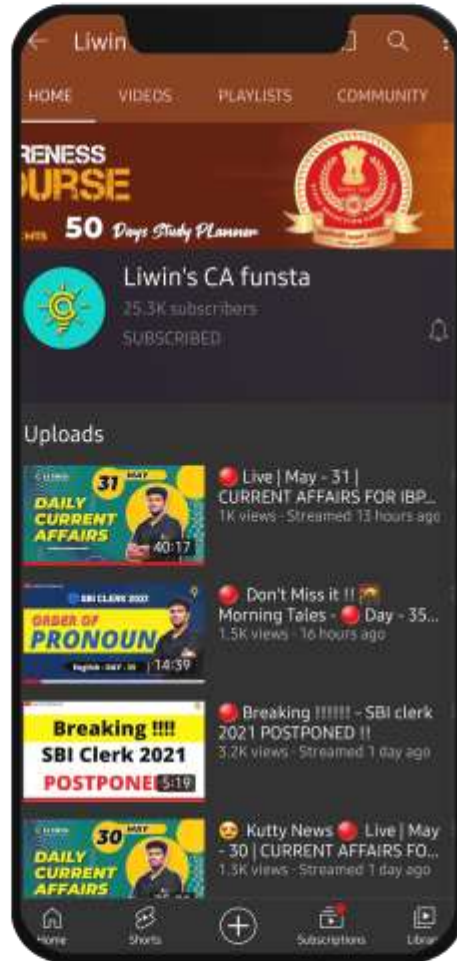
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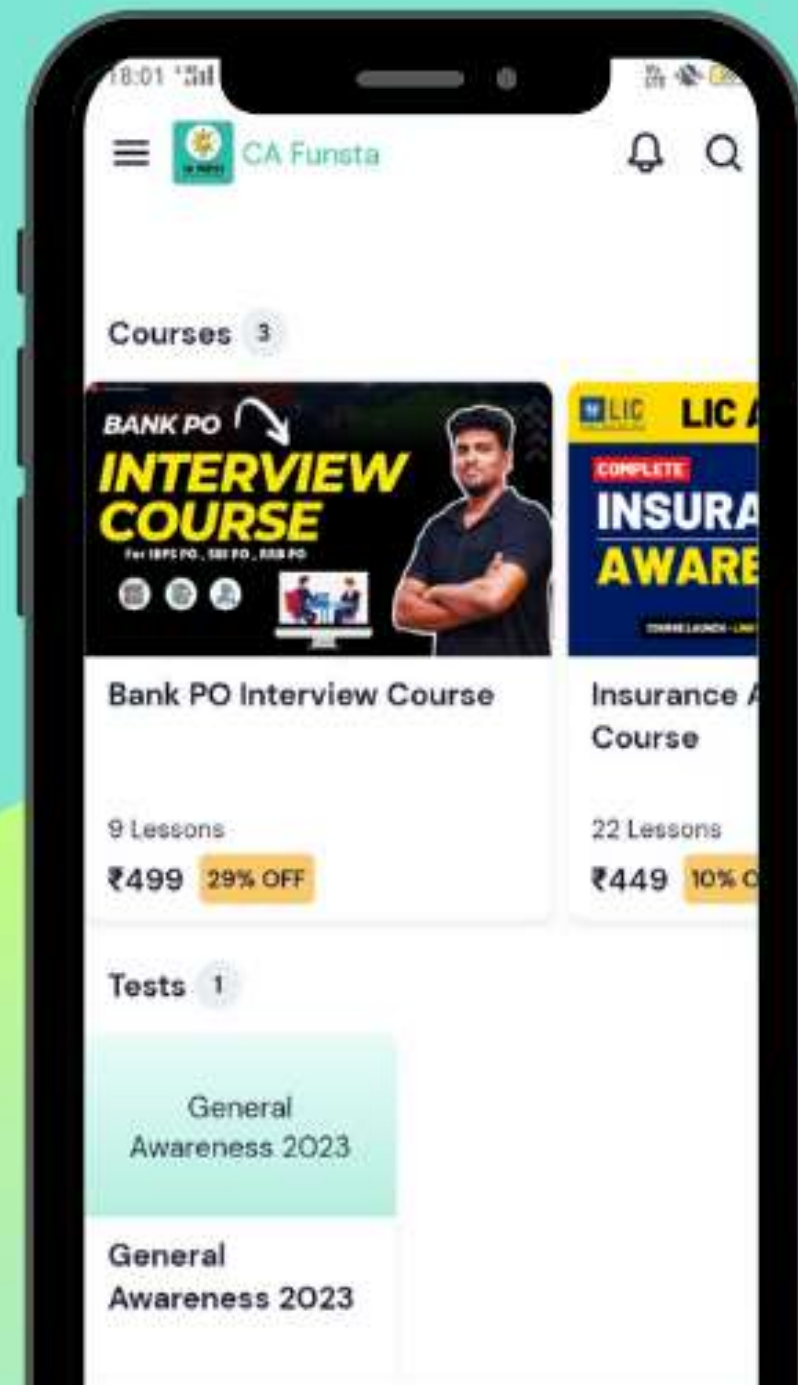
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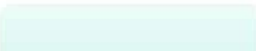
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# Important Days



➤ **When is World Hemophilia Day observed annually?**

- A) April 10
- B) April 15
- C) April 17
- D) April 21
- E) April 12

**Answer**  
**C) April 17**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Hemophilia Day 2025.
- **Date:** April 17, 2025.
- **Location:** Observed globally.





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Established By:** World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH).
- **Purpose:**
  - Raise global awareness about hemophilia and inherited bleeding disorders.
  - Promote education, diagnosis, and treatment access.
  - Encourage global solidarity among patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and advocates.
- **2025 Theme:** “Equity in Access: Empowering All Bleeding Disorder Communities.”



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Focus:** Ensuring equal access to care and treatment for individuals living with bleeding disorders worldwide.
- **Honours:** Commemorates the birth anniversary of Frank Schnabel, founder of the WFH.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Hemophilia:**
  - A rare inherited bleeding disorder where the blood doesn't clot properly due to the absence or low levels of certain clotting factors.
- **World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH):**
  - An international non-profit organization founded by Frank Schnabel in 1963 to improve and sustain care for people with inherited bleeding disorders.





# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Equity in Access:**
  - The principle that everyone, regardless of geography or background, should receive fair and equal access to healthcare and support services.
- **Frank Schnabel:**
  - Founder of the WFH and a global advocate for people living with hemophilia. World Hemophilia Day is observed on his birth anniversary.



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element             | Details                                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                   | World Hemophilia Day 2025                                      |
| Date                    | April 17, 2025                                                 |
| Established By          | World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH)                           |
| Purpose                 | Raise awareness about hemophilia and bleeding disorders        |
| 2025 Theme              | Equity in Access: Empowering All Bleeding Disorder Communities |
| Global Significance     | Highlights need for inclusive care, treatment, and diagnosis   |
| Honours                 | Birth anniversary of Frank Schnabel                            |
| Awareness Actions       | Wear red, share messages, donate, educate, support campaigns   |
| Global Patient Estimate | Over 400,000 people living with hemophilia worldwide           |



➤ **What is the key requirement before NPCI can launch the UPI ID save feature?**

- A) SEBI approval
- B) RBI clearance
- C) Cabinet nod
- D) NITI Aayog review
- E) Parliament approval

**Answer**  
**B) RBI clearance**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** NPCI Planning to Let Users Save UPI IDs on Merchant Websites.
- **Date:** April 2025.
- **Location:** India.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Implementing Body:** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- **Proposed Feature:** Allow customers to save their preferred UPI ID on merchant websites.
- **Purpose:** Simplify and speed up the checkout process by bypassing UPI app selection and login steps.
- **Current Checkout Flow:** Customers select a UPI app and enter the UPI ID or select from linked accounts each time they make a transaction.
- **Proposed Checkout Flow:** Customers can save and reuse their UPI ID directly on merchant platforms, similar to saved card options.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Process Requirement:** The proposal will need clearance from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) before being implemented.
- **Payment Gateway Comparison:** Similar to tokenisation of credit cards used in current payment gateways.
- **Merchant Coverage:** E-commerce platforms, travel sites, insurance portals, bill payment apps may adopt the feature.
- **Tokenisation:** Consumers will not have to input UPI data repeatedly, improving checkout time and user experience.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):**
  - An umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India under the RBI and IBA framework.
- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):**
  - An instant real-time payment system developed by NPCI that enables peer-to-peer and person-to-merchant transactions.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Tokenisation:**
  - A process that replaces sensitive data (like UPI IDs or card numbers) with a unique code or token, enhancing transaction security.
- **Consent Management:**
  - Under the new model, users will have to give explicit permission to merchants for storing UPI IDs, just like saved cards.





## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element          | Details                                                                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                | NPCI planning to enable saving of UPI IDs on merchant websites             |
| Proposed By          | National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)                              |
| Feature Objective    | Simplify and speed up UPI-based checkouts                                  |
| Feature Status       | Under internal discussion; not formally launched                           |
| Requirement          | Needs clearance from RBI before rollout                                    |
| Functionality        | Save and reuse preferred UPI IDs on e-commerce sites                       |
| Similar To           | Tokenisation of debit/credit cards in payment gateways                     |
| Target Platforms     | E-commerce, travel portals, insurance, education, bill payments            |
| Privacy Safeguard    | Requires user consent to save UPI IDs                                      |
| Concerns Raised      | Favors big players like PhonePe and Google Pay, risks market concentration |
| Stakeholder Feedback | Small UPI players fear losing out; larger ones dominate 80% of UPI volumes |



➤ What was India's export value in March 2025?

- A) \$35.42 bn
- B) \$41.97 bn
- C) \$43.60 bn
- D) \$47.22 bn
- E) \$39.75 bn

**Answer**  
**B) \$41.97 bn**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's Exports Rise Marginally by 0.7% in March 2025.
- **Date:** March 2025.
- **Location:** India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **March 2025 Exports:** Rose by 0.7% year-on-year, totaling \$41.97 billion.
- **March 2025 Imports:** Increased sharply by 11.3% to \$63.51 billion.
- **March 2025 Trade Deficit:** Widened to \$21.54 billion due to stronger import growth.
- **Annual Export Value (FY 2024–25):** \$437.42 billion, showing only 0.08% growth.
- **Annual Import Value (FY 2024–25):** \$720.24 billion, a 6.62% increase year-on-year.
- **Overall Export Performance (Goods + Services):** Grew by 5.5% to \$820.93 billion.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Annual Trade Deficit:** Remained elevated due to strong import demand.
- **Import Surge Sectors:** Mainly in energy, electronics, and industrial raw materials.
- **Export Pressure Reasons:** Moderation in global demand and high base of March 2024.
- **Services Sector Contribution:** Played a key role in sustaining total export growth.
- **Policy Need:** Export diversification and import substitution are needed to manage trade balance risks.
- **Economic Impact:** Widening trade deficit may impact the current account deficit and forex reserves.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Trade Deficit:**
  - Occurs when a country's imports exceed its exports in a given period, leading to negative net exports.
- **Current Account Deficit (CAD):**
  - A situation where a country's total imports of goods, services, and transfers exceed its total export earnings.
- **High Base Effect:**
  - A statistical term where current growth appears low because the previous year had unusually high values.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Export Diversification:**
  - A strategy to expand the variety of products and markets to reduce dependency on limited sectors or regions.
- **Import Substitution:**
  - Policies aimed at producing goods domestically that are otherwise imported, to boost self-reliance.



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element            | Details                                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                  | India's Exports Rise Marginally by 0.7% in March 2025 |
| Date                   | March 2025                                            |
| Location               | India                                                 |
| Exports (March 2025)   | \$41.97 billion (0.7% growth YoY)                     |
| Imports (March 2025)   | \$63.51 billion (11.3% increase YoY)                  |
| Trade Deficit (March)  | \$21.54 billion                                       |
| Exports (FY 2024–25)   | \$437.42 billion (0.08% rise)                         |
| Imports (FY 2024–25)   | \$720.24 billion (6.62% rise)                         |
| Overall Exports        | \$820.93 billion (Goods + Services, 5.5% increase)    |
| Trade Deficit (Annual) | High due to import surge                              |
| Key Import Areas       | Energy, electronics, industrial inputs                |
| Export Drivers         | Services sector resilience                            |
| Challenges             | Global demand slowdown, high base effect              |
| Economic Impact        | Pressure on current account and forex reserves        |



➤ **What was India's trade surplus with the US in FY25?**

- A) \$35.4 bn
- B) \$38.6 bn
- C) \$41.2 bn
- D) \$43.7 bn
- E) \$39.5 bn

**Answer**  
**C) \$41.2 bn**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's Trade Dynamics in FY25: Surplus with US Widens, Deficit with China Deepens.
- **Date:** Fiscal Year 2024–25.
- **Location:** India.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Trade with United States:** Exports rose to \$86.5 billion, a growth of 11.59% from the previous fiscal year.
- **Imports from United States:** Increased to \$45.3 billion, up by 7.44%.
- **Trade Surplus with US:** Widened to \$41.2 billion from \$35.4 billion in FY24.
- **Trade with China:** Exports fell to \$14.25 billion, down 14.49% from \$16.66 billion in FY24.
- **Imports from China:** Increased to \$113.45 billion, up 11.52% from \$101.7 billion.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Trade Deficit with China:** Deepened to \$99.2 billion from \$85.1 billion in FY24.
- **Top Import Drivers from China:** Electronics, electric vehicle batteries, solar cells, and industrial inputs.
- **PLI Scheme Impact:** Boosted demand for components sourced from China.
- **Top Export Destinations:** US, UAE, Netherlands, United Kingdom.
- **Top Import Sources:** China, Russia, UAE, United States.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Trade Surplus:**
  - Occurs when a country's export value exceeds its import value with a specific trading partner.
- **Trade Deficit:**
  - Occurs when a country's import value exceeds its export value with a specific partner.
- **PLI Scheme (Production-Linked Incentive):**
  - A government initiative offering incentives to domestic manufacturers to boost production and reduce import dependence.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Export Growth Rate:**
  - Percentage increase in the value of exports compared to the previous year.
- **Import Drivers:**
  - Key product categories contributing significantly to overall import volumes from a country.



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element                | Details                                                          |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                      | India's Trade Surplus with US Widens, Deficit with China Deepens |
| Date                       | FY 2024–25                                                       |
| US Exports (from India)    | \$86.5 billion (↑ 11.59%)                                        |
| US Imports (to India)      | \$45.3 billion (↑ 7.44%)                                         |
| US Trade Surplus           | \$41.2 billion (↑ from \$35.4 billion)                           |
| China Exports (from India) | \$14.25 billion (↓ 14.49%)                                       |
| China Imports (to India)   | \$113.45 billion (↑ 11.52%)                                      |
| China Trade Deficit        | \$99.2 billion (↑ from \$85.1 billion)                           |
| Key China Imports          | Electronics, EV batteries, solar cells, industrial inputs        |
| PLI Scheme Effect          | Increased reliance on Chinese components                         |
| Top Export Destination     | United States                                                    |
| Top Import Source          | China                                                            |



➤ What is Fitch's revised GDP growth forecast for India in FY26?

- A) 6.0%
- B) 6.3%
- C) 6.4%
- D) 6.6%
- E) 6.2%

**Answer**  
**C) 6.4%**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Fitch Lowers India Growth Forecast for FY26 to 6.4%.
- **Date:** April 2025.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Agency Involved:** Fitch Ratings.
- **Revised FY26 Forecast:** India's GDP growth forecast lowered from 6.5% to 6.4%.
- **FY25 Revision:** Forecast also revised downward from 6.3% to 6.2%.
- **Reason for Revision:** Escalation in global trade tensions and weaker global demand due to US tariff hikes.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Impact Factors:**
  - US tariff increases on Chinese goods up to 100%
  - Broader geopolitical uncertainties
  - Weaker external demand and exports
  - Monetary policy lags and fiscal constraints
- **Global GDP Trends:**
  - Global GDP growth forecast: 2.4% in 2025, down from 2.9% in 2024
  - World Bank, ADB, and Nomura also issued downward revisions



## Important Terms Explained:

- **GDP (Gross Domestic Product):**
  - A measure of a country's economic output in a specific time period, representing the total market value of goods and services.
- **Fitch Ratings:**
  - A major global credit rating agency that provides sovereign credit forecasts and economic outlooks for countries and institutions.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Tariff:**
  - A tax imposed on imports or exports between sovereign states, often used in trade wars or to protect domestic industries.
- **Retail Inflation:**
  - A measure of price changes in a basket of consumer goods and services over time; a key indicator of cost of living.



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element                  | Details                                                          |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                        | Fitch lowers India's GDP forecast for FY26                       |
| FY26 GDP Forecast (New)      | 6.4%                                                             |
| FY25 GDP Forecast (Revised)  | 6.2%                                                             |
| Reason for Downgrade         | Escalating global trade tensions and weak export outlook         |
| Tariff Impact                | US imposed 100% tariffs on Chinese goods, affecting global trade |
| US GDP Forecast              | 1.2% for 2025, down from 2.8% in 2024                            |
| India's Retail Inflation     | Projected to fall to 4.5% in FY26 from 5.4% in FY25              |
| Other Institutions Forecasts | ADB: 6.7% (FY26), Nomura: 6.0%, Moody's: 6.5%                    |





➤ How much equity capital is IDFC First Bank planning to raise via CCPS?

- A) ₹5,000 cr
- B) ₹6,250 cr
- C) ₹7,500 cr
- D) ₹9,000 cr
- E) ₹10,500 cr



**Answer**  
**C) ₹7,500 cr**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** IDFC First to Raise ₹7,500 Cr in Equity Capital.
- **Date:** April 2025.
- **Location:** Mumbai, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Bank Involved:** IDFC First Bank (Private Sector).
- **Capital Raising Method:** Issuance of Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS).
- **Total Amount to be Raised:** ₹7,500 crore.
- **Share Issue Price:** ₹60 per CCPS.
- **Purpose:**
  - To improve capital adequacy.
  - Reduce the need for future capital raises.
  - Strengthen operational performance and expansion capacity.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Recipients of CCPS:**
  - ₹4,876 crore to Currant Sea Investments BV, an affiliate of Warburg Pincus.
  - ₹2,624 crore to Platinum Invictus B 2025 RSC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- **Post-Issue Shareholding:**
  - Warburg Pincus will hold 9.48%.
  - ADIA will hold 5.10% in IDFC First Bank.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **CCPS (Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares):**
  - A type of preference share that must be converted into equity shares after a fixed period, used for raising capital without immediate dilution.
- **Capital Adequacy:**
  - A measure of a bank's capital, ensuring that it can absorb a reasonable amount of loss and comply with statutory capital requirements.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Warburg Pincus:**
  - A global private equity firm investing in growth-oriented companies, involved in this investment through Currant Sea Investments BV.
- **ADIA (Abu Dhabi Investment Authority):**
  - A sovereign wealth fund owned by the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, investing globally through subsidiaries like Platinum Invictus.



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## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element               | Details                                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                     | IDFC First Bank to raise ₹7,500 crore via CCPS               |
| Date                      | April 2025                                                   |
| Capital Raise Type        | Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS)            |
| Amount Raised             | ₹7,500 crore                                                 |
| Issue Price               | ₹60 per share                                                |
| Warburg Pincus Investment | ₹4,876 crore via Currant Sea Investments BV                  |
| ADIA Investment           | ₹2,624 crore via Platinum Invictus B 2025 RSC                |
| Shareholding Post Issue   | Warburg Pincus: 9.48%, ADIA: 5.10%                           |
| Objective                 | Improve capital adequacy, reduce frequent fund-raising       |
| Customer Deposits         | Grew to ₹2.42 lakh crore (up 25.2% YoY as of March 31, 2025) |
| Loans and Advances        | Increased to ₹2.41 lakh crore (20.3% YoY growth)             |
| Profit Performance        | 45% YoY profit growth reported in 9M FY25                    |





# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who is the chairperson of Tamil Nadu's newly formed high-level committee on State autonomy?**

- A) Naganathan
- B) K. A. V. Shetty
- C) Kurian Joseph
- D) MK Stalin
- E) S. R. Balasubramaniam

**Answer**  
**C) Kurian Joseph**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tamil Nadu Forms High-Level Committee To Strengthen State Autonomy.
- **Date:** April 15, 2025.
- **Location:** Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announced By:** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.
- **Committee Purpose:** To evaluate Centre-State relations and suggest reforms to enhance State autonomy.
- **Committee Nature:** High-level review panel.
- **Report Timeline:** Interim report by January 2026; final report within two years.
- **Mandate Areas:** Review Constitution, laws, and policies affecting Centre-State relations.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Reform Goals:** Recommend restoration of subjects to State List, improve administrative capacity, and suggest autonomy reforms that maintain national integrity.
- **Historical Reviews Considered:** Rajamannar Committee (1971), Sarkaria Commission (1983), and Punchhi Commission (2004).



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajamannar Committee:** Formed in 1969 by DMK Government under M. Karunanidhi to study Centre-State relations; its recommendations were adopted by Tamil Nadu Assembly in 1974.
- **Sarkaria Commission:** Established in 1983 to examine Centre-State relations and suggest reforms for better federal balance.
- **Punchhi Commission:** Constituted in 2004, it reviewed the working of existing arrangements between the Union and States.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NEET Issue:** The imposition of NEET was cited as central overreach affecting state education autonomy and inclusivity.
- **Delimitation Concern:** Proposed post-2026 delimitation may reduce Tamil Nadu's representation for its successful population control measures.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element             | Details                                                                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                   | Formation of High-Level Committee on State Autonomy                         |
| Date                    | April 15, 2025                                                              |
| Location                | Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly                                             |
| Announced By            | CM M.K. Stalin                                                              |
| Chairperson             | Justice Kurian Joseph (Retired SC Judge)                                    |
| Other Members           | K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty, M. Naganathan                                      |
| Interim Report Deadline | January 2026                                                                |
| Final Report Timeline   | Within two years                                                            |
| Committee Focus         | Review Centre-State relations, suggest autonomy reforms                     |
| Historical Committees   | Rajamannar (1969), Sarkaria (1983), Punchhi (2004)                          |
| Issues Raised           | NEET, GST, Delimitation, Fiscal devolution, National Education Policy (NEP) |
| Financial Concern       | TN gets only 29 paise per ₹1 contributed to Union                           |





# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who won the 2025 presidential election in Gabon?

- A) Ali Bongo
- B) Alain Bilie
- C) Mahamat Déby
- D) Brice Nguema
- E) Jean Ping

**Answer**  
**D) Brice Nguema**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Military Leader Wins Presidential Election in Gabon.
- **Date:** April 2025.
- **Location:** Gabon.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **President Elected:** General Brice Oligui Nguema.
- **Vote Share:** Secured over 90% of votes as per provisional results.
- **Main Opponent:** Former Prime Minister Alain Claude Bilie-By-Nze.
- **Background:** Nguema took power in a 2023 coup that ended the Bongo family's 40+ year rule.
- **Promise After Coup:** Initially pledged to step down but later ran for office under a new electoral code.
- **Previous Role:** Head of the Republican Guard and aide to both Omar Bongo and Ali Bongo.
- **Election Environment:** Largely peaceful with no major disruptions reported by election monitors.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Military Coup (2023):**
  - General Nguema overthrew President Ali Bongo, ending a decades-long political dynasty that ruled Gabon since 1967.
- **Electoral Code Change:**
  - New rules permitted military officials to contest elections, enabling Nguema's candidacy in 2025.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Republican Guard:**
  - An elite military unit responsible for presidential security in Gabon, previously led by Nguema.
- **Return of Military Rule in Africa:**
  - Gabon joins a list of West and Central African nations, like Chad, where military leaders have seized power and transitioned to political roles through elections.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element          | Details                                                                   |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                | Military Leader Wins Presidential Election in Gabon                       |
| Date                 | April 2025                                                                |
| Winner               | General Brice Oligui Nguema                                               |
| Vote Share           | Over 90% (provisional results)                                            |
| Main Opponent        | Alain Claude Bilie-By-Nze                                                 |
| Election Nature      | Peaceful; no major disruptions reported                                   |
| Background           | Military coup in 2023; deposed Ali Bongo                                  |
| Previous Role        | Head of Republican Guard; aide to both Omar and Ali Bongo                 |
| Trend                | Reflects rising political power of military leadership in African nations |
| Economic Dependency  | Oil sector contributes 38% of GDP                                         |
| Youth Unemployment   | Over 40%                                                                  |
| Governance Challenge | Widespread corruption and inequality despite oil wealth                   |



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was elected Chair of INTERPOL's Committee on Governance in April 2025?**

- A) Saif Bin Zayed
- B) Dana Al Marzouqi
- C) Hamdan Al Nahyan
- D) Ahmed Al Raisi
- E) Mona Al Marri

**Answer**

**B) Dana Al Marzouqi**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** UAE Assumes Chair of INTERPOL's Committee on Governance.
- **Date:** April 11, 2025.
- **Location:** INTERPOL Headquarters, Lyon, France.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Appointed Chairperson:** Lt. Col. Dana Humaid Al Marzouqi.
- **Position:** Director General, International Affairs Bureau, UAE Ministry of Interior.
- **Vote Share:** Elected with 67% support from INTERPOL's member countries.
- **Committee Name:** INTERPOL Committee on Governance.
- **Established:** Late 2024 by INTERPOL's 92nd General Assembly.
- **Tenure:** Two-year term.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate of Committee:**
  - Review and improve INTERPOL's internal processes and legislative framework.
  - Advise the General Assembly on constitutional amendments and rule interpretations.
  - Ensure governance transparency and inclusivity.
- **UAE's Responsibilities as Chair:**
  - Lead committee operations and strategic decisions.
  - Represent the committee before INTERPOL's Executive Committee and General Assembly.
  - Coordinate global cooperation among INTERPOL member nations.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **INTERPOL:**
  - The International Criminal Police Organization that facilitates cross-border police cooperation and crime control among 195 member countries.
- **Committee on Governance:**
  - A permanent INTERPOL body that provides strategic recommendations and oversight over internal reforms, rules, and constitution interpretations.
- **Soft Power:**
  - A form of global influence that stems from diplomacy, cultural leadership, and international cooperation rather than military force.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element           | Details                                                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                 | UAE Elected as Chair of INTERPOL's Committee on Governance                  |
| Date                  | April 11, 2025                                                              |
| Location              | INTERPOL Headquarters, Lyon, France                                         |
| Chairperson           | Lt. Col. Dana Humaid Al Marzouqi                                            |
| Country Elected       | United Arab Emirates (UAE)                                                  |
| Vote Share            | 67% support from INTERPOL member states                                     |
| Committee Name        | INTERPOL Committee on Governance                                            |
| Committee Established | Late 2024 during 92nd General Assembly                                      |
| Chair Term            | Two years                                                                   |
| Committee Role        | Review rules, advise on constitution, improve governance                    |
| UAE's Strategic Role  | Lead governance efforts, represent committee, coordinate with member states |
| Significance          | Strengthens UAE's global leadership in law enforcement governance           |



➤ Which edition of the Meghayan Symposium was held by the Indian Navy in April 2025?

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth
- E) Fifth

**Answer**  
**C) Third**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Meghayan-25 – Meteorological and Oceanological Symposium.
- **Date:** April 14, 2025.
- **Location:** Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Organised by:** Indian Navy.
- **Occasion:** To celebrate World Meteorological Day 2025.
- **WMO Day Theme:** “Closing the Early Warning Gap Together”.
- **Purpose:** Promote collaboration and awareness in Marine Meteorology and Oceanology.
- **Virtual Inauguration:** Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of Naval Staff.
- **Event President:** Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Vice Chief of Naval Staff.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Panel Theme:** “Closing the Early Warning Gap Together: Enhancing Maritime Security and Coordination”.
- **Panel Objective:** Discuss strategies for integrated maritime safety and disaster preparedness.
- **Felicitation:** Cmde PI Oommen (Retd), pioneer of Navy’s Meteorological Specialisation.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Meghayan-25:**
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Indian Navy's Meteorological and Oceanological Symposium, promoting marine weather collaboration.
- **WMO Day:**
  - An annual observance on March 23 by the World Meteorological Organization to highlight the importance of meteorology.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **MOSDAC-IN:**
  - A satellite-data-based web portal launched jointly by DNOM and SAC, providing customized weather data with individual logins for Naval Meteorological Offices.
- **Sagarmanthan Journal:**
  - A technical publication on naval meteorology and oceanology, revived with its 10th edition after a decade-long gap.



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element     | Details                                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event           | Meghayan-25                                                 |
| Date            | April 14, 2025                                              |
| Location        | Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi                                   |
| Organised By    | Indian Navy                                                 |
| Occasion        | World Meteorological Day 2025                               |
| WMO Day Theme   | "Closing the Early Warning Gap Together"                    |
| Inauguration By | Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of Naval Staff             |
| Presided By     | Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Vice Chief of Naval Staff |



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element          | Details                                                                |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Guest of Honour      | Dr. Nilesh Desai, Director, SAC Ahmedabad                              |
| Keynote Speaker      | Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DG, IMD & Vice President, WMO                |
| Technical Session I  | Marine Meteorology – Moderator: RAdm G Rambabu                         |
| Technical Session II | Statistical Forecasting – Moderator: Cmde SMU Athar                    |
| Panel Discussion     | Enhancing Maritime Security – Moderator: VAdm Pradeep Chauhan (Retd)   |
| Key Launch           | MOSDAC-IN Web Services                                                 |
| Journal Revival      | 10th Edition of Sagarmanthan Journal                                   |
| Special Felicitation | Cmde PI Oommen (Retd), Pioneer of Navy's Meteorological Specialisation |



➤ Who conferred the MacGregor Memorial Medal for 2023 and 2024?



- A) COAS
- B) PM Modi
- C) CDS Chauhan
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) President

**Answer**  
**C) CDS Chauhan**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 5 Military Personnel Honored with Prestigious MacGregor Memorial Medal.
- **Date:** For the years 2023 and 2024.
- **Location:** United Service Institution of India (USI), New Delhi.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Medal Instituted On:** July 3, 1888.
- **Named After:** Major General Sir Charles Metcalfe MacGregor, founder of USI (established in 1870).
- **Original Purpose:** To recognize exceptional military reconnaissance and exploratory journeys.
- **Scope After 1986:** Expanded to include military expeditions and adventure activities.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Eligibility:** Open to all ranks from the Armed Forces, Territorial Army, Reserve Forces, Rashtriya Rifles, and Assam Rifles (serving or retired).
- **Total Awards So Far:** 127 medals awarded, with 103 conferred before Independence.
- **Awarding Authority:** Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **MacGregor Memorial Medal:**
  - One of India's oldest military honors awarded for excellence in reconnaissance, exploration, and adventure. Instituted in 1888, it recognizes exceptional field achievements across all ranks in the Armed Forces.
- **United Service Institution of India (USI):**
  - India's oldest think tank on defence and security issues, founded in 1870 by Sir Charles MacGregor. Hosts military education and recognition programmes.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Reconnaissance:**
  - A military term for scouting or exploring an area to gather strategic or tactical information.
- **High-altitude Mountaineering:**
  - A challenging form of exploration recognized under this award, particularly for expeditions to peaks like Mt. Kangchenjunga.



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element        | Details                                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event              | 5 Military Personnel Honored with MacGregor Memorial Medal              |
| Years Covered      | 2023 and 2024                                                           |
| Location           | United Service Institution of India (USI), New Delhi                    |
| Conferred By       | General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff                            |
| Established In     | 1888                                                                    |
| Named After        | Maj. Gen. Sir Charles Metcalfe MacGregor                                |
| Eligible Personnel | All ranks of Armed Forces, TA, RR, Assam Rifles (serving/retired)       |
| 2023 Awardees      | Wing Commander D. Panda (IAF), Rahul Kumar Pandey (Indian Navy)         |
| 2024 Awardees      | Ram Ratan Jat (Navy), Jhumar Ram Poonia (IAF), Col. Ranvir Singh Jamwal |
| Special Mention    | Col. Jamwal – On expedition to Mt. Kangchenjunga                        |
| Book Released      | Bravest of the Brave by Lt. Gen. Satish Dua (Retd.)                     |
| Book Subject       | Life of Naib Subedar Chunni Lal                                         |



➤ Where was the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Exercise DUSTLIK held in April 2025?

- A) Tashkent
- B) Lucknow
- C) Aundh
- D) Jaipur
- E) Termez

**Answer**  
**C) Aundh**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI.
- **Date:** April 16–28, 2025.
- **Location:** Foreign Training Node, Aundh, Pune, Maharashtra, India.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Participating Nations:** India and Uzbekistan.
- **Frequency:** Annual; held alternately in both countries.
- **Previous Edition:** April 2024 in Termez District, Uzbekistan.
- **Indian Contingent:** 60 personnel, mainly from JAT Regiment and Indian Air Force.
- **Uzbekistan Contingent:** Personnel from Uzbekistan Army.
- **Exercise Theme:** Joint Multi-Domain Sub-Conventional Operations in a Semi-Urban Scenario.
- **Training Scenario:** Simulated terrorist attack involving territorial seizure.



## Main Objectives:

- Enhance interoperability in sub-conventional warfare.
- Establish and operate a Joint Operations Centre (JOC).
- Execute raids, search-and-destroy missions, and control population movements.
- Conduct Special Heliborne Operations (SHBO) and Small Team Insertion & Extraction (STIE).
- Apply counter-terrorist and air mobility operations in hostile zones.



# DEFENCE



## Main Objectives:

- Integrate air power support via helicopters and drones.
- Neutralize drone threats through Counter-UAS technology.
- • Strengthen joint coordination in logistics and battlefield support.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **DUSTLIK:**
  - A bilateral joint military exercise between India and Uzbekistan focusing on counter-terrorism and sub-conventional warfare operations, alternately hosted by each country.
- **Sub-Conventional Warfare:**
  - Military operations conducted below the threshold of conventional war, often involving counter-terrorist and urban warfare scenarios.
- **SHBO (Special Heliborne Operations):**
  - Insertion or extraction of special teams using helicopters for fast mobility in high-risk zones.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **STIE (Small Team Insertion & Extraction):**
  - A tactical maneuver to infiltrate and withdraw small, specialized units in difficult terrain or hostile environments.
- **Counter-UAS Measures:**
  - Technological systems and strategies used to detect, track, and neutralize enemy drones.



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element             | Details                                                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                   | 6th India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise – DUSTLIK-VI             |
| Date                    | April 16–28, 2025                                                     |
| Location                | Foreign Training Node, Aundh, Pune, Maharashtra                       |
| Participating Countries | India and Uzbekistan                                                  |
| Indian Units            | 60 personnel – JAT Regiment and Indian Air Force                      |
| Uzbekistan Units        | Personnel from the Uzbekistan Army                                    |
| Previous Edition        | April 2024 – Termez District, Uzbekistan                              |
| Theme                   | Joint Multi-Domain Sub-Conventional Operations in Semi-Urban Scenario |
| Operations Trained      | Counter-terrorism, SHBO, STIE, raids, air operations, drone warfare   |
| Key Tech Used           | Drones, helicopters, Counter-UAS systems                              |
| Core Objective          | Enhance interoperability, joint operations, and defence ties          |



➤ **Where will the WHO Pandemic Treaty proposal be presented?**

- A) G20 Summit
- B) COP29
- C) WHA 78
- D) UNGA
- E) G7 Meeting

**Answer**  
**C) WHA 78**



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** WHO Pandemic Treaty Proposal Finalised.
- **Date:** To be presented on May 19, 2025.
- **Location:** 78<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Drafting Body:** Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB), established in December 2021.
- **Purpose:** To create a legally binding international instrument under the WHO Constitution.
- **Objective:** Strengthen global capacity for pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR).
- **Negotiation Timeline:** 13 formal negotiation rounds held, 9 of which were extended.
- **Additional Discussions:** Included informal and intersessional meetings.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Review Platform:** Final text to be reviewed at the 78<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly on May 19, 2025.
- **WHO DG Statement:** Dr. Tedros called it a “generational accord” and emphasized multilateralism and shared global health responsibility.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Pandemic Treaty:**
  - A proposed international legal agreement under WHO to promote coordinated response to future pandemics, while respecting national laws.
- **Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB):**
  - A special WHO body established to draft and negotiate the Pandemic Treaty since December 2021.
- **One Health Approach:**
  - An integrated approach linking human, animal, and environmental health to prevent disease emergence and spread.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **PABS – Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing System:**
  - A global mechanism proposed for equitable sharing of pathogens and benefits derived from them, such as vaccines and diagnostics.
- **Sovereignty Clause:**
  - Ensures that the treaty will not allow WHO to impose travel bans, lockdowns, vaccine mandates, or override national laws.



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element         | Details                                                                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event               | WHO Pandemic Treaty Proposal Finalised                                  |
| Date                | To be presented on May 19, 2025                                         |
| Location            | 78th World Health Assembly                                              |
| Drafted By          | Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)                                |
| Purpose             | Strengthen global pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) |
| Major Provisions    | PABS System, One Health, global R&D, skilled workforce, supply chains   |
| Technology Sharing  | Promotes transfer of tech, skills, and knowledge                        |
| Financial Mechanism | Supports coordinated funding strategy for emergencies                   |
| Sovereignty Clause  | WHO will not dictate national policies or enforce mandates              |
| Key Statement       | Dr. Tedros called the treaty a “generational accord”                    |



➤ Which body collaborated with the Ministry of Ayush for the Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Programme?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) WHO
- C) CBC
- D) DRDO
- E) CSIR

**Answer**  
**C) CBC**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Programme.
- **Date:** April 16, 2025.
- **Location:** Ayush Bhawan, New Delhi.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Organising Ministry:** Ministry of Ayush.
- **Under Mission:** Mission Karmayogi.
- **Collaborating Body:** Capacity Building Commission (CBC).
- **Objective:** To enhance service orientation, professional capacity, and public service efficiency among ministry personnel.
- **Workforce Goal:** Aimed to create a more responsive and efficient workforce.
- **Application in Duties:** Encouraged practical application of training in daily official duties.
- **Training Format:** Included interactive and activity-based learning sessions.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Activities Used:** Group discussions, team exercises, and problem-solving sessions.
- **Learning Themes:** Focus on self-awareness, motivation, leadership, and public service contribution.
- **Learning Tools:** Incorporated case studies from Ayurveda, Yoga, and traditional medicine to maintain contextual relevance.
- **Impact:** Strengthened officials' understanding of their roles and improved citizen-centric service delivery.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission Karmayogi:**
  - A national civil services capacity-building programme launched by the Government of India to improve functional and behavioral competencies of public officials through targeted training.
- **Capacity Building Commission (CBC):**
  - An institution under Mission Karmayogi responsible for monitoring, guiding, and evaluating training programmes and capacity-building initiatives across government departments.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Programme:**
  - A department-level training programme designed to develop public service skills, leadership, and motivation within the Ministry of Ayush using experiential learning and traditional systems as case studies.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element         | Details                                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event               | Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Programme                              |
| Date                | April 16, 2025                                                      |
| Location            | Ayush Bhawan, New Delhi                                             |
| Organised By        | Ministry of Ayush                                                   |
| Under Framework     | Mission Karmayogi                                                   |
| Collaborating Body  | Capacity Building Commission (CBC)                                  |
| First Phase Led By  | Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush                 |
| Second Phase Led By | Dr. Subodh Kumar, Programme Director                                |
| Facilitator         | Ms. Shipra Singh                                                    |
| Methodology         | Activity-based learning, group work, case studies                   |
| Key Themes          | Self-awareness, motivation, leadership, public service contribution |
| Case Study Focus    | Ayurveda, Yoga, traditional medicine                                |
| Significance        | Improved role clarity and citizen-centric service delivery          |



➤ Which new category has been introduced by CPCB for essential environmental services?

- A) Red
- B) Green
- C) Blue
- D) Orange
- E) White

**Answer**  
**C) Blue**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** CPCB Revises Classification of Industries and Introduces New Category.
- **Date:** April 2025.
- **Location:** India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Implementing Body:** Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
- **New Classification Introduced:** Blue Category.
- Purpose: To reward and regulate industries involved in essential environmental services (EES).
- **Industry Types in Blue Category:** Waste-to-energy plants, compressed biogas plants using agro-residue or municipal solid waste, biomining operations, and landfill management utilities.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Classification:** Promote sustainable industries that support environmental management and pollution control.
- **Consent Validity Incentive:** Blue Category industries receive an extended consent validity of seven years, which is two years more than other categories.
- **Rationale for Incentive:** These industries offer essential services in waste management, energy generation, and environmental restoration.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Blue Category:**
  - A newly introduced industrial classification under CPCB for industries that provide essential environmental services with relatively low environmental impact, such as waste-to-energy and biomining.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Pollution Index (PI):**
  - A metric used by CPCB to classify industries based on pollution potential:
    - **Red:**  $PI > 80$  (high pollution potential)
    - **Orange:** PI between 55 and 80 (moderate)
    - **Green:**  $PI \leq 25$  (low)
    - **Blue:** New category for essential service industries irrespective of PI, based on environmental value.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Compressed Biogas (CBG) Plants:**
  - Biogas plants using sources like municipal solid waste, agro-residue, or energy crops are eligible for Blue Category; plants using industrial or hazardous process waste remain under Red Category.
- **Consent Validity:**
  - The duration for which an industry's environmental clearance or consent to operate is valid. Extended to seven years for Blue Category.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Environmental Clearance (EC):**
  - Approval needed by certain categories of industries to start operations.
    - Industries with EC no longer require Consent to Establish (CTE), simplifying compliance.
    - White Category industries remain exempt from both CTE and Consent to Operate (CTO).



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element               | Details                                                                               |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                     | CPCB Revises Classification of Industries                                             |
| Date                      | April 2025                                                                            |
| Implementing Body         | Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)                                                |
| New Category Introduced   | Blue Category                                                                         |
| Purpose of Blue Category  | Promote essential environmental service industries                                    |
| Industries Included       | Waste-to-energy, biomining, CBG plants using agro-residue or MSW                      |
| Consent Validity          | Seven years (additional two years incentive)                                          |
| Pollution Index System    | Red: $PI > 80$ , Orange: $55 \leq PI < 80$ , Green: $PI \leq 25$ , Blue: EES-specific |
| CBG Classification Change | Agro/MSW-based CBG in Blue; Industrial-waste-based CBG in Red                         |
| Waste-to-Energy Reclassed | Moved to Blue despite high PI (97.6) due to environmental contribution                |
| Other Key Reform          | EC holders no longer require Consent to Establish (CTE)                               |



➤ **What is the full form of GP-DRASTI as introduced by Gujarat Police?**

- A) Drone Recon Air Security Technology Initiative
- B) Drone Response and Surveillance Task Integration
- C) Drone Response and Aerial Surveillance Tactical Interventions
- D) Gujarat Police Drone Surveillance Tech Innovation
- E) Drone Rapid Action Surveillance and Tactical Initiative

**Answer**

**C) Drone Response and Aerial Surveillance  
Tactical Interventions**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat Police's GP-DRASTI Drone Program: Enhancing Public Safety.
- **Date:** April 2025.
- **Location:** Gujarat, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Program Name:** GP-DRASTI (Drone Response and Aerial Surveillance Tactical Interventions).
- **Implementing Authority:** Gujarat Police.
- **Purpose:** Strengthen police responsiveness in urban areas facing gang violence and street crimes.
- **Primary Goals:**
  - Reduce response time to crimes like rioting, stabbings, and street violence.
  - Enable real-time surveillance and evidence collection.
  - Prevent mob violence, show of weapons, and unlawful assemblies through proactive monitoring.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Operational Cities:** Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Surat, and Vadodara.
- **Area of Focus:** 33 police stations identified as crime hotspots under the SHASTRA program.
- **Control Integration:** Drones dispatched simultaneously with police ground teams for coordinated response.
- **Surveillance Advantage:** Live video feeds to police stations for quick tactical decision-making.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **GP-DRASTI:**
  - An advanced policing initiative by Gujarat Police using drones for real-time surveillance, crowd monitoring, and crime response in urban hotspots.
- **SHASTRA Program:**
  - An earlier 2025 initiative to identify high-crime zones and improve tactical law enforcement strategies using data analytics.
- **Real-Time Video Streaming:**
  - Live camera feed transmitted from drones to control rooms, enabling dynamic resource allocation.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Target Following:**
  - Drone capability to lock onto and follow moving or fixed targets, aiding in criminal tracking and evidence documentation.
- **Aerial ID System:**
  - Facial recognition and high-zoom optics in drones to identify individuals in large gatherings or during criminal activity.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element        | Details                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event              | Launch of GP-DRASTI Drone Program by Gujarat Police                       |
| Date               | April 2025                                                                |
| Location           | Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara                                        |
| Program Name       | GP-DRASTI (Drone Response and Aerial Surveillance Tactical Interventions) |
| Coverage Area      | 33 police stations across 4 major cities                                  |
| Primary Objectives | Rapid crime response, evidence gathering, surveillance                    |
| Drone Flight Specs | Ceiling: 120 meters, Range: 4 km, Flight Time: 45 minutes                 |
| Camera Features    | HD quality, 1 km zoom, night vision                                       |
| Target Tracking    | Lock-on capability, useful for suspect tracking and raid monitoring       |
| Operational Base   | Drones deployed from centralized drone base stations                      |
| Training           | Initial batch of 16 staff trained, to be expanded                         |
| Facial Recognition | Aerial ID system to detect and track individuals in crowds                |



➤ **When did the Supreme Court issue its guidelines on child trafficking?**

- A) April 10, 2025
- B) April 12, 2025
- C) April 15, 2025
- D) April 18, 2025
- E) April 14, 2025

**Answer**  
**C) April 15, 2025**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** SC Issued Guidelines to Child Trafficking.
- **Date:** April 15, 2025.
- **Location:** Supreme Court of India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Bench Composition:** Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan.
- **Primary Concern:** Rising incidents of child trafficking through organized, tech-driven networks.
- **Directive to Parents:** Be extremely vigilant; even minor negligence can lead to abduction or trafficking.
- **Nature of Crimes:** Children trafficked for sexual exploitation, child labour, begging, petty crime, illegal adoptions, and child marriage.
- **Technology Misuse:** Traffickers use digital tools to share images, track victims, and transfer money.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Hospital Responsibility:** Hospitals must ensure newborn safety; failure may result in **license suspension and legal action**.
- **Adoption Fraud:** Long waiting periods are misused by illegal adoption rackets to sell trafficked children.
- **Juvenile Justice Act Loophole:** Gangs exploit juvenile protections to use children in criminal activities with reduced consequences.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Action Against Accused:**
  - Bail of 13 accused cancelled (previously granted by Allahabad HC).
  - Police ordered to trace absconding accused within 2 months.
  - Trial must be completed within 6 months.
  - Victim Protection Measures:
  - Appointment of 3 Special Public Prosecutors.
  - Implementation of witness protection for victim families.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Directive to High Courts:** Ensure completion of all pending child trafficking trials within 6 months.
- **Non-Compliance Warning:** Officials failing to act may face contempt of court proceedings.
- **Rebuke to State:** Uttar Pradesh government criticized for showing lack of urgency in filing an appeal.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Child Trafficking:**
  - Illegal recruitment, transfer, or sale of children for purposes such as exploitation, forced labour, or illegal adoption.
- **Juvenile Justice Act Loophole:**
  - Legal protections meant for minors are being misused by trafficking networks to involve children in crimes while escaping strict penalties.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Witness Protection Scheme:**
  - A legal safeguard to protect victims and witnesses from threats or harm during legal proceedings.
- **Special Public Prosecutor:**
  - A legal expert appointed for handling sensitive or high-profile cases like child trafficking for impartial and expert prosecution.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Key Element             | Details                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event                   | Supreme Court Issues Guidelines on Child Trafficking                    |
| Date                    | April 15, 2025                                                          |
| SC Bench                | Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice R. Mahadevan                         |
| Crimes Highlighted      | Sexual exploitation, labour, begging, child marriage, illegal adoptions |
| Tech Use by Traffickers | Sharing photos, locations, and money digitally                          |
| Hospital Accountability | Risk of licence suspension if newborns go missing                       |
| Juvenile Act Loophole   | Exploited by gangs to involve children in crimes                        |
| Illegal Adoption Cause  | Long wait periods prompt child sale networks                            |
| Legal Action Taken      | Bail of 13 accused cancelled                                            |
| Trial Completion Order  | Within 6 months                                                         |
| Police Directive        | Trace absconding accused within 2 months                                |
| Victim Support          | 3 Special Prosecutors appointed, witness protection ordered             |
| State Reprimanded       | Uttar Pradesh criticized for lack of urgency in appeal                  |
| High Court Order        | All child trafficking trials to be completed in 6 months                |
| Non-Compliance Penalty  | Officials may face contempt proceedings for disobedience                |



# QUICK RECALL



- **World Hemophilia Day is observed globally every year on April 17.**
- **NPCI is planning to allow saving UPI IDs on popular merchant websites.**
- **India's exports grew marginally by 0.7 percent in March 2025 to \$41.97 billion.**
- **India's exports to the US rose to \$86.5 billion in FY25.**
- **Fitch Ratings has lowered India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 to 6.4 percent.**
- **IDFC First Bank plans to raise ₹7,500 crore in equity via CCPS.**
- **Tamil Nadu formed a high-level committee to examine Centre-State relations and autonomy.**
- **General Brice Oligui Nguema won Gabon's presidential election in April 2025.**
- **The UAE was elected Chair of INTERPOL's Committee on Governance in April 2025.**



# QUICK RECALL



- The Indian Navy hosted the third edition of the Meghayan Symposium.
- Five Indian military personnel were honored with the MacGregor Memorial Medal.
- The 6th edition of Exercise DUSTLIK began on April 16, 2025.
- The WHO has finalized the proposal for the Pandemic Treaty.
- The Ministry of Ayush organized the Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Programme.
- CPCB introduced the Blue Category for essential environmental service industries.
- Gujarat Police launched the GP-DRASTI drone program to improve urban crime response.
- The Supreme Court issued guidelines on child trafficking on April 15, 2025.









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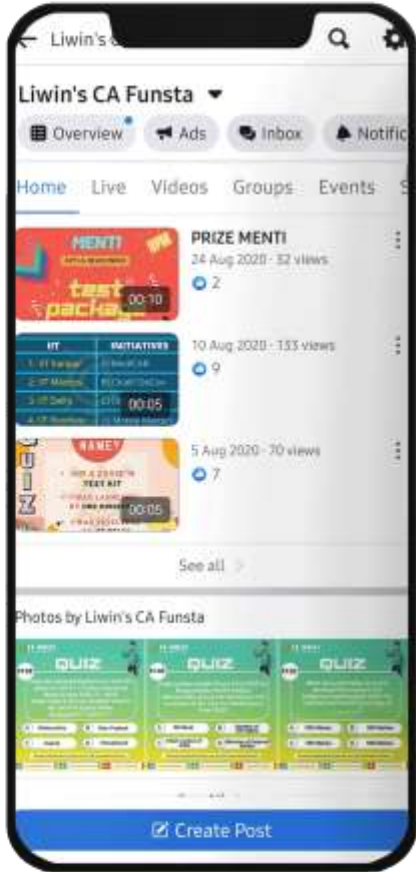
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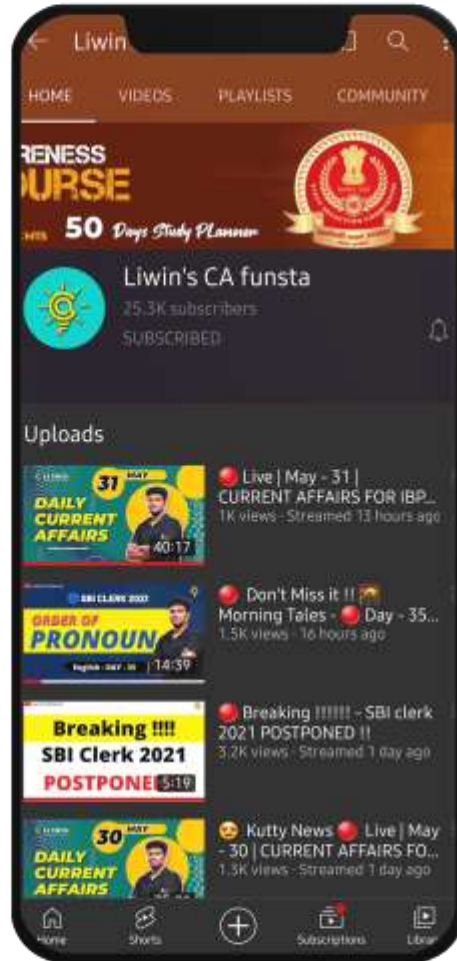


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