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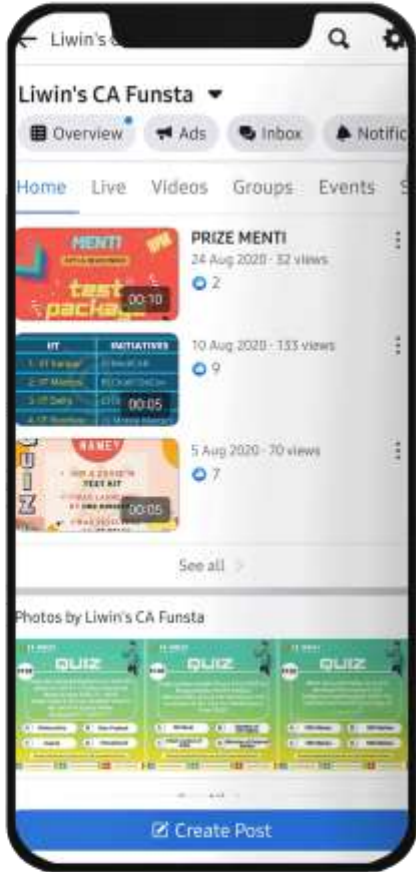
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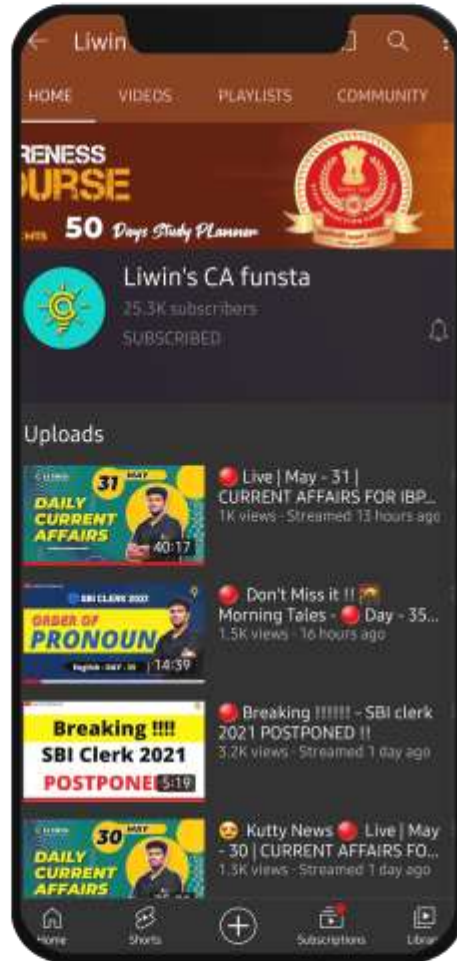
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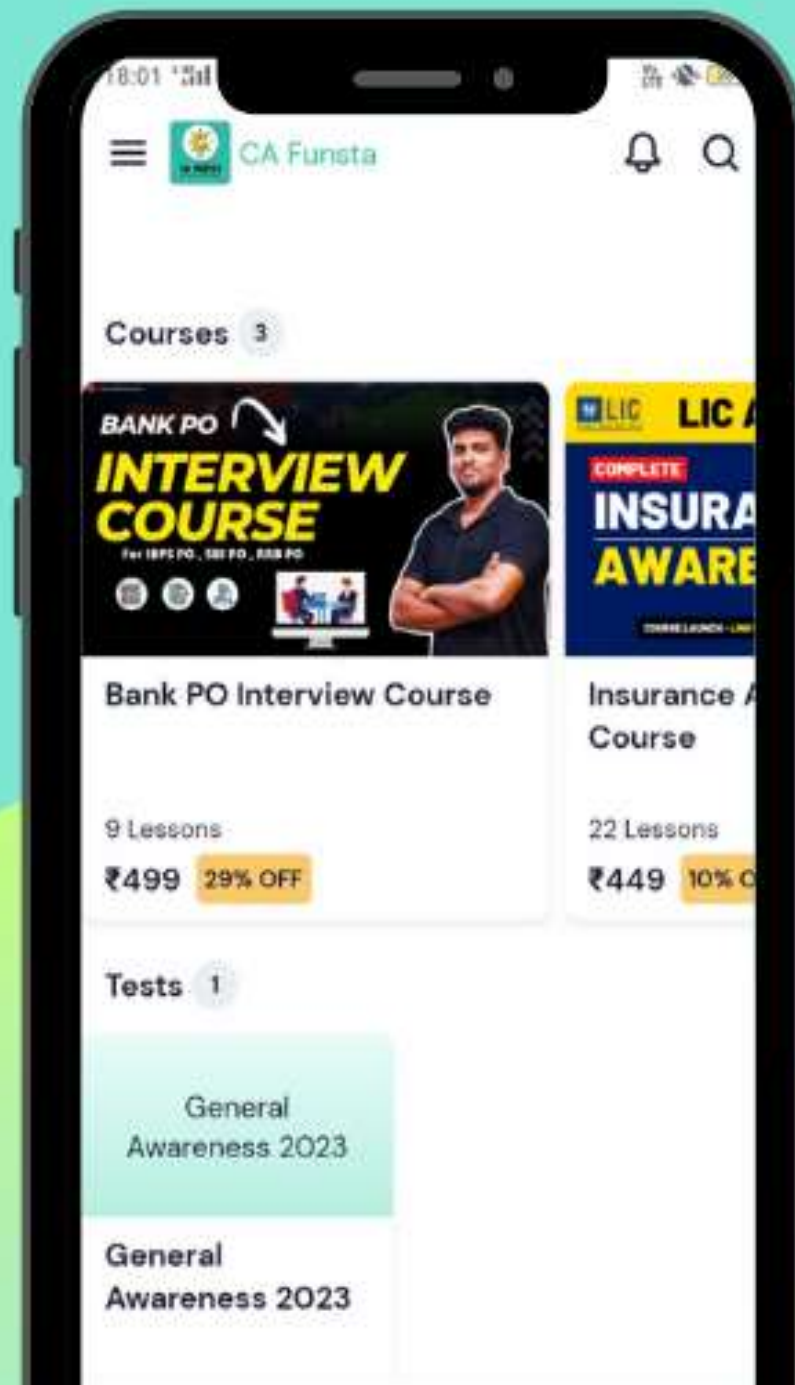
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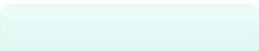
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Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2025?**

- A) Building a Safer Future Together
- B) Safety First: Technology at Work
- C) Revolutionising Health and Safety: The Role of AI and Digitalisation at Work
- D) New Challenges for Safer Workplaces
- E) Transforming OSH through Smart Solutions

Answer

C) Revolutionising Health and Safety: The Role of AI and Digitalisation at Work



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2025
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** Globally observed



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To advocate for workplace safety standards and prioritise employee well-being by promoting awareness about work-related casualties and illnesses.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the transformative impact of AI and digitalisation on occupational safety and health, address both the benefits and challenges of digital technologies at work, promote communication between stakeholders to implement OSH rules, and stress the universal right to a safe and healthy workplace.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Day for Safety and Health at Work:** An annual observance initiated by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2003 to raise awareness of the importance of preventing occupational accidents and diseases globally.
- **Occupational Safety and Health (OSH):** A multidisciplinary field concerned with the safety, health, and welfare of people at work, aiming to foster a safe working environment.
- **AI and Digitalisation:** Emerging technologies being leveraged to improve workplace safety through hazard detection, automation, monitoring systems, virtual reality training, and smart devices.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2025
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	Global
Organiser	International Labour Organization (ILO)
Theme for 2025	Revolutionising Health and Safety: The Role of AI and Digitalisation at Work
First Observed	2003
Purpose	Promote occupational safety and health worldwide
Focus Areas 2025	AI, digitalisation, emerging OSH risks, smart tools, and labour trends
Related Commemoration	International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers (since 1996)



Important Days



➤ **When is National Superhero Day celebrated?**

- A) April 26
- B) April 27
- C) April 28
- D) April 29
- E) April 30

Answer
C) April 28



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of National Superhero Day
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** United States (observed nationally)



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To recognize and honor both fictional superheroes and real-life heroes who inspire, protect, and demonstrate positive values.
- **Objectives:** To highlight traits like resilience, bravery, kindness, and integrity, encourage individuals to incorporate superhero qualities into daily life, and promote mental wellness by adopting values such as courage and teamwork.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Superhero Day:** An observance day dedicated to celebrating fictional characters and real-life heroes for their inspirational traits and contributions.
- **Resilience:** The ability to recover quickly from adversity, trauma, or grief, a quality often showcased by superheroes.
- **Self-Esteem:** A sense of personal value and self-worth, which can be enhanced by embodying traits like bravery and integrity.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Celebration of National Superhero Day
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	United States
Purpose	Honor superheroes and promote positive values
Key Traits Promoted	Resilience, bravery, kindness, integrity
Expert Cited	Dr. Susan Albers, Psychologist at Cleveland Clinic
Mental Health Impact	Boosts self-esteem, reduces anxiety, improves life satisfaction
Suggested Action	Emulate superhero traits like standing up for justice and teamwork



➤ **Who is currently leading the Orange Cap race in IPL 2025?**

- A) Suryakumar Yadav
- B) Sai Sudharsan
- C) Virat Kohli
- D) Nicholas Pooran
- E) Mitchell Marsh

Answer
C) Virat Kohli



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Virat Kohli leading the Orange Cap standings in IPL 2025
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Recognize and highlight the leading run-scorer in the IPL 2025 season through the prestigious Orange Cap.
- **Objectives:** To celebrate consistent batting excellence, promote competitive spirit among players, and engage cricket fans with thrilling individual performances throughout the tournament.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Orange Cap:** A recognition awarded to the highest run-scorer in an IPL season, symbolizing consistent batting excellence across matches.
- **Indian Premier League (IPL):** A professional T20 cricket league in India featuring teams representing various cities, known for combining sports and entertainment on a global stage.
- **Strike Rate (SR):** A metric in cricket that measures the average number of runs scored per 100 balls faced, reflecting a batsman's scoring speed.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Virat Kohli leading Orange Cap race in IPL 2025
Date	April 28, 2025
Tournament	Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025
Orange Cap Holder	Virat Kohli (RCB)
Runs Scored	443 runs in 10 innings
Average	63
Strike Rate	138
Closest Competitors	Suryakumar Yadav (427 runs), Sai Sudharsan (417 runs)
Notable Highlights	Nicholas Pooran highest SR (203), Priyansh Arya hit 1 century



➤ Who is currently leading the Purple Cap race in IPL 2025?

- A) Prasidh Krishna
- B) Trent Boult
- C) Noor Ahmad
- D) Josh Hazlewood
- E) Harshal Patel

Answer

D) Josh Hazlewood



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Josh Hazlewood leading the Purple Cap standings in IPL 2025
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Recognize and celebrate the top-performing bowler in the IPL 2025 season through the Purple Cap award.
- **Objectives:** To highlight exceptional bowling performances, foster competitive spirit among bowlers, and engage cricket fans with thrilling displays of wicket-taking across matches.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Purple Cap:** A prestigious award in the Indian Premier League given to the bowler with the highest number of wickets in a season.
- **Strike Rate (SR) in Bowling:** The average number of balls bowled per wicket taken, indicating a bowler's efficiency in dismissing batters.
- **Economy Rate (EC):** The average number of runs conceded per over bowled, showcasing a bowler's ability to control run flow.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Josh Hazlewood leading Purple Cap race in IPL 2025
Date	April 28, 2025
Tournament	Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025
Purple Cap Holder	Josh Hazlewood (RCB)
Wickets Taken	18 wickets in 36 overs
Bowling Average	17
Best Bowling Figures	4/33
Closest Competitors	Prasidh Krishna (16 wickets), Noor Ahmad (14 wickets)
Notable Highlights	Prasidh Krishna best SR (11), Noor Ahmad's best figures 4/18



RANKING



➤ According to the World Bank's Spring 2025 Poverty and Equity Brief, how many people were lifted out of extreme poverty in India between 2011-12 and 2022-23?

- A) 150 million
- B) 171 million
- C) 200 million
- D) 165 million
- E) 180 million

Answer
B) 171 million



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India lifting 171 million people out of extreme poverty according to the World Bank's Spring 2025 Poverty and Equity Brief
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To assess and report India's progress in reducing poverty levels based on international poverty lines and socio-economic indicators.
- **Objectives:** To measure the reduction in extreme and lower-middle-income poverty, evaluate improvements in rural and urban poverty gaps, assess progress in multidimensional poverty indicators, and highlight the contributions of major states towards national poverty alleviation.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Extreme Poverty:** Defined by the World Bank as living on less than \$2.15 per day based on 2021 Purchasing Power Parities.
- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI):** A measure that captures non-monetary dimensions of poverty such as education, health, and living standards.
- **Lower-Middle-Income Poverty Line:** Defined as living on less than \$3.65 per day, reflecting poverty levels in lower-middle-income economies.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	171 million lifted out of extreme poverty in India
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	India
Report Source	World Bank's Spring 2025 Poverty and Equity Brief
Extreme Poverty Reduction	From 16.2% (2011-12) to 2.3% (2022-23)
Rural Poverty Decline	From 18.4% to 2.8%
Urban Poverty Decline	From 10.7% to 1.1%
Lower-Middle-Income Poverty	From 61.8% to 28.1%, lifting 378 million people
Key Contributing States	Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh
Multidimensional Poverty	Declined from 53.8% (2005-06) to 16.4% (2019-21), MPI at 15.5% (2022-23)



RANKING



➤ Who released the 2025 report highlighting declining snow persistence in the Hindu Kush Himalaya region?

- A) UNEP
- B) ICIMOD
- C) WMO
- D) UNDP
- E) WWF

Answer
B) ICIMOD



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Hindu Kush Himalaya ICIMOD 2025 Report
- **Date:** April 21, 2025
- **Location:** Kathmandu, Nepal (ICIMOD Headquarters)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To monitor, analyze, and raise awareness about the environmental and water security challenges in the Hindu Kush Himalaya region.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the alarming decline in snow persistence, assess the impacts on major river systems like the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Indus, alert policymakers about risks to agriculture, hydropower, and drinking water supplies, and advocate for sustainable mountain development and water management.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICIMOD (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development):** A regional intergovernmental learning and knowledge-sharing center serving the eight countries of the Hindu Kush Himalaya, focusing on sustainable mountain development.
- **Snow Persistence:** The duration that snow remains on the ground, crucial for determining water availability for rivers fed by glacial melt and seasonal snow.
- **Third Pole:** A term used to describe the Hindu Kush Himalaya region because it holds the largest reserve of fresh water outside the polar regions.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Release of Hindu Kush Himalaya ICIMOD 2025 Report
Date	April 21, 2025
Location	Kathmandu, Nepal
Organization	ICIMOD
Key Finding	Snow persistence 23.6% below the 20-year average
Major Rivers Impacted	Ganga (-24.1%), Brahmaputra (-27.9%), Indus (-16.0%)
Worst Affected Basins	Mekong (-51.9%), Salween (-48.3%)
Population at Risk	Over 2 billion people across South Asia
Importance	Snowmelt contributes 23% to annual river flows



- According to the latest update, bond market borrowing costs for PSUs have fallen below which percentage for the first time in 3 years?

- A) 6%
- B) 6.5%
- C) 7%
- D) 7.5%
- E) 8%

Answer
C) 7%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bond market borrowing costs for top-rated PSUs fall below 7% for the first time in 3 years
- **Date:** April 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To highlight the reduced cost of bond market borrowing for public sector companies due to falling benchmark yields and policy rate cuts.
- **Objectives:** To lower the borrowing cost for PSUs, improve financing efficiency, enable liquidity infusion in the economy, and potentially trigger a fall in borrowing rates for top private companies and NBFCs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **G-Sec Yield:** Government Security yield; reflects the return an investor earns by holding government bonds, influencing overall borrowing costs in the economy.
- **Sub-7% Borrowing:** Refers to companies borrowing money at interest rates lower than 7% per annum in the bond market.
- **Liquidity Infusion:** Injection of funds into the banking and financial system by the RBI to promote lending and economic activity.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Bond market borrowing costs for PSUs fall below 7%
Date	April 2025
Location	India
Companies Mentioned	Power Grid, HUDCO, IRFC
Amount Raised	Over ₹23,400 crore
Cause of Fall	RBI's rate cuts and liquidity infusion
G-Sec Yield Impact	Benchmark bond yields fell sharply, lowering borrowing costs
Impact on Private Companies	Likely decline in borrowing rates expected soon for top private companies and NBFCs
Future Expectation	Companies may depend less on bank borrowing in FY26



➤ Which agency recently downgraded India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 6.4%?

- A) Moody's
- B) Standard & Poor's
- C) Fitch Ratings
- D) World Bank
- E) IMF

Answer
C) Fitch Ratings



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Fitch Ratings lowering India's GDP growth forecast amid global trade tensions
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** India (global impact)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To reassess economic growth forecasts in light of evolving global trade tensions and their impact on national economies.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the impact of US-China trade tensions on global economic growth, update India's growth forecast in response to international trade uncertainties, and caution stakeholders on the risks to investment and exports.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fitch Ratings:** One of the "Big Three" credit rating agencies, which provides economic outlooks, ratings, and risk assessments for countries and corporations.
- **GDP (Gross Domestic Product):** A measure of the economic performance of a country, representing the total value of goods and services produced over a specific time period.
- **Effective Tariff Rate (ETR):** The average tariff imposed on imported goods, considering both statutory tariffs and applied tariffs.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Fitch Ratings lowers India's GDP growth forecast
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	India (Global Economic Impact)
India GDP Growth 2025-26	6.4%, revised downward by 10 basis points
India GDP Growth 2024-25	6.2%, revised downward by 10 basis points
Global Growth 2025	Below 2%, weakest since 2009 excluding pandemic years
US GDP Growth 2025	1.2%, affected by trade tensions
China GDP Growth 2025	Below 4%, affected by trade war and internal challenges
Eurozone GDP Growth 2025	Below 1%, persistent stagnation
Key Cause	US-China trade tensions and high tariff rates



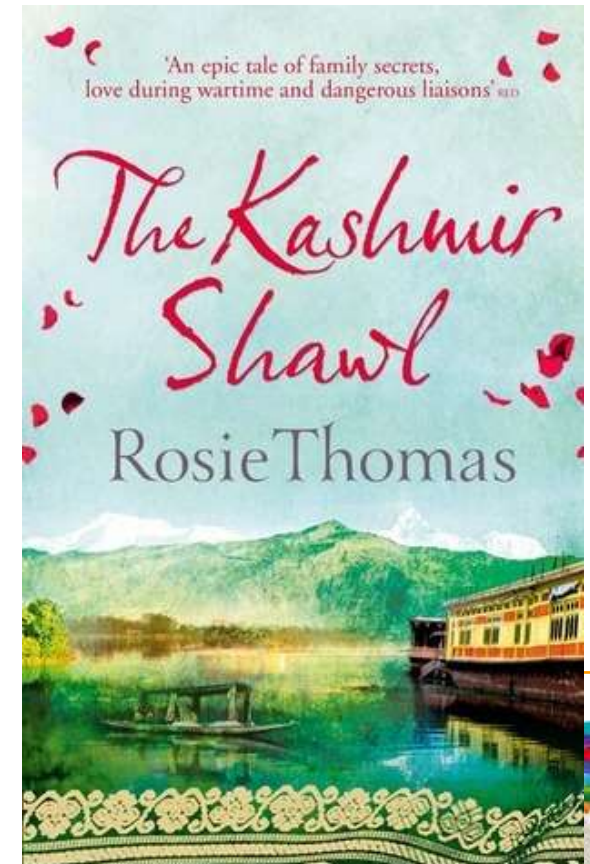
BOOKS AND AUTHORS



➤ Who is the author of *The Kashmir Shawl*, a novel that bridges generations through a dual-timeline narrative?

- A) Jhumpa Lahiri
- B) Arundhati Roy
- C) Rosie Thomas
- D) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- E) Anita Desai

Answer
C) Rosie Thomas



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Kashmir Shawl: A Nostalgic Epic That Bridges Generations resurfaces in popularity
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** Kashmir and globally among readers



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To highlight the renewed literary interest in The Kashmir Shawl, emphasizing its portrayal of Kashmir's rich cultural and emotional heritage through interwoven personal histories.
- **Objectives:** To explore hidden family stories across generations, depict emotional journeys through historical and contemporary timelines, evoke the beauty and complexity of Kashmir, and bring literary recognition to overlooked works.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **The Kashmir Shawl:** A historical fiction novel by Rosie Thomas (pen name of Janey King), weaving a story across generations using the discovery of a Kashmiri shawl to uncover a family's hidden past.
- **Dual Timeline Narrative:** A storytelling technique that alternates between two distinct periods, linking past and present through interconnected plots and characters.
- **Pashmina Weaving:** The traditional Kashmiri craft of producing fine wool shawls, an important cultural and economic symbol represented in the novel.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Renewed interest in The Kashmir Shawl novel
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	Kashmir and globally
Author	Rosie Thomas (pen name of Janey King)
Year of Publication	2011
Genre	Historical Fiction, Epic Romance
Setting	Wales, Ladakh, Kashmir (1940s and present day)
Main Themes	Family secrets, memory, love, loss, colonial history
Key Characters	Mair Ellis, Nerys Watkins, Myrtle McMinn, Caroline Bowen, Rainer Stamm
Award	Romantic Novelists' Association Award for Best Epic Romance (2012)



AWARDS



➤ Who was recently honored with Fiji's highest civilian award, the 'Companion of the Order of Fiji'?

- A) Kailash Satyarthi
- B) Madhusudan Sai
- C) Abhijit Banerjee
- D) Dr. Devi Shetty
- E) Amartya Sen

Answer

B) Madhusudan Sai



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Madhusudan Sai honored with Companion of the Order of Fiji for humanitarian efforts
- **Date:** April 25, 2025
- **Location:** State House, Fiji



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To recognize outstanding humanitarian contributions to healthcare and social welfare in Fiji.
- **Objectives:** To acknowledge the establishment of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital, celebrate free healthcare initiatives for children, and honor broad humanitarian services including education, disaster relief, and community welfare in Fiji.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Companion of the Order of Fiji:** The highest honor bestowed by the government of Fiji to individuals for exceptional service to the nation.
- **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital:** The first free pediatric hospital in the South Pacific, providing critical healthcare services to children irrespective of socio-economic background.
- **Sai Prema Foundation:** A non-profit organization engaged in healthcare, education, child welfare, disaster relief, and humanitarian outreach across Fiji.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Madhusudan Sai honored with Companion of the Order of Fiji
Date	April 25, 2025
Location	State House, Fiji
Award Name	Companion of the Order of Fiji
Awarded By	President Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu
Key Initiative	Establishment of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital
Hospital Location	Fiji, South Pacific
Focus Areas	Healthcare, social welfare, child welfare, education, disaster relief



AWARDS



➤ **Which organization was recently honored with the Udyog Vikas Award for its contribution to India's industrial development?**

- A) Invest India
- B) National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)
- C) Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)
- D) National Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF)
- E) Indian Smart Cities Mission

Answer

B) National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** NICDC honored with Udyog Vikas Award
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** Kerala, India



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To recognize NICDC's contributions to India's industrial development and transformation through Greenfield Industrial Smart Cities.
- **Objectives:** To promote sustainable industrial infrastructure, enhance regional economic development, create employment opportunities, develop multi-modal connectivity, and increase India's global manufacturing competitiveness.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC):** A central government entity tasked with developing industrial corridors and smart cities to boost India's manufacturing and logistics sectors.
- **Udyog Vikas Award:** An award recognizing outstanding contributions toward industrial growth and economic development.
- **Greenfield Industrial Smart Cities:** Newly developed industrial cities built from scratch with advanced infrastructure, modern technologies, and sustainable planning to drive industrialization.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	NICDC honored with Udyog Vikas Award
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	Kerala, India
Award Name	Udyog Vikas Award
Event Organizer	Janmabhumi Daily
Minister's Address	Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma
Major Project Highlighted	Palakkad Industrial Smart City
Project Size	1,710 acres across Pudukkottai Central, Pudukkottai West, and Kannambra
Connectivity Advantage	Road, rail, and air access to major cities like Cochin and Coimbatore
Focus Areas	Industrial growth, employment creation, smart city technologies, regional development



➤ Which organization recently conducted a successful short-duration hot test of its semicryogenic engine at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu?

- A) NASA
- B) ISRO
- C) DRDO
- D) SpaceX
- E) JAXA

Answer
B) ISRO



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Short-duration hot test of Semicryogenic Engine
- **Date:** April 24, 2025
- **Location:** ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Validate the engine start-up sequence and performance stability at 60% power level.
- **Objective 1:** Confirm stable ignition and operation of the engine.
- **Objective 2:** Test the performance of crucial subsystems like low-pressure turbo pumps, high-pressure turbo pumps, pre-burner, and control systems.
- **Objective 3:** Gather critical data for finalizing operational sequencing for future launch vehicles.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Semicryogenic Engine:** An engine using liquid oxygen (LOX) and refined kerosene (RP-1) to achieve high efficiency and thrust.
- **Engine Power Head Test Article:** A test configuration focusing on turbo pumps, pre-burners, and control systems without the thrust chamber.
- **Hot Test:** A test involving actual ignition and performance analysis under operational conditions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Short-duration hot test of Semicryogenic Engine
Organisation	ISRO
Location	ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
Date of First Hot Test	March 28, 2025
Date of Second Hot Test	April 24, 2025
Component Tested	Engine Power Head Test Article (excluding thrust chamber)
Power Achieved	60% of rated power level
Subsystems Tested	Low-pressure and high-pressure turbo pumps, pre-burner, control systems
Objective	Validate engine start-up and subsystem performance
Future Plans	Further qualification tests and integration into future vehicles



➤ **When were India's indigenous HPV test kits for cervical cancer screening launched?**

- A) April 20, 2025
- B) April 21, 2025
- C) April 23, 2025
- D) April 24, 2025
- E) April 26, 2025

Answer
C) April 23, 2025



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Indigenous HPV Test Kits for Cervical Cancer Screening
- **Date:** April 23, 2025
- **Location:** India (National Launch)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To develop affordable, efficient, and targeted HPV test kits to strengthen cervical cancer screening in India.
- **Objectives:** To enhance early detection of cervical cancer using cost-effective RTPCR-based kits, target the most common HPV strains in India, improve accessibility of screening across healthcare levels, and align national efforts with WHO's cervical cancer elimination strategy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Test Kits:** Diagnostic tools designed to detect high-risk HPV strains associated with cervical cancer, enabling early intervention.
- **Department of Biotechnology (DBT):** A department under the Indian Ministry of Science and Technology that supports biotechnology research and innovation.
- **RTPCR (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction):** A molecular technique used to detect genetic material, offering high accuracy and rapid testing capability, especially utilized during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Launch of Indigenous HPV Test Kits for Cervical Cancer Screening
Date	April 23, 2025
Location	India
Developed By	DBT, AIIMS Delhi, NICPR Noida, NIRRCH Mumbai, WHO-IARC
Targeted HPV Types	Seven to eight most common cancer-causing strains
Testing Method	RTPCR-based diagnostic testing
Key Funding and Support	Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and BIRAC
WHO Recommendation	Transition to HPV testing for cervical cancer elimination by 2030
Major Challenge Addressed	High cervical cancer mortality and limited access to affordable screening



➤ **What is the value of the Rafale fighter jet deal signed between India and France in April 2025?**

- A) \$5.5 billion
- B) \$6.8 billion
- C) \$7.4 billion
- D) \$8.2 billion
- E) \$9.1 billion

Answer
C) \$7.4 billion



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India signs \$7.4 billion deal with France for Rafale fighter jets
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** India and France (remote signing)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To strengthen India's naval aviation capabilities by acquiring advanced Rafale-Marine fighter jets from France and to enhance strategic defence ties between India and France.
- **Objectives:** To modernize India's naval fleet, reduce dependence on Russian-origin military equipment, strengthen security in the Indian Ocean region, generate domestic employment, and promote defence self-reliance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rafale Fighter Jets:** A French twin-engine, multirole fighter aircraft developed by Dassault Aviation, capable of performing air supremacy, ground support, reconnaissance, and nuclear deterrence missions.
- **Dassault Aviation:** A French aerospace company known for designing and manufacturing military aircraft, including the Rafale and Mirage fighter jets.
- **Naval Air Power:** The capacity of a nation's navy to conduct air operations using aircraft carriers and other naval aviation assets.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	India signs \$7.4 billion deal with France for Rafale fighter jets
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	India and France (remote signing)
Number of Jets Acquired	26 Rafale jets (22 single-seaters and 4 twin-seaters)
Deal Value	₹63,000 crore (~\$7.4 billion)
Manufacturer	Dassault Aviation, France
Delivery Timeline	By 2030
Key Objective	Strengthen Indian Navy's air power
Defence Relationship	Strengthens India–France strategic defence ties
Economic Impact	Expected job creation and boosting of domestic industries



➤ **At which location was the 11th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting held in 2025?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Shanghai
- C) Brasília
- D) Moscow
- E) Cape Town

Answer
C) Brasília



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** BRICS adopts Declaration on AI, Climate Change, and Employment at 2025 Labour Ministers' Meeting
- **Date:** April 25, 2025
- **Location:** Brasília, Brazil



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To address the impacts of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and climate change on the workforce and to foster cooperation among BRICS nations for inclusive and sustainable labour governance.
- **Objectives:** To promote ethical and inclusive AI policies, ensure fair climate transitions benefiting workers, strengthen South-South cooperation for digital inclusion, green jobs, and safeguard workers' rights during economic and environmental transitions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS:** An association of five major emerging economies — Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa — working together on economic, political, and social issues.
- **FutureSkills Prime:** An initiative by the Government of India to digitally skill the workforce in emerging technologies.
- **Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment):** India's global movement encouraging sustainable living and climate-conscious behavior to protect the environment.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	BRICS adopts Declaration on AI, Climate Change, and Employment
Date	April 25, 2025
Location	Brasília, Brazil
Theme	Strengthening the Cooperation of the Global South for Inclusive and Sustainable Governance
Key Focus Areas	Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Future of Work; Climate Change and Just Transition
India's AI Strategy	Ethical AI adoption, workforce upskilling, sectoral applications in agriculture, healthcare, and education
India's Initiatives	FutureSkills Prime, Namo Drone Didi, National Career Service (NCS) platform
Climate Action by India	Sector Skill Council for Green Jobs (SSCGJ), Mission LiFE, net-zero emissions commitment by 2070
Declaration Commitments	Promote inclusive AI policies, ensure fair climate transitions, strengthen South-South cooperation



➤ Which infrastructure project in Mangaluru recently received an additional ₹40 crore funding from the state government?

- A) Netravathi Bridge Project
- B) Pavoor-Uliya Hanging Bridge Project
- C) Kallapu-Sajipa Riverfront Road Project
- D) Mangaluru Bypass Project
- E) Ullal Coastal Road Project



Answer

C) Kallapu-Sajipa Riverfront Road Project



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sanction of ₹40 crore for Kallapu-Sajipa Riverfront Road Project
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** Mangaluru, Karnataka



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Enhance regional connectivity by developing a road network along the Netravathi river.
- **Objective 1:** Improve access to key areas like Harekala, Pavor, Innoli, and Ranipura.
- **Objective 2:** Support local economic development through better transportation infrastructure.
- **Objective 3:** Benefit residents with improved access to basic services and markets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kallapu-Sajipa Riverfront Road Project:** A multi-phase infrastructure project in Mangaluru to build a road along the Netravathi river connecting several key regions and promoting regional development.
- **Netravathi River:** A major river in Karnataka known for its significance in regional water supply, agriculture, and now, infrastructural development projects.
- **Sea Erosion Prevention Works:** Measures undertaken to protect coastal areas from the adverse effects of sea erosion, enhancing environmental and infrastructure sustainability.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Sanction of ₹40 crore for Kallapu-Sajipa Riverfront Road Project
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	Mangaluru, Karnataka
Total Project Cost	₹160 crore
Amount Sanctioned	₹55 crore
Earlier Sanction	₹15 crore
Latest Sanction	₹40 crore
Project Aim	Improve connectivity along Netravathi river
Related Development	₹200 crore for sea erosion prevention, ₹12 crore for footbridge
Key Beneficiary Areas	Harekala, Pavor, Innoli, Ranipura



➤ When was the UDAN scheme launched in India?

- A) October 21, 2015
- B) October 21, 2016
- C) April 27, 2017
- D) November 8, 2016
- E) January 1, 2017

Answer

B) October 21, 2016



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UDAN Scheme completes 8 years of success
- **Date:** April 27, 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To democratize air travel by making it affordable for the common citizen and to enhance regional connectivity by linking Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities with major urban centers.
- **Objectives:** To boost economic development in remote regions, support tourism through aviation connectivity, implement viability gap funding to airlines, cap airfare to ensure affordability, expand airport infrastructure, and provide incentives to stakeholders for seamless operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik):** A regional connectivity scheme aimed at making air travel affordable for the general public and enhancing aviation access to underserved areas.
- **Viability Gap Funding (VGF):** Financial assistance provided by the government to make economically unviable routes operationally sustainable without burdening passengers with high fares.
- **Krishi UDAN Scheme:** An extension of UDAN aimed at improving agricultural logistics by providing air transportation for agri-produce, especially from remote areas.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	UDAN Scheme completes 8 years of success
Date	April 27, 2025
Location	India
Scheme Launch Date	October 21, 2016
First Flight Under UDAN	Shimla to Delhi on April 27, 2017
Key Features	VGF support, airfare caps, stakeholder incentives, tourism routes
Special Initiatives	UDAN Yatri Cafes, Seaplane Operations, Krishi UDAN Scheme
Future Expansion	120 new destinations, 4 crore additional passengers targeted
Infrastructure Plan	50 new airports to be developed over the next five years



➤ Which scheme recently launched by the Delhi Government offers free Rs 10 lakh health cover to senior citizens aged 70 and above?

- A) Ayushman Bharat Senior Care Scheme
- B) Vayoshreshtha Health Yojana
- C) Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme
- D) Senior Suraksha Yojana
- E) Jeevan Raksha Health Mission



Answer

C) Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Delhi launches Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme offering free Rs 10 lakh health cover to seniors 70+
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To provide comprehensive, free health insurance to senior citizens aged 70 years and above, ensuring dignified and accessible healthcare.
- **Objectives:** To offer Rs 10 lakh health coverage through a combined effort of the Centre and Delhi Government, provide free health services including tests and emergency care, issue digital health cards maintaining full medical history, and promote elderly welfare through financial and medical security.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme:** A health insurance initiative by the Delhi Government providing senior citizens aged 70+ with free annual health cover worth Rs 10 lakh, including digitalized health records and free diagnostic services.
- **Vay Vandana Health Card:** A digital health identity card for elderly beneficiaries, storing medical history, health check-up records, and emergency health information.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Launch of Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme in Delhi
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	Delhi, India
Scheme Name	Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme
Launched By	Delhi Government (CM Rekha Gupta) and Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri
Beneficiaries	Citizens aged 70 years and above residing in Delhi
Total Health Coverage	Rs 10 lakh (Rs 5 lakh Centre + Rs 5 lakh Delhi Government)
Health Card Features	Medical history, check-up records, emergency info
Key Benefits	Free treatments, free diagnostic services, emergency healthcare access



- Which Indian state is projected to produce over one-third of the country's steel by FY31 according to its Chief Minister?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal
- E) Karnataka

Answer
C) Odisha



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Odisha projected to produce over 1/3rd of India's steel by FY31
- **Date:** April 28, 2025
- **Location:** Odisha, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** To enhance Odisha's position as India's leading steel-producing state through new and expanded steel production projects.
- **Objectives:** To contribute more than one-third of India's total steel output by FY31, attract investments in steel, petrochemicals, textiles, and agribusiness, achieve a \$500 billion economy by 2036, and promote regional industrial growth.



Important Terms Explained:

- **POSCO:** A South Korean multinational steel-making company, collaborating with JSW Steel to invest in Odisha's steel sector.
- **Integrated Steel Plant:** A large facility combining all stages of steel production — from raw material processing to finished product — within a single complex.
- **National Steel Policy 2017:** A policy aiming to enhance India's steel production capacity to 300 million tonnes by 2030-31.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Odisha may produce over 1/3rd of India's steel by FY31
Date	April 28, 2025
Location	Odisha, India
Current Steel Production	40 million tonnes annually
National Steel Policy Goal	300 million tonnes capacity by FY31
Odisha's Future Share	Over one-third of India's steel production
Major Companies Involved	Tata Steel, JSW Steel, Jindal Steel and Power, POSCO
Key Projects Mentioned	New plants at Paradip, Kendrapara, and expansions at Kalinganagar, NINL
Other Sectors Targeted	Petrochemicals, textiles, agribusiness
Odisha's Economy Vision	\$500 billion economy by 2036



QUICK RECALL



- **World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2025 is observed globally on April 28.**
- **National Superhero Day is celebrated on April 28 every year.**
- **Virat Kohli leads the Orange Cap race in IPL 2025 with 443 runs.**
- **Josh Hazlewood leads the Purple Cap race in IPL 2025 with 18 wickets.**
- **India lifted 171 million people out of extreme poverty between 2011-12 and 2022-23.**
- **ICIMOD released the Hindu Kush Himalaya 2025 report on April 21, 2025.**
- **Borrowing costs for top-rated PSUs have fallen below 7% for the first time in 3 years.**
- **Fitch Ratings has downgraded India's GDP growth forecast to 6.4% for 2025-26.**
- **The Kashmir Shawl by Rosie Thomas has regained popularity among readers in 2025.**



QUICK RECALL



- **Madhusudan Sai received Fiji's highest civilian honor on April 25, 2025.**
- **NICDC was honored with the Udyog Vikas Award for its contribution to India's industrial growth.**
- **ISRO successfully conducted a short-duration hot test of its semicryogenic engine on April 24, 2025.**
- **India launched indigenous HPV test kits for cervical cancer screening on April 23, 2025.**
- **India signed a \$7.4 billion deal with France for 26 Rafale fighter jets on April 28, 2025.**
- **The 11th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting was held in Brasília on April 25, 2025.**



QUICK RECALL



- The Kallapu-Sajipa Riverfront Road project in Mangaluru received ₹40 crore in new funding from the state government.
- The UDAN Scheme completed 8 successful years on April 27, 2025.
- The Delhi government launched the Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme on April 28, 2025.
- Odisha is projected to produce over one-third of India's steel by FY31.



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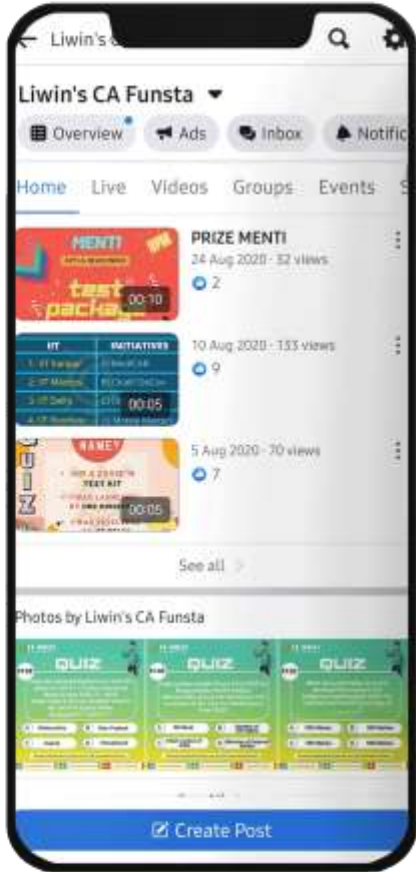
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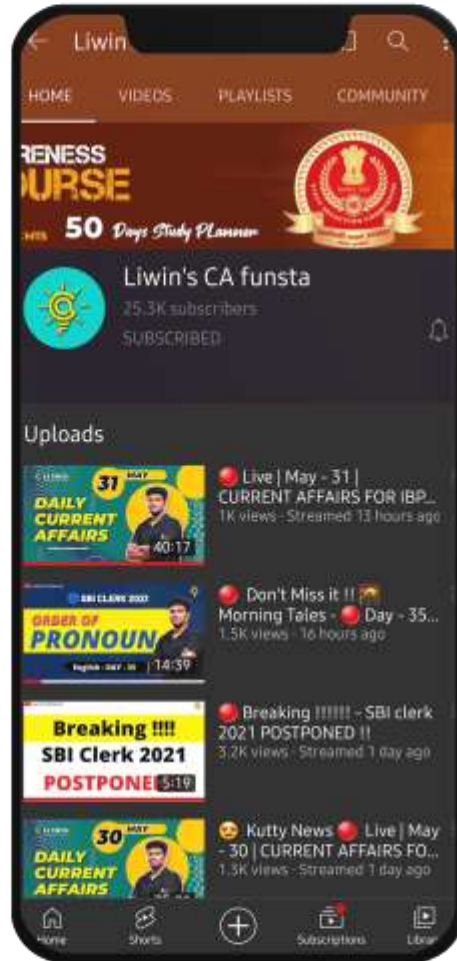


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