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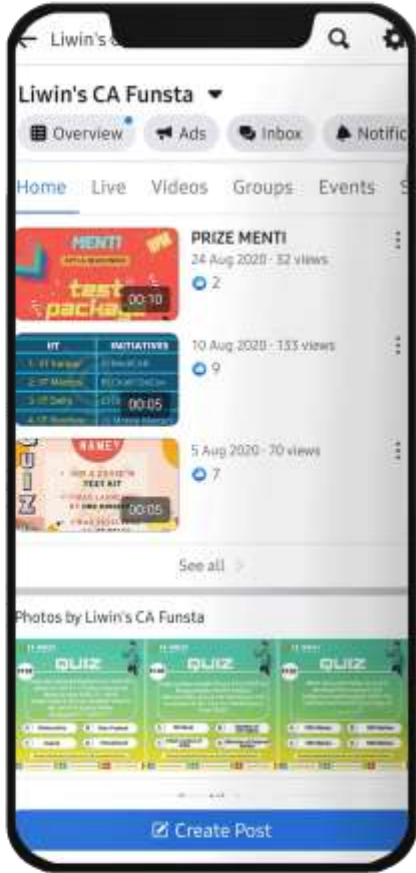
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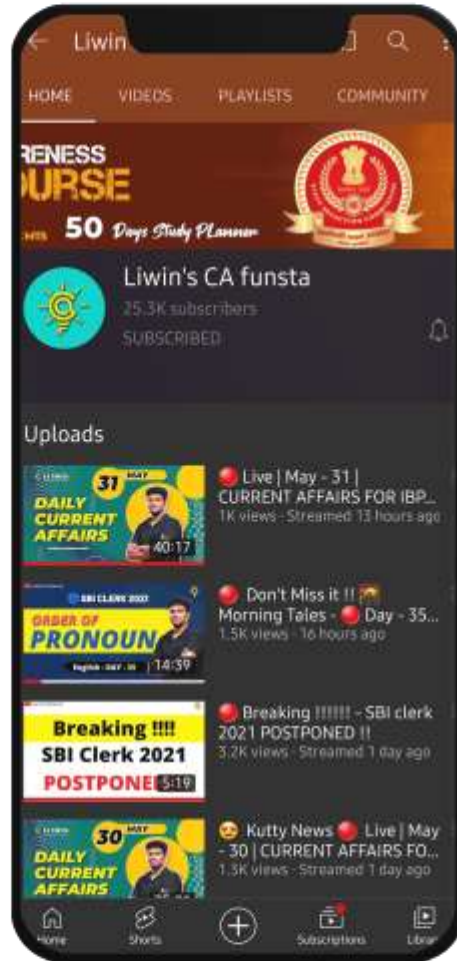
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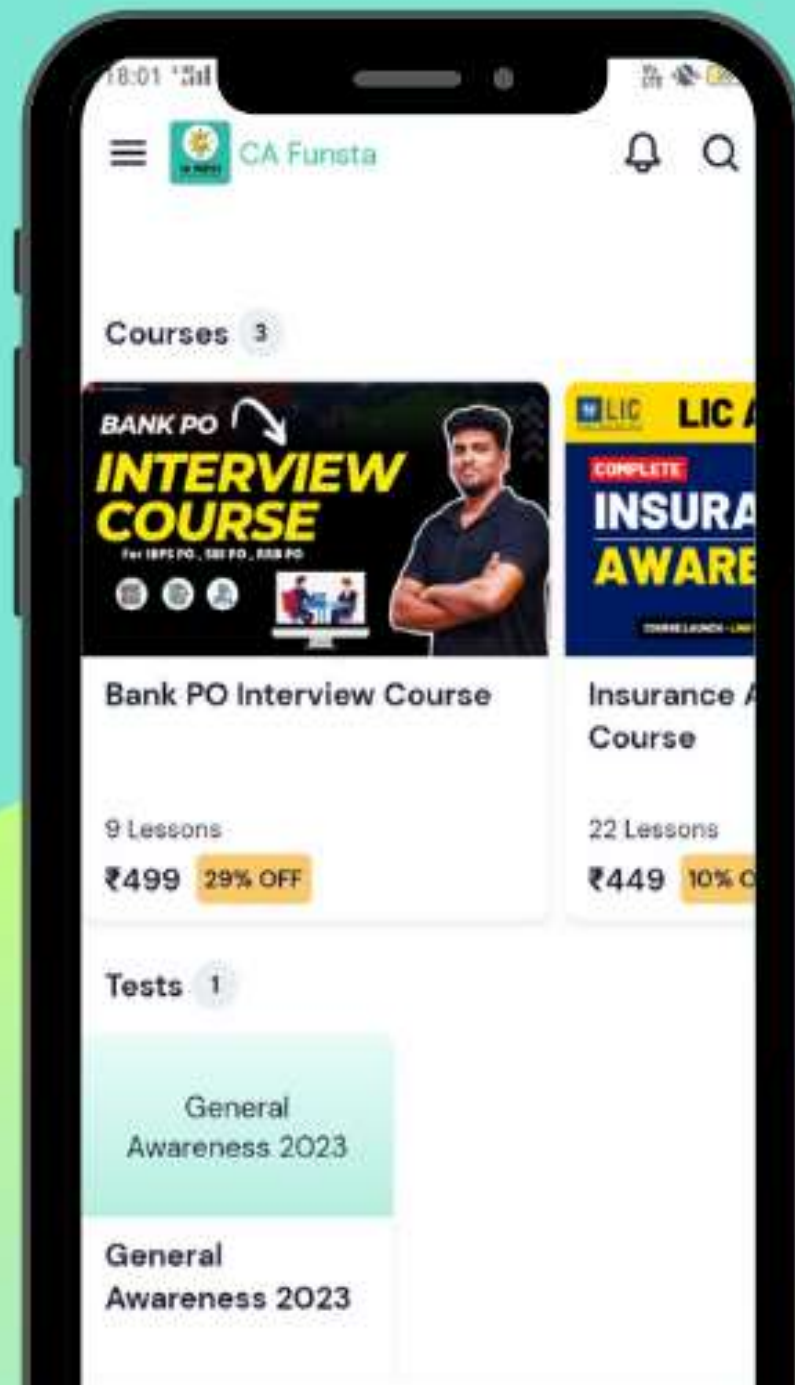
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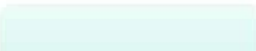
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Important Days



➤ Which of the following organizations is NOT involved in organizing World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)?

- A) CMS
- B) AEWA
- C) UNEP
- D) EFTA
- E) EAAFP

Answer
C) UNEP



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Theme announcement for World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2025
- **Location:** Global (Theme declared by organizing partners on 14 November 2024)



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Aim:** Promote the creation of bird-friendly urban and rural environments.
- **Conservation Focus:** Mitigate urbanization threats and raise awareness on migratory bird protection.
- **Awareness Objective:** Encourage strategic urban planning and community participation to protect migratory birds.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD):** A biannual global campaign to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
- **CMS (Convention on Migratory Species):** An international treaty that provides a global platform for the conservation of migratory species and their habitats.
- **AEWA (African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement):** A regional treaty under CMS focusing on the protection of migratory waterbirds in Africa and Eurasia.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **EFTA (Environment for the Americas):** An organization supporting environmental education and bird conservation across the Americas.
- **EAAFP (East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership):** A cooperative effort to conserve migratory waterbirds and their habitats across Asia and Australasia.
- **Bird-Friendly Cities:** Urban areas designed or adapted to minimize harm to birds through green spaces, bird-safe buildings, and noise/light pollution control.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	World Migratory Bird Day 2025 Theme Announcement
Theme for 2025	Creating Bird-Friendly Cities & Communities
Announcement Date	14 November 2024
Celebration Dates (2025)	10 May and 11 October
Organizers	CMS, AEWA, EFTA, EAAFP
Focus Areas	Urban planning, bird collisions, green spaces, habitat conservation
Main Challenges	Habitat loss, light pollution, collisions, environmental threats



Important Days



- **When will Mother's Day be celebrated in 2025 in most countries including India and the United States?**

- A) May 10, 2025
- B) May 9, 2025
- C) May 11, 2025
- D) May 12, 2025
- E) May 8, 2025

Answer
C) May 11, 2025



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mother's Day 2025 Celebration
- **Location:** Celebrated globally; primarily observed on **the second Sunday of May** in countries like India, the USA, Canada, Australia, and many others



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Emotional Recognition:** Acknowledge the selfless love, strength, and care offered by mothers and maternal figures.
- **Cultural Observance:** Promote appreciation through gifts, family time, acts of service, and emotional tributes.
- **Advocacy Platform:** In some countries, it is also a day to raise awareness about maternal health, women's rights, and caregiver support systems.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mother's Day (Modern):** Initiated by Anna Jarvis in 1908 in the United States and officially recognized in 1914 by President Woodrow Wilson.
- **Mothering Sunday (Traditional):** A 16th-century English Christian tradition where families visited their "mother church," often coinciding with family reunions.
- **Carnation:** Official flower of Mother's Day—red symbolizes living mothers, white honors deceased ones.
- **Maternal Figures:** Beyond biological mothers, the term includes stepmothers, grandmothers, adoptive mothers, and caregivers fulfilling a maternal role.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Mother's Day 2025
Date of Celebration	May 11, 2025 (Second Sunday of May)
Founder (Modern Day)	Anna Jarvis (USA, 1908)
Official Recognition (USA)	1914 by President Woodrow Wilson
Common Celebrations	Gifts, flowers (especially carnations), family time, school events
Global Relevance	Celebrated across many countries, dates vary by region
Traditional Origins	Mothering Sunday (England), Rhea (Greek), Cybele (Roman)



➤ **Which global credit rating agency upgraded India's sovereign rating to 'BBB' with a Stable Outlook in May 2025?**

- A) Moody's Investors Service
- B) Fitch Ratings
- C) Morningstar DBRS
- D) S&P Global Ratings
- E) CRISIL

Answer

C) Morningstar DBRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's sovereign credit rating upgraded to 'BBB' with Stable Outlook
- **Location:** India, assessed by Morningstar DBRS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Aim:** Reflect India's economic reforms, macroeconomic stability, and investor-friendly environment
- **Secondary Goals:** Boost global investor confidence, lower borrowing costs, and enhance India's international credit profile
- **Scope of Upgrade:** Long-term and short-term foreign and local currency issuer ratings



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sovereign Credit Rating:** An assessment of a country's ability to meet its debt obligations, influencing investor confidence and borrowing costs.
- **BBB Rating:** A medium-grade investment level indicating moderate credit risk and financial stability.
- **Fiscal Consolidation:** The process of reducing fiscal deficit and controlling public debt through policy measures.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Capital Adequacy Ratio:** A key banking metric indicating the capital a bank holds against its risk-weighted assets, reflecting financial health.
- **NPA (Non-Performing Asset):** Loans that are in default or in arrears, with lower NPAs indicating healthier banking operations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	India's credit rating upgraded to 'BBB'
Agency	Morningstar DBRS
Date of Upgrade	9 May 2025
New Long-Term Rating	BBB (Stable Outlook)
Previous Long-Term Rating	BBB (low)
New Short-Term Rating	R-2 (high)
Previous Short-Term Rating	R-2 (middle)
Key Drivers	Fiscal consolidation, reforms, high growth, strong banking
GDP Growth FY22–FY25	8.2% average
Significance	Enhances global investor confidence and credit profile
Future Upgrade Conditions	Higher investments, debt reduction, continued reforms



➤ Which public sector bank contributed over 40% of the total ₹1.78 lakh crore profit posted by PSBs in FY25?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) Union Bank of India
- D) State Bank of India
- E) Indian Bank

Answer

D) State Bank of India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Record profit of ₹1.78 lakh crore by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in FY25
- **Location:** Across India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Profitability Goal:** Strengthen public sector banks' financial health through strategic reforms and recapitalisation.
- **Reform Strategy:** Implement the 4Rs strategy – Recognition of NPAs, Resolution, Recapitalisation, and Reforms.
- **Turnaround Objective:** Transform PSBs from high-loss entities in FY18 to profit-generating institutions in FY25.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Public Sector Banks (PSBs):** Banks where the majority stake (over 50%) is held by the Government of India.
- **4Rs Strategy:** Government's strategic plan to restore PSB health—Recognising bad loans, Resolving NPAs, Recapitalising banks, and implementing Reforms in governance and lending.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Recapitalisation:** Infusing capital into banks by the government to improve their balance sheets and ensure regulatory compliance.
- **Non-Performing Assets (NPAs):** Loans or advances where the borrower has stopped making interest or principal repayments for a certain period, reflecting potential loss to the lender.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	PSBs post record ₹1.78 lakh crore profit in FY25
Total PSB Profit (FY25)	₹1.78 lakh crore
YoY Growth	26% increase from FY24
SBI's Contribution	₹70,901 crore (over 40% of total)
Highest % Growth (Bank)	Punjab National Bank (↑102%)
Number of PSBs in Profit	12
Previous Loss (FY18)	₹85,390 crore
Government Strategy	4Rs: Recognition, Resolution, Recapitalisation, Reforms
Recapitalisation Amount	₹3.11 lakh crore (FY17–FY21)



➤ Which two banks were fined by the RBI in May 2025 for regulatory non-compliance?

- A) HDFC Bank and Yes Bank
- B) ICICI Bank and Bandhan Bank
- C) State Bank of India and Jana Small Finance Bank
- D) Punjab National Bank and Axis Bank
- E) Bank of Baroda and Ujjivan SFB



Answer

**C) State Bank of India and
Jana Small Finance Bank**



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI imposes monetary penalties on State Bank of India (SBI) and Jana Small Finance Bank
- **Location:** Across India (RBI Headquarters: Mumbai)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Regulatory Enforcement:** Ensure strict compliance with the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and RBI's operational directives.
- **Customer Protection:** Emphasize limits on customer liability in cases of unauthorized electronic transactions.
- **Financial Discipline:** Maintain integrity in loan disbursal, current account management, and statutory banking norms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Banking Regulation Act, 1949:** A law that governs the functioning and regulation of all banks in India, providing RBI the authority to impose penalties for non-compliance.
- **Customer Protection – Limiting Liability:** RBI directive that limits the financial liability of customers for losses due to unauthorized digital transactions, provided certain reporting conditions are met.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Current Account Opening Guidelines:** RBI restrictions to ensure banks do not open current accounts in violation of credit exposure rules and to avoid diversion of funds.
- **Statutory and Other Restrictions on Loans and Advances:** Rules that govern the lending practices of banks to prevent misuse, overexposure, or conflicts of interest.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	RBI penalizes SBI and Jana Small Finance Bank for regulatory lapses
Date of Announcement	May 9, 2025
Penalty on SBI	₹1.72 crore
Reason (SBI)	Violations in loan disbursal, customer protection, current account norms
Penalty on Jana Bank	₹1 crore
Reason (Jana Bank)	Breach of provisions under Banking Regulation Act, 1949
RBI Clarification	Penalties are for compliance issues, not specific transaction validity
Objective of Action	Uphold regulatory discipline and protect customer interests



AWARDS



➤ Which newspaper received the 2025 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize for its fearless journalism under government repression?

- A) El País
- B) La Nación
- C) La Prensa
- D) The Washington Post
- E) Clarín

Answer
C) La Prensa



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Awarding of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2025
- **Location:** Nicaragua (Recipient – La Prensa)



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Award Purpose:** Recognize extraordinary contributions to the defense and promotion of press freedom.
- **La Prensa's Recognition:** Honor its resilience and dedication to independent journalism amidst severe governmental repression.
- **Awareness Goal:** Raise global attention to the press freedom crisis in Nicaragua under authoritarian rule.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize:** Established in 1997 by UNESCO, this prize honors journalists or media institutions that have shown exceptional courage in defending press freedom.
- **Guillermo Cano Isaza:** A Colombian journalist assassinated in 1986 for exposing drug cartels, symbolizing the risks journalists face globally.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **La Prensa:** Nicaragua's oldest daily newspaper, founded in 1926, known for its commitment to truth even under violent political pressure.
- **Press Freedom Day:** Observed on May 3rd annually to celebrate media independence and remember journalists facing persecution.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2025
Recipient	La Prensa, Nicaragua
Date Announced	May 3, 2025 (World Press Freedom Day)
Established (Prize)	1997
Named After	Guillermo Cano Isaza (Colombian journalist assassinated in 1986)
Founded (La Prensa)	1926
Challenges Faced	Government censorship, journalist arrests, newsroom confiscations
Supported By	CIVICUS, ACADD
Significance	Symbol of journalistic resistance and global press freedom advocacy



➤ Where has India inaugurated its new BrahMos missile production facility in May 2025?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) Nagpur
- C) Lucknow
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Pune

Answer
C) Lucknow



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of BrahMos missile production unit
- **Location:** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strategic Aim:** Enhance India's defence manufacturing capabilities amid regional security concerns.
- **Technological Objective:** Deploy advanced aerospace technologies to boost indigenous missile production.
- **Employment Goal:** Generate direct and indirect employment in the defence and aerospace sectors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BrahMos Missile:** A supersonic cruise missile developed through a joint venture between India's DRDO and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyenia. Known for its speed, precision, and versatility across land, sea, and air platforms.
- **Defence Corridor:** A government-led initiative to develop defence manufacturing zones across key Indian states, offering incentives, infrastructure, and land support to defence firms.
- **BrahMos Aerospace:** A joint venture responsible for the production and innovation of the BrahMos missile system, contributing significantly to India's strategic defence strength.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	BrahMos missile production begins in Lucknow
Inauguration Date	May 11, 2025
Location	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Investment	₹300 crore
Executing Entity	BrahMos Aerospace
Origin of BrahMos	Joint venture: DRDO (India) and NPO Mashinostroyenia (Russia)
Key Product	BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles
Direct Jobs Expected	500
Indirect Jobs Expected	Over 3,000
Land Allotment	Provided free by UP Government in December 2021
Strategic Importance	Boosts India's defence production amid regional tensions



➤ Where is the Quantum Valley Tech Park, featuring India's largest quantum computer, being developed through the IBM–TCS collaboration?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Pune
- D) Amaravati
- E) Gurugram

Answer
D) Amaravati



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Quantum Valley Tech Park through a collaboration between IBM, TCS, and the Andhra Pradesh Government
- **Location:** Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **National Quantum Vision:** Support the goals of India's National Quantum Mission (2023–2031) by establishing a globally competitive quantum ecosystem.
- **Innovation Focus:** Advance applied quantum research in sectors like cryptography, life sciences, materials science, and public governance.
- **Skilling and Employment:** Create a talent pool and generate high-skilled employment in quantum technology and advanced computing sectors.
- **Global Integration:** Attract international researchers and investment into India's quantum technology space.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Computing:** A technology that uses quantum bits (qubits) to perform calculations at speeds far beyond classical computers, enabling breakthroughs in various scientific and industrial fields.
- **Heron Processor:** IBM's latest 156-qubit quantum processor housed in Quantum System Two, designed to scale and support large quantum applications.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Quantum Mission:** India's flagship initiative (2023–2031) to invest in R&D and ecosystem development for quantum technologies across computing, sensing, communication, and materials.
- **Quantum Valley Tech Park:** India's first dedicated park for quantum computing research and innovation, serving as a technology and investment hub.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	IBM–TCS–Andhra Pradesh Govt collaboration on Quantum Valley Tech Park
Location	Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
Launch Date	May 2025
Technology Core	IBM Quantum System Two with 156-qubit Heron processor
National Program Link	National Quantum Mission (2023–2031)
Construction Partner	L&T (Larsen & Toubro)
Use-case Focus	Cryptography, life sciences, materials, governance systems
Major Partners	IBM, TCS, Andhra Pradesh Govt, L&T
Key Impact	Quantum innovation, research ecosystem, global investments



➤ **Which two countries recently concluded the first round of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations in May 2025?**

- A) India and Australia
- B) India and Canada
- C) India and New Zealand
- D) India and the UK
- E) India and South Korea



Answer

C) India and New Zealand



Event and Location:

- **Event:** First round of India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations concluded
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Aim:** To build a balanced and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement that deepens bilateral trade and investment.
- **Trade Focus:** Enhance cooperation in goods, services, agriculture, technology, and economic facilitation.
- **Economic Objective:** Create predictable and simplified trade conditions to encourage global supply chain integration and bilateral investments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Free Trade Agreement (FTA):** A pact between two or more countries to reduce or eliminate trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, and import regulations to encourage cross-border trade and investment.
- **Trade Facilitation:** Simplification and streamlining of import and export procedures, customs regulations, and logistics to make trade faster and more efficient.
- **Merchandise Trade:** The exchange of physical goods between countries, measured in monetary value to assess trade volume and trends.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	First round of India–New Zealand FTA negotiations concluded
Location	New Delhi
Date of Negotiations	May 5–9, 2025
Countries Involved	India and New Zealand
FTA Launch	March 2025 (Meeting between Piyush Goyal and Todd McClay)
Key Areas Discussed	Trade in goods, services, trade facilitation, economic cooperation
Total Trade FY 2024–25	USD 1.3 billion
Trade Growth	48.6% increase over previous year
Next Round	July 2025
Goal	Finalize FTA by end of 2025



➤ **At which global event did India highlight its forest conservation achievements and invite participation in the International Big Cat Alliance in May 2025?**

- A) COP28
- B) G20 Environment Ministers' Meeting
- C) United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20)
- D) UNEP Biodiversity Summit
- E) World Forestry Congress



Answer

C) United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20)



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 20th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20)
- **Location:** United Nations Headquarters, New York



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Sustainability Focus:** Showcase India's contributions to the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030.
- **International Collaboration:** Promote global efforts in forest fire management and big cat conservation.
- **Restoration Goal:** Advocate for sustainable forest management and restoration of degraded forest landscapes.
- **Policy Integration:** Highlight the role of ecosystem valuation in national-level forest governance planning.



Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF):** A UN functional body focused on the sustainable management, conservation, and development of all types of forests.
- **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):** An India-led global platform to protect and conserve seven big cat species – tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar, and cheetah.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green India Mission:** A key component of India's National Action Plan on Climate Change aimed at enhancing forest-based ecosystem services and increasing forest cover.
- **Ecosystem Valuation:** A method to assign economic value to ecosystem services, helping integrate natural capital into policy and planning.
- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam:** A national campaign encouraging citizens to plant trees in honor of their mothers, contributing to large-scale afforestation.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	20 th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20)
Dates	May 5–9, 2025
Location	United Nations Headquarters, New York
Indian Delegation Leader	Shri Sushil Kumar Awasthi, Director General of Forests
India's Forest Cover	25.17% of geographical area
Major Campaigns	Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam – 1.4 billion seedlings planted
Restoration Initiatives	Green India Mission, mangrove increase, afforestation on 1.55 lakh hectares
Global Proposal	Invitation to join International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)
Focus Areas	Forest management, big cat protection, ecosystem valuation, fire control



➤ Which scheme was recently expanded by the Government of India to enhance financial support and credit access for startups?

- A) Stand-Up India Scheme
- B) Startup India Seed Fund Scheme
- C) Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups
- D) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana
- E) Atal Innovation Mission



Answer

C) Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Expansion of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS)
- **Location:** Nationwide, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Aim:** Improve capital mobilization and financial access for startups through enhanced loan guarantees.
- **Innovation Support:** Catalyze innovation by reducing financial barriers for early-stage startups.
- **Lender Encouragement:** Reduce lending risks to encourage financial institutions to support high-risk, innovation-driven ventures.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS):** A government initiative launched in 2022 to provide collateral-free debt funding for startups via credit guarantees.
- **Guarantee Cover:** A percentage of the loan amount that the government guarantees to repay if the borrower defaults.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Annual Guarantee Fee (AGF):** A yearly fee paid by lenders/startups to avail of the credit guarantee facility; reduced for Champion Sectors.
- **Champion Sectors:** Sectors identified under 'Make in India' that are strategically important for economic growth and self-reliance.
- **Make in India:** A national program to transform India into a global manufacturing and innovation hub.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Expansion of Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS)
Ceiling on Guarantee Cover	Increased from ₹10 crore to ₹20 crore
Guarantee Coverage	85% for loans up to ₹10 crore; 75% for loans above ₹10 crore
AGF Reduction	From 2% to 1% for 27 Champion Sectors
Champion Sectors	Identified under 'Make in India' initiative
Launched By	Government of India
Launch Date of CGSS	October 6, 2022
Implementing Body	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
Objective of Scheme	Support startups with credit, reduce financial risk, foster innovation



➤ What is the updated Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) for India as per the 2019–21 data released by the Registrar General of India?

- A) 97 per lakh live births
- B) 103 per lakh live births
- C) 93 per lakh live births
- D) 88 per lakh live births
- E) 70 per lakh live births

Answer

C) 93 per lakh live births



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Decline in India's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)
- **Location:** Nationwide, India (Data by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Health Indicator Goal:** Reduce maternal deaths and improve the quality of maternal healthcare services.
- **Global Alignment:** Align national maternal health policies with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), targeting an MMR below 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030.
- **Equity Focus:** Address disparities across states, especially in regions with high MMR.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR):** The number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, reflecting the effectiveness of a country's maternal healthcare system.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** A set of global objectives adopted by the United Nations in 2015, including Goal 3.1, which aims to reduce global MMR to below 70 by 2030.
- **Maternal Death (WHO Definition):** The death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of pregnancy termination, due to pregnancy-related complications.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	India's Maternal Mortality Ratio Decline
MMR in 2019–21	93 per lakh live births
Previous MMR (2018–20)	97 per lakh live births
Previous MMR (2017–19)	103 per lakh live births
High MMR States	Madhya Pradesh (175), Assam (167), Uttar Pradesh (151), Odisha (135)
Karnataka's MMR	63 per lakh live births
SDG Target	Global MMR below 70 by 2030
Reporting Agency	Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India
Global Daily Maternal Deaths	Over 700 (mostly in low-income countries)



➤ Which ministry in India issued the 2025 order prohibiting the use of key antimicrobials in aquaculture to combat antimicrobial resistance?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- E) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Answer

D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India bans use of key antimicrobials in aquaculture to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- **Location:** Nationwide, India



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उद्योग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY**



Mandates and Objectives:

- **AMR Mitigation:** Prevent the development and spread of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) caused by overuse of antibiotics in aquaculture.
- **Food Safety Assurance:** Ensure safe seafood production by eliminating harmful residues from food products like fish and shrimp.
- **Export Compliance:** Align India's seafood production with international standards, boosting credibility in markets such as the US and China.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR):** The ability of microbes to resist the effects of medications that once killed them, making infections harder to treat.
- **Medically Important Antimicrobials:** Antibiotics crucial for treating human diseases, as identified by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Fluoroquinolones, Glycopeptides, Nitrofurans:** Classes of antibiotics banned in aquaculture due to their critical importance in human medicine and risk of promoting AMR.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aquaculture:** The farming of aquatic organisms such as fish, crustaceans, mollusks, and aquatic plants, often involving controlled breeding and rearing practices.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Ban on medically important antimicrobials in aquaculture
Date of Order	May 2025
Issuing Authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Key Objective	Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
Scope of Ban	Aquaculture farms, hatcheries, feed units, processing units
Banned Substances	12 antibiotic classes and 6 key antibiotics (e.g., fluoroquinolones)
India's Aquaculture Rank	3rd in fish production, 2nd in aquaculture production
Seafood Export (2023–24)	\$7.38 billion; 1.78 million tonnes
Previous Related Action	FSSAI ban in 2024 on antibiotics in all animal-derived foods
Global AMR Concern	Asia-Pacific region leads in antimicrobial use in aquaculture



- Which state launched the UP AGREES and AI Pragma initiatives in collaboration with the World Bank in May 2025?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Karnataka
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Gujarat
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer
C) Uttar Pradesh



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of UP AGREES and AI Pragya initiatives
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh, India (Initiated in districts across Bundelkhand and Purvanchal)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **UP AGREES Objective:** Boost climate-resilient, equitable, and sustainable agriculture in 28 districts, promoting tech-enabled and productivity-enhancing practices.
- **AI Pragya Objective:** Train 10 lakh youth in Artificial Intelligence and digital technologies to strengthen UP's digital workforce and employment potential.
- **Shared Goal:** Support UP's ambition to become a \$1 trillion economy through strategic rural development and tech-driven upskilling.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UP AGREES:** Acronym for Uttar Pradesh Accelerated Growth through Resilient, Equitable and Sustainable Agriculture, focusing on climate-smart farming practices and agricultural modernization.
- **AI Pragma:** A digital empowerment initiative to provide AI and tech training across sectors like healthcare, governance, and education.
- **World Bank:** An international financial institution that provides funding and policy guidance to support sustainable development projects worldwide.
- **Digital India & Skilling India:** National missions aimed at transforming India into a digitally empowered society and skilling the youth for a future-ready workforce.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Launch of UP AGREES & AI Pragya
Date of Launch	May 9, 2025
Launched By	CM Yogi Adityanath, in presence of World Bank President Ajay Banga
Support	World Bank
Key Schemes	UP AGREES (agriculture), AI Pragya (AI skilling)
Target Beneficiaries	Farmers and 10 lakh youth
Districts Covered	28 districts across Bundelkhand and Purvanchal
Strategic Focus	Rural productivity, AI training, climate resilience, digital governance
Goal	Help UP become a \$1 trillion economy



QUICK RECALL



- **World Migratory Bird Day 2025 will focus on creating bird-friendly cities and communities.**
- **Mother's Day 2025 will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11.**
- **India's credit rating was upgraded by Morningstar DBRS to 'BBB' with a stable outlook.**
- **Public Sector Banks posted a record ₹1.78 lakh crore profit in FY25.**
- **The RBI fined SBI ₹1.72 crore and Jana Small Finance Bank ₹1 crore in May 2025.**
- **Nicaragua's La Prensa won the 2025 UNESCO Press Freedom Prize.**
- **India inaugurated a BrahMos missile production unit in Lucknow on May 11, 2025.**
- **IBM and TCS launched India's first Quantum Tech Park in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.**



QUICK RECALL



- India and New Zealand concluded the first round of FTA negotiations in New Delhi from May 5 to 9, 2025.
- India participated in the 20th UN Forum on Forests in New York from May 5–9, 2025.
- The Government of India expanded the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups in May 2025.
- India's Maternal Mortality Ratio dropped to 93 per lakh live births in 2019–21.
- India banned several key antimicrobials in aquaculture in May 2025.
- Uttar Pradesh launched UP AGREES and AI Pragya initiatives on May 9, 2025.



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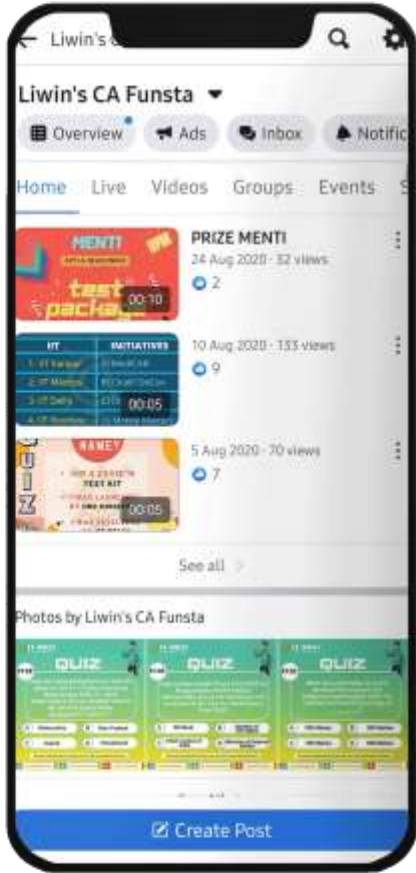
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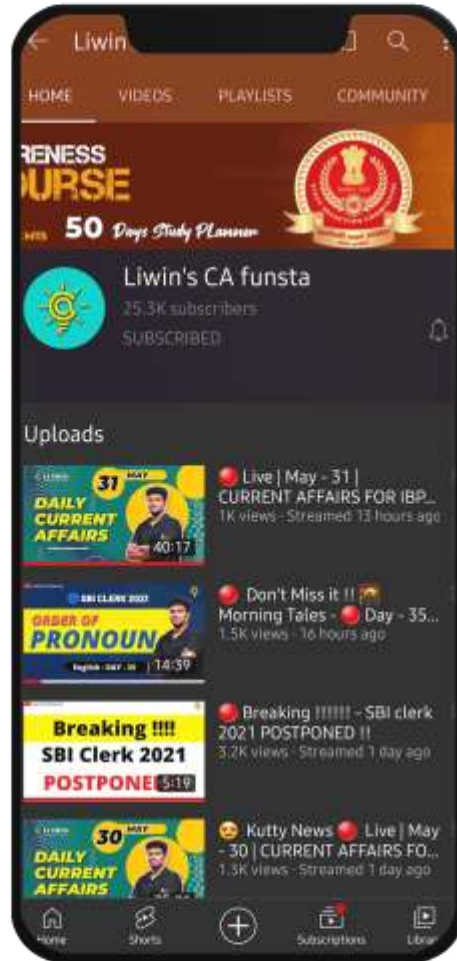


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