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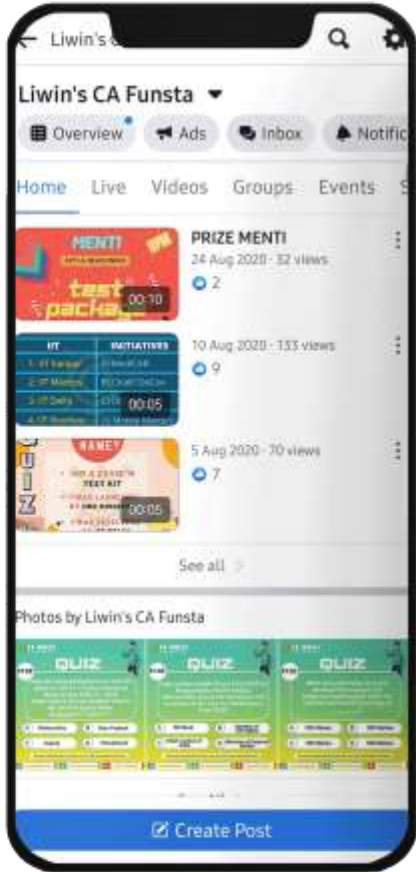
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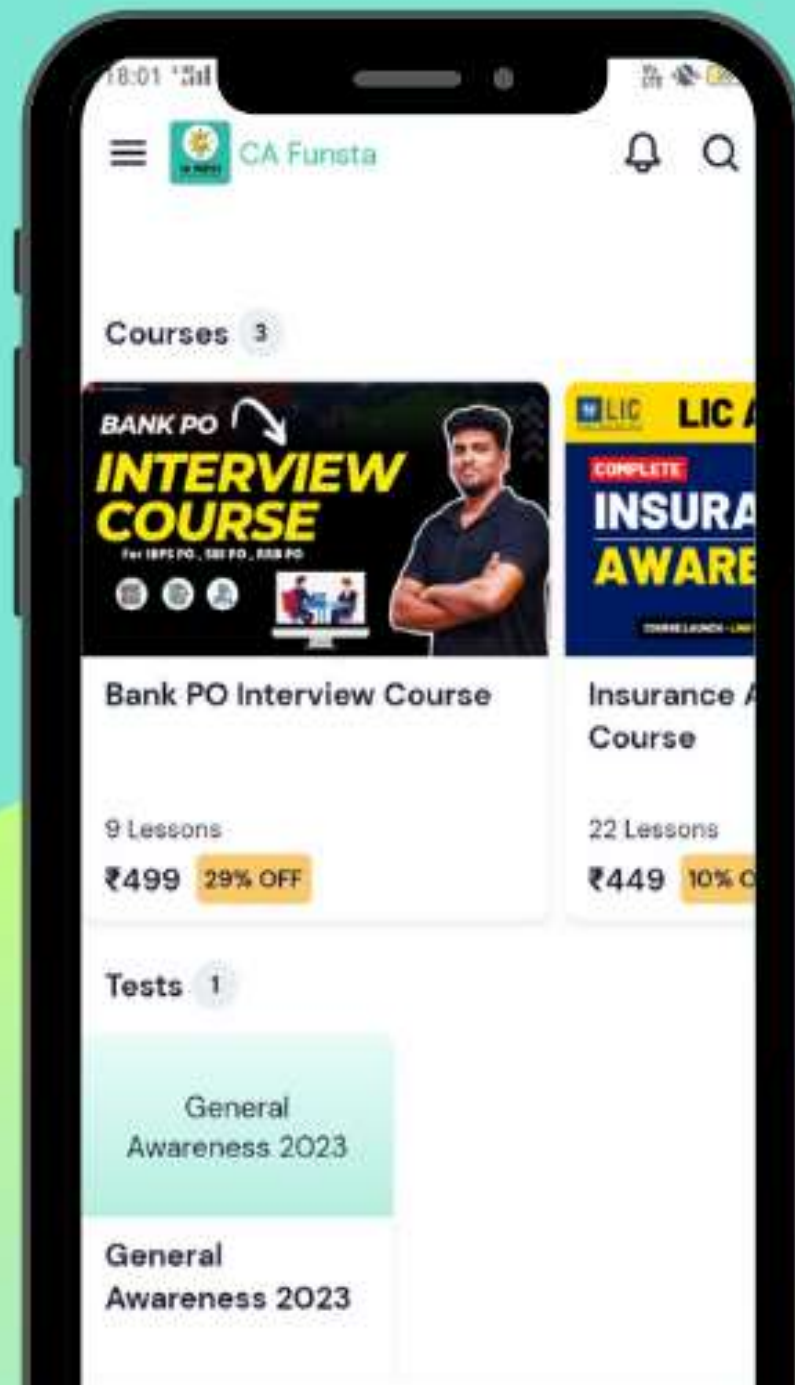
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Important Days



➤ **What is the 2025 theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity observed on May 22?**

- A) One Earth, One Future
- B) Ecosystems for Life
- C) Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development
- D) Protect Species, Protect Planet
- E) Restore Biodiversity, Restore Balance



Answer

C) Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day for Biological Diversity 2025 observed with global awareness activities
- **Location:** Worldwide (recognized by the United Nations)
- **Date:** May 22, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Observe International Biodiversity Day to promote awareness about the value of biodiversity and address the escalating threats to ecosystems.
- **Objectives:** Reinforce global cooperation in achieving biodiversity protection and align action with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):** A multilateral treaty adopted in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro to conserve biological diversity and promote sustainable use of its components.
- **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:** A global action plan adopted to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030, with specific targets and commitments for nations.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** A set of 17 global goals adopted by the UN to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all, many of which are directly supported by biodiversity.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Day for Biological Diversity 2025
Announcement date	May 22, 2025
Location	Globally observed
Issuing authority	United Nations / Convention on Biological Diversity
Policy/series name	Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
Key figures	UN Bodies, Governments, Scientists, NGOs, Indigenous Communities
Purpose/reason	Promote biodiversity awareness and align global action with SDGs
Feature details	Educational campaigns, tree plantations, policy dialogues
Validity or status	Annually observed and globally supported event
Any strategic value	Supports climate resilience, food security, and sustainable development



SPORTS



➤ Which club won the 2025 UEFA Europa League title by defeating Manchester United 1–0 in the final?

- A) Chelsea
- B) Sevilla
- C) Tottenham Hotspur
- D) Arsenal
- E) Inter Milan

Answer

C) Tottenham Hotspur



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tottenham Hotspur wins UEFA Europa League 2025
- **Location:** Estadio de San Mamés, Bilbao, Spain
- **Date:** May 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Compete in and win the UEFA Europa League final against Manchester United.
- **Objectives:** End a 17-year trophy drought, secure UEFA Champions League qualification, and rebuild club prestige and morale after a poor domestic season.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UEFA Europa League:** Europe's second-tier annual club football competition, organized by UEFA, offering the winner a spot in the next season's UEFA Champions League.
- **Tottenham Hotspur:** A Premier League football club based in North London, winning its first European title since the 1983–84 UEFA Cup.
- **Estadio de San Mamés:** A football stadium in Bilbao, Spain, and home to Athletic Club; venue for the 2025 Europa League final.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UEFA Europa League Final 2025
Match date	May 21, 2025
Venue	Estadio de San Mamés, Bilbao, Spain
Winner	Tottenham Hotspur
Final score	Tottenham 1 – 0 Manchester United
Goal scorer	Brennan Johnson (42nd minute)
Manager	Ange Postecoglou
Last Spurs trophy	2008 League Cup
Last European title	1983–84 UEFA Cup
Key players	Son Heung-min, Micky van de Ven, Pape Sarr, Brennan Johnson
Champions League status	Spurs qualify for 2025–26 UEFA Champions League



OBITUARY



➤ Which renowned science communicator, known as the father of India's science museum movement, passed away in May 2025?

- A) Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar
- B) Dr. Saroj Ghose
- C) Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
- D) Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
- E) Dr. Anil Kakodkar

Answer

B) Dr. Saroj Ghose



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of Dr. Saroj Ghose, pioneer of India's science museum movement
- **Location:** Seattle, USA
- **Date:** May 17, 2025



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Build a nationwide network of interactive science centres to popularize science and technology among the masses.
- **Objectives:** Foster scientific temper in India through informal education platforms like museums and science parks.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Council of Science Museums (NCSM):** An autonomous society under the Ministry of Culture, established in 1978, responsible for science communication through museums and centres across India.
- **Science Communication:** The practice of informing, educating, and raising awareness about science through accessible and engaging methods such as exhibitions, demonstrations, and informal learning.
- **Scientific Temper:** A mindset promoted in India's Constitution, encouraging logic, inquiry, and critical thinking among citizens.



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Death of Dr. Saroj Ghose
Announcement date	May 17, 2025
Location of death	Seattle, United States
Age at death	89 years
Title	Father of India's Science Museum Movement
Role	Founding Director General, NCSM (1979–1997)
Organization	National Council of Science Museums (NCSM)
Major contributions	Town Hall Museum, Parliament Museum, Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum
Institution HQ	Kolkata
Strategic value	Pioneered informal science education in India



RANKING



➤ Which country holds the largest proven oil reserves in the world as of 2025?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) Russia
- C) Venezuela
- D) Iran
- E) Canada

Answer
C) Venezuela



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Global ranking of top 10 countries by oil and gas reserves in 2025
- **Location:** Worldwide (energy data review and geopolitical analysis)
- **Date:** May 22, 2025



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Identify and rank countries with the largest proven oil and gas reserves globally for strategic energy and geopolitical insight.
- **Objectives:** Highlight the energy dominance of nations and assess their role in fossil fuel markets amid global transition trends.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Proven Reserves:** Quantities of oil or gas that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable under existing economic and operational conditions.
- **OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries):** An intergovernmental organization that coordinates oil production policies among member nations, influencing global oil prices and supply.
- **LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas):** Natural gas cooled to a liquid state for ease of storage and transport, crucial in global energy trade and diversification strategies.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Top 10 Countries by Oil and Gas Reserves in 2025
Announcement date	May 22, 2025
Location	Global coverage
Issuing authority	Energy analysis platforms (e.g., IEA, OPEC, national energy databases)
Policy/series name	Global Proven Reserves Ranking
Key figures	Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Russia, USA
Purpose/reason	Assess strategic energy assets and global supply chain resilience
Feature details	Rankings based on oil (barrels) and gas (trillion cubic feet) reserves
Validity or status	As per 2025 global data reporting and verified national disclosures
Any strategic value	Influences energy security, pricing power, and geopolitical alliances



RANKING



➤ **Which country ranked first in technological innovation globally in 2025, according to global reports?**

- A) China
- B) United States
- C) Japan
- D) South Korea
- E) Germany

Answer
B) United States



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Global ranking of countries based on technological innovation in 2025
- **Location:** Worldwide (Global innovation index & market assessments)
- **Date:** May 22, 2025



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Identify leading nations in technology based on R&D, start-up ecosystems, patents, and sectoral breakthroughs.
- **Objectives:** Recognize nations shaping the Fourth Industrial Revolution and influencing global innovation trends across AI, quantum tech, and sustainability.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fourth Industrial Revolution:** A technological shift marked by the fusion of digital, biological, and physical innovations, including AI, robotics, and quantum computing.
- **Start-up Ecosystem:** A network of entrepreneurs, incubators, venture capital, and policy support that fosters innovation and tech commercialization.
- **R&D-to-GDP Ratio:** A key indicator of a country's investment in scientific and technological research relative to its total economic output.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Top 10 Countries by Technological Innovation – 2025
Announcement date	May 22, 2025
Location	Global assessment across 10 countries
Issuing authority	Innovation data sourced from global R&D trackers and reports
Policy/series name	Global Innovation Rankings 2025
Key figures	United States, China, South Korea, Germany, Japan, India
Purpose/reason	Rank nations based on innovation output and technological leadership
Feature details	Assessed areas include AI, robotics, quantum tech, green innovation
Validity or status	Published and widely cited in international research circles
Any strategic value	Guides global investments, R&D collaboration, and tech diplomacy



➤ Which tool was launched by the Department of Telecommunications in May 2025 to help prevent financial cyber fraud using flagged mobile numbers?

- A) Cyber Alert Grid
- B) Digital Safety Engine
- C) Financial Fraud Risk Indicator
- D) UPI Watch System
- E) Smart Telecom Risk Index

Answer

C) Financial Fraud Risk Indicator



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) to combat cyber fraud
- **Location:** Nationwide digital rollout, India
- **Date:** May 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch a mobile number-based risk classification system to flag potential fraud threats in financial transactions.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen cyber safety by enabling banks and financial platforms to detect and block high-risk transactions using real-time alerts.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI):** A telecom analytics tool under DoT's Digital Intelligence Platform that categorizes mobile numbers by fraud risk level (Medium, High, Very High) to prevent digital financial crimes.
- **Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP):** A centralized DoT platform enabling cross-sectoral intelligence sharing on fraud-linked telecom activity.
- **Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL):** A database where flagged numbers are listed and shared with banks and payment service providers for validation before transactions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI)
Announcement date	May 21, 2025
Location	India (Nationwide digital platform)
Issuing authority	Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
Policy/series name	Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)
Key figures	DoT, Telecom Secretary Neeraj Mittal, UPI service providers
Purpose/reason	Prevent cyber fraud through mobile number risk tagging
Feature details	Real-time alerts, fraud risk flags (Medium, High, Very High)
Validity or status	System rolled out and adopted by major platforms like PhonePe
Any strategic value	Safeguards India's UPI ecosystem and strengthens public trust in e-payments



➤ What is Morgan Stanley's revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY27 as announced in May 2025?

- A) 6.2%
- B) 6.3%
- C) 6.4%
- D) 6.5%
- E) 6.1%

Answer
D) 6.5%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Morgan Stanley revises India's GDP growth projections for FY26 and FY27
- **Location:** Global economic forecast report (impacting India)
- **Date:** May 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Release updated economic projections based on evolving macroeconomic conditions and global trade factors.
- **Objectives:** Reflect improving domestic consumption and policy stability while boosting investor confidence in India's growth potential.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GDP Growth Forecast:** An estimate of the increase in a country's gross domestic product over a future fiscal period, indicating economic performance.
- **Capex (Capital Expenditure):** Long-term investment in infrastructure or assets by the government, corporations, or households, essential for future growth.
- **Monetary Policy Easing:** When a central bank (like RBI) lowers interest rates or adopts measures to increase liquidity to boost economic activity.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Morgan Stanley revises India's GDP growth forecast
Announcement date	May 21, 2025
Location	Global economic outlook report
Issuing authority	Morgan Stanley
Policy/series name	GDP Forecast for FY26 and FY27
Key figures	FY26 – 6.2%, FY27 – 6.5%
Purpose/reason	Reflect strong domestic demand, easing global trade tensions
Feature details	Urban & rural consumption, capex-led fiscal policy, monetary easing expected
Validity or status	Revised projections published, investor sentiment improved
Any strategic value	Highlights India's macro stability and investment attractiveness



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

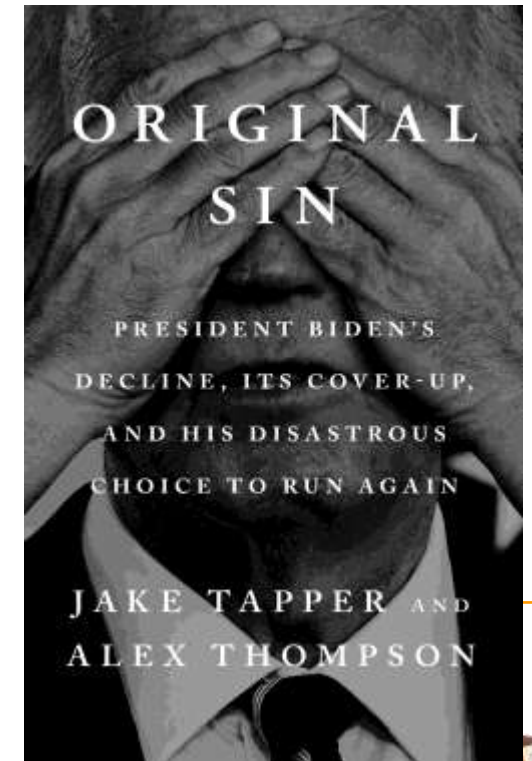


➤ What is the title of the 2025 book co-authored by Jake Tapper that discusses Joe Biden's alleged cognitive decline and its cover-up?



- A) The Final Term
- B) The Biden Paradox
- C) Legacy and Lapse
- D) Original Sin
- E) Behind the White House

Answer
D) Original Sin



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the book Original Sin revealing claims of Joe Biden's mental decline and presidency management
- **Location:** United States (Nationwide publication and media coverage)
- **Date:** May 2025



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Publish a comprehensive journalistic account detailing internal concerns and actions regarding Joe Biden's mental state during his presidency.
- **Objectives:** Encourage transparency in presidential health, highlight alleged failures in media scrutiny, and assess the implications for democratic accountability.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Original Sin (Book):** A 2025 investigative book by Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson exposing behind-the-scenes concerns over Joe Biden's cognitive fitness and how his administration managed perceptions.
- **Dual Presidency Narrative:** A portrayal of President Biden as both a revered statesman and a leader allegedly shielded by aides due to cognitive decline.
- **Health Disclosure Norms:** Ethical expectations and procedures for revealing public officials' health conditions, central to voter awareness and institutional trust.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of Original Sin by Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson
Announcement date	May 2025
Location	United States (nationwide discourse)
Issuing authority	Authors Jake Tapper & Alex Thompson
Policy/series name	Political memoir/investigative journalism
Key figures	Joe Biden, Jake Tapper, Alex Thompson
Purpose/reason	Examine Biden's cognitive decline and media-political responses
Feature details	Claims of memory lapses, management by aides, post-debate withdrawal
Validity or status	Book published and widely circulated
Any strategic value	Sparks debate on political transparency, media ethics, and health norms



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court in May 2025?**

- A) Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi
- B) Justice D. Krishnakumar
- C) Justice K. Somashekar
- D) Justice B.R. Gavai
- E) Justice Aravind Kumar

Answer

C) Justice K. Somashekar



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Justice K. Somashekar as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court
- **Location:** Manipur High Court, Imphal
- **Date:** May 20, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Appoint a new Chief Justice to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice D. Krishnakumar.
- **Objectives:** Ensure leadership continuity and judicial efficiency at the Manipur High Court.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Supreme Court Collegium:** A body of senior Supreme Court judges, headed by the Chief Justice of India, responsible for recommending judicial appointments and transfers.
- **Chief Justice of High Court:** The highest-ranking judge in a state's high court, responsible for judicial administration and case allocation.
- **Manipur High Court:** One of India's youngest high courts, established in 2013, serving the state of Manipur from its seat in Imphal.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Chief Justice of Manipur High Court
Announcement date	May 20, 2025
Location	Manipur High Court, Imphal
Issuing authority	President of India
Policy/series name	Judicial Appointment under Collegium System
Key figures	Justice K. Somashekar, Justice D. Krishnakumar, CJI B.R. Gavai
Purpose/reason	Replacement due to retirement of previous Chief Justice
Feature details	3-member collegium recommendation, formal appointment by President
Validity or status	Appointment announced and confirmed
Any strategic value	Provides experienced leadership to a strategically sensitive northeastern HC



➤ **At which international forum did India reaffirm its support for equitable healthcare and pandemic preparedness in May 2025?**

- A) G20 Health Ministers' Meeting
- B) WHO Executive Board Meeting
- C) 78th World Health Assembly
- D) Global Health Security Summit
- E) BRICS Health Forum



Answer

C) 78th World Health Assembly



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's reaffirmation of global health commitment at the World Health Assembly
- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Date:** May 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Represent India's position on global health equity and share national healthcare achievements on an international platform.
- **Objectives:** Advocate for universal health coverage, support for a legally binding pandemic agreement, and promote equitable access and technology sharing.



Important Terms Explained:

- **78th World Health Assembly:** The annual decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO) where health policies are discussed and global resolutions are adopted.
- **Ayushman Bharat:** India's flagship healthcare initiative providing financial protection, healthcare infrastructure, and digital health access including ABHA and telemedicine services.
- **Equitable Pandemic Agreement:** A proposed international legal framework ensuring fair access to vaccines and medicines, transparent data sharing, and support for developing countries.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India Reaffirms Commitment at 78th World Health Assembly
Announcement date	May 21, 2025
Location	Geneva, Switzerland
Issuing authority	Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Policy/series name	World Health Assembly Participation
Key figures	Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava
Purpose/reason	Promote equitable global healthcare and pandemic preparedness
Feature details	Ayushman Bharat, Trachoma-Free status, digital health expansion
Validity or status	Global participation and official representation
Any strategic value	Strengthens India's leadership in global health diplomacy



➤ What is the name of the US space-based missile defense system unveiled by President Donald Trump in 2025?

- A) Iron Sky
- B) Strategic Defense Grid
- C) Golden Dome
- D) Star Sentinel
- E) Sky Shield

Answer
C) Golden Dome



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the “Golden Dome” missile defense initiative by the US
- **Location:** White House, Washington, D.C., United States
- **Date:** May 20, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Develop and deploy a comprehensive missile defense system to counter emerging global threats, including hypersonic and space-based weapons.
- **Objectives:** Protect US airspace and strategic interests through a space-based, multi-layered interception system covering all phases of missile flight.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Golden Dome:** A proposed US missile shield featuring orbital lasers and interceptors, designed to defend against ballistic, hypersonic, and space-launched threats.
- **Directed-Energy Weapons:** High-energy systems such as lasers used for interception in space, central to the Golden Dome's space-tier defense.
- **THAAD (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense):** A US missile defense system designed to intercept short-to intermediate-range ballistic missiles during terminal phase.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of the “Golden Dome” missile defense system
Announcement date	May 20, 2025
Location	White House, United States
Issuing authority	US Government under President Donald Trump
Project name	Golden Dome
Project aim	Build a space-based, multi-phase missile shield
Core technologies	Orbital interceptors, lasers, THAAD, Aegis BMD, GMD
Initial cost	\$175 billion
Long-term cost projection	\$542 billion
Target operational year	By January 2029
Geopolitical impact	Condemned by China and Russia as militarization of outer space
Lead defense official	Gen. Michael Guetlein



➤ Which butterfly species was officially recorded for the first time in Arunachal Pradesh, expanding its known range into India?

- A) Euthalia adonia
- B) Euthalia lubentina
- C) Euthalia malaccana
- D) Papilio polytes
- E) Delias eucharis

Answer

C) Euthalia malaccana



Event and Location:

- **Event:** First official recording of *Euthalia malaccana* in India
- **Location:** Basar, Leparada district, Arunachal Pradesh
- **Date:** May 22, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Confirm the presence of *Euthalia malaccana* in India through field research and scientific documentation.
- **Objectives:** Expand India's butterfly biodiversity records and support conservation using citizen science.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Euthalia malaccana:** A butterfly species previously known only from Southeast Asia, now recorded in Arunachal Pradesh, India.
- **Citizen Science:** Involvement of non-professionals in scientific data collection and research; played a crucial role in this discovery.
- **SHILAP Revista de Lepidopterologia:** A peer-reviewed international journal specializing in butterfly research, where this discovery was published.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Euthalia malaccana recorded for the first time in India
Announcement date	May 22, 2025
Location	Basar, Leparada district, Arunachal Pradesh
Issuing authority	SHILAP Revista de Lepidopterologia
Policy/series name	Butterfly biodiversity documentation
Key figures	Roshan Upadhaya, Taslima Sheikh
Purpose/reason	Confirm the species' presence and extend biodiversity data
Feature details	Verified through fieldwork, photos, and morphological comparisons
Validity or status	Internationally published and scientifically confirmed
Any strategic value	Supports ecological mapping and conservation in the northeastern region



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which scheme was implemented to redevelop 103 railway stations across 18 states, inaugurated by PM Modi in May 2025?

- A) Digital Bharat Station Scheme
- B) Vande Bharat Infrastructure Plan
- C) Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
- D) One India Rail Yatra Scheme
- E) Smart Rail India Mission

Answer

C) Amrit Bharat Station Scheme



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of 103 redeveloped railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
- **Location:** 86 districts across 18 states of India
- **Date:** May 22, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Redevelop 103 railway stations with modern infrastructure and cultural integration under a ₹1,100 crore initiative.
- **Objectives:** Improve passenger comfort, accessibility, and sustainability while preserving regional architectural heritage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:** A flagship initiative by Indian Railways aiming to redevelop over 1,300 railway stations with modern facilities and local cultural identity.
- **Railway Electrification Projects:** Infrastructure upgrades to electrify railway routes for energy efficiency, with ~999 km completed across 6 routes.
- **Deshnoke Station:** A redeveloped station in Bikaner, Rajasthan, inaugurated by PM Modi as a part of the 103-station rollout.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi inaugurates 103 Amrit Stations under ₹1,100 crore scheme
Announcement date	May 22, 2025
Location	86 districts across 18 Indian states
Issuing authority	Indian Railways under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
Policy/series name	Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Indian Railways
Purpose/reason	Redevelop railway stations with modern and cultural features
Feature details	Divyangjan-friendly facilities, regional architecture, electrification
Validity or status	Implemented, 103 stations inaugurated
Any strategic value	Boosts connectivity, sustainability, and infrastructure modernization



➤ Which ministry organized the national convention on International Tea Day 2025 to promote the Indian tea industry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- E) Ministry of Rural Development



Answer

D) Ministry of Commerce & Industry



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Convention on the future roadmap of Indian Tea Industry
- **Location:** Vanija Bhawan, New Delhi
- **Date:** May 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Organize a national-level convention to mark International Tea Day and address the challenges and opportunities in the Indian tea sector.
- **Objectives:** Promote global branding, innovation, sustainability, and market expansion of Indian tea through collaborative dialogue and public engagement.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Tea Day:** Celebrated on May 21 every year to recognize the cultural, economic, and social importance of tea worldwide.
- **India Tea Appreciation Zone:** A special exhibition space showcasing Indian tea varieties, startups, and FPOs, aimed at public engagement and tea literacy.
- **Panel Discussions:** Structured sessions discussing future trends, youth-centric innovations, sustainability, and global market strategies in the tea sector.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Indian Tea Industry Convention on International Tea Day
Announcement date	May 21, 2025
Location	Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Policy/series name	International Tea Day Observance
Key figures	Shri Jitin Prasada, Sunil Barthwal
Purpose/reason	Promote innovation, global outreach, and tea sector development
Feature details	Tea tasting, appreciation zones, panel discussions, regional tea showcase
Validity or status	Successfully conducted national convention
Any strategic value	Strengthens India's global tea identity and supports stakeholder growth



➤ Which organization received the 'Excellent' rating from the Department of Public Enterprises for FY 2023–24 and topped the Power and NBFC sectors among CPSEs?

- A) PFC
- B) REC
- C) NTPC
- D) IREDA
- E) SECI

Answer
D) IREDA



Event and Location:

- **Event:** IREDA receives 'Excellent' MoU rating and leads CPSE performance in Power and NBFC sectors
- **Location:** India (National-level recognition by Department of Public Enterprises)
- **Date:** January 7, 2025 (Rating for FY 2023–24)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Assess CPSE performance under the MoU system for FY 2023–24 and reward top performers based on strategic, operational, and financial metrics.
- **Objectives:** Recognize IREDA's outstanding contribution to renewable energy financing and its leadership in green finance among public sector entities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd.):** A government NBFC under MNRE, established in 1987, dedicated to promoting and financing renewable energy projects across India.
- **DPE (Department of Public Enterprises):** A central authority under the Ministry of Finance that evaluates the performance of CPSEs using MoU-based assessment criteria.
- **MoU Rating System:** A performance agreement between CPSEs and the government, with ratings like 'Excellent' based on achievements against financial and strategic targets.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	IREDA receives 'Excellent' DPE MoU rating for FY 2023–24
Announcement date	January 7, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)
Policy/series name	MoU-based Performance Evaluation of CPSEs
Key figures	IREDA CMD Pradip Kumar Das; Ministry of New & Renewable Energy
Purpose/reason	Recognize outstanding green financing and sector leadership
Feature details	Scored 98+, ranked in top 4 CPSEs, best in Power and NBFC sectors
Validity or status	Recognition for FY 2023–24 based on performance criteria
Any strategic value	Enhances IREDA's credibility, boosts green finance and investor confidence



➤ By what percentage has Gujarat's Asiatic lion population increased between 2020 and 2025?

- A) 27%
- B) 35%
- C) 32%
- D) 25%
- E) 29%

Answer
C) 32%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 32% increase recorded in Gujarat's Asiatic lion population over five years
- **Location:** Gir National Park and extended lion range across 11 districts in Saurashtra, Gujarat
- **Date:** May 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conduct the 16th Asiatic Lion Census to assess population growth, habitat spread, and conservation progress.
- **Objectives:** Evaluate outcomes of **Project Lion**, strengthen conservation strategies, and address challenges from expanding lion-human interface.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asiatic Lion (*Panthera leo persica*):** A subspecies of lion found only in India, primarily in Gujarat's Gir region, and classified as Endangered by the IUCN.
- **Project Lion:** A Government of India initiative launched in 2020 and enhanced in 2025 with ₹2,900 crore to conserve Asiatic lions, ensure habitat improvement, and reduce human-lion conflict.
- **Satellite Populations:** New or emerging lion groups outside core protected areas, representing species dispersal across broader landscapes.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Gujarat's Lion Population Grows by 32% Since 2020
Announcement date	May 21, 2025
Location	Gir National Park and surrounding 11 districts in Saurashtra, Gujarat
Issuing authority	Gujarat Forest Department
Census edition	16th Asiatic Lion Census
Lion population (2025)	891 (up from 674 in 2020)
Adult female lions	330 (27% increase)
Lion range (2025)	35,000 sq. km (16.67% growth)
Satellite populations	9 regions with 497 lions
Corridor presence	22 lions observed for the first time
Conflict indicators	10% annual rise in livestock attacks; 15% rise in livestock losses
Public sentiment	61% of villagers remain tolerant
Conservation funding	₹2,900 crore under revised Project Lion



QUICK RECALL



- **International Day for Biological Diversity 2025 was observed globally on May 22 with the theme “Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development.”**
- **Tottenham Hotspur won the 2025 UEFA Europa League by beating Manchester United 1–0 in Bilbao.**
- **Dr. Saroj Ghose, a pioneer of science education in India, passed away at the age of 89 on May 17, 2025.**
- **Venezuela tops the 2025 global list for proven oil reserves with over 300 billion barrels.**
- **The United States tops the 2025 list of most technologically innovative countries, driven by strong R&D and a thriving start-up ecosystem.**
- **The Department of Telecommunications launched the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator on May 21, 2025.**
- **Morgan Stanley revised India’s GDP growth forecast to 6.2% for FY26 and 6.5% for FY27 on May 21, 2025.**
- **The book Original Sin by Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson was released in May 2025.**



QUICK RECALL



- Justice K. Somashekar has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court.
- India participated in the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva on May 21, 2025.
- President Trump unveiled the “Golden Dome” missile shield initiative on May 20, 2025.
- The butterfly species Euthalia malaccana has been officially recorded for the first time in India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 103 redeveloped Amrit Stations on May 22, 2025.
- India celebrated International Tea Day 2025 with a major convention at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.
- IREDA secured an ‘Excellent’ rating from the Department of Public Enterprises for FY 2023–24.
- Gujarat’s lion population rose by 32% from 2020 to 2025, reaching a total of 891 Asiatic lions.



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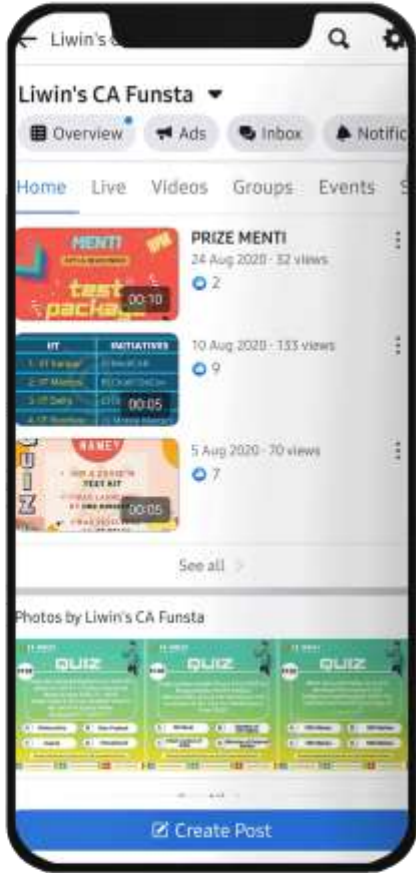
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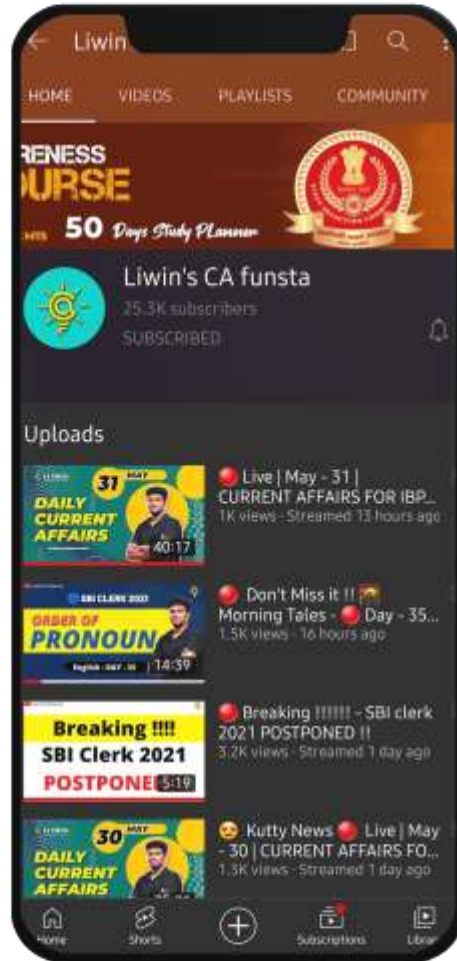


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