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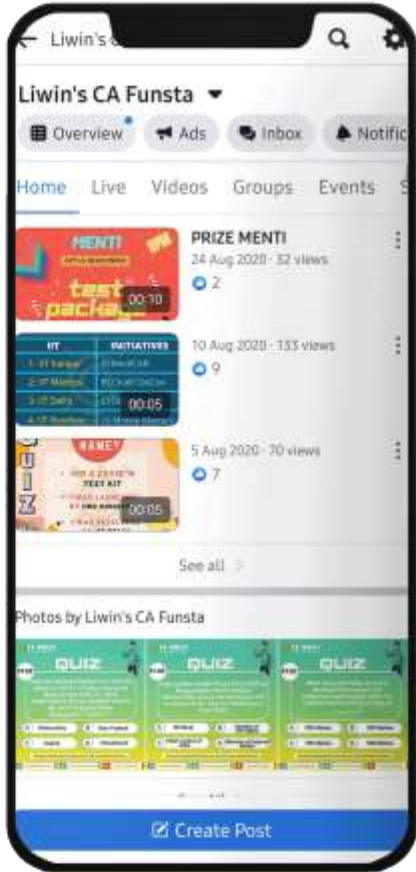


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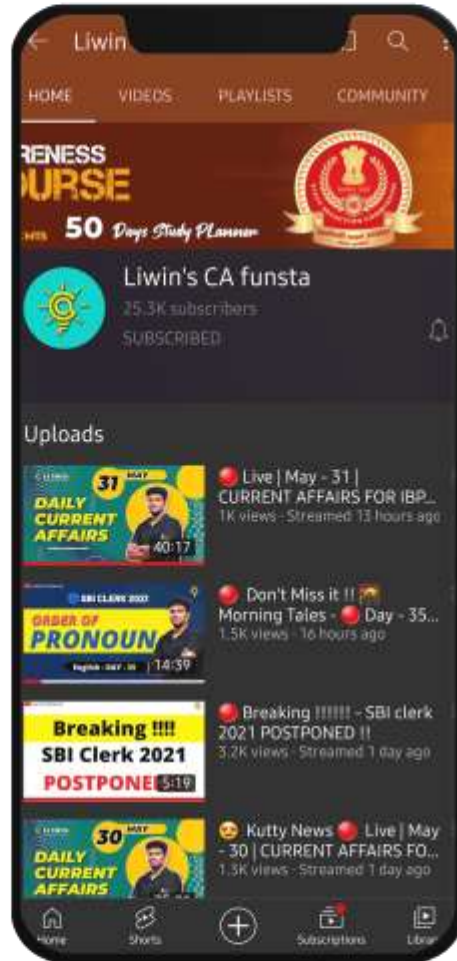
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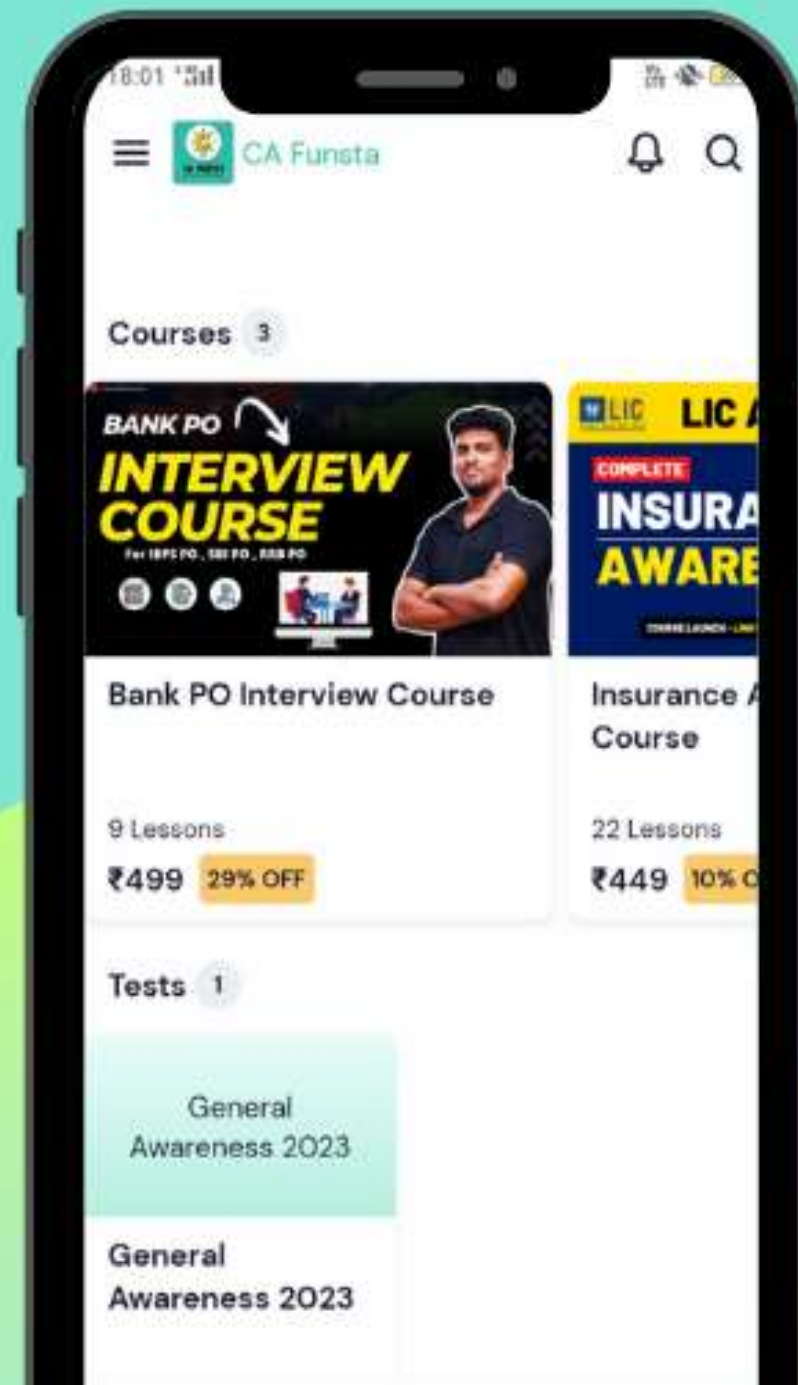
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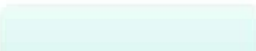
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➤ **Against which team will India open its campaign in the Women's Asia Cup Hockey 2025?**

- A) Japan
- B) South Korea
- C) Singapore
- D) Thailand
- E) China

Answer
D) Thailand



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India to open its Women's Asia Cup Hockey 2025 campaign against Thailand
- **Location:** Gongshu Canal Sports Park, Hangzhou, China
- **Date:** September 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India's women's hockey team will compete in Pool B of the Women's Asia Cup 2025, opening against Thailand and aiming for a top finish to qualify directly for the 2026 Women's FIH Hockey World Cup.
- **Objectives:** To win the continental title, enhance international rankings, and secure automatic qualification for the World Cup while testing team dynamics against top Asian teams like Japan.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Women's Asia Cup:** A continental field hockey championship organized by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF), serving as a qualifier for the FIH World Cup.
- **FIH (Fédération Internationale de Hockey) Women's World Cup:** The top-tier international women's hockey tournament, held every four years, featuring qualified teams from continental events.
- **Pool B (Asia Cup 2025):** Includes India, Japan (defending champions), Thailand, and Singapore. The top teams advance to knockout stages.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Women's Asia Cup Hockey 2025
Announcement date	June 6, 2025 (news update)
Location	Hangzhou, China
Issuing authority	Asian Hockey Federation (AHF)
Policy/series name	Women's Asia Cup 2025 – Hockey
Key figures	Captain: Salima Tete, Vice-Captain: Navneet Kaur
Purpose/reason	Qualify directly for 2026 FIH Women's World Cup and win Asia Cup title
Feature details	India in Pool B with Japan, Thailand, and Singapore
Validity or status	Tournament scheduled from September 5–14, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Direct World Cup qualification and strengthening India's global hockey profile



SPORTS



- What is the new name given to the India-England Test series as announced by the ECB and BCCI in June 2025?



- A) Border-Gavaskar Trophy
- B) Pataudi Trophy
- C) Richards-Botham Trophy
- D) Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy
- E) Anthony de Mello Trophy



Answer

D) Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India-England Test series renamed to Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy
- **Location:** India and England (applicable to bilateral Test series)
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) jointly renamed the historic India-England Test series as the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy.
- **Objectives:** To honor two Test cricket legends, James Anderson and Sachin Tendulkar, while promoting the historical continuity of the India-England rivalry and enhancing public engagement with the bilateral Test format.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy:** A newly designated name for the India-England Test series, commemorating James Anderson, England's highest Test wicket-taker, and Sachin Tendulkar, the most-capped Test player in history.
- **Pataudi Trophy:** Previously used title for India's tours of England, named after Nawab of Pataudi Sr. and Jr., both of whom captained India in Test cricket.
- **Anthony de Mello Trophy:** Former name for England's tours of India, named after Anthony de Mello, the first secretary and president of the BCCI.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India-England Test series renamed to Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	India and England
Issuing authority	ECB and BCCI
Policy/series name	Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy
Key figures	James Anderson (188 Tests), Sachin Tendulkar (200 Tests)
Purpose/reason	To honor Test cricket legends and elevate the legacy of the bilateral series
Feature details	Trophy unveiling at Lord's before the WTC Final on June 11, 2025
Validity or status	Effective from the upcoming Test series starting June 20, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes historical relevance and fan engagement in Test cricket



RANKING



➤ According to the UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2024–25, how many boys achieve minimum reading proficiency for every 100 girls globally?

- A) 95 boys
- B) 87 boys
- C) 78 boys
- D) 72 boys
- E) 65 boys

Answer
B) 87 boys



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2024–25
- **Location:** Global (with key insights on India and other middle-income countries)
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The report by UNESCO evaluates global progress and disparities in education, with a focus on gender equality, leadership representation, and learning outcomes.
- **Objectives:** To highlight persistent gender gaps, the impact of COVID-19, and the need for stronger educational leadership, while promoting policy reforms and accountability in global education systems.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Minimum Reading Proficiency:** A global benchmark that measures whether students meet essential literacy standards by a certain grade level, used to track foundational learning.
- **National Education Policy 2020 (India):** A landmark reform framework introduced by the Indian government aiming to improve education quality, promote equity, and enhance professional training for educators and school leaders.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Decentralised Leadership:** An educational governance model that distributes decision-making to local levels (e.g., schools or district leaders), shown to improve teacher morale and student outcomes, as seen in pilot initiatives like Delhi's programme.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2024–25
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	Global (report includes India-specific data)
Issuing authority	UNESCO
Policy/series name	Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report
Key figures	87 boys per 100 girls reach reading proficiency; only 13% female VCs in India
Purpose/reason	Assess global educational equity, gender disparities, and policy gaps
Feature details	Highlights COVID-19 impact, foundational learning crisis, lack of leadership training
Validity or status	2024–25 monitoring cycle
Strategic/significant value	Pushes for leadership reforms, better metrics, and gender inclusion in education



➤ What is the revised repo rate announced during the RBI's 55th Monetary Policy Committee meeting held in June 2025?

- A) 6.00%
- B) 5.75%
- C) 5.50%
- D) 5.25%
- E) 5.00%

Answer
C) 5.50%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI holds its 55th Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting
- **Location:** India (Nationwide financial policy update)
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted its 55th Monetary Policy Committee meeting from June 4 to 6, 2025, under the chairmanship of Governor Sanjay Malhotra, to announce policy rate changes and macroeconomic forecasts.
- **Objectives:** To support economic growth, ensure inflation control, and maintain liquidity in a balanced manner amidst global uncertainty and domestic macroeconomic developments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Repo Rate:** The interest rate at which the RBI lends short-term funds to commercial banks against government securities. It is the primary monetary policy tool used to control inflation and liquidity.
- **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate:** Introduced in 2022, this is the rate at which RBI accepts uncollateralised overnight deposits from banks, acting as the floor of the LAF corridor.
- **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate:** A penal borrowing rate for banks, set 25 bps above the repo rate, used to manage short-term liquidity by allowing banks to borrow against SLR holdings.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF):** RBI's framework for managing system liquidity using tools like repo, reverse repo, MSF, and SDF.
- **MPC (Monetary Policy Committee):** A six-member body under Section 45ZB of the RBI Act, 1934, responsible for setting the repo rate to achieve the inflation target.



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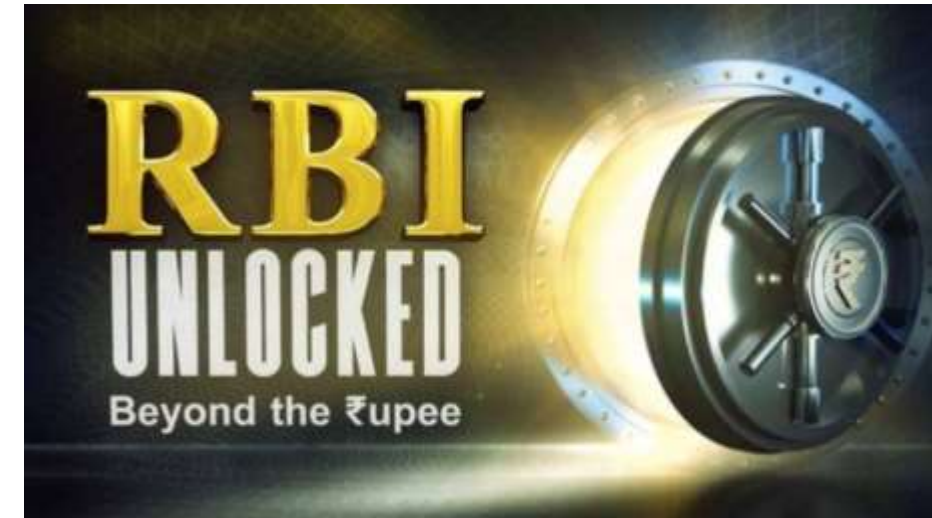
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	55th RBI Monetary Policy Committee Meeting
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Monetary Policy Committee Decision
Key figures	Sanjay Malhotra (Governor), MPC Members (6 total)
Purpose/reason	To manage inflation, economic growth, and banking liquidity
Feature details	Repo rate cut to 5.50%, SDF at 5.25%, MSF and Bank Rate at 5.75%
Validity or status	Implemented from June 6, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Balances growth support with inflation stability goals



➤ What is the title of the 5-part documentary series launched by RBI in June 2025 to mark its 90th anniversary?

- A) Rupee Chronicles
- B) RBI 360
- C) RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee
- D) Inside the Reserve
- E) Banking Bharat



Answer

C) RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI launches 5-part docuseries titled RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee
- **Location:** India (available digitally via Jio Hotstar)
- **Date:** June 3, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) premiered a 5-part documentary to educate the public on its history, policies, and impact as part of its 90th anniversary celebrations.
- **Objectives:** To demystify RBI's operations, enhance financial literacy, promote public understanding of monetary and banking systems, and build trust through transparent communication on digital platforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI (Reserve Bank of India):** India's central bank, established in 1935, responsible for issuing currency, regulating banks, and formulating monetary policy.
- **Monetary Policy:** The RBI's process of regulating interest rates, money supply, and inflation to ensure financial stability and economic growth.
- **Financial Inclusion:** RBI's efforts to ensure access to useful and affordable financial services for all sections of society, especially the underserved and unbanked.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of RBI docuseries RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee
Announcement date	June 3, 2025
Location	India (Digital release via Jio Hotstar)
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee
Key figures	RBI, Chalkboard Entertainment
Purpose/reason	To educate the public on RBI's history, functions, and economic impact
Feature details	5-part docuseries with real footage, expert interviews, dramatizations
Validity or status	Released and available on OTT platform
Strategic/significant value	Boosts financial literacy, public outreach, and trust in institutions



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➤ **Who was appointed as the Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister in June 2025?**

- A) Raghuram Rajan
- B) Suman Bery
- C) S Mahendra Dev
- D) Arvind Panagariya
- E) Bibek Debroy



Answer
C) S Mahendra Dev



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of S Mahendra Dev as Chairman of EAC-PM
- **Location:** India (Government of India – Central Appointment)
- **Date:** June 5, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) functions as an independent advisory body offering economic policy inputs and recommendations to the Prime Minister.
- **Objectives:** To provide expert analysis on macroeconomic trends, propose structural reforms, and support inclusive growth and development planning, with a focus on agriculture, rural economy, and poverty alleviation under the leadership of the newly appointed Chairman, S Mahendra Dev.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **EAC-PM (Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister):** A non-constitutional, non-permanent body under the NITI Aayog that advises the Prime Minister on economic matters including policy strategy, reforms, and implementation frameworks.
- **S Mahendra Dev:** A development economist with a PhD from Delhi School of Economics and post-doctoral research from Yale University, known for his work in rural development, food security, and inequality.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **NITI Aayog:** The policy think tank of the Government of India, which replaced the Planning Commission in 2015, and often works with EAC-PM to guide long-term developmental strategies.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of S Mahendra Dev as EAC-PM Chairman
Announcement date	June 5, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
Key figures	S Mahendra Dev (Chairman), formerly Suman Bery (NITI Aayog)
Purpose/reason	To provide high-level economic advice with a focus on rural development
Feature details	Brings expertise in agriculture, inequality, rural economy
Validity or status	Appointed and assumed full-time role in June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports inclusive policy design, strengthens rural and economic planning



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➤ **Who was appointed to oversee Microsoft's Office suite in addition to his role as LinkedIn CEO in June 2025?**

- A) Satya Nadella
- B) Rajesh Jha
- C) Ryan Roslansky
- D) Charles Lamanna
- E) Scott Guthrie

Answer

C) Ryan Roslansky



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Microsoft appoints Ryan Roslansky to oversee its Office productivity suite
- **Location:** United States (Microsoft HQ, Redmond, Washington)
- **Date:** June 4, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Microsoft expanded the responsibilities of LinkedIn CEO Ryan Roslansky to also lead the Office division, including Microsoft 365 Copilot and all core productivity tools like Word, Excel, Outlook, and Teams.
- **Objectives:** To integrate AI-powered productivity with professional networking, streamline cross-platform experiences, and drive workplace innovation through LinkedIn-Microsoft 365 synergy.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Microsoft 365 Copilot:** An AI-powered assistant integrated into Microsoft Office apps, enabling smart document editing, summarization, and task automation, launched in 2020.
- **LinkedIn:** A professional networking platform acquired by Microsoft in 2016, operating as an independent subsidiary, with over 1 billion users globally.
- **Ryan Roslansky:** CEO of LinkedIn since 2020, known for leading the platform's strategic growth and now elevated as Executive Vice President (EVP) of Microsoft Office.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Ryan Roslansky appointed to lead Microsoft Office Suite
Announcement date	June 4, 2025
Location	Redmond, Washington, USA
Issuing authority	Microsoft Corporation
Policy/series name	Leadership Realignment & AI Integration Strategy
Key figures	Ryan Roslansky, Rajesh Jha, Satya Nadella
Purpose/reason	Strengthen AI integration and align LinkedIn with Office tools
Feature details	Oversees Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams, and Microsoft 365 Copilot
Validity or status	Effective from June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances AI-led productivity and cross-platform user experience



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➤ Which Indian cricketer has been reappointed as the brand ambassador for TCL India in 2025?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) KL Rahul
- C) MS Dhoni
- D) Rohit Sharma
- E) Hardik Pandya

Answer
D) Rohit Sharma



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** TCL India renews Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador for a second year
- **Location:** India (nationwide brand promotion and campaign rollout)
- **Date:** June 4, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** TCL India has renewed its partnership with Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador, continuing a campaign focused on lifestyle technology and emotional engagement under the theme “Master the Moment.”
- **Objectives:** To strengthen brand recognition, leverage celebrity influence, and promote AI-powered products and smart appliances while resonating with Indian consumer values through strategic endorsements.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **TCL Corporation:** A global consumer electronics brand offering smart TVs, home appliances, and AI-based solutions, with a growing presence in the Indian market.
- **Brand Ambassador:** A celebrity representative of a company or product who promotes brand value, visibility, and trust through marketing campaigns and public engagement.
- **“Master the Moment”:** TCL’s campaign philosophy that symbolizes technological excellence, performance under pressure, and smart living, aligned with Rohit Sharma’s persona.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	TCL India renews Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador
Announcement date	June 4, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	TCL India
Policy/series name	Brand Endorsement Campaign – “Master the Moment”
Key figures	Rohit Sharma (Brand Ambassador), Philip Xia (GM, TCL India)
Purpose/reason	Enhance brand value and expand market presence through celebrity influence
Feature details	Focus on AI products, smart TVs, and lifestyle marketing campaigns
Validity or status	Renewed for second year (2025–26)
Strategic/significant value	Boosts emotional brand connect and trust across urban and semi-urban markets



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- Which cricketer was appointed as the brand ambassador for Dettol's new Icy Cool personal care range in May 2025?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) MS Dhoni
- D) Hardik Pandya
- E) Shubman Gill

Answer
C) MS Dhoni



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** MS Dhoni appointed brand ambassador for Dettol's Icy Cool personal care range
- **Location:** India (nationwide launch and campaign)
- **Date:** May 28, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Dettol, a brand under Reckitt, launched the Icy Cool personal care range and appointed MS Dhoni as the face of the campaign to promote summer-specific hygiene solutions.
- **Objectives:** To combine germ protection with cooling relief, leverage Dhoni's calm and composed persona, and connect with consumers facing heat-related hygiene issues during the Indian summer.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Dettol:** A leading hygiene and health brand owned by Reckitt, known for its antiseptic products, now expanded into personal care items like soaps, bodywash, and handwash.
- **Icy Cool Range:** A summer-special product line from Dettol designed to combat excessive sweating, skin irritation, and germ buildup, offering a refreshing cooling effect.
- **MS Dhoni:** Former Indian cricket team captain, known for his “Captain Cool” image and leadership under pressure, making him a fitting ambassador for the “cool body, cool mind” campaign.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MS Dhoni becomes brand ambassador for Dettol Icy Cool range
Announcement date	May 28, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Dettol (Reckitt)
Policy/series name	Icy Cool Personal Care Product Line
Key figures	MS Dhoni (Brand Ambassador), Kris Licht (CEO, Reckitt)
Purpose/reason	Address summer hygiene needs with germ protection and cooling relief
Feature details	Products include soaps, bodywash, and handwash; first TVC aired in May
Validity or status	Active campaign with Dhoni's promotional involvement
Strategic/significant value	Combines hygiene, seasonal innovation, and celebrity endorsement



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➤ Which of the following countries was elected for the first time as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the 2026–27 term?



Security Council
United Nations

- A) Liberia
- B) Colombia
- C) Latvia
- D) Bahrain
- E) DRC

Answer
C) Latvia



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** UN elects five non-permanent members to the Security Council for 2026–27
- **Location:** United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA
- **Date:** June 3, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The United Nations General Assembly conducted elections to select five new non-permanent members to serve on the UN Security Council (UNSC) from January 2026 to December 2027.
- **Objectives:** To ensure geographic representation, enhance global participation in peace and security efforts, and promote multilateral decision-making through rotational membership.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UN Security Council (UNSC):** One of the six principal organs of the UN, responsible for maintaining international peace and security, comprising 15 members – 5 permanent and 10 non-permanent.
- **Non-Permanent Members:** Elected by the UNGA for two-year terms, non-permanent members have no veto power but play a critical role in diplomatic negotiations, peacekeeping, and conflict resolution.
- **Latvia's First Election:** Latvia has been elected to the UNSC for the first time, marking a milestone in its diplomatic history and increasing Eastern European representation.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Election of five non-permanent UNSC members for 2026–27
Announcement date	June 3, 2025
Location	United Nations General Assembly, New York
Issuing authority	United Nations General Assembly
Policy/series name	UNSC Non-Permanent Member Elections
Key figures	Bahrain, Colombia, DRC, Liberia, Latvia
Purpose/reason	To ensure geographic rotation and multilateral participation
Feature details	Latvia joins for the first time; Colombia joins for the 7th time
Validity or status	Term starts January 2026; ends December 2027
Strategic/significant value	Promotes global peace, balanced regional diplomacy, and international engagement



➤ **What recent initiative has the Election Commission of India introduced to enhance post-election data access?**

- A) E-Voting Pilot Scheme
- B) Digital Voter Card Issuance
- C) Automated Index Cards and Statistical Reporting
- D) Online Candidate Nomination Portal
- E) Blockchain-based Voting



Answer

C) Automated Index Cards and Statistical Reporting



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Election Commission digitizes Index Cards and statistical reports
- **Location:** India (Nationwide electoral system)
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched an automated system for preparing Index Cards and Statistical Reports after elections, under the leadership of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.
- **Objectives:** To improve the accuracy, accessibility, and timeliness of election data by eliminating manual processes and enabling faster dissemination of constituency-wise electoral information for research and transparency.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Index Cards:** Digitally generated, non-statutory documents containing detailed constituency-level electoral information, primarily for research and academic purposes.
- **Statistical Reports:** A collection of post-election reports including data on electors, polling stations, turnout, gender participation, and party performance. Includes 35 reports for Lok Sabha elections and 14 for State Assemblies.
- **Election Commission of India (ECI):** An autonomous constitutional body responsible for conducting elections in India and maintaining the integrity and transparency of the electoral process.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Election Commission digitizes Index Cards and Statistical Reports
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Election Commission of India (ECI)
Policy/series name	Automated Index Cards & Statistical Reporting System
Key figures	Shri Gyanesh Kumar (CEC), Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, Dr. Vivek Joshi
Purpose/reason	To accelerate post-election data access and improve transparency
Feature details	Replaces manual entries, generates 35 Lok Sabha and 14 Assembly reports
Validity or status	Implemented as of June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances democratic transparency and research utility of election data



➤ Which initiative did India announce at the 2025 Nor-Shipping Conference to strengthen its maritime sector?

- A) Blue Economy Program
- B) Maritime Digital Mission
- C) \$20 Billion Maritime Infrastructure Plan
- D) National Inland Waterways Drive
- E) Net-Zero Port Action Plan

Answer

C) \$20 Billion Maritime Infrastructure Plan



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India announces \$20 billion maritime infrastructure investment
- **Location:** Nor-Shipping Conference, Oslo, Norway
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced India's \$20 billion investment plan to upgrade maritime infrastructure, develop Green Hydrogen Hub Ports, and strengthen port connectivity and multimodal logistics.
- **Objectives:** To enhance trade facilitation, promote green energy, develop logistics hubs, and support India's integration into global maritime corridors while progressing toward net-zero emission targets in the maritime sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Hydrogen Hub Ports:** Specialized ports in Kandla, Tuticorin, and Paradip designated for the production and distribution of green hydrogen and its derivatives, aimed at reducing carbon emissions and promoting clean maritime fuels.
- **International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC):** A multi-modal trade route that links India with Russia and Europe via Iran, enhancing international cargo movement and regional connectivity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC):** A newly proposed global trade corridor connecting India to Europe through the Middle East, intended to boost regional economic integration and supply chain efficiency.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India announces \$20 billion Maritime Infrastructure Plan
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	Oslo, Norway (Nor-Shipping Conference)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Policy/series name	Maritime Infrastructure Investment Plan
Key figures	Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister)
Purpose/reason	To modernize ports, build hydrogen hubs, and integrate into global corridors
Feature details	Includes 3 Green Hydrogen Ports and support for multimodal logistics
Validity or status	Official announcement made, implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Aims to position India as a green maritime leader and boost trade



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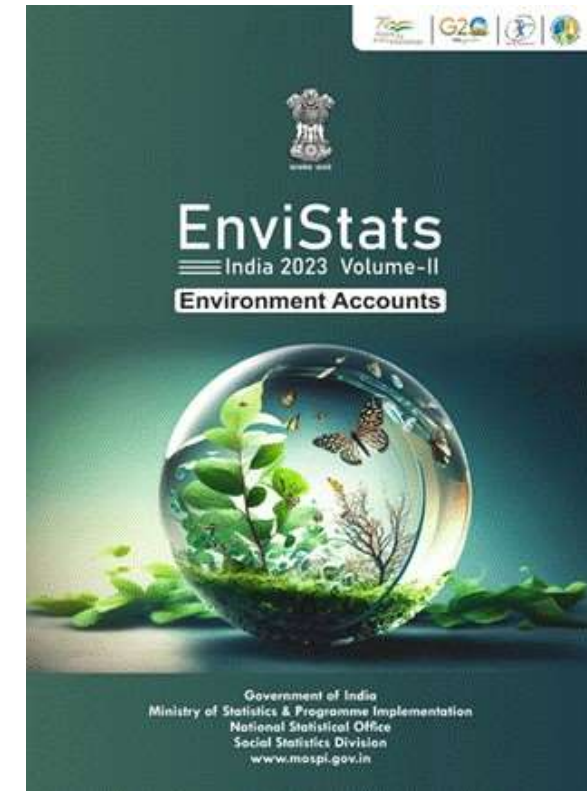


➤ Which report, released on World Environment Day 2025 by MoSPI, provides detailed insights into India's environmental indicators?

- A) India Biodiversity Outlook
- B) National Green Audit
- C) EnviStats India 2025
- D) Bharat Eco Report
- E) EcoSurvey 2025

Answer

C) EnviStats India 2025



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of EnviStats India 2025 environmental statistics report
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the 8th edition of EnviStats India to present consolidated and updated environmental data.
- **Objectives:** To support evidence-based policy decisions, monitor environmental progress, and align national data systems with global frameworks such as FDES 2013.



Important Terms Explained:

- **EnviStats India:** An annual environment statistics report published by MoSPI since 2018, covering sectors like climate, biodiversity, energy, and sustainability to assist in national policy-making and research.
- **FDES 2013 (Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics):** A UN-recommended statistical framework designed to help countries structure and present environmental data comprehensively and comparably.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation):** A Government of India ministry responsible for national statistics, including publication of major reports like EnviStats India and coordination with global statistical frameworks.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of EnviStats India 2025
Announcement date	June 5, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Policy/series name	EnviStats India – Environment Statistics
Key figures	Environmental indicators, biodiversity, energy, climate
Purpose/reason	To monitor India's environmental progress using structured data
Feature details	Tracks power generation, fish output, biodiversity, rainfall, temperatures
Validity or status	8th edition released; published annually since 2018
Strategic/significant value	Supports environmental planning and aligns with UN frameworks



➤ What was the total number of Aadhaar authentication transactions recorded in May 2025?

- A) 201 crore
- B) 215 crore
- C) 211 crore
- D) 199 crore
- E) 223 crore

Answer
C) 211 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Aadhaar authentication transactions crossed 211 crore in May 2025
- **Location:** India (Nationwide digital service infrastructure)
- **Date:** June 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) reported over 211 crore Aadhaar-based authentication transactions in May 2025, reflecting the growing adoption of digital identity solutions.
- **Objectives:** To enable secure, real-time digital identity verification, streamline service delivery, prevent fraud, and support financial inclusion and public welfare programs under the Digital India initiative.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India):** The statutory authority under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, responsible for implementing Aadhaar, the world's largest biometric digital ID program.
- **Face Authentication:** A biometric authentication method introduced by UIDAI in 2018 and powered by AI/ML technology since 2023, enabling contactless identity verification using facial features.
- **e-KYC (Electronic Know Your Customer):** A digital KYC process enabled through Aadhaar authentication, widely used in banking, telecom, fintech, and insurance sectors for secure and paperless onboarding.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Aadhaar authentications cross 211 crore in May 2025
Announcement date	June 5, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
Policy/series name	Aadhaar Authentication & e-KYC System
Key figures	Over 211 crore total authentications, 15.49 crore face authentications
Purpose/reason	To provide secure, scalable ID verification for public/private services
Feature details	Includes OTP, biometric, and AI-powered face authentication
Validity or status	Ongoing digital adoption and usage expansion
Strategic/significant value	Boosts Digital India, reduces fraud, supports DBT and financial inclusion



➤ Which major infrastructure was inaugurated by PM Modi on June 6, 2025, completing Kashmir's rail connectivity with India?

- A) Atal Tunnel
- B) Anji Cable Bridge
- C) Vande Bharat Express
- D) Chenab Rail Bridge
- E) Pir Panjal Tunnel

Answer

D) Chenab Rail Bridge



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi inaugurates Chenab Rail Bridge, completing Kashmir's all-weather rail link
- **Location:** Jammu & Kashmir, India
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Chenab Rail Bridge, part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, was inaugurated to mark the completion of full rail connectivity to Kashmir.
- **Objectives:** To provide all-weather rail access to the Kashmir Valley, integrate the region with the rest of India, support national security, and boost economic growth, tourism, and employment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chenab Rail Bridge:** The world's highest railway arch bridge (359 meters above the Chenab River), forming a crucial link in the USBRL project and designed to withstand harsh Himalayan conditions.
- **USBRL (Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link):** A 272 km strategic railway project initiated to connect Kashmir with India's rail network, completed after 42 years.
- **Vande Bharat Trains:** High-speed trains that have been introduced on the Katra–Srinagar route, reducing travel time and promoting tourism and pilgrimage.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Chenab Rail Bridge and completion of USBRL project
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	Jammu & Kashmir, India
Issuing authority	Government of India; Ministry of Railways
Policy/series name	USBRL (Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link)
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Indian Railways
Purpose/reason	Provide year-round rail access to Kashmir Valley
Feature details	World's highest rail bridge, 36 tunnels, 943 bridges, electrified line
Validity or status	Inaugurated and operational as of June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Boosts tourism, trade, healthcare, and national security in J&K



➤ What is the main objective of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0' campaign launched on World Environment Day 2025?

- A) Promote organic farming techniques
- B) Encourage carpooling in metros
- C) Plant trees in honor of mothers
- D) Introduce electric scooters in cities
- E) Develop rooftop solar gardens



Answer

C) Plant trees in honor of mothers



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0' tree plantation campaign
- **Location:** Mahavir Jayanti Park, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative to mark World Environment Day 2025, with a national target of planting 10 crore trees.
- **Objectives:** To foster environmental awareness through personal emotional connection, encouraging citizens to plant trees in honor of their mothers, while promoting climate action and sustainability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam:** A nationwide tree plantation campaign initiated by PM Modi in 2024, urging individuals to plant a tree symbolically dedicated to their mothers.
- **World Environment Day:** Observed annually on June 5, established by UNEP in 1972, to raise global awareness on pressing environmental issues.
- **Electric Buses in Delhi:** A government push to introduce 200 electric buses for cleaner urban transportation and air pollution reduction in the national capital.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0'
Announcement date	June 5, 2025 (World Environment Day)
Location	Mahavir Jayanti Park, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Policy/series name	Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam – Phase 2
Key figures	PM Modi, Government of India
Purpose/reason	Promote tree plantation with emotional and environmental symbolism
Feature details	Target of 10 crore trees by September 30, 2025
Validity or status	Active campaign under national environment mission
Strategic/significant value	Combines culture with climate goals, encourages mass participation



➤ What is the primary objective of the Ayush Nivesh Saarthi portal launched in June 2025?

- A) Promote yoga training in schools
- B) Offer online Ayurveda consultations
- C) Facilitate investment in the Ayush sector
- D) Track medicinal plant biodiversity
- E) Certify wellness tourism centers

Answer

C) Facilitate investment in the Ayush sector



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Ayush Nivesh Saarthi investment facilitation portal
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Ayush, in partnership with Invest India, launched the Ayush Nivesh Saarthi portal to promote investment and stakeholder engagement in India's traditional medicine sector.
- **Objectives:** To provide real-time investor support, consolidate policy frameworks, promote investment-ready projects, and position India as a global wellness hub in Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH).



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayush Nivesh Saarthi:** A digital investment facilitation portal for the Ayush sector, aimed at guiding domestic and international investors with real-time information, policy support, and project mapping.
- **FDI in Ayush:** 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted via the automatic route in the Ayush sector, promoting international collaboration and economic growth in holistic healthcare.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Medical Value Travel (MVT):** A global healthcare service sector where patients travel across borders for treatment. The Ayush sector contributes significantly to India's USD 13 billion MVT industry through wellness and alternative therapies.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Ayush Nivesh Saarthi portal
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with Invest India
Policy/series name	Ayush Nivesh Saarthi
Key figures	Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ayush
Purpose/reason	Facilitate investment in the Ayush sector and promote economic growth
Feature details	Real-time data, transparent policies, connects investors with key projects
Validity or status	Active as of June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports holistic health, medical value travel, and FDI in Ayush



➤ **Where has the Tamil Nadu government declared a new Greater Flamingo Sanctuary in June 2025?**

- A) Pulicat Lake
- B) Vedanthangal
- C) Dhanushkodi
- D) Gulf of Kutch
- E) Point Calimere

Answer
C) Dhanushkodi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Declaration of Greater Flamingo Sanctuary on World Environment Day
- **Location:** Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu (part of Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve)
- **Date:** June 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Establishment of a new bird sanctuary to protect migratory bird habitats and support biodiversity in coastal Tamil Nadu.
- **Objectives:** To conserve critical ecosystems like mangroves and mudflats, protect bird species, boost ecotourism, and raise environmental awareness.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Greater Flamingo Sanctuary:** A newly designated protected area in Dhanushkodi for safeguarding wetland birds, particularly flamingos and migratory species.
- **Central Asian Flyway:** A major bird migration route that connects Eurasia to the Indian subcontinent, vital for the survival of wetland and migratory birds.
- **Blue Flag Certification:** An international eco-label awarded to beaches and marinas that meet strict environmental, educational, safety, and accessibility criteria.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Declaration of Greater Flamingo Sanctuary
Announcement date	June 5, 2025
Location	Dhanushkodi, Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Government of Tamil Nadu
Policy/series name	Biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism initiatives
Key figures	Over 10,700 wetland birds, 128 species including flamingos and herons
Purpose/reason	To protect migratory bird habitats and strengthen coastal biodiversity
Feature details	Sanctuary spans 524.7 hectares; part of broader 2025–26 environmental budget
Validity or status	Newly declared, active from June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports migratory routes, eco-tourism, employment, and climate resilience



➤ Which app was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on World Environment Day 2025 to profile Waste Pickers in India?

- A) Swachhta App
- B) NAMASTE Mapper
- C) Waste Picker Enumeration App
- D) Safai Sathi Portal
- E) EcoJobs India

Answer

C) Waste Picker Enumeration App



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Waste Picker Enumeration App under NAMASTE Scheme
- **Location:** Pan-India (500 cities under the scheme)
- **Date:** June 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of a digital platform to enumerate and profile Waste Pickers across India
- **Objectives:** To provide formal recognition, occupational identity, and social protection to Waste Pickers as part of integrating them into India's circular economy and urban waste management



Important Terms Explained:

- **NAMASTE Scheme:** National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem, a central government initiative (2022–2026) to mechanize sanitation work and protect sanitation workers' rights, health, and livelihood across 500 cities
- **Waste Picker Enumeration App:** A profiling tool launched under the NAMASTE scheme to identify and provide formal documentation, health benefits, and skilling to 2.5 lakh Waste Pickers
- **Ayushman Bharat:** Government of India's flagship health insurance scheme providing free health coverage up to ₹5 lakh per family per year



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Waste Picker Enumeration App under NAMASTE Scheme
Announcement date	June 5, 2025
Location	Across 500 cities in India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)
Policy/series name	NAMASTE (National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem)
Key figures	2.5 lakh Waste Pickers to be enumerated
Purpose/reason	Formal identity, health cover, livelihood support for Waste Pickers
Feature details	Photo ID cards, Ayushman Bharat, PPE kits, skill development
Validity or status	Active scheme till 2026
Strategic/significant value	Integration of informal workers into formal economy and sanitation ecosystem



QUICK RECALL



- India will open its Women's Asia Cup 2025 hockey campaign against Thailand on September 5 in Hangzhou, China.
- The India-England Test series has officially been renamed the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy.
- UNESCO released the Global Education Monitoring Report 2024–25 on June 6, highlighting persistent gender disparities in education.
- The RBI reduced the repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.50% during its 55th Monetary Policy Committee meeting.
- The RBI launched a 5-part documentary titled RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee on June 3, 2025, via Jio Hotstar.
- S Mahendra Dev was appointed as the Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister on June 5, 2025.
- Ryan Roslansky has been appointed to oversee Microsoft's Office division while continuing as LinkedIn CEO.



QUICK RECALL



- **TCL India renewed its partnership with cricketer Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador for the second consecutive year.**
- **Dettol appointed MS Dhoni as brand ambassador for its new Icy Cool personal care range on May 28, 2025.**
- **On June 3, 2025, the UN General Assembly elected five new non-permanent members to the UNSC for the 2026–27 term.**
- **The Election Commission of India has digitized the process of creating Index Cards and Statistical Reports after elections.**
- **India has committed \$20 billion to transform its maritime infrastructure as announced by Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in Oslo.**
- **MoSPI released the 8th edition of EnviStats India on June 5, 2025, coinciding with World Environment Day.**



QUICK RECALL



- **UIDAI recorded over 211 crore Aadhaar authentication transactions in May 2025, showcasing rapid digital adoption.**
- **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Chenab Rail Bridge on June 6, 2025, officially linking Kashmir by rail to the rest of India.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign on June 5, 2025.**
- **The Ayush Nivesh Saarthi portal was launched on June 6, 2025, to facilitate investments in India's Ayush sector.**
- **Tamil Nadu has declared the Greater Flamingo Sanctuary at Dhanushkodi on June 5, 2025.**
- **The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the Waste Picker Enumeration App on June 5, 2025.**



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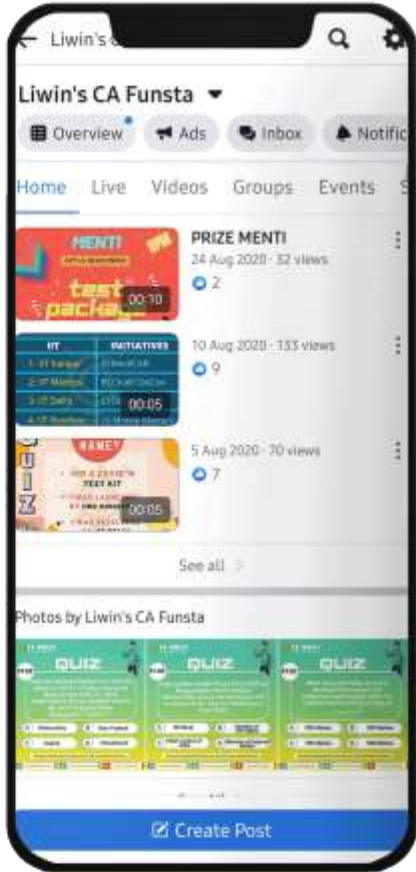
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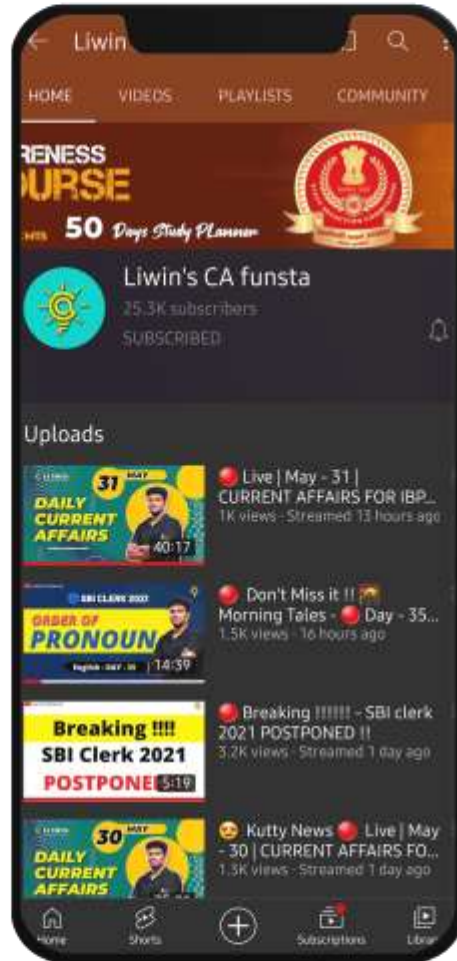


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