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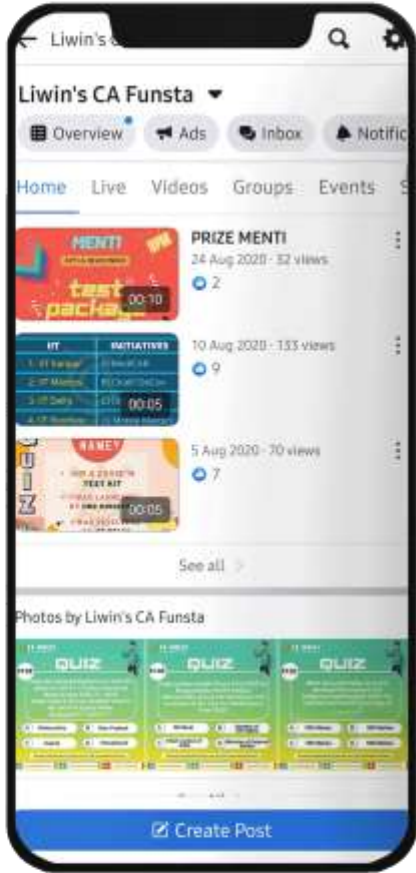


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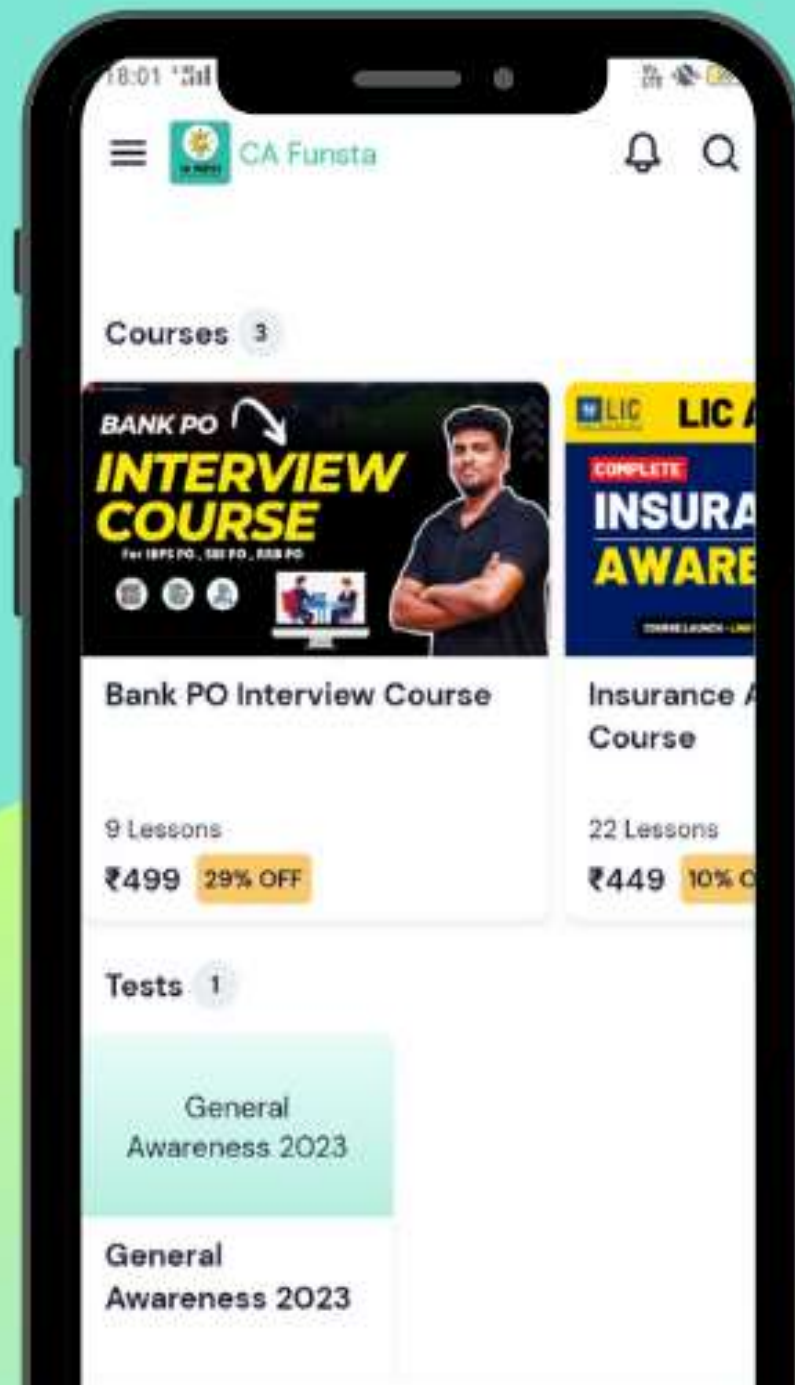
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Important Days



➤ **What was the theme of India's celebration of World Accreditation Day 2025?**

- A) Quality First India Always
- B) Global Certification for All
- C) Accreditation: Empowering Small and Medium Enterprises
- D) Trust Through Testing
- E) Standards for Startups



Answer

C) Accreditation: Empowering Small and Medium Enterprises



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of World Accreditation Day 2025
- **Location:** India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- **Date:** June 9, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of the revamped NABL Portal, promotion of the Gunvatta Samarpan initiative, and national observance of World Accreditation Day.
- **Objectives:** To support MSMEs in aligning with global standards, foster a national quality culture, enhance market access, and promote sustainable economic growth through accreditation.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quality Council of India (QCI):** An autonomous body under the DPIIT responsible for setting quality standards and accrediting institutions and laboratories across India.
- **NABL Portal:** A newly revamped digital platform designed to streamline the accreditation process, increase accessibility, and promote efficiency for laboratories and MSMEs.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gunvatta Samarpan:** A voluntary public pledge program introduced to encourage organizations to commit to accredited quality standards, enhancing trust and accountability in Indian goods and services.
- **World Accreditation Day:** Observed annually on June 9, this global initiative by ILAC and IAF raises awareness about the role of accreditation in improving quality infrastructure and facilitating trade.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Accreditation Day 2025 Celebration
Announcement date	June 9, 2025
Location	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Quality Council of India (QCI)
Policy/series name	Guvatta Samarpan, NABL Portal
Key figures	Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Shri Jaxay Shah
Purpose/reason	To empower MSMEs through quality accreditation aligned with global standards
Feature details	Launch of NABL Portal, quality pledges under Guvatta Samarpan, CEO forum discussions
Validity or status	Ongoing implementation and promotion of quality initiatives
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's quality infrastructure and global market integration for MSMEs



➤ **Who won the 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial chess tournament in 2025 based on the tiebreak system?**

- A) R. Praggnanandhaa
- B) Aram Hakobyan
- C) Magnus Carlsen
- D) Aravindh Chithambaram
- E) Robert Hovhannisyan

Answer

D) Aravindh Chithambaram



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial Chess Tournament
- **Location:** Jermuk, Armenia
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Annual international round-robin chess tournament featuring elite global players.
- **Objectives:** To promote global chess excellence and provide a competitive platform for top-ranked players.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aravindh Chithambaram:** Indian Grandmaster from Chennai who won the 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial with 6.5/9 points, remaining unbeaten throughout the tournament.
- **Sonneborne-Berger System:** A chess tiebreak scoring method based on the strength of opponents defeated or drawn against; used to determine winners in case of equal scores.



Important Terms Explained:

- **R. Praggnanandhaa:** A leading Indian Grandmaster who also scored 6.5/9 but placed second due to tiebreak rules.
- **Stepan Avagyan Memorial:** An annual chess tournament held in Armenia, increasingly recognized for its strong field and competitive format.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial Chess Tournament
Announcement date	June 10, 2025
Location	Jermuk, Armenia
Issuing authority	Stepan Avagyan Chess Foundation / FIDE
Policy/series name	Annual International Chess Tournament
Key figures	Aravindh Chithambaram, R. Praggnanandhaa
Purpose/reason	Promote international chess and recognize top performances
Feature details	10-player round-robin; Aravindh unbeaten with 4 wins, 5 draws
Validity or status	Completed; title awarded to Aravindh via tiebreak
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's global standing in chess and highlights youth talent



➤ **At what age did West Indies cricketer Nicholas Pooran retire from international cricket?**

- A) 30
- B) 27
- C) 31
- D) 29
- E) 28

Answer
D) 29



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Retirement of Nicholas Pooran from international cricket
- **Location:** Announced via social media (global impact, based in West Indies)
- **Date:** June 10, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Nicholas Pooran, former white-ball captain of West Indies, retires from all forms of international cricket at age 29.
- **Objectives:** Though reasons were undisclosed, the move reflects a shift in focus toward global franchise cricket leagues, leaving a major gap in West Indies' white-ball plans.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nicholas Pooran:** A dynamic left-handed batter from West Indies, known for his finishing skills and captaincy in T20Is and ODIs; never played Test cricket.
- **T20 Internationals (T20Is):** Pooran is West Indies' most capped T20I player with 106 appearances, and the highest T20I run-scorer (2275 runs at 136.39 SR).



Important Terms Explained:

- **Franchise Cricket:** T20 league cricket played globally (e.g., IPL, CPL, MLC, ILT20, The Hundred) where Pooran remains active and in demand.
- **Indian Premier League (IPL):** A premier T20 cricket league; Pooran played for Lucknow Super Giants and scored 524 runs in IPL 2025 at a SR of 196.25.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Retirement of Nicholas Pooran from International Cricket
Announcement date	June 10, 2025
Location	Global announcement via social media
Issuing authority	Nicholas Pooran
Policy/series name	International retirement; focus on franchise cricket
Key figures	Nicholas Pooran
Purpose/reason	Personal decision after reflection; likely shift to franchise-based career
Feature details	T20I record-holder; standout IPL 2025 season; no Test caps
Validity or status	Official retirement from international formats
Strategic/significant value	Major setback for West Indies' T20 World Cup 2026 preparations



➤ How much dividend did SBI pay to the Government of India for FY25?

- A) ₹6,959.29 crore
- B) ₹7,500 crore
- C) ₹8,076.84 crore
- D) ₹9,000 crore
- E) ₹8,500 crore

Answer

C) ₹8,076.84 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Dividend payment of ₹8,076.84 crore by SBI to Government of India for FY25
- **Location:** New Delhi (official cheque handover to Finance Ministry)
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** State Bank of India distributed a record dividend to its majority stakeholder—the Government of India—for FY2024–25.
- **Objectives:** To reflect the bank's financial strength, reward shareholders, and contribute to the government's non-tax revenue for fiscal consolidation and public spending.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Dividend:** A portion of a company's profit paid to its shareholders. SBI paid ₹15.90 per share for FY25, reflecting improved profitability and capital strength.
- **State Bank of India (SBI):** India's largest public sector bank, majority-owned by the Government of India, playing a central role in public finance and economic outreach.
- **Non-Tax Revenue:** Government income from sources other than taxes—includes dividends from PSUs like SBI, interest, and user charges.
- **Net Profit:** SBI posted its highest-ever annual net profit of ₹70,901 crore in FY25, up 16% from FY24's ₹61,077 crore.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	SBI Dividend Payout for FY2024–25
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	State Bank of India (SBI)
Policy/series name	Annual Dividend Distribution
Key figures	₹8,076.84 crore paid to Govt.; Net Profit ₹70,901 crore
Purpose/reason	Distribute profit to majority stakeholder and strengthen non-tax revenue
Feature details	₹15.90 per share dividend; 16% profit growth YoY
Validity or status	Dividend for FY25 paid; fiscal benefit realized
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's fiscal goals and signals SBI's strong financial health



➤ Which country was the top source of FDI into India during the fiscal year 2024–25?

- A) United States
- B) Netherlands
- C) Singapore
- D) Mauritius
- E) United Arab Emirates

Answer
C) Singapore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Strong FDI inflows into India during FY 2024–25
- **Location:** Berne, Switzerland
- **Date:** June 10, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Announcement of India's foreign direct investment (FDI) performance for FY 2024–25, highlighting robust inflows despite global volatility.
- **Objectives:** To showcase India's resilience and attractiveness as an investment destination and emphasize policy stability and responsiveness to investor needs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FDI (Foreign Direct Investment):** Investment made by a company or individual from one country into business interests located in another country, often by acquiring assets, setting up business operations, or reinvesting earnings.
- **Equity Inflows:** Direct capital investments into Indian firms through equity shares, contributing to ownership and control.
- **Reinvested Earnings:** Profits earned by foreign entities in India that are not remitted abroad but reinvested within the country to grow operations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Strong FDI inflows in FY 2024–25
Announcement date	June 10, 2025
Location	Berne, Switzerland
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
Policy/series name	Annual FDI Statistics and Trends
Key figures	Piyush Goyal (Commerce and Industry Minister)
Purpose/reason	To report and highlight FDI inflow resilience amid global uncertainty
Feature details	USD 81.04 billion total inflows; 14% growth; 143% rise over 11 years
Validity or status	FY 2024–25 data; relevant for trend analysis and investment policy
Strategic/significant value	Reflects India's sustained global appeal as a stable investment hub



- Which European country did Amul first launch its milk in under the 2025 international expansion initiative?



- A) Italy
- B) Switzerland
- C) Spain
- D) Germany
- E) Portugal

Answer
C) Spain



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Amul Milk in Spain and the EU through a strategic partnership with COVAP
- **Location:** Embassy of India, Madrid, Spain
- **Date:** June 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of Amul Milk in European markets starting with Spain, through collaboration between Amul (GCMMF) and COVAP, a major Spanish dairy cooperative.
- **Objectives:** To expand Amul's global dairy footprint, offer premium Indian dairy products in Europe, and support cooperative collaboration in line with the International Year of Cooperatives 2025.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Amul:** India's largest dairy cooperative brand operated by Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), known for its global dairy product line and cooperative model involving 3.6 million farmers.
- **COVAP (Cooperativa Ganadera del Valle de los Pedroches):** A leading Spanish cooperative founded in 1959, specializing in dairy processing and export, with advanced infrastructure and 2,000+ members.
- **International Year of Cooperatives 2025:** Declared by the United Nations, it celebrates and promotes the cooperative business model and its contribution to sustainable development globally.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Amul Milk in Spain and EU
Announcement date	June 5, 2025
Location	Spain (initial cities: Madrid, Barcelona, etc.)
Issuing authority	Amul (GCMMF) in partnership with COVAP
Policy/series name	Amul Global Dairy Expansion
Key figures	Jayen Mehta (MD, Amul), Ricardo Delgado Vizcaíno (President, COVAP)
Purpose/reason	Expand Amul's presence in Europe and promote cooperative collaboration
Feature details	Distribution in major Spanish and Portuguese cities; future expansion across EU
Validity or status	Officially launched and under phased rollout
Strategic/significant value	Aligns with UN's International Year of Cooperatives; enhances India's global dairy brand visibility



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which bank recently acquired a 25.18% stake in Future Generali India Life Insurance through the insolvency resolution process?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Central Bank of India
- E) Punjab National Bank



Answer
D) Central Bank of India



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Central Bank of India acquires 25.18% stake in Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Ltd (FGILICL)
- **Location:** India (Transaction filed from Mumbai)
- **Date:** June 4, 2025 (share acquisition date)



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Acquisition of a 25.18% equity stake in FGILICL by Central Bank of India via Insolvency Resolution Process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- **Objectives:** To mark Central Bank's entry into the insurance sector, recover value from insolvency of Future Enterprises Ltd, and expand into allied financial services like insurance.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Insolvency Resolution Process:** A mechanism under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 that allows creditors to recover assets from distressed companies through structured bidding or resolution.
- **Future Generali India Life Insurance Co. Ltd (FGILICL):** A joint venture life insurance company offering diversified insurance products; Generali holds 73.99% stake.
- **Gross Written Premium (GWP):** The total premium collected by an insurer before deductions; FGILICL reported GWP of ₹1,810.53 crore in FY24.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Central Bank of India acquires stake in FGILICL
Announcement date	June 5, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	Central Bank of India, via Insolvency Process
Policy/series name	Acquisition under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
Key figures	Matam Venkata Rao (MD & CEO, CBI)
Purpose/reason	Entry into insurance sector; asset recovery from Future Enterprises Ltd
Feature details	25.18% equity stake acquired for ₹57 crore, approx. 65.4 crore shares
Validity or status	Approved and confirmed; CCI clearance obtained
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens Central Bank's diversification into insurance and allied sectors



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



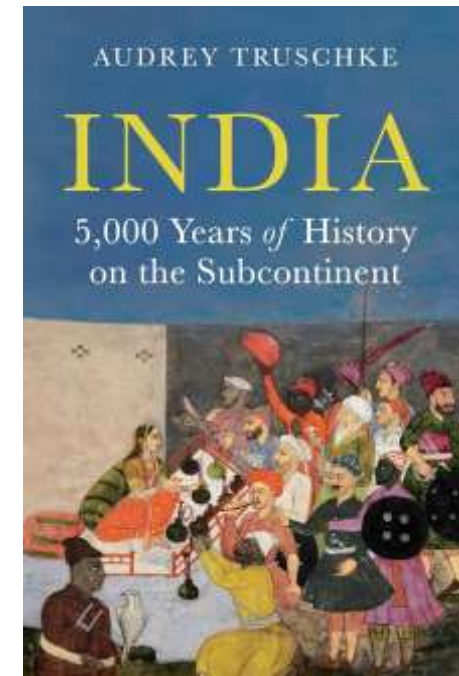
➤ Who is the author of the book **India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent?**



- A) Romila Thapar
- B) Audrey Truschke
- C) William Dalrymple
- D) Sanjeev Sanyal
- E) Ramachandra Guha

Answer

B) Audrey Truschke



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the book India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent
- **Location:** India (Published by Picador India)
- **Date:** 2024 (Publication Year)



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Publication of a critical historical work tracing India's evolution from ancient to modern times by historian Audrey Truschke.
- **Objectives:** To present a comprehensive, scholarly, and pluralistic narrative of Indian history, addressing cultural shifts, imperial legacies, and contested interpretations.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Audrey Truschke:** An American historian and Indologist, Associate Professor at Rutgers University – Newark, known for her scholarly focus on Mughal India, Sanskrit literature, and historiography.
- **India: 5000 Years of History:** A detailed academic work published in 2024 that spans India's past from the Indus Valley Civilization to the modern republic, incorporating primary sources and critical analysis.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indus Valley Civilization:** One of the world's earliest urban cultures (c. 2600–1900 BCE), noted for planned cities, drainage systems, and trade networks, featured in the book's opening chapters.
- **Aryan Invasion Theory:** A contested model of early Indian history; Truschke adopts a nuanced view by integrating recent archaeological and genetic findings to challenge simplistic migration narratives.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Book launch of India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent
Announcement date	Published in 2024
Location	India (Publisher: Picador India)
Issuing authority	Audrey Truschke (Author), Picador India (Publisher)
Policy/series name	Indian History – Critical Academic Literature
Key figures	Audrey Truschke
Purpose/reason	To explore India's history through a critical, scholarly, and pluralistic lens
Feature details	Covers Indus Valley to modern India, critiques simplistic historical narratives
Validity or status	Published and available for academic and public readership
Strategic/significant value	Encourages re-examination of Indian history with scholarly depth and diverse perspectives



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Which military operation earned Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai the Uttam Yudh Seva Medal in 2025?

- A) Operation Trinetra
- B) Operation Sindoor
- C) Operation Meghdoot
- D) Operation Shakti
- E) Operation Rakshak

Answer

B) Operation Sindoor



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai as Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)
- **Location:** Indian Army Headquarters, New Delhi
- **Date:** June 9, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Appointment of Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai as Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy); continues as Director General of Military Operations (DGM0).
- **Objectives:** To enhance strategic planning and integration between operational and intelligence functions, support rapid decision-making, and manage strategic-level military operations.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy):** A strategic leadership role created to oversee the Military Operations, Intelligence, and Information Warfare directorates, enabling centralized and swift command functions.
- **Director General of Military Operations (DGMO):** The Indian Army's senior-most operational planner responsible for war preparedness and ongoing military operations, including planning high-level missions like Operation Sindoor.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Sindoor:** A precision military operation led by Lt Gen Ghai, involving air-based surgical strikes on terror infrastructure near the Pakistani border, carried out without crossing the LoC or International Boundary.
- **Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM):** The second-highest wartime distinguished service decoration in India, awarded for exceptional service during conflict scenarios.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai as Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)
Announcement date	June 9, 2025
Location	Indian Army Headquarters, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, Government of India
Policy/series name	Indian Army Leadership Restructuring
Key figures	Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai
Purpose/reason	Strengthening Army's strategic command structure
Feature details	Dual role as Deputy Chief (Strategy) and DGMO; leader of Operation Sindoor
Validity or status	Active leadership position, award conferred
Strategic/significant value	Enhances integrated command, intelligence synergy, and rapid decision-making



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who recently became the first woman Navy officer appointed as the President of India's Aide-de-Camp (ADC)?

- A) Padmavathy Bandopadhyay
- B) Punita Arora
- C) Madhuri Kanitkar
- D) Yashasvi Solanki
- E) Priya Jhingan

Answer

D) Yashasvi Solanki



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki as the President's Aide-de-Camp
- **Location:** President's Secretariat, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** May 31, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki, an officer in the Indian Navy, was appointed as the first woman ADC (Aide-de-Camp) to the President of India.
- **Objectives:** To promote gender inclusion and leadership diversity in India's Armed Forces, while highlighting the meritocratic selection of officers based on professionalism, performance, and integrity.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aide-de-Camp (ADC):** A ceremonial yet critical military role involving direct assistance to the President, managing official communication, protocol coordination, and ceremonial duties. ADCs are chosen for their exceptional service, leadership, and discipline.
- **Short Service Commission (SSC):** A commissioning route in the Indian Armed Forces through which officers serve for a fixed duration (usually 10–14 years), often used as an entry path by many women officers.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **President's Military Secretary Branch:** The office responsible for coordinating ADC assignments and military-related engagements of the President of India.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of first woman Navy ADC to the President
Announcement date	May 31, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	President's Military Secretary Branch
Policy/series name	ADC Appointment to President of India
Key figures	Lt. Cdr. Yashasvi Solanki, President Droupadi Murmu
Purpose/reason	Strengthen gender diversity and acknowledge exemplary military service
Feature details	First woman from Indian Navy in ADC role; selected for performance and merit
Validity or status	Appointment confirmed and active
Strategic/significant value	Represents a shift towards gender-inclusive defence leadership



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) in May 2025?**

- A) Y. Sobha
- B) R.K. Singh
- C) K. Prathapa Reddy
- D) Arvind Kumar
- E) R. Suresh Rao

Answer

C) K. Prathapa Reddy



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of K. Prathapa Reddy as Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB)
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana
- **Date:** May 30, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** K. Prathapa Reddy, a former Deputy General Manager at State Bank of India, assumed charge as Chairman of TGB for a tenure of three years.
- **Objectives:** To lead TGB's operational and strategic growth, further enhance its profitability, and strengthen rural credit delivery under the guidance of its sponsor bank, SBI.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB):** A regional rural bank (RRB) sponsored by State Bank of India, serving rural Telangana with credit, savings, and financial inclusion services.
- **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs):** Indian banking institutions created to provide credit and other financial services to rural areas, sponsored by commercial banks and regulated by NABARD.
- **Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR):** A metric that indicates a bank's capital strength and ability to absorb potential losses; TGB's CAR was a robust 25.42% as of FY 2024–25.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of new Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank
Announcement date	May 30, 2025
Location	Hyderabad, Telangana
Issuing authority	Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB)
Policy/series name	Leadership transition in Regional Rural Banks
Key figures	K. Prathapa Reddy (Chairman), Y. Sobha (predecessor)
Purpose/reason	To strengthen bank's leadership for continued profitability and outreach
Feature details	Extensive SBI background, APGVB experience, expertise in credit and operations
Validity or status	Appointment active; 3-year tenure begins May 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports rural banking and financial inclusion through strong leadership



AWARDS



- Which Indian cricketer was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2025, becoming the 11th Indian to receive the honour?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) MS Dhoni
- D) Kapil Dev
- E) Anil Kumble

Answer
C) MS Dhoni



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** MS Dhoni inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame
- **Location:** London, United Kingdom
- **Date:** June 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Formal induction of Mahendra Singh Dhoni into the ICC Hall of Fame for his exceptional contributions to international cricket.
- **Objectives:** To recognize Dhoni's unparalleled achievements as a player and captain, including his leadership in winning all three major ICC trophies.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC Hall of Fame:** A prestigious recognition by the International Cricket Council to honour legendary cricketers who have made significant contributions to the game.
- **MS Dhoni:** Former Indian captain known for his calm leadership and historic wins; only captain to win the ICC T20 World Cup (2007), ICC ODI World Cup (2011), and ICC Champions Trophy (2013).



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chennai Super Kings (CSK):** Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise where Dhoni continues to serve as a mentor and player post-retirement.
- **ODI & Test Career Stats:** Played 350 ODIs (10,773 runs) and 90 Tests (4,876 runs); 10 ODI centuries and 6 Test centuries; over 750 combined international dismissals as a wicketkeeper.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MS Dhoni's Induction into ICC Hall of Fame
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	London, United Kingdom
Issuing authority	International Cricket Council (ICC)
Policy/series name	ICC Hall of Fame 2025
Key figures	MS Dhoni, Matthew Hayden, Daniel Vettori, Hashim Amla, Graeme Smith, Sana Mir, Sarah Taylor
Purpose/reason	To recognize Dhoni's contribution to global cricket and his unique captaincy record
Feature details	First and only captain to win all 3 ICC trophies; over 10,000 ODI runs; iconic wicketkeeping record
Validity or status	Formal induction completed in 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces Dhoni's legacy as one of the greatest cricketers and leaders in world cricket



AWARDS



➤ **Who topped the 2025 Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List?**

- A) Arpita Singh
- B) Radha Vembu
- C) Naina Lal Kidwai
- D) Shanti Ekambaram
- E) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Answer

D) Shanti Ekambaram



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Shanti Ekambaram named No. 1 on the 2025 Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List
- **Location:** India (Pan-India recognition)
- **Date:** June 4, 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Hurun India and Candere released the inaugural India Women Leaders List, recognising top female professionals from various sectors.
- **Objectives:** To acknowledge transformational leadership by Indian women, spotlighting achievements across finance, tech, arts, philanthropy, and start-ups.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List:** A curated annual list recognizing India's most powerful and influential women across industries, jointly presented by Candere (a jewellery brand) and Hurun India.
- **Digital Banking:** The use of digital technologies to deliver banking services, championed by Ekambaram to drive inclusion and access at Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- **Book-Built IPO:** A process where shares are issued through a price discovery mechanism, first introduced in India under Ekambaram's leadership at Kotak.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	2025 Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List – Top Ranking
Announcement date	June 4, 2025
Location	India (released by Hurun India & Candere)
Issuing authority	Hurun India and Candere
Policy/series name	Hurun India Women Leaders List 2025
Key figures	Shanti Ekambaram (Deputy MD, Kotak), Arpita Singh, Radha Vembu
Purpose/reason	To honour Indian women making significant impact in leadership roles
Feature details	Recognizes 97 women leaders from various sectors including finance and tech
Validity or status	First edition list published, widely reported
Strategic/significant value	Showcases India's growing gender inclusion in corporate leadership and finance



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➤ **What is the primary reason given by U.S. President Donald Trump for reviving the travel ban in June 2025?**

- A) To reduce trade dependency
- B) To address climate change
- C) To protect national security
- D) To increase foreign investment
- E) To reform immigration policy

Answer

C) To protect national security



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Revival of U.S. travel ban targeting 12 nations
- **Location:** United States
- **Date:** June 9, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A new travel ban implemented by President Donald Trump, restricting entry into the U.S. for citizens from 12 countries, with partial restrictions on 8 additional nations.
- **Objectives:** To protect national security by preventing entry of individuals from countries deemed high-risk due to unstable governance, poor background check systems, or visa overstays.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Travel Ban:** A government policy restricting or prohibiting entry into a country for individuals from specified nations, typically for national security or immigration control reasons.
- **Visa Overstay:** A situation where a person remains in a country beyond the period permitted by their visa, often seen as a security or legal concern.
- **National Security:** The protection of a nation's borders, citizens, and institutions from external threats such as terrorism or illegal immigration, often cited in policymaking.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Revival of U.S. Travel Ban
Announcement date	June 9, 2025
Location	United States
Issuing authority	President of the United States (Donald Trump)
Policy/series name	U.S. Travel Ban 2025
Key figures	Donald Trump
Purpose/reason	To protect U.S. national security after a recent attack by a visa overstayer
Feature details	Full ban on 12 countries, partial ban on 8, exceptions for athletes and diplomats
Validity or status	Active, with future countries possibly being added
Strategic/significant value	Seeks to control immigration and reduce potential threats to homeland security



➤ **What is the primary aim of the strategic partnership between Indian Railways and BHASHINI?**

- A) Expand Wi-Fi connectivity in trains
- B) Enable ticket booking through blockchain
- C) Integrate multilingual AI into railway services
- D) Launch bullet train services in regional languages
- E) Promote AI-enabled smart stations



Answer

C) Integrate multilingual AI into railway services



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Strategic partnership between Indian Railways and BHASHINI to integrate multilingual AI
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 10, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Signing of an MoU between Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) to integrate multilingual AI into railway platforms.
- **Objectives:** To improve linguistic accessibility in public services, enhance user interaction across railway digital systems, and support Digital India goals by enabling real-time multilingual access across platforms like NTES and RailMadad.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BHASHINI:** India's national AI-led language platform developed under the Digital India initiative to provide multilingual support through technologies like ASR, TTS, and OCR.
- **CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems):** A specialized IT wing of Indian Railways responsible for managing and developing railway information systems like NTES and RailMadad.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NTES (National Train Enquiry System):** A digital service platform that provides real-time train information to passengers across India.
- **RailMadad:** A public grievance redressal platform of Indian Railways allowing passengers to file and track complaints and service requests.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Strategic Partnership between Indian Railways and BHASHINI
Announcement date	June 10, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)
Policy/series name	Digital India – Multilingual AI Integration
Key figures	Shri Amitabh Nag (CEO, BHASHINI), Shri G.V.L. Satya Kumar (MD, CRIS)
Purpose/reason	To provide AI-enabled multilingual services in railway digital platforms
Feature details	Integration of ASR, TTS, OCR, multilingual chatbots, over-the-counter interfaces
Validity or status	MoU signed; pilot deployment phase initiated
Strategic/significant value	Enhances digital inclusion and accessibility for citizens in 22 Indian languages



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➤ What was a key digital initiative launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs during the 11-year celebration of Seva, Good Governance, and Welfare?

- A) SAKSHAM App
- B) JAN SUVIDHA Dashboard
- C) UMEED Central Portal
- D) VIKAS Web Suite
- E) PARIVARTAN Gateway

Answer

C) UMEED Central Portal



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 11-year celebration of Seva, Good Governance, and Welfare under Modi Government
- **Location:** Ministry of Minority Affairs Headquarters, New Delhi
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Celebration of policy achievements, launch of UMEED Portal, notification of Waqf Amendment Act 2025, and commitment to digital and inclusive governance.
- **Objectives:** To promote efficient welfare delivery through digitization, improve Waqf property management, and ensure inclusive policy-making aligned with the ViksitBharat@2047 vision.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UMEED Central Portal:** A unified digital platform launched to streamline welfare schemes for minorities, offering application tools, tracking, and real-time feedback for service access.
- **Waqf Amendment Act, 2025:** A legislative reform passed to enhance governance, transparency, and effective utilization of Waqf properties for community development.
- **Third-Party Review Mechanism:** A monitoring framework institutionalized by MoMA to ensure accountability, track fund utilization, and improve evidence-based policy outcomes.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	11 Years of Seva, Good Governance & Welfare Celebration
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	Ministry of Minority Affairs Headquarters, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA)
Policy/series name	UMEED Central Portal, Waqf Amendment Act 2025
Key figures	Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar (Secretary, MoMA)
Purpose/reason	To celebrate governance achievements and unveil reforms for minority welfare
Feature details	Digital scheme delivery, UMEED Portal, third-party audits, Waqf reforms
Validity or status	Act notified, portal launched, rules under formulation
Strategic/significant value	Promotes transparency, equity, and inclusive development till 2047



➤ Which initiative focuses on antenatal care on the 9th of every month and targets high-risk pregnancies?

- A) LaQshya
- B) POSHAN Abhiyaan
- C) Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
- D) Janani Suraksha Yojana
- E) Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan

Answer

E) Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Completion of 9 years of Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)
- **Location:** Pan-India (All government health facilities)
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To provide free, quality antenatal care services to pregnant women, especially in their 2nd and 3rd trimesters, on the 9th of every month.
- **Objectives:** To reduce maternal and neonatal mortality, identify High-Risk Pregnancies (HRPs) early, and ensure healthy pregnancies through public-private partnership and digital tracking.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA):** A Ministry of Health initiative launched in June 2016, offering free, standardized antenatal care services through both government and voluntary private sector participation.
- **E-PMSMA (Extended PMSMA):** Launched in January 2022, this extension ensures follow-up of High-Risk Pregnancies till delivery and 45 days postnatal, using SMS alerts and incentive-based tracking.
- **RMNCAH+N Strategy:** A comprehensive health initiative under NHM targeting Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health, with PMSMA as a critical component.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY):** A conditional cash transfer scheme promoting institutional deliveries.
- **Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK):** Offers free delivery, neonatal care, and treatment for pregnant women and infants.
- **LaQshya:** Targets quality improvement in labour rooms and maternal ICUs.
- **SUMAN (Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan):** Guarantees respectful, dignified, and zero-expense maternal care.



Important Terms Explained:

- **POSHAN Abhiyaan:** Government program addressing malnutrition across life stages.
- **PMMVY (Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana):** Direct cash transfer of ₹5,000 to pregnant and lactating mothers to support nutrition and institutional delivery.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	9 Years of Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Pan-India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Policy/series name	PMSMA and E-PMSMA
Key figures	6.19 crore women benefited, 78.27 lakh HRPs identified
Purpose/reason	Reduce maternal mortality and ensure quality ANC services
Feature details	Fixed ANC day, specialist check-ups, free tests, HRP tracking, SMS alerts
Validity or status	Ongoing national program under NHM
Strategic/significant value	Major reduction in MMR from 130 to 80 (2014–2023); model for integrated maternal health



➤ What is the prize amount offered by RBI under its Hindi book writing promotion scheme?

- A) ₹50,000
- B) ₹1,00,000
- C) ₹1,25,000
- D) ₹75,000
- E) ₹1,50,000

Answer
C) ₹1,25,000



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of RBI Scheme to Promote Original Hindi Books on Economics, Banking, and Finance
- **Location:** Pan-India (applicable to UGC-recognized institutions in India)
- **Date:** Scheme active for books published between April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Introduction of a new RBI scheme to encourage original Hindi book writing on economics, banking, and finance among Indian academicians.
- **Objectives:** To promote Hindi as a medium for scholarly work, improve financial literacy in regional languages, and bridge the gap between complex financial concepts and public understanding.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):** India's central banking institution, responsible for monetary policy, currency issuance, and financial regulation.
- **UGC (University Grants Commission):** A statutory body of the Government of India tasked with coordination and maintenance of standards of higher education.
- **Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) Survey:** An annual RBI data collection initiative to track cross-border financial claims and liabilities of Indian entities, including mutual funds and AMCs.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI Scheme for Promoting Original Hindi Book Writing
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Pan-India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	RBI Hindi Book Writing Promotion Scheme
Key figures	Professors and academicians from UGC-recognized universities
Purpose/reason	Promote Hindi-language research and public accessibility to financial knowledge
Feature details	Original Hindi books (20+ pages); prize of ₹1,25,000 to 3 winners annually
Validity or status	Books must be published between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports financial literacy, language inclusivity, and scholarly outreach



➤ **Where is India's first e-waste recycling park being developed?**

- A) Gurugram, Haryana
- B) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- C) Holambi Kalan, Delhi
- D) Pune, Maharashtra
- E) Surat, Gujarat



Answer

C) Holambi Kalan, Delhi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of India's first e-waste recycling eco park
- **Location:** Holambi Kalan, North Delhi
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Development of an e-waste recycling eco park in Delhi under a public-private partnership using the DBFOT model.
- **Objectives:** To promote green jobs, formalize the informal recycling sector, enable resource recovery, and establish a circular economy model that supports sustainable urban infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **E-Waste Recycling Park:** A large-scale facility designed to process and recover materials from electronic waste, improving environmental safety and material reuse.
- **DBFOT Model:** Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer – a PPP framework where private players develop and manage infrastructure projects before handing them back to the government.
- **Circular Economy:** An economic system aimed at minimizing waste and maximizing resource reuse, recycling, and recovery for sustainable production and consumption.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Jobs:** Employment in environmentally sustainable sectors, like waste management, renewable energy, and eco-friendly construction, contributing to environmental preservation.
- **E-Waste Management Rules, 2022:** Comprehensive rules notified by the Government of India to regulate the safe and scientific handling of electronic waste.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of India's First E-Waste Recycling Park
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Holambi Kalan, North Delhi
Issuing authority	Delhi Government & DSIIDC
Policy/series name	E-Waste Eco Park / Circular Economy Initiative
Key figures	Manjinder Singh Sirsa (Environment Minister, Delhi)
Purpose/reason	To process 51,000 tonnes of e-waste annually and integrate informal workers
Feature details	Refurbishing zones, skilling centres, 2nd-hand electronics market, 11.4-acre area
Validity or status	Construction to be completed in 18 months
Strategic/significant value	Sets national precedent; promotes green jobs and e-waste formalization



➤ **What is the primary purpose of the Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal launched by the Government of India?**

- A) Promote Ayush-based tourism
- B) Provide online treatment through Ayurveda
- C) Attract investment in the traditional medicine sector
- D) Certify Ayush practitioners globally
- E) Distribute Ayush medicines at subsidized rates



Answer

C) Attract investment in the traditional medicine sector



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal to boost investments in the Ayush sector
- **Location:** India (National rollout by Ministry of Ayush)
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of a centralized digital platform by the Ministry of Ayush, in collaboration with Invest India, to serve as an investor facilitation portal.
- **Objectives:**
 - Attract domestic and international investors to the Ayush sector
 - Promote ease of doing business in traditional medicine
 - Enable real-time support, policy access, and project visibility
 - Strengthen the Ayush industry's economic and global positioning



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal:** An investment guidance and facilitation portal for Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy sectors, offering data on government schemes, projects, and policies.
- **Ministry of Ayush:** Government body responsible for developing education, research, and propagation of indigenous alternative medicine systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Invest India:** India's national investment promotion and facilitation agency under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Medical Value Travel (MVT):** Also known as medical tourism, it refers to people traveling to another country for medical care. India's MVT industry is worth \$13 billion, with Ayush playing a key role.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Nationwide digital launch, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Ayush, in partnership with Invest India
Policy/series name	Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Investment Portal
Key figures	Ayush entrepreneurs, global investors
Purpose/reason	To promote investments in India's traditional medicine sector
Feature details	Access to policies, projects, incentives, and real-time support
Validity or status	Live digital platform
Strategic/significant value	Promotes FDI, supports startups, boosts Medical Value Travel and India's health economy



➤ **What is the main objective of the newly launched UMEED Portal by the Ministry of Minority Affairs?**

- A) Boost digital payments in rural areas
- B) Promote scholarships for minority students
- C) Streamline management of Waqf properties
- D) Provide employment to minority youth
- E) Regulate religious institutions



Answer

C) Streamline management of Waqf properties



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of UMEED Portal for Waqf Management
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of a digital platform named UMEED Portal for centralized and transparent Waqf property management.
- **Objectives:** To ensure real-time tracking, public access, accountability, and protection of Waqf properties for the benefit of the Muslim community, especially underprivileged women and children.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UMEED Portal:** A digital system titled Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development designed to digitize and manage Waqf properties in a centralized format with real-time monitoring.
- **Waqf Properties:** Properties donated for religious or charitable use, mainly for the welfare of the Muslim community, governed under the Waqf Act.
- **Geo-Tagging and GIS Mapping:** Technologies used in the portal to precisely locate and visually represent Waqf properties, enhancing transparency and planning efficiency.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of UMEED Portal for Waqf Management
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Minority Affairs
Policy/series name	UMEED Portal
Key figures	Kiren Rijiju (Union Minister for Minority Affairs)
Purpose/reason	To manage and protect Waqf properties transparently and efficiently
Feature details	Digital inventory, geo-tagging, GIS mapping, grievance redressal
Validity or status	Currently active and implemented
Strategic/significant value	Empowers the Muslim community and ensures protection of religious assets



➤ What is the primary objective of Odisha's ANKUR initiative launched in May 2025?

- A) Promote rural employment
- B) Strengthen mining operations
- C) Build citizen-centric urban cities
- D) Enhance coastal tourism
- E) Boost agricultural productivity



Answer

C) Build citizen-centric urban cities



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of ANKUR and signing of MoUs to build future-ready urban cities
- **Location:** Odisha, India
- **Date:** May 28, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of ANKUR (Atal Network for Knowledge, Urbanization & Reform) by the Housing & Urban Development Department, Odisha, and signing of MoUs with six partner institutions.
- **Objectives:** To create resilient, inclusive, citizen-centric urban spaces by 2036 through innovation, collaboration, and capacity building—aligned with the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ANKUR (Atal Network for Knowledge, Urbanization & Reform):** A state-led platform initiated by Odisha for institutionalizing innovation and partnerships in urban development with a vision for 2036.
- **Citizen-Centric Cities:** Urban centers designed around the needs, inclusion, and welfare of their residents, focusing on livability, accessibility, and participation.
- **Viksit Bharat @2047:** A national developmental vision aimed at making India a developed nation by the year 2047, aligning local efforts with national goals.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of ANKUR urban development initiative
Announcement date	May 28, 2025
Location	Odisha, India
Issuing authority	Housing & Urban Development Department, Odisha
Policy/series name	ANKUR (Atal Network for Knowledge, Urbanization & Reform)
Key figures	Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra, Usha Padhee, CM Mohan Charan Majhi
Purpose/reason	To build inclusive, innovative, and resilient cities by 2036
Feature details	MoUs with six institutions, 4-pillar framework: capacity, research, support, innovation
Validity or status	Officially launched and in implementation stage
Strategic/significant value	Supports Viksit Bharat @2047 and Odisha's growing urbanization needs



➤ What new feature has the Election Commission of India (ECI) introduced for the public during elections in 2025?

- A) Blockchain-based voting
- B) AI-powered vote counting
- C) Real-time voter turnout tracking system
- D) Online voter registration for NRIs
- E) Face recognition for voter authentication

Answer

C) Real-time voter turnout tracking system



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Introduction of real-time voter turnout tracking system by the Election Commission of India (ECI)
- **Location:** India (Nationwide implementation)
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Election Commission of India launched a real-time voter turnout tracking system, enabling citizens to track turnout percentages live during elections.
- **Objectives:** To increase transparency, improve voter engagement, and provide instant access to official voter turnout data at various levels (constituency, assembly segment, etc.).



Important Terms Explained:

- **Election Commission of India (ECI):** A constitutional body responsible for administering elections to the Parliament, State Legislatures, and offices of the President and Vice-President of India.
- **Real-Time Tracking System:** A digital service or application that updates data in real-time, allowing users to access live statistics or information, in this case, voter turnout during polling.
- **Voter Turnout:** The percentage of eligible voters who cast their vote during an election, considered a key indicator of electoral participation and democratic health.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of real-time voter turnout tracking system
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Election Commission of India
Policy/series name	Voter Turnout Transparency Initiative
Key figures	Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar
Purpose/reason	To provide public access to live voting data and boost election transparency
Feature details	Constituency-level data, real-time digital dashboard, multi-language access
Validity or status	Officially launched and functional
Strategic/significant value	Promotes informed citizenship and increases electoral confidence



➤ How many youth have been trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) as of April 18, 2025?

- A) 73 lakh
- B) 1.1 crore
- C) 1.63 crore
- D) 2 crore
- E) 90 lakh

Answer

C) 1.63 crore



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Over 1.63 crore youth trained under PMKVY
- **Location:** India (nationwide implementation)
- **Date:** April 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) reported cumulative skilling data under various phases of PMKVY, showing significant youth empowerment through job-ready training.
- **Objectives:** To enhance employability, promote inclusive economic growth, and align India's workforce with industry-relevant skills, including both traditional and emerging sectors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PMKVY (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana):** Flagship skill development scheme launched in 2015 to offer short-term, industry-aligned training across various sectors to improve employability.
- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE):** Government body established in 2014 to oversee India's skill development initiatives, including PMKVY, apprenticeships, and entrepreneurship promotion.
- **Mechatronics:** A multidisciplinary field combining mechanical engineering, electronics, computer science, and control engineering, increasingly relevant in modern industry.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PMKVY empowers over 1.63 crore youth
Announcement date	April 18, 2025 (latest cumulative data)
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Policy/series name	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)
Key figures	Dharmendra Pradhan (Minister), MSDE
Purpose/reason	To enhance job readiness and economic inclusion through skill training
Feature details	Sector-wide training, inclusion of women, emerging tech skills like AI, Mechatronics
Validity or status	Ongoing – PMKVY 4.0 currently in implementation
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's workforce for both traditional and tech-driven sectors



➤ Which city recently became the first in Madhya Pradesh to have an operational metro rail service?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Gwalior
- C) Indore
- D) Jabalpur
- E) Rewa

Answer
C) Indore



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Indore Metro Rail and two new airports in Madhya Pradesh
- **Location:** Indore, Satna, Datia – Madhya Pradesh
- **Date:** May 31, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the first phase of Indore Metro Rail covering a 6-km stretch.
 - PM also inaugurated Datia and Satna airports to improve regional air connectivity.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance urban mobility and infrastructure in Indore and strengthen air connectivity across Madhya Pradesh.
 - To facilitate pilgrimage and tourism in Vindhya and Bundelkhand regions and promote women empowerment in public transport and aviation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indore Metro:** Madhya Pradesh's first metro rail service, with a 31-km planned stretch, inaugurated with a 6-km Super Priority Corridor. Five stations on this corridor are named after legendary Indian women.
- **Operation Sindoor:** A recent Indian armed forces operation, symbolically honored during the inaugural metro ride where women wore Sindoori sarees.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Super Priority Corridor:** The initial functional 6-km stretch with 5 stations named after women warriors and queens like Rani Laxmi Bai and Rani Durgavati.
- **Datia & Satna Airports:** Newly inaugurated regional airports aimed at improving connectivity in Bundelkhand and Vindhya, with cultural and religious tourism significance.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Indore Metro and two new MP airports
Announcement date	May 31, 2025
Location	Indore, Satna, Datia – Madhya Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of India & PM Narendra Modi
Policy/series name	Urban Transport & Regional Air Connectivity Development
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, CM Mohan Yadav, Former CM Kamal Nath
Purpose/reason	Improve public transport, connectivity, tourism, and women participation
Feature details	Metro's Super Priority Corridor with women-themed stations, 2 new airports operational
Validity or status	Metro operational (6 km), Airports opened for commercial use
Strategic/significant value	Boosts economic activity, regional development, and symbolic gender empowerment



QUICK RECALL



- India celebrated World Accreditation Day 2025 at the India Habitat Centre with a focus on empowering MSMEs.
- Aravindh Chithambaram won the 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial Chess Tournament in Armenia, finishing unbeaten with 6.5 points.
- Nicholas Pooran retired from international cricket on June 10, 2025, at the age of 29.
- SBI paid a record ₹8,076.84 crore dividend to the Government of India for FY2024–25.
- India received USD 81.04 billion in total FDI during FY 2024–25, registering a 14% increase over the previous year.
- Amul launched its fresh milk for the first time in Europe through a partnership with Spain's COVAP cooperative.
- Central Bank of India has acquired a 25.18% stake in Future Generali India Life Insurance for ₹57 crore.
- India: 5000 Years of History by Audrey Truschke offers a comprehensive journey through India's ancient to modern past.



QUICK RECALL



- **Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai was appointed Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy), one of the Army's most pivotal strategic roles.**
- **Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki became the first woman Navy officer appointed as ADC to the President of India.**
- **K. Prathapa Reddy has been appointed as the new Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB).**
- **MS Dhoni was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2025, becoming the 11th Indian cricketer to receive the honour.**
- **Shanti Ekambaram, Deputy MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank, topped the 2025 Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List.**
- **President Donald Trump announced a renewed travel ban on June 9, 2025, targeting 12 countries over national security concerns.**
- **Indian Railways and BHASHINI signed an MoU to integrate multilingual AI across digital railway services.**
- **The Ministry of Minority Affairs marked 11 years of Seva and Good Governance with a focus on digital welfare reform.**



QUICK RECALL



- India celebrated 9 years of the PMSMA program which provides free antenatal care to pregnant women on the 9th of every month.
- The Reserve Bank of India launched a scheme to promote original Hindi book writing on economics, banking, and finance.
- Delhi will host India's first e-waste recycling park in Holambi Kalan, designed to process 51,000 tonnes of electronic waste annually.
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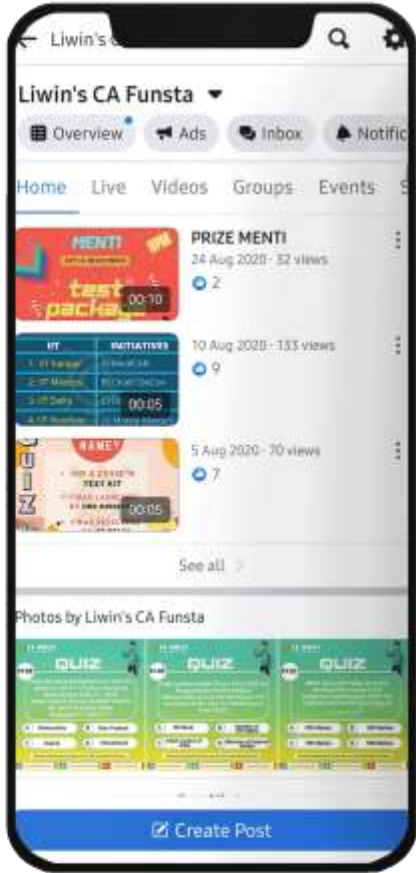
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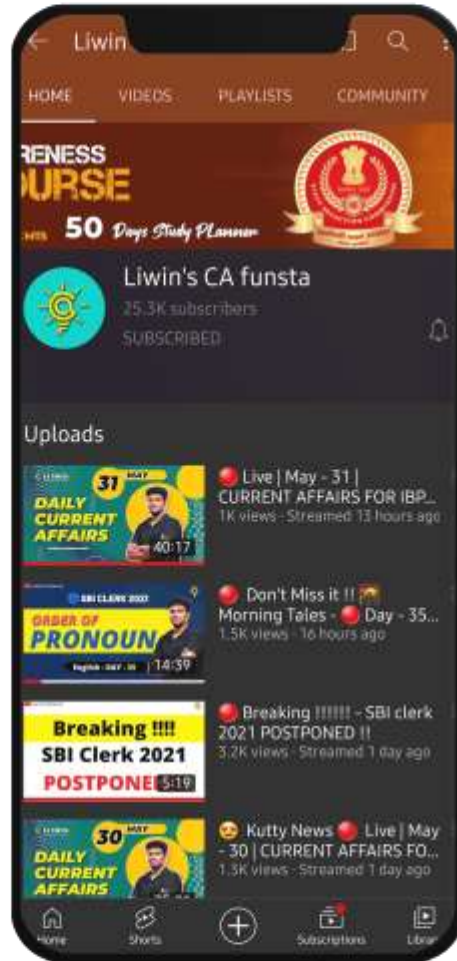


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