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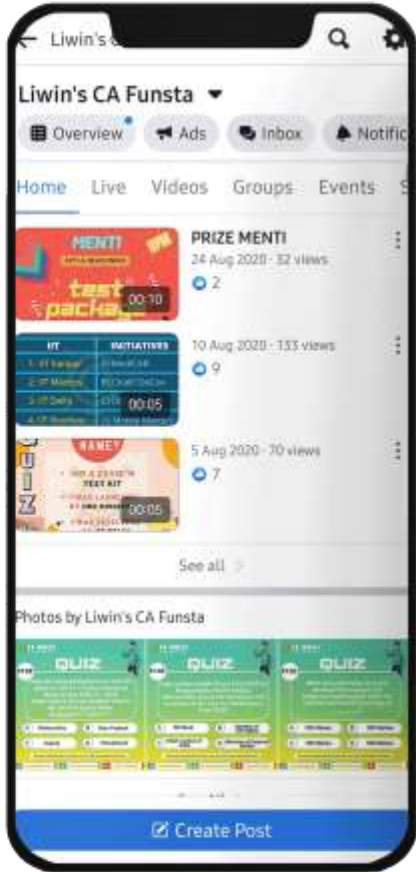


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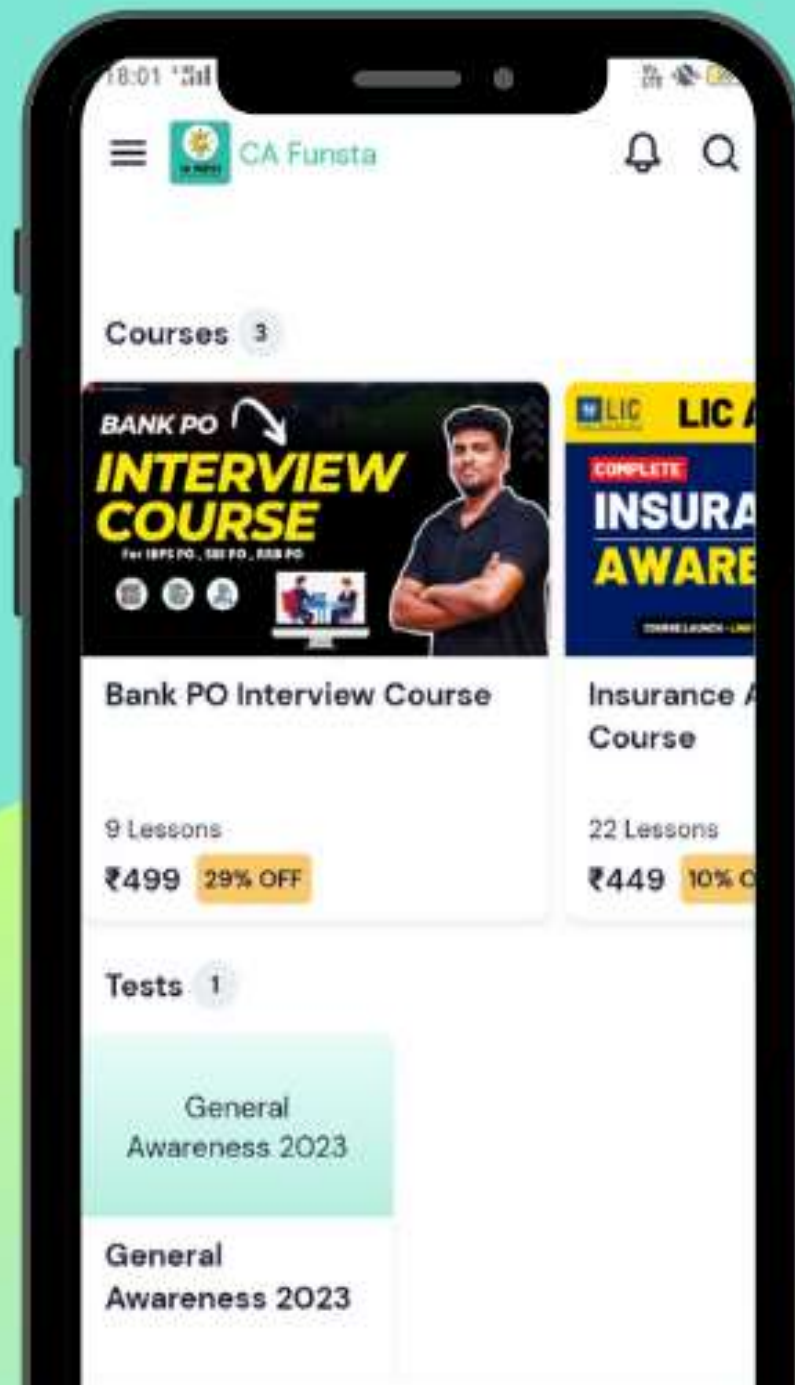
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Important Days



➤ **When is International Albinism Awareness Day observed each year?**

- A) May 10
- B) June 13
- C) July 15
- D) August 5
- E) October 12

Answer
B) June 13



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Albinism Awareness Day 2025 observed globally
- **Location:** Worldwide (UN-recognized observance)
- **Date:** June 13, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The United Nations observes International Albinism Awareness Day annually on June 13 to recognize the rights and dignity of people living with albinism, and to combat discrimination, myths, and violence associated with the condition.
- **Objectives:**
 - To raise awareness about genetic causes, human rights challenges, and healthcare needs of individuals with albinism while promoting equality, inclusion, and education globally.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Albinism:**
 - A genetic condition marked by reduced or absent melanin pigment in the skin, hair, and eyes. It leads to visual impairments and increased sensitivity to sunlight.
- **Oculocutaneous Albinism (OCA):**
 - The most common form of albinism, affecting skin, eyes, and hair. Caused by mutations in the OCA genes and inherited in an autosomal recessive pattern.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ocular Albinism (OA):**
 - A form of albinism that mainly affects the eyes, often seen with normal skin and hair pigmentation.
- **UN Resolution (2013):**
 - The UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution condemning attacks and discrimination against people with albinism, which led to the official declaration of June 13 as the global observance day in 2014.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Albinism Awareness Day 2025
Announcement date	June 13, 2025
Location	Global observance
Issuing authority	United Nations
Policy/series name	UN International Days for Awareness and Human Rights
Key figures	António Guterres (UN Secretary-General)
Purpose/reason	Promote rights, dignity, and safety of people with albinism
Feature details	Education, healthcare awareness, anti-discrimination campaigns
Validity or status	11th annual observance (since 2015)
Strategic/significant value	Supports global inclusion, human rights, and awareness on rare genetic conditions



➤ **Which Indian athlete won the women's 10km race walk at the Austrian Race Walking Championships 2025?**

- A) Bhawna Jat
- B) Priyanka Goswami
- C) Ram Baboo
- D) Sandeep Kumar
- E) Annu Rani

Answer

B) Priyanka Goswami



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Priyanka Goswami wins 10km race walk at Austrian Championships
- **Location:** Innsbruck, Austria
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Priyanka Goswami competed and won the women's 10km race walk at the Austrian Race Walking Championships, clocking 47 minutes and 54 seconds despite a one-minute penalty and a recent illness.
- **Objectives:**
 - To mark a successful season debut, highlight Goswami's readiness for upcoming global events, and demonstrate India's growing prowess in international race walking competitions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Race Walking:**
 - A long-distance athletic event where competitors must always maintain contact with the ground and keep the leading leg straightened. It includes distances like 10km, 20km, and 35km.
- **Priyanka Goswami:**
 - An Indian racewalker from Uttar Pradesh, national record holder in the 20km race walk (1:28:45), known for her performances at both national and international levels.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Austrian Race Walking Championships:**
 - An annual international racewalking event held in Austria, attracting elite athletes worldwide for different distance formats in racewalking.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Austrian Race Walking Championships
Announcement date	June 13, 2025
Location	Innsbruck, Austria
Issuing authority	Austrian Athletics Federation (organizer)
Policy/series name	Season debut and performance review
Key figures	Priyanka Goswami, Sandeep Kumar, Ram Baboo
Purpose/reason	Assess fitness and performance ahead of upcoming global events
Feature details	Goswami won 10km; Indian men claimed 2nd & 3rd in 35km
Validity or status	Completed event; part of 2025 season
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's international racewalking profile and athlete rankings



➤ Which of the following correctly describes the NCC team's achievement in May 2025?

- A) Won a national trekking contest
- B) Rescued climbers on K2
- C) Scaled Mount Everest and were felicitated by the Defence Minister
- D) Conducted a military drill at Siachen
- E) Completed India's longest desert march



Answer

C) Scaled Mount Everest and were felicitated by the Defence Minister



Event and Location:

- **Event:** NCC cadets felicitated for successfully summitting Mount Everest
- **Location:** South Block, New Delhi
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - A ten-member NCC cadet expedition team (5 boys and 5 girls) that successfully climbed Mount Everest on May 18, 2025, was felicitated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- **Objectives:**
 - To recognize and promote youth leadership, adventure sports, resilience, and national pride among cadets through the NCC Everest Expedition, reinforcing the government's support for character-building programs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NCC (National Cadet Corps):**
 - A youth development movement under the Ministry of Defence, aimed at grooming young citizens into disciplined and patriotic leaders through training in adventure, social service, and military-style activities.
- **Mount Everest:**
 - The world's highest mountain at 8,848.86 meters, located in the Himalayas on the Nepal-China border. Climbing it requires immense endurance and technical skill.



Important Terms Explained:

- **South Block:**
 - A major government building in New Delhi housing the offices of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Defence, and Ministry of External Affairs. It is a symbolic venue for high-level government functions.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NCC Cadets Felicitated for Scaling Mount Everest
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	South Block, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	NCC Mountaineering Expedition
Key figures	Rajnath Singh, Col Amit Bisht, Sub Maj Balkar Singh
Purpose/reason	Honouring cadets for their successful summit and national pride contribution
Feature details	10 cadets (5 boys, 5 girls); youngest aged 16; Rs 10 lakh reward
Validity or status	Third successful NCC Everest expedition after 2013 & 2016
Strategic/significant value	Promotes youth development, adventure leadership, and patriotism



OBITUARY



➤ **Which former Chief Minister of Gujarat lost his life in the Air India Flight 171 crash on June 12, 2025?**

- A) Anandiben Patel
- B) Vijay Rupani
- C) Bhupendra Patel
- D) Narendra Modi
- E) Shankersinh Vaghela



Answer
B) Vijay Rupani



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of former Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani in Air India Flight 171 crash
- **Location:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, aged 69, died in the Air India Flight 171 crash while en route to London, where he was travelling to meet his family.
- **Objectives:**
 - To report the loss of a senior political figure, acknowledge his contributions to Gujarat's governance and BJP's national leadership, and reflect on his political journey and legacy.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Air India Flight 171:**
 - A scheduled international passenger flight from Ahmedabad to London that tragically crashed on June 12, 2025, claiming all 242 lives onboard.
- **Vijay Rupani:**
 - A senior BJP leader and two-time Chief Minister of Gujarat, known for his leadership during the post-Patidar agitation period and his calm political style. Served as National Vice President of BJP and party in-charge for Punjab and Chandigarh.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party):**
 - One of India's major national political parties. Vijay Rupani was an early member and held key roles including CM, minister, MP, and national vice president.



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Death of Vijay Rupani in Air India Flight 171 Crash
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Issuing authority	Reported by national media and confirmed by party officials
Policy/series name	Not applicable (tragic event)
Key figures	Vijay Rupani (Former Gujarat CM), C.R. Paatil, Sunil Jakhar
Purpose/reason	Loss of a key political leader and BJP national figure
Feature details	Died in plane crash; ex-CM; BJP Vice President; handled Punjab affairs
Validity or status	Confirmed fatality in June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Major loss to Indian politics and Gujarat's political landscape



➤ Which two networks are supported by the newly launched Scapia Federal Credit Card in collaboration with Federal Bank?

- A) RuPay and Mastercard
- B) Visa and Maestro
- C) Visa and RuPay
- D) American Express and Visa
- E) UPI and NEFT

Answer
C) Visa and RuPay



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Scapia Federal RuPay Credit Card with dual-network support
- **Location:** India (launched by Bengaluru-based Scapia)
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Scapia, in partnership with Federal Bank, launched the Scapia Federal RuPay Credit Card—India's first dual-network card combining Visa and RuPay with UPI compatibility.
- **Objectives:**
 - To redefine credit usage for Indian consumers—especially frequent travelers—by enabling international Visa use and UPI-based RuPay transactions, supporting India's digital payments vision.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RuPay:**
 - An Indian domestic card payment network launched by NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India), increasingly integrated with UPI-based credit payments.
- **Visa:**
 - A global card network supporting international transactions, ATMs, and online commerce; used in over 150 countries.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI Credit Integration:**
 - Allows credit card users (especially via RuPay) to make UPI payments, enhancing digital credit accessibility under RBI's innovation push.
- **Scapia Coins:**
 - A rewards mechanism built into the Scapia ecosystem, allowing users to earn and redeem points for travel bookings, dining, and stays.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Scapia Federal RuPay Credit Card
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	India (launched by Bengaluru-based Scapia)
Issuing authority	Scapia (Fintech) and Federal Bank
Policy/series name	Scapia Summer 2025 Release
Key figures	Anil Goteti (Scapia), Shyam Srinivasan (Federal Bank)
Purpose/reason	Integrate Visa, RuPay, and UPI in a single credit product
Feature details	Dual-network, 0% forex markup, Scapia Coins, lounge access, UPI on credit
Validity or status	Card launched and active for issuance
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's digital payment ecosystem and travel-centric users



➤ Which two institutions signed an MoU in June 2025 to strengthen cyber security in India's digital payments ecosystem?



- A) RBI and IRDAI
- B) SEBI and SIDBI
- C) NPCI and IDRBT
- D) NITI Aayog and UIDAI
- E) NABARD and NHB



Answer
C) NPCI and IDRBT



Event and Location:

- **Event:** MoU signed between NPCI and IDRBT to enhance cybersecurity in digital payments
- **Location:** India (institutional collaboration)
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) signed an MoU to strengthen cyber resilience in India's financial ecosystem.
- **Objectives:**
 - To build cybersecurity capacity, roll out industry-relevant certification programmes, promote awareness on cyber risks, and integrate real-time threat intelligence using the revamped सचेत (IBCART 3.0) platform.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):**
 - An umbrella organization for digital and retail payments in India, established by RBI and IBA in 2008. It operates UPI, IMPS, RuPay, AePS, NACH, and e-RUPI.
- **IDRBT (Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology):**
 - A research and development institute founded by RBI in 1996 to develop banking technology. Known for building INFINET, SFMS, and the National Financial Switch (NFS).



Important Terms Explained:

- सचेत (IB CART 3.0):
 - An upgraded cyber threat intelligence platform developed by ID RBT, enabling real-time monitoring and response for banking cybersecurity threats.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MoU between NPCI and IDRBT
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	India (nationwide initiative)
Issuing authority	NPCI and IDRBT
Policy/series name	Cybersecurity collaboration in digital payments
Key figures	Biswamohan Mahapatra, Dr. A.S. Ramasastry
Purpose/reason	Enhance cyber resilience, skill-building, and threat mitigation
Feature details	Joint training, certification, access to सचेत (IBCART 3.0)
Validity or status	MoU signed; programs to roll out nationwide
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces secure digital public infrastructure for retail payments



➤ Which of the following is a newly introduced KYC updation method under RBI's June 2025 circular?

- A) Aadhaar eKYC only
- B) PAN card by post
- C) Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)
- D) Mobile SMS authentication
- E) ATM-based biometric update



Answer

C) Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI eases KYC norms to enhance financial inclusion
- **Location:** Nationwide (India)
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a circular allowing Business Correspondents (BCs) to conduct KYC updation and permitting video uploads (V-CIP) as a valid method for KYC. The move targets dormant accounts and hard-to-reach populations.
- **Objectives:**
 - To simplify the Know Your Customer (KYC) process, reactivate inoperative accounts, ensure smooth Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT), and promote digital banking and financial inclusion, especially under PMJDY.



Important Terms Explained:

- **KYC (Know Your Customer):**
 - A regulatory process that verifies customer identity and address. It's mandatory for account opening and periodic updation under RBI guidelines.
- **V-CIP (Video-based Customer Identification Process):**
 - A digitally secure video interaction process allowing customers to update or verify KYC remotely without visiting a branch.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Business Correspondents (BCs):**
 - Authorized agents engaged by banks to provide banking services in rural and semi-urban areas, now empowered to update KYC as per the new directive.
- **PMJDY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana):**
 - A financial inclusion mission launched in 2014, aimed at expanding banking access to underserved communities with zero-balance accounts and DBT linkage.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI Eases KYC Norms: Allows BCs and Video Uploads
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	India (nationwide implementation)
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Revised KYC Guidelines for Financial Inclusion
Key figures	Shaktikanta Das (RBI Governor)
Purpose/reason	Enable easier KYC updation, especially for rural and PMJDY account holders
Feature details	V-CIP, BC-enabled KYC, rural KYC camps, KYC deadline extension
Validity or status	Deadline for low-risk clients: June 2026 or 1 year from due date
Strategic/significant value	Enhances DBT efficiency, reactivates dormant accounts, boosts digital inclusion



➤ Which municipal corporation became the first in India to issue green municipal bonds exclusively for a sustainable mobility project?

- A) Mumbai Municipal Corporation
- B) Pune Municipal Corporation
- C) Nashik Municipal Corporation
- D) Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation
- E) Nagpur Municipal Corporation



Answer

D) Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation lists ₹200 crore green bonds on BSE
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra (BSE Listing); Pimpri Chinchwad (Project Execution)
- **Date:** June 11, 2025 (announcement based on bond listing on June 10)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) listed ₹200 crore green municipal bonds on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) to fund the Harit Setu and sustainable mobility projects.
- **Objectives:**
 - To finance eco-friendly urban development initiatives, promote non-motorised transport, and reduce congestion through enhanced public transport infrastructure, particularly in Nigdi Pradhikaran and Telco Road areas.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Municipal Bonds:**
 - Debt instruments issued by local bodies to fund environmentally sustainable projects, such as energy-efficient transport, waste management, or green buildings.
- **Harit Setu Project:**
 - A long-term urban plan to improve non-motorised and public transport in Pimpri Chinchwad, aimed at decongesting traffic and enhancing eco-friendly mobility.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange):**
 - India's oldest stock exchange where PCMC listed its bonds via private placement with a 7.85% coupon rate for 5 years.
- **Urban Challenge Fund:**
 - A central government scheme introduced in the 2025 Union Budget, providing grants for urban infrastructure projects based on sustainable development goals.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PCMC lists ₹200 crore green bonds on BSE
Announcement date	June 11, 2025
Location	Mumbai (listing); Pimpri Chinchwad (implementation)
Issuing authority	Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC)
Policy/series name	Harit Setu, Sustainable Mobility Project
Key figures	CM Eknath Shinde, DCMs Devendra Fadnavis & Ajit Pawar, Commissioner Shekhar Singh
Purpose/reason	Raise funds for non-motorised and sustainable transport infrastructure
Feature details	₹513 crore bids received (5.13x oversubscription); 7.85% coupon; 5-year tenor
Validity or status	Bonds listed and funds allocated
Strategic/significant value	First municipal body to issue green bonds for mobility; aligns with national urban goals



➤ What is the primary initiative under which NABARD's Annual Mango Festival 2025 is being organized?

- A) Rural Orchard Scheme
- B) Mango Mandi Yojana
- C) Tribal Development Fund (TDF)
- D) Farmers' Market Scheme
- E) Fruit Export Subsidy Scheme

Answer

C) Tribal Development Fund (TDF)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** NABARD's Annual Mango Festival 2025
- **Location:** NABARD Regional Office Campus, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- **Date:** June 10–12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Annual Mango Festival was organized by NABARD under the Tribal Development Fund (TDF) initiative to promote mango cultivation, support tribal livelihoods, and boost market linkages.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance rural income by creating a direct market platform for tribal mango growers, promote natural and export-quality cultivation, and celebrate the success of the Wadi model as a sustainable livelihood strategy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **TDF (Tribal Development Fund):**
 - Launched by NABARD in 2003-04, the fund supports orchard-based sustainable livelihoods—known as the Wadi model—for tribal families by transforming barren lands into productive mango orchards.
- **Wadi Model:**
 - A horticulture-based livelihood model that involves planting fruit-bearing trees, primarily mangoes, along with intercroops, helping tribal households generate stable incomes from small landholdings.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Export Pathshala:**
 - A NABARD-supported initiative to build export capabilities in FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations), recently helping mango farmers from Odisha export to European markets.
- **FPO (Farmer Producer Organization):**
 - Collective of farmers registered as legal entities to gain bargaining power, access to markets, better prices, and input linkages.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NABARD Annual Mango Festival 2025
Announcement date	June 11, 2025
Location	NABARD RO Campus, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Issuing authority	NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development)
Policy/series name	Tribal Development Fund (TDF); Wadi Initiative
Key figures	Sanjay Kumar Talukdar (CGM, NABARD)
Purpose/reason	Celebrate tribal success in mango farming and promote direct market access
Feature details	50+ participants from 20 FPOs; varieties like Amrapalli, Langda, Dussehri
Validity or status	Ongoing event (June 10–12, 2025)
Strategic/significant value	Boosts tribal incomes, supports exports, strengthens agri-value chains



➤ **What was the key reason behind India's retail inflation dropping to a 6-year low of 2.82% in May 2025?**

- A) Increase in global commodity prices
- B) Fall in housing and education costs
- C) Decline in food inflation across key items
- D) New RBI interest rate hike
- E) Rise in gold and petroleum taxes



Answer

C) Decline in food inflation across key items



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Retail inflation in India dropped to a six-year low
- **Location:** Nationwide (India)
- **Date:** June 12, 2025 (data released)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The National Statistical Office (NSO) reported that India's Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation fell to 2.82% in May 2025, with food inflation dropping to 0.99%.
- **Objectives:**
 - To highlight the cooling inflation trend, assess its impact on monetary policy, and evaluate the effectiveness of government interventions in managing food prices and economic stability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Retail Inflation (CPI):**
 - Measures the average change in prices paid by consumers for goods and services. It is calculated monthly by the NSO and used by the RBI to frame monetary policy.
- **Food Inflation:**
 - A sub-category of CPI that tracks price changes in food items. In May 2025, it was significantly low at 0.99%, contributing to overall inflation reduction.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):**
 - A committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) responsible for determining interest rates and maintaining inflation targets under the monetary policy framework.
- **Base Effect:**
 - A statistical phenomenon that can make inflation appear higher or lower depending on last year's price levels. A high base in 2024 contributed to the apparent drop in 2025 inflation.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Retail Inflation Hits 6-Year Low
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	Nationwide (India)
Issuing authority	National Statistical Office (NSO)
Policy/series name	Consumer Price Index (CPI)
Key figures	Food inflation: 0.99%, CPI: 2.82%
Purpose/reason	To assess economic stability and monetary policy alignment
Feature details	Vegetable, pulse, meat price deflation; duty cuts on edible oils
Validity or status	Data for May 2025 (75-month low)
Strategic/significant value	Helps guide monetary policy, boosts spending, eases household budgets



➤ What is the name of Rapido's new zero-commission food delivery platform launched in June 2025?

- A) Foodly
- B) EatRite
- C) Ownly
- D) RapEats
- E) JustMeal

Answer
C) Ownly



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rapido launches Ownly, a zero-commission food delivery platform
- **Location:** Nationwide (Headquartered in Bengaluru)
- **Date:** June 11, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Rapido, a ride-hailing startup, has entered the food delivery segment with Ownly, a zero-commission platform intended to challenge Swiggy and Zomato by eliminating platform and packaging fees.
- **Objectives:**
 - To offer a transparent, affordable, and fair-value alternative for restaurants and customers, enhance restaurant profitability, and disrupt the high-commission food delivery duopoly in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ownly:**
 - A zero-commission food delivery platform launched by Rapido in June 2025. It charges no platform fees to customers or restaurants, aiming to make food delivery more cost-effective and restaurant-friendly.
- **Zero-Commission Model:**
 - Unlike industry giants charging 15–25% per order, Ownly imposes no commission fees. Instead, restaurants pay a flat delivery fee (Rs 10–50), and the platform is cross-subsidised to maintain affordability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Earned Visibility:**
 - Restaurants on Ownly are promoted based on customer ratings, not paid advertising, giving smaller outlets a level playing field and encouraging quality over marketing spend.
- **Subscription Model:**
 - A fixed monthly fee system that Ownly plans to implement after scaling, replacing per-order commissions while keeping operating costs predictable for partner restaurants.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Ownly – Rapido's food delivery platform
Announcement date	June 11, 2025
Location	Bengaluru-based launch, nationwide rollout planned
Issuing authority	Rapido
Policy/series name	Ownly (zero-commission delivery platform)
Key figures	Aravind Sanka (Rapido Co-founder), Nexus Ventures (Investor)
Purpose/reason	Challenge Swiggy & Zomato; empower small restaurants
Feature details	No commission, Rs 10–50 delivery fee, earned visibility, export potential
Validity or status	Beta launch phase; expected to scale post Series E round
Strategic/significant value	Targets restaurant profitability, cost reduction, and improved delivery fairness



AWARDS



➤ **Which American filmmaker will receive the Honorary Leopard Award at the 78th Locarno Film Festival in 2025?**

- A) Martin Scorsese
- B) Alexander Payne
- C) Steven Spielberg
- D) Quentin Tarantino
- E) Christopher Nolan

Answer

B) Alexander Payne



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Alexander Payne to receive the Honorary Leopard Award at Locarno 2025
- **Location:** Locarno, Switzerland
- **Date:** Award presentation scheduled on August 15, 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Locarno Film Festival will present its Honorary Leopard (Pardo d'Onore) award to American director Alexander Payne for his lifelong contribution to international cinema.
- **Objectives:**
 - To honour Payne's distinguished filmmaking career, spotlight his storytelling legacy, and foster audience engagement through film screenings and public discussions during the festival.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Honorary Leopard Award (Pardo d'Onore):**
 - A lifetime achievement award presented annually at the Locarno Film Festival to recognize outstanding global filmmakers for their artistic excellence.
- **Locarno Film Festival:**
 - One of Europe's oldest and most respected film festivals, held annually in Locarno, Switzerland, known for celebrating auteur-driven cinema since 1946.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Alexander Payne:**
 - An American director, screenwriter, and producer born in 1961, acclaimed for blending subtle humor with emotional depth in films like Sideways, The Descendants, and Nebraska.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	78th Locarno Film Festival
Announcement date	June 13, 2025
Location	Locarno, Switzerland
Issuing authority	Locarno Film Festival Committee
Policy/series name	Honorary Leopard Award (Pardo d'Onore)
Key figures	Alexander Payne, Giona A. Nazzaro
Purpose/reason	To honour Payne's lifelong contribution to international cinema
Feature details	Screenings of The Descendants and Nebraska; public talk with audience
Validity or status	Award to be presented on August 15, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Adds to Locarno's tradition of honouring auteur filmmakers globally



- **What was the primary focus of the 137th Offshore Security Coordination Committee (OSCC) meeting held on June 12, 2025?**
- A) Reducing fossil fuel dependency
 - B) Evaluating offshore infrastructure security and agency coordination
 - C) Signing bilateral energy deals with Gulf nations
 - D) Introducing new maritime trade policies
 - E) Launching an offshore drilling exploration program

Answer

B) Evaluating offshore infrastructure security and agency coordination



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 137th OSCC Meeting chaired by Indian Coast Guard
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) chaired the 137th Offshore Security Coordination Committee (OSCC) meeting, focusing on reviewing the status of offshore energy security and improving joint operational coordination.
- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure better preparedness of India's offshore installations, improve multi-agency response mechanisms, and secure vital energy assets against emerging threats such as terrorism, cyberattacks, and natural disasters.



Important Terms Explained:

- **OSCC (Offshore Security Coordination Committee):**
 - Established in 1978, OSCC is a multi-agency body responsible for coordinating the security of offshore oil and gas installations in India. It functions as an advisory and policy-making entity.
- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG):**
 - India's maritime security agency responsible for coastal surveillance, offshore asset protection, and maritime law enforcement. It regularly leads OSCC meetings to strategize on offshore security.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Offshore Installations:**
 - These include oil rigs, gas platforms, and other energy infrastructures located in India's exclusive economic zone (EEZ), which are vital for national energy independence.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	137th Offshore Security Coordination Committee (OSCC) Meeting
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
Policy/series name	Offshore Energy Security Coordination
Key figures	DG Paramesh Sivamani, Indian Navy, ONGC, IB, State Police
Purpose/reason	Evaluate offshore security preparedness and strengthen agency coordination
Feature details	Focus on drills, intelligence sharing, surveillance enhancement
Validity or status	Ongoing coordination initiative since 1978
Strategic/significant value	Protects critical national energy infrastructure and maritime interests



DEFENCE



➤ Which DRDO laboratory recently transferred technologies of nine defence systems to ten industry partners?

- A) RCI Hyderabad
- B) CVRDE Avadi
- C) VRDE Ahilyanagar
- D) ADE Bengaluru
- E) DEAL Dehradun

Answer

C) VRDE Ahilyanagar



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** DRDO transfers 9 indigenous defence technologies to 10 private and public partners
- **Location:** VRDE, Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra
- **Date:** June 7, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), a premier lab under DRDO, handed over the technologies of nine advanced defence systems to 10 industry partners during a formal ceremony.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote self-reliance in defence manufacturing, accelerate technology commercialization, and enable industry-led scalable production of critical indigenous systems in alignment with the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' vision.



Important Terms Explained:

- **VRDE (Vehicles Research & Development Establishment):**
 - A DRDO laboratory based in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra, specializing in land systems and combat engineering. It plays a key role in developing indigenous military vehicles and platforms.
- **Technology Transfer (ToT):**
 - The formal process of sharing DRDO-developed defence technologies with eligible Indian industries for production, integration, and deployment, under licensing agreements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Sindoor:**
 - An operational military exercise where indigenous DRDO systems reportedly demonstrated exceptional performance, referenced during the event by DRDO chief.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	DRDO Technology Transfer Ceremony
Announcement date	June 7, 2025
Location	VRDE, Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	DRDO (Vehicles Research & Development Establishment)
Policy/series name	Defence Technology Transfer for Aatmanirbhar Bharat
Key figures	Dr Samir V. Kamat, Prof Prateek Kishore, G Ramamohana Rao
Purpose/reason	Scale up indigenous defence systems via public-private partnerships
Feature details	9 systems transferred to 10 partners; MoU with COEP Technological University
Validity or status	Technologies officially transferred
Strategic/significant value	Boosts Indian defence manufacturing, supports indigenization, enhances export potential



➤ **What is the name of the Israeli military operation targeting Iran's nuclear infrastructure in June 2025?**

- A) Operation Desert Thunder
- B) Operation Rising Lion
- C) Operation Iron Shield
- D) Operation Persian Dagger
- E) Operation Nuclear Watch

Answer

B) Operation Rising Lion



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of second wave of Operation Rising Lion by Israel against Iran
- **Location:** Iran (notably Natanz nuclear facility, Isfahan Province)
- **Date:** June 13, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) launched the second phase of Operation Rising Lion, targeting Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure, including a confirmed strike on the Natanz uranium enrichment facility.
- **Objectives:**
 - To neutralize perceived existential threats from Iran's nuclear weapons capabilities and degrade Iran's ballistic missile and military infrastructure through precision strikes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Rising Lion:**
 - A military campaign initiated by Israel to dismantle Iran's nuclear and strategic military assets, particularly targeting uranium enrichment facilities like Natanz.
- **Natanz Nuclear Facility:**
 - A key uranium enrichment site in Isfahan Province, Iran, and one of Iran's most heavily fortified nuclear sites. Previously the target of cyberattacks and sabotage, it is now physically struck.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IDF (Israel Defense Forces):**
 - The military forces of Israel, responsible for land, air, and naval operations. The IDF has conducted several preemptive strikes to counter regional threats.
- **Ballistic Missile Factories:**
 - Facilities where missiles capable of delivering conventional or nuclear warheads are developed. Israel claims Iran's production of these poses a direct security threat.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Operation Rising Lion (Second Phase)
Announcement date	June 13, 2025
Location	Iran (Natanz, Isfahan Province, Tehran)
Issuing authority	Israel Defense Forces (IDF)
Policy/series name	Military offensive against Iranian nuclear assets
Key figures	PM Benjamin Netanyahu, Ebrahim Raisi, Marco Rubio
Purpose/reason	Dismantle Iran's nuclear threat and missile production capabilities
Feature details	Precision strikes on Natanz and key missile facilities
Validity or status	Ongoing operation with global geopolitical ramifications
Strategic/significant value	Heightens Middle East tensions, impacts global diplomacy and nuclear negotiations



➤ **What is the name of the first joint special forces exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force and US Air Force in 2025?**

- A) Vajra Strike
- B) Desert Eagle
- C) Garud Shield
- D) Tiger Claw
- E) Sky Warrior

Answer
D) Tiger Claw



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India–US Air Force Special Forces conclude Exercise Tiger Claw
- **Location:** Garud Regimental Training Centre, Chandinagar, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh
- **Date:** Concluded on June 10, 2025 (held from May 26 to June 10)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF) conducted their first-ever joint Air Force Special Forces exercise, named Tiger Claw, focused on enhancing operational cooperation and joint combat preparedness.
- **Objectives:**
 - To strengthen interoperability, exchange best practices in air-based special operations, and build advanced combat readiness across diverse operational environments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tiger Claw (2025):**
 - A bilateral Air Force special operations exercise held between the Garud Commandos of India and the USAF Special Forces, emphasizing joint training in combat, counterterrorism, and airfield seizure operations.
- **Garud Special Forces (IAF):**
 - Elite commando unit of the Indian Air Force, raised in February 2004, tasked with securing air bases, conducting special reconnaissance, sabotage, and hostage rescue operations in high-risk zones.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Interoperability:**
 - A defence term referring to the ability of armed forces from different countries to operate effectively together, particularly in joint missions, drills, and combat environments.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India–US Air Force Special Forces Exercise "Tiger Claw"
Announcement date	June 10, 2025 (exercise concluded)
Location	Garud Regimental Training Centre, Chandinagar, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh
Issuing authority	Indian Air Force (IAF) & United States Air Force (USAF)
Policy/series name	India–US Bilateral Defence Exercises
Key figures	Garud Commandos, USAF Special Forces
Purpose/reason	Enhance operational synergy, special ops capability, and joint readiness
Feature details	Hostage rescue drills, airfield seizure, behind-enemy-lines simulations
Validity or status	First-ever exclusive joint exercise completed successfully
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces Indo-US strategic partnership and Indo-Pacific defence cooperation



➤ **What is the primary aim of the recently inaugurated Lok Samvardhan Parv held in New Delhi?**

- A) Promote scientific inventions of minority groups
- B) Boost religious tourism across India
- C) Celebrate and economically empower minority communities
- D) Launch nationwide health schemes
- E) Showcase agricultural innovations

Answer

C) Celebrate and economically empower minority communities



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Lok Samvardhan Parv focusing on minority communities
- **Location:** Raj Ghat, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 13, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Showcase the cultural, artistic, and economic contributions of India's minority communities through a multi-day festival including crafts exhibitions, cultural performances, and information stalls.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote handmade crafts, enhance market access for traditional artisans, empower minority groups economically, and raise awareness of government schemes under the Ministry of Minority Affairs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Lok Samvardhan Parv:**
 - A government-led cultural and economic festival designed to empower India's minority communities by promoting their arts, crafts, and entrepreneurial activities.
- **Ministry of Minority Affairs:**
 - A central government body responsible for the socio-economic development of religious and linguistic minorities in India through schemes related to education, skill development, and financial inclusion.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas:**
 - A governance motto adopted by the Government of India to promote inclusive growth and participatory governance across all sections of society.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Lok Samvardhan Parv
Announcement date	June 13, 2025
Location	Raj Ghat, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Minority Affairs
Policy/series name	Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas
Key figures	Kiren Rijiju (Union Minister of Minority Affairs)
Purpose/reason	Celebrate cultural richness and empower minority communities economically
Feature details	Crafts exhibitions, folk performances, regional cuisines, scheme awareness
Validity or status	Ongoing (multi-day event)
Strategic/significant value	Enhances cultural identity, promotes traditional industries and inclusivity



- What is the maximum number of projects a designated engineer can now oversee under NHAI's new quality control guideline?

- A) 5
- B) 8
- C) 10
- D) 12
- E) 15

Answer
C) 10



Event and Location:

- **Event:** NHAI caps projects per designated engineer to enhance quality control
- **Location:** Nationwide (India)
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has issued new guidelines limiting each designated engineer to a maximum of 10 national highway projects, to improve quality assurance in construction.
- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure that engineers are not overburdened, enabling better supervision, contract compliance, and higher standards of safety and durability in HAM and EPC mode projects.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NHAI (National Highways Authority of India):**
 - An autonomous body under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, responsible for the development, maintenance, and management of national highways.
- **Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM):**
 - A public-private partnership model where the government and private firm share project cost and risk—40% is paid by the government during construction, and the rest is annuitized over time.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC):**
 - In this model, the contractor is responsible for all project phases—from design and procurement to execution—under a fixed-price, fixed-time contract funded entirely by the government.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NHAI Caps Projects per Engineer
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	India (national implementation)
Issuing authority	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Policy/series name	New supervision guidelines under MoRTH
Key figures	Santosh Kumar Yadav, Nitin Gadkari
Purpose/reason	Improve monitoring, safety, and construction quality of highways
Feature details	Max 10 projects per engineer; monthly site visits required
Validity or status	Effective post 60-day transition period
Strategic/significant value	Enhances real-time supervision, accountability, and infrastructure quality



➤ Which ESIC medical institution has recently been recognized as a national model for public healthcare in India?

- A) ESIC Faridabad
- B) ESIC Chennai
- C) ESIC Sanath Nagar
- D) ESIC Kolkata
- E) ESIC Bhopal

Answer

C) ESIC Sanath Nagar



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ESIC Sanath Nagar recognized as a national model for public healthcare and medical training
- **Location:** Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana, India
- **Date:** June 13, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Ministry of Labour and Employment designated ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Sanath Nagar as a model institution for delivering high-quality, affordable healthcare and advanced medical training.
- **Objectives:**
 - To set a benchmark in public healthcare infrastructure, deliver super-specialty services to insured persons under ESIC, and promote innovation and quality in medical education and diagnostics.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ESIC (Employees' State Insurance Corporation):**
 - A statutory body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment providing social security and healthcare to insured workers and their families through a network of hospitals and dispensaries.
- **NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers):**
 - A quality council that certifies hospitals based on adherence to standards in patient safety and care.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PACS & LIS:**
 - Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) and Laboratory Information System (LIS) are digital tools for managing medical images and lab data, respectively, to streamline diagnostics.
- **Dhanwantri HER:**
 - An integrated Electronic Health Record (EHR) platform developed for ESIC institutions to enhance digital health record management.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ESIC Sanath Nagar declared model healthcare institution
Announcement date	June 13, 2025
Location	Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana
Issuing authority	Ministry of Labour and Employment
Policy/series name	ESIC Centre of Excellence Initiative
Key figures	Bhupender Yadav (Labour Minister)
Purpose/reason	Benchmarking public healthcare infrastructure and services
Feature details	1,044 beds, super-specialty care, 24×7 emergency, paperless diagnostics
Validity or status	Fully operational and nationally recognized
Strategic/significant value	Advances India's healthcare model for insured workers; promotes tech-driven care



➤ **What is the name of India's first cable-stayed rail bridge inaugurated by PM Modi in June 2025?**

- A) Chenab Rail Bridge
- B) Pamban Bridge
- C) Anji Khad Bridge
- D) Brahmaputra Cable Bridge
- E) Baramulla Arch Bridge

Answer
C) Anji Khad Bridge



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Anji Khad Bridge, India's first cable-stayed rail bridge
- **Location:** Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Anji Khad Bridge, a key milestone under the Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, designed to strengthen India's railway presence in the Himalayan region.
- **Objectives:**
 - To establish seamless rail connectivity between Jammu and the Kashmir Valley, promote socio-economic integration, and facilitate all-weather rail transport through challenging terrain.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Anji Khad Bridge:**
 - India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, constructed in Reasi, Jammu & Kashmir, as part of the USBRL project. It spans deep gorges and is engineered to withstand harsh Himalayan conditions.
- **Cable-Stayed Bridge:**
 - A type of bridge in which the deck is supported by cables directly connected to towers or pylons. It allows for longer spans and is ideal for rugged terrain.



Important Terms Explained:

- **USBRL (Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link):**
 - A strategic railway project aiming to connect Kashmir with the rest of India via rail. It includes 36 tunnels and 943 bridges, with a projected cost of ₹43,780 crore.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Anji Khad Bridge
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	Reasi, Jammu & Kashmir
Issuing authority	Government of India, Ministry of Railways
Policy/series name	USBRL (Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link)
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, engineers, railway officials
Purpose/reason	To enhance rail connectivity to Kashmir Valley
Feature details	Cable-stayed design; part of a network with 36 tunnels and 943 bridges
Validity or status	Bridge inaugurated and operational
Strategic/significant value	Improves regional mobility, security, and economic development in J&K



➤ Which institution led the research revealing human habitation in the Great Rann of Kutch predating the Harappan civilisation?

- A) Archaeological Survey of India
- B) Indian Institute of Science
- C) IIT Gandhinagar
- D) National Institute of Oceanography
- E) Banaras Hindu University



Answer

C) Celebrate and economically empower minority communities



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Discovery of prehistoric human habitation in the Great Rann of Kutch
- **Location:** Near Dholavira, Great Rann of Kutch, Gujarat
- **Date:** June 9, 2025 (as per news release)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Research conducted by IIT Gandhinagar and partner institutions unearthed shell remains, tools, pottery, and dwelling remains indicating early human habitation.
- **Objectives:**
 - To establish the presence of prehistoric human activity predating the Harappan civilisation, understand coastal adaptation strategies, and analyze the diet, tools, and settlement patterns of early hunter-gatherers in the region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Dholavira:**
 - One of the five largest Harappan sites in the Indian subcontinent, located in the Kutch district of Gujarat. This new site near Dholavira provides pre-Harappan evidence of human settlement.
- **Terebralia palustris:**
 - A species of mangrove-associated shellfish, indicating the ancient community's reliance on coastal ecosystems and foraging practices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Radiocarbon Dating:**
 - A scientific method used to determine the age of archaeological artifacts by measuring the decay of carbon isotopes. It revealed a timeline from 3,300 BC to 1,400 BCE, placing it millennia before the Harappan era.



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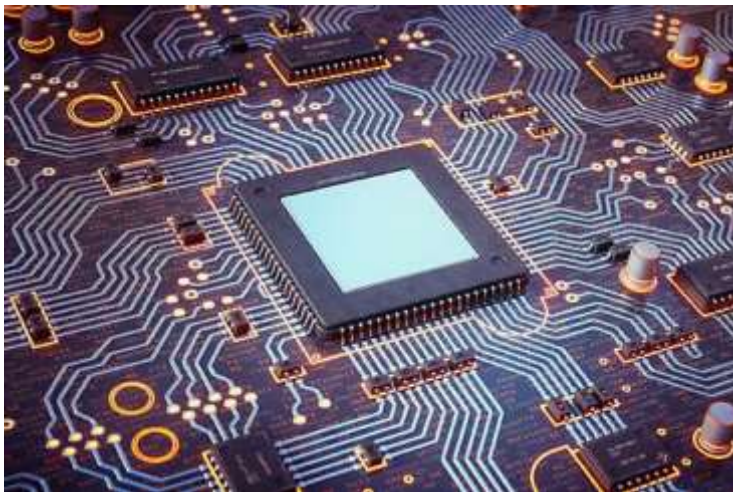
Parameter	Details
Event name	Discovery of prehistoric human habitation in Great Rann of Kutch
Announcement date	June 9, 2025
Location	Near Dholavira, Great Rann of Kutch, Gujarat
Issuing authority	Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN)
Nature of discovery	Shell remains, tools, pottery, and dwelling complexes
Key findings	Marine shellfish usage, seasonal settlements, pre-Harappan habitation
Dating results	Radiocarbon dating suggests timeline from 3,300 BC to 1,400 BCE
Historical significance	Pushes back known human activity timeline in the region by 5,000+ years
Environmental insights	Evidence of coastal habitat, changing sea levels, and mangrove reliance
Collaborating experts	Multi-institutional team including archaeologists and environmental experts



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- What is the new minimum land requirement for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) dedicated to semiconductor or electronics component manufacturing?



- A) 25 hectares
- B) 15 hectares
- C) 10 hectares
- D) 50 hectares
- E) 5 hectares

Answer
C) 10 hectares



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Centre notifies amendments to SEZ Rules to boost semiconductor and electronics manufacturing
- **Location:** Pan-India (with SEZs planned in Gujarat and Karnataka)
- **Date:** June 3, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The government notified amendments to SEZ Rules, 2006, reducing the minimum land requirement for SEZs for semiconductor/electronics units and easing compliance and sales norms.
- **Objectives:** To attract investments in semiconductor manufacturing, reduce import dependency, support domestic value addition, and improve commercial viability of SEZ operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Economic Zones (SEZs):** Notified zones with tax, regulatory, and infrastructural benefits aimed at promoting exports and manufacturing.
- **Domestic Tariff Area (DTA):** The part of India outside SEZs where SEZ units can now sell products after paying applicable duties.
- **Net Foreign Exchange (NFE):** A measure of the net forex earned by SEZ units, now including free-of-cost supplies under amended Rule 53.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	SEZ reforms to support semiconductor and electronics component manufacturing
Announcement date	June 3, 2025
Location	Pan-India, with projects in Gujarat and Karnataka
Issuing authority	Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Policy/series name	SEZ Rules, 2006 (amended)
Key figures	Micron Technology India, Aequs Group (Hubballi Durable Goods Cluster Pvt. Ltd.)
Purpose/reason	To reduce capital barriers, encourage FDI, and enhance domestic capabilities
Feature details	Reduced land norms, relaxed DTA sales, NFE rule update, goods on free basis included
Validity or status	Rules notified and implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Will boost India's position in global semiconductor value chain



➤ Which platform in Andhra Pradesh will be enhanced with ISRO's satellite inputs to provide real-time alerts and governance?

- A) SWAGAT
- B) AWARE
- C) PARAKH
- D) SURAKSHA
- E) SANDESH

Answer
C) ESIC Sanath Nagar



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh signs MoU with ISRO to enhance real-time governance using space tech
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh, India (MoU signed at SHAR, Sriharikota)
- **Date:** June 3, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Andhra Pradesh government signed a 5-year MoU with ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR) to integrate satellite and scientific data into its Real Time Governance System (RTGS).
- **Objectives:** To improve citizen services through timely weather alerts, disaster warnings, and agriculture insights via the AWARE platform by using space-based inputs and digital tools.



Important Terms Explained:

- **AWARE (Andhra Pradesh Weather Forecasting and Early Warning Research Centre):** A tech-enabled forecasting system that integrates data from satellites, drones, IoT, and sensors to deliver real-time alerts across government services.
- **Real Time Governance System (RTGS):** Andhra Pradesh's integrated digital infrastructure for monitoring governance, ensuring service delivery, and issuing alerts to officials and citizens.
- **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR):** ISRO's primary satellite launch site located in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, instrumental in launching missions and offering scientific inputs.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Andhra Pradesh–ISRO MoU for Space-Based Real-Time Governance
Announcement date	June 3, 2025
Location	Andhra Pradesh, MoU signed at SHAR, Sriharikota
Issuing authority	Andhra Pradesh Government and ISRO (SHAR)
Policy/series name	AWARE Platform under Real Time Governance System (RTGS)
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, SHAR Director A. Rajarajan
Purpose/reason	Use satellite data to strengthen alert systems and improve service delivery
Feature details	Satellite + drone + IoT + sensor inputs; 42 service areas including agriculture, disaster, safety
Validity or status	MoU signed for 5 years; implementation ongoing
Strategic/significant value	Enhances citizen outreach, improves forecasting, and modernizes governance



QUICK RECALL



- **International Albinism Awareness Day is observed every year on June 13 to advocate for the rights and dignity of people with albinism.**
- **Priyanka Goswami won the women's 10km race walk at the Austrian Race Walking Championships with a time of 47:54.**
- **Ten NCC cadets, including five girls and five boys, successfully scaled Mount Everest on May 18, 2025.**
- **Former Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani died in the Air India Flight 171 crash on June 12, 2025, at the age of 69.**
- **Scapia and Federal Bank have launched India's first dual-network credit card combining Visa and RuPay.**
- **NPCI and IDRBT signed an MoU on June 12, 2025, to boost cyber resilience in India's digital payments sector.**
- **The RBI issued a circular on June 12, 2025, simplifying KYC updation by allowing video uploads and Business Correspondents to perform updates.**
- **Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation listed ₹200 crore green bonds on BSE for a sustainable mobility project.**
- **NABARD's Annual Mango Festival 2025 is being held from June 10–12 at its Bhubaneswar Regional Office under the Tribal Development Fund initiative.**



QUICK RECALL



- India's retail inflation fell to 2.82% in May 2025, its lowest level in 75 months.
- Rapido launched Ownly, a zero-commission food delivery platform to compete with Swiggy and Zomato.
- Alexander Payne will receive the prestigious Honorary Leopard Award at the 78th Locarno Film Festival in August 2025.
- The 137th OSCC meeting was held in New Delhi on June 12, 2025, under the chairmanship of ICG DG Paramesh Sivamani.
- DRDO's VRDE lab in Ahilyanagar transferred nine advanced defence technologies to ten Indian industry partners on June 7, 2025.
- Israel launched the second phase of Operation Rising Lion on June 13, 2025, targeting Iran's key nuclear sites.
- The Indian Air Force and US Air Force conducted their first joint special forces exercise named Tiger Claw from May 26 to June 10, 2025.
- Union Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Lok Samvardhan Parv at Raj Ghat in New Delhi on June 13, 2025.



QUICK RECALL



- **NHAI has limited the number of national highway projects per designated engineer to 10 to enhance quality control.**
- **The ESIC Medical College and Hospital in Sanath Nagar has been recognized as a model institution for public healthcare.**
- **PM Modi inaugurated the Anji Khad Bridge in Jammu & Kashmir on June 6, 2025, marking it as India's first cable-stayed rail bridge.**
- **Researchers from IIT Gandhinagar have discovered signs of human habitation in the Great Rann of Kutch dating back more than 5,000 years before the Harappan civilisation.**
- **The central government has amended the SEZ Rules, 2006, to reduce the minimum land requirement for semiconductor and electronics SEZs from 50 hectares to 10 hectares.**
- **Andhra Pradesh signed a five-year MoU with ISRO's SHAR to enhance its Real Time Governance System with satellite inputs.**



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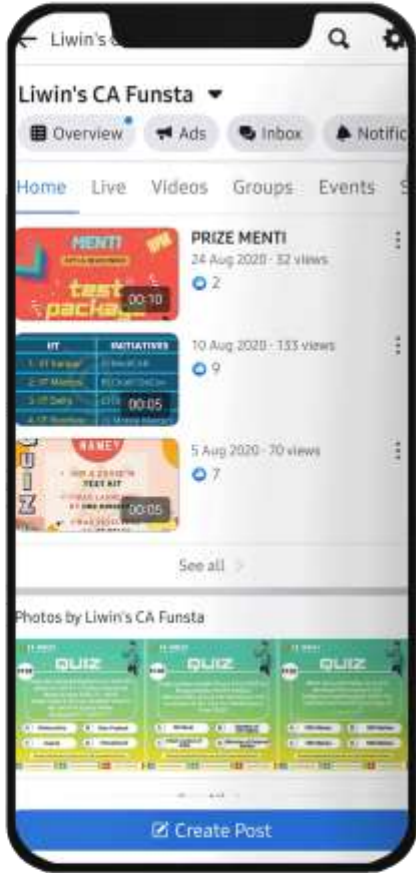
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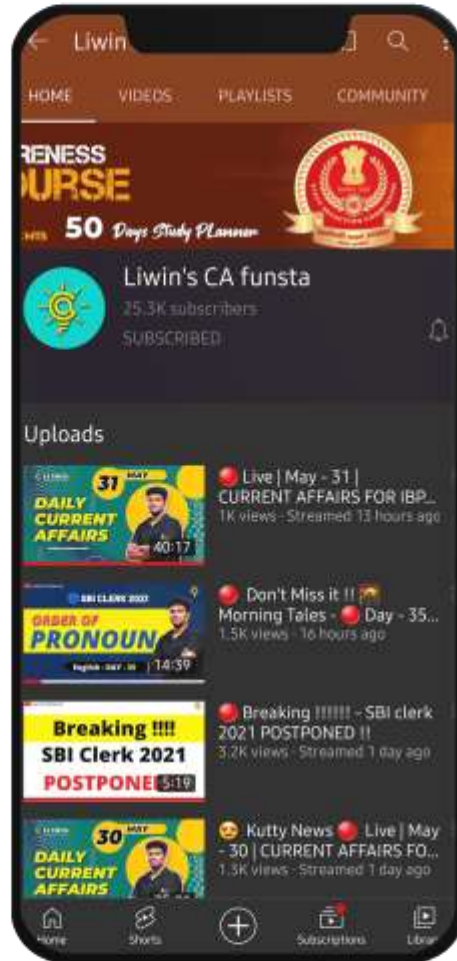


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