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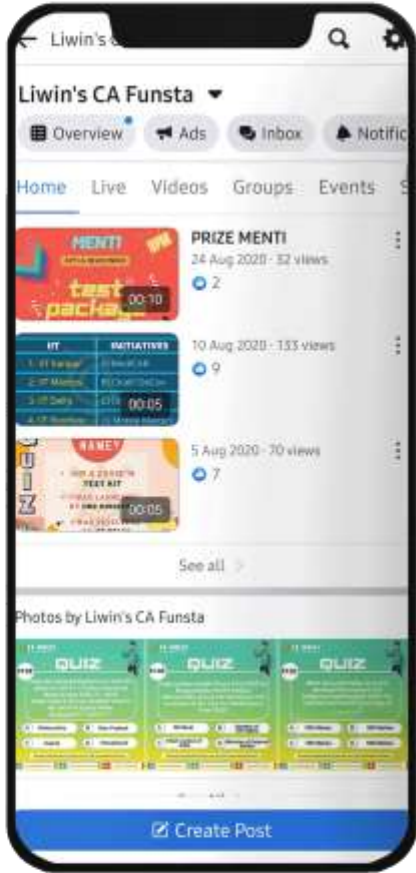


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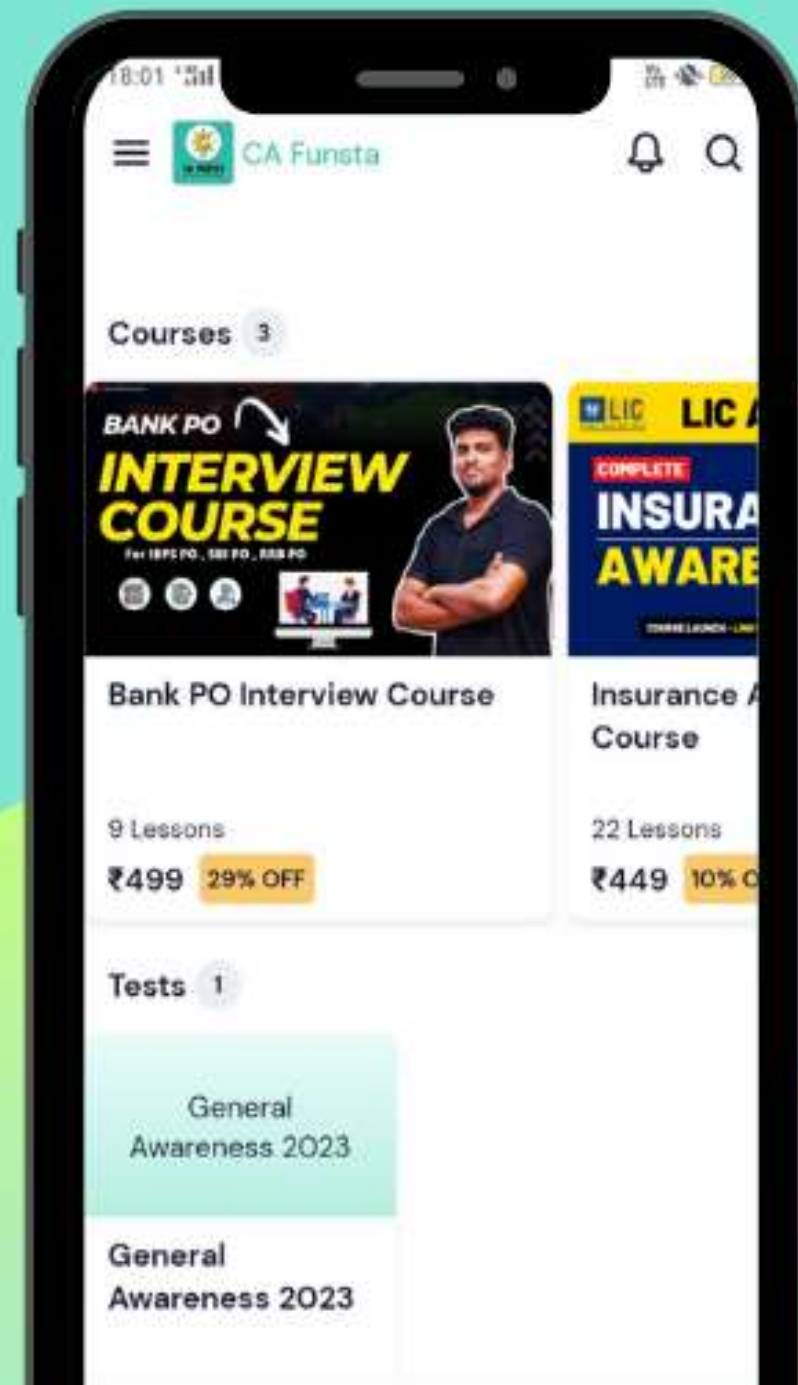
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➤ **Who did Taylor Fritz defeat to win the 2025 Stuttgart Open title?**

- A) Daniil Medvedev
- B) Carlos Alcaraz
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Alexander Zverev
- E) Casper Ruud

Answer

D) Alexander Zverev



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Taylor Fritz wins Stuttgart Open 2025
- **Location:** Stuttgart, Germany
- **Date:** June 15, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Taylor Fritz clinched the Stuttgart Open 2025 ATP title by defeating Alexander Zverev in straight sets in the final.
- **Objectives:** To secure his ninth ATP title, continue his winning momentum on grass courts, and gain confidence ahead of Wimbledon 2025.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Stuttgart Open (ATP 250):** An annual ATP 250-level tennis tournament played on grass courts in Stuttgart, Germany, serving as a key warm-up for Wimbledon.
- **ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals):** The global governing body of men's professional tennis circuits, which organizes tournaments and maintains player rankings.
- **Tiebreak:** A game-deciding format used to settle sets at 6-6; Fritz won the second-set tiebreak 7-0 in the final.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Stuttgart Open 2025 Final
Announcement date	June 15, 2025
Location	Stuttgart, Germany
Issuing authority	ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals)
Policy/series name	ATP 250 Grass Court Series
Key figures	Taylor Fritz, Alexander Zverev
Purpose/reason	Seasonal title lead-up to Wimbledon
Feature details	Fritz won 6-3, 7-6(0); didn't drop serve all tournament
Validity or status	First ATP title of 2025 for Fritz
Strategic/significant value	Boosts Fritz's confidence for Wimbledon and marks his 9th career title



➤ **Which organization unveiled the logo of the Shooting League of India (SLI) in New Delhi in June 2025?**

- A) Sports Authority of India
- B) Indian Olympic Association
- C) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- D) National Rifle Association of India
- E) International Shooting Sport Federation

Answer

D) National Rifle Association of India



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Logo unveiling of the Shooting League of India (SLI)
- **Location:** Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi
- **Date:** June 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) unveiled the official logo of the Shooting League of India (SLI) to mark the beginning of the country's first professional shooting league.
- **Objectives:** To promote shooting sports in India, inspire young athletes, increase national and global interest, and celebrate India's success in international events like the Olympics and Asian Games.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Shooting League of India (SLI):** India's premier domestic league for shooting, featuring mixed team events in pistol, rifle, and shotgun categories with a league-stage and playoff format.
- **NRAI (National Rifle Association of India):** The governing body for shooting sports in India, responsible for selection, training, and promotion of shooters.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mixed Team Events:** Competitive format where male and female athletes team up across disciplines like 10m pistol, 50m rifle 3P, and trap/skeet.
- **Sportwalk:** A leading sports media and branding agency that designed the logo, emphasizing India's sporting spirit through bold and vibrant colours.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Logo Launch of Shooting League of India
Announcement date	June 5, 2025
Location	Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi
Issuing authority	National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)
Policy/series name	Shooting League of India (SLI)
Key figures	Swapnil Kusale, Sarabjot Singh, Sift Kaur Samra, Ashi Chouksey, Shriyanka Sadangi
Purpose/reason	Promotion of shooting sports; morale boost ahead of ISSF World Cup
Feature details	6–8 teams, multi-discipline events, 4-tier player system
Validity or status	Logo unveiled; league to begin November 20, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports Indian shooters, inspires youth, enhances India's global shooting profile



➤ **What does STRIPS stand for in the context of RBI's recent move on State Government Securities?**

- A) Standard Trading Rules and Institutional Pricing System
- B) Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities
- C) State Treasury Reporting and Investment Protection System
- D) Securities Trading Regulation and Integrated Policy Scheme
- E) Special Trade Route for Institutional Portfolio Securitization

Answer

B) Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Introduction of STRIPS in State Government Securities (SGS)
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** Officially notified on May 29, 2025; announced on June 14, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed the Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities (STRIPS) for State Government Securities, previously applicable only to Central Government securities.
- **Objectives:** To deepen the G-Sec market, offer more risk-free instruments, promote liquidity, and provide duration-specific investment options for various investor classes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities):** A process where a coupon-bearing bond is split into multiple zero-coupon instruments—each representing an interest or principal payment. Each component is independently tradable.
- **SLR-eligible securities:** Bonds that qualify for inclusion under the Statutory Liquidity Ratio mandate for banks, enhancing their demand and tradability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SGL Account (Subsidiary General Ledger):** RBI's system through which institutional participants (like banks) directly hold government securities.
- **e-Kuber:** RBI's core banking platform used for government bond trading and settlement.
- **CSGL (Constituent SGL):** Accounts maintained by custodians on behalf of clients like mutual funds, insurance companies, etc., to trade in G-Secs.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Introduction of STRIPS in State Government Securities
Announcement date	June 14, 2025 (Notified on May 29, 2025)
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	STRIPS Framework Extension to SGS
Key figures	RBI, State Governments, Union Territories
Purpose/reason	Enhance liquidity, deepen G-Sec market, offer flexible investment tools
Feature details	Zero-coupon tradable instruments split from principal and interest flows
Validity or status	Active and available for eligible SGS via e-Kuber
Strategic/significant value	Broadens investor base, improves price discovery, enhances state-level fiscal transparency



➤ What is the new qualifying asset threshold set by RBI for NBFC-MFIs, as of June 2025?

- A) 40%
- B) 50%
- C) 60%
- D) 65%
- E) 75%

Answer
C) 60%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI reduces qualifying asset threshold for NBFC-MFIs
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the minimum qualifying asset threshold for NBFC-MFIs from 75% to 60% of total assets (excluding intangible assets), effective on an ongoing basis.
- **Objectives:** To enhance operational flexibility for NBFC-MFIs, enable portfolio diversification, and support financial inclusion by allowing broader loan structuring and access to a wider borrower base.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NBFC-MFI (Non-Banking Financial Company – Microfinance Institution):** A category of NBFCs primarily engaged in providing microloans to low-income households and small entrepreneurs, typically in rural and semi-urban areas.
- **Qualifying Assets:** Loans that meet specific regulatory criteria (e.g., size, borrower income cap, purpose) and count toward the asset percentage required for classification as an NBFC-MFI.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Repo Rate:** The rate at which RBI lends to commercial banks; changes in repo rate influence liquidity and borrowing costs across the financial sector.
- **CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio):** The percentage of a bank's total deposits that must be maintained with the RBI as liquid cash—used as a monetary policy tool to regulate liquidity.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI Lowers Qualifying Asset Threshold for NBFC-MFIs
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	Revised Guidelines for NBFC-MFIs
Key figures	JiJi Mammen (Sa-Dhan), Ganesh Narayanan (CreditAccess Grameen), Jugal Kataria (Satin Creditcare)
Purpose/reason	Provide operational flexibility and promote asset diversification in NBFC-MFIs
Feature details	Threshold now 60% (down from 75%); failure for 4 quarters requires RBI remediation plan
Validity or status	Effective immediately
Strategic/significant value	Boosts liquidity, enables adaptive lending, supports inclusive financial expansion



➤ **According to RBI's revised guidelines (June 2025), what is the extended KYC update deadline for low-risk customers?**

- A) December 31, 2025
- B) March 31, 2026
- C) June 30, 2026
- D) January 1, 2026
- E) July 1, 2025

Answer
C) June 30, 2026



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI issues revised KYC rules for regulated entities and low-risk customers
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended KYC norms for low-risk individual customers, extending the deadline for updates and introducing flexibility through Business Correspondents (BCs) and mandatory reminder systems.
- **Objectives:** To reduce the backlog of KYC updates, especially in DBT/PMJDY-linked accounts, simplify the update process, ensure financial inclusion, and strengthen fraud prevention and customer outreach.



Important Terms Explained:

- **KYC (Know Your Customer):** A regulatory process requiring banks and financial institutions to verify a customer's identity and address using approved documents.
- **Low-risk customer:** Individuals with stable income and low account activity, such as salaried persons or Jan Dhan account holders, who pose minimal threat for fraud or laundering.
- **Business Correspondents (BCs):** Agents authorized by banks to provide banking services, including KYC updates, especially in underserved rural/semi-urban areas.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT):** Government payments made directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts for subsidies or welfare schemes.
- **e-KYC:** Paperless and secure electronic KYC method using Aadhaar authentication, enabling real-time verification.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI KYC Norms Revised – June 2025
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	KYC (Amendment) Directions, 2025
Key figures	Anand Kumar Bajaj (PayNearby), JiJi Mammen (Sa-Dhan), RBI
Purpose/reason	Ease compliance, reduce KYC backlog, boost inclusion, fight fraud
Feature details	Extended KYC deadline, use of BCs, 3 mandatory reminders, physical/e-KYC allowed
Validity or status	Effective immediately; reminder system mandatory from Jan 1, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Protects financial access, ensures compliance, helps rural outreach



➤ What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rate in May 2025, as per government data?

- A) 2.74%
- B) 0.85%
- C) 0.39%
- D) -0.12%
- E) 1.26%

Answer
C) 0.39%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Decline in Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation to 0.39% in May 2025
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** Data released on June 16, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported a significant fall in WPI inflation to 0.39% in May 2025, primarily due to deflation in food, fuel, and manufactured items.
- **Objectives:** To provide macroeconomic price data at the wholesale level, which helps shape policy decisions and monitor inflationary trends, especially amid global uncertainties and domestic food supply fluctuations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Wholesale Price Index (WPI):** A measure of the average change in prices of goods at the wholesale level, capturing inflation trends across primary articles, fuel, and manufactured products.
- **Deflation:** A negative rate of inflation, indicating a general decline in prices; seen in May 2025 in vegetables (-21.62%), food (-1.56%), and fuel (-2.27%).
- **Disinflation:** A slowdown in the rate of inflation, not necessarily a decline in price levels, indicating moderated upward pressure on prices.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) Update – May 2025
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Policy/series name	WPI Inflation Data
Key figures	Overall WPI: 0.39%; Vegetables: -21.62%; Fuel: -2.27%
Purpose/reason	Track wholesale price movement and support policy analysis
Feature details	Food deflation, fuel deflation, reduced input costs for manufacturers
Validity or status	Current monthly data; trend likely to influence RBI's monetary stance
Strategic/significant value	Indicates supply-side cooling, supports growth, and eases policy decisions



➤ What is the name of the agentic AI assistant recently launched by Ola's Krutrim?

- A) Asha
- B) Kavach
- C) Kruti
- D) Pragya
- E) Vaani

Answer
C) Kruti



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Kruti, Ola's multilingual agentic AI assistant
- **Location:** Bengaluru (Headquarters), with operations in Singapore and San Francisco
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Ola's AI division Krutrim launched Kruti, an advanced multilingual AI assistant that goes beyond typical chatbots by performing real-world tasks through a personalized, intuitive interface.
- **Objectives:** To create an AI assistant tailored to Indian lifestyles, capable of understanding multiple languages, voice/text input, and offering a deeply personalised and actionable experience for users.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kruti:** An agentic AI assistant developed by Ola's Krutrim, designed to assist users with tasks like cab booking, bill payments, food ordering, research, and image creation. It supports 13 Indian languages and adapts to user preferences over time.
- **Krutrim:** The AI research and product arm of the Ola Group, focused on building a full AI computing stack for India, including infrastructure, AI cloud, foundational models, and consumer applications.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Agentic AI:** A class of AI designed not only to converse but also act autonomously by executing tasks based on context and memory, enhancing real-time utility and productivity.
- **SDK (Software Development Kit):** A set of tools provided by Kruti for developers to integrate its capabilities into third-party apps with minimal coding effort.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Kruti AI assistant by Krutrim
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	Bengaluru, India (Global Ops: Singapore, San Francisco)
Issuing authority	Krutrim, AI division of Ola Group
Policy/series name	AI Assistant Deployment by Krutrim
Key figures	Bhavish Aggarwal – Founder, Ola & Krutrim
Purpose/reason	Provide a personal, multilingual, intelligent AI assistant for Indian users
Feature details	Supports 13 Indian languages, voice/text input, task execution, SDK support
Validity or status	Officially launched and operational
Strategic/significant value	Empowers India-focused AI adoption and real-world digital transformation



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has become the first-ever female chief of the United Kingdom's foreign intelligence agency MI6?

- A) Stella Creasy
- B) Cressida Dick
- C) Fiona Hill
- D) Blaise Metreweli
- E) Karen Pierce

Answer

D) Blaise Metreweli



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Blaise Metreweli as the first female Chief of MI6
- **Location:** United Kingdom (announced from G7 Summit in Canada)
- **Date:** June 15, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced Blaise Metreweli's appointment as the new Chief of MI6, making her the first woman to lead the United Kingdom's foreign intelligence service in its 116-year history.
- **Objectives:** To modernize MI6 with a strong focus on cybersecurity, digital intelligence, and inclusion, and to strengthen the UK's response to emerging global threats like cyber warfare and foreign espionage.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **MI6 (Secret Intelligence Service):** The United Kingdom's foreign intelligence agency, responsible for overseas espionage and counter-intelligence since 1909.
- **G7 Summit:** An annual gathering of leaders from seven major industrialized democracies (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, and USA), where major global security, economic, and political issues are discussed.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cyber Warfare:** A form of conflict involving the use of digital attacks by one state or organization to disrupt the vital computer systems of another, especially in international espionage and defense strategy.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of First Female Chief of MI6
Announcement date	June 15, 2025
Location	United Kingdom (announced during G7 in Canada)
Issuing authority	Prime Minister Keir Starmer
Policy/series name	Leadership Reform in UK Intelligence Services
Key figures	Blaise Metreweli, Richard Moore (predecessor)
Purpose/reason	Modernize MI6, promote inclusion, and boost cybersecurity leadership
Feature details	Internal selection, 25 years of service, tech-focused leadership
Validity or status	Will assume office in Autumn 2025
Strategic/significant value	Breaks gender barriers in British intelligence and prepares UK for digital threats



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who recently stepped down as India's G20 Sherpa after a 45-year-long public service career?**

- A) Rajiv Kumar
- B) Ajay Seth
- C) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- D) Amitabh Kant
- E) Arvind Panagariya

Answer
D) Amitabh Kant



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Resignation of Amitabh Kant as India's G20 Sherpa
- **Location:** India (global role through G20)
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Amitabh Kant stepped down as India's G20 Sherpa, concluding his tenure that began in July 2022, during which he represented India at high-level G20 discussions.
- **Objectives:** To build global consensus, advance India's multilateral interests, and promote themes like digital public infrastructure, climate finance, and women-led development during India's G20 Presidency.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **G20 Sherpa:** A senior official who represents a country at G20 negotiations, facilitating dialogue and preparing for the summit's final declaration.
- **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI):** A system of open and inclusive digital platforms such as Aadhaar, UPI, and DigiLocker, pioneered by India for scalable development impact.
- **Aspirational Districts Programme:** A flagship initiative by NITI Aayog aimed at transforming India's most underdeveloped districts through focused interventions and real-time data tracking.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Resignation of Amitabh Kant as India's G20 Sherpa
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Self-announced by Amitabh Kant via public post
Policy/series name	G20 India Presidency & Reform-Oriented Public Service
Key figures	Amitabh Kant, PM Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	Retirement from public service after 45 years; shift to private sector roles
Feature details	Oversaw G20 consensus, AU inclusion, climate & digital diplomacy
Validity or status	Official resignation submitted; successor awaited
Strategic/significant value	Marked a reformist era in Indian bureaucracy; strengthened India's global leadership



APPOINTMENTS



- Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and India Head of Meta, effective July 1, 2025?

- A) Shivrath Thukral
- B) Sandhya Devanathan
- C) Manish Chopra
- D) Arun Srinivas
- E) Ajit Mohan

Answer
D) Arun Srinivas



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Arun Srinivas as Managing Director and India Head of Meta
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** Effective from July 1, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Meta has appointed Arun Srinivas as the new Managing Director and Head of India, following the resignation of Shivnath Thukral and expansion of Sandhya Devanathan's role to oversee India and Southeast Asia.
- **Objectives:** To lead Meta's business growth, innovation, and AI-driven digital strategy in India, one of Meta's largest user bases globally.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Meta (formerly Facebook):** A global tech giant focused on social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp) and emerging technologies like AI and VR.
- **AI-Driven Ad Solutions:** Machine learning-based advertising systems used to personalize and optimize ad delivery for better engagement and revenue.
- **Reels:** Short-form video content on Instagram and Facebook, central to Meta's content strategy and creator monetization model in India.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Arun Srinivas as Meta India Head
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Meta Platforms, Inc.
Policy/series name	Leadership Transition at Meta India
Key figures	Arun Srinivas, Sandhya Devanathan, Shivnath Thukral
Purpose/reason	Strengthen business, innovation, and digital engagement in India
Feature details	Focus on Ads, Reels, Messaging, AI, Creator Ecosystem
Validity or status	Effective from July 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports Meta's India expansion, AI integration, and startup partnerships



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Axis Max Life Insurance, effective October 1, 2025?**

- A) Arpit Jain
- B) Prashant Tripathy
- C) Sumit Madan
- D) Nitin Chugh
- E) Rajiv Bajaj

Answer
C) Sumit Madan



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Sumit Madan as MD & CEO of Axis Max Life Insurance
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** Appointment effective from October 1, 2025 (subject to IRDAI approval)



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Sumit Madan, currently the Chief Distribution Officer, has been elevated as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Axis Max Life Insurance, succeeding Prashant Tripathy, who opted for early retirement.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen the leadership structure, deepen market penetration, and scale Axis Max Life's operations through enhanced multi-channel distribution and innovation in India's life insurance sector.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **MD & CEO (Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer):** The top executive responsible for the strategic direction and day-to-day operations of the company.
- **IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India):** The apex regulatory authority for insurance companies in India, responsible for approving top-level appointments in insurance firms.
- **Participating Bonus:** A profit-sharing mechanism where eligible policyholders receive annual bonuses, based on the insurer's financial performance.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Sumit Madan as MD & CEO of Axis Max Life Insurance
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Axis Max Life Insurance (subject to IRDAI and shareholder approval)
Policy/series name	Executive Leadership Transition
Key figures	Sumit Madan, Prashant Tripathy
Purpose/reason	Leadership transition and strategic realignment
Feature details	5-year term (Oct 1, 2025 – Sep 30, 2030); experience in IDFC First, AU SFB, Citibank
Validity or status	Appointment effective from October 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens leadership as company expands in India's life insurance market



AWARDS



➤ Which company won the 2025 Food Planet Prize for developing a green fertiliser using plasma technology?

- A) Semion
- B) Virtual Irrigation Academy
- C) NitroCapt
- D) Adaptive Symbiotic Technologies
- E) Astungkara Way

Answer
C) NitroCapt



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** NitroCapt wins the 2025 Food Planet Prize
- **Location:** Sweden (Prize awarded by Curt Bergfors Foundation, Stockholm)
- **Date:** June 16, 2025 (Announcement of Prize)



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Swedish startup NitroCapt has been awarded the 2025 Food Planet Prize for developing a sustainable, plasma-based fertiliser technology that eliminates fossil fuel use.
- **Objectives:** To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, cut fertiliser production energy use by 90%, and enable local, sustainable, and resilient fertiliser manufacturing.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Food Planet Prize:** The world's largest environmental award, offering \$2 million annually to solutions that transform food systems for sustainability, founded by the Curt Bergfors Foundation in 2019.
- **Plasma-based Fertiliser Technology:** A process where plasma oxidises atmospheric nitrogen, powered by renewable energy, creating fossil-free fertilisers.
- **Green Fertiliser:** A fertiliser produced without fossil fuels, using sustainable inputs and technology, aimed at reducing CO₂ emissions and promoting environmental sustainability.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NitroCapt Wins 2025 Food Planet Prize
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Sweden
Issuing authority	Curt Bergfors Foundation
Policy/series name	Food Planet Prize (Environmental Innovation in Food Systems)
Key figures	Gustaf Forsberg, Johan Rockström, Magnus Nilsson
Purpose/reason	Recognize sustainable fertiliser tech to reduce emissions and enhance food security
Feature details	Plasma-based nitrogen extraction, 90% energy savings, local production model
Validity or status	Pilot operational; scale-up targeted for 2026
Strategic/significant value	Reduces 2.7% global CO ₂ emissions, boosts self-reliance in food and fertiliser supply



AWARDS



➤ Which civilian honour was conferred upon PM Narendra Modi by Cyprus in June 2025?

- A) Legion of Honour
- B) Nishan-e-Pakistan
- C) Order of Makarios III
- D) Golden Laurel Wreath
- E) Grand Star of Honour

Answer

C) Order of Makarios III



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Narendra Modi awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III
- **Location:** Republic of Cyprus
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with Cyprus' highest civilian award, the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III, by President Nikos Christodoulides.
- **Objectives:** To recognize Modi's role in strengthening India–Cyprus diplomatic ties, promoting global peace, and enhancing cooperation in innovation, energy, and strategic development.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Order of Makarios III:** Cyprus' highest civilian decoration, named after Archbishop Makarios III, the first President of Cyprus. Awarded to global leaders for exceptional service in diplomacy and peacebuilding.
- **Grand Cross:** One of the highest ranks within the Order, conferred on heads of state or government for extraordinary contributions to international relations.
- **Strategic Partnership:** A formal recognition of long-term cooperation between nations in areas like economy, defense, innovation, and governance.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi receives Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Republic of Cyprus
Issuing authority	President of Cyprus, Nikos Christodoulides
Policy/series name	Order of Makarios III (Civilian Honour Series)
Key figures	Narendra Modi, Nikos Christodoulides
Purpose/reason	Recognition of diplomatic service, peace efforts, and India-Cyprus ties
Feature details	Modi addressed business roundtable, discussed trade, innovation, energy
Validity or status	Awarded during state visit; first Indian PM to visit Cyprus
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces India's diplomatic stature in Europe and Eastern Mediterranean



➤ Which Indian Navy base deployed the helicopter for the salvage operation on the burning MV Wan Hai 503?

- A) INS Rajali
- B) INS Vikramaditya
- C) INS Garuda
- D) INS Kadamba
- E) INS Kalinga

Answer
C) INS Garuda



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Navy conducts mid-sea aerial salvage operation on MV Wan Hai 503
- **Location:** Off the Kochi coast, Arabian Sea
- **Date:** June 13, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Navy executed a high-risk aerial operation involving winching a salvage team onto the burning cargo vessel MV Wan Hai 503 using a Seaking helicopter from INS Garuda, Kochi.
- **Objectives:** To connect the salvage tug with the burning vessel, stabilize it for towing, prevent maritime hazards, and safely extract the naval team post-mission.



Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Garuda:** A premier naval air station located in Kochi, Kerala, under the Southern Naval Command. It houses various helicopter units including the Seaking.
- **MV Wan Hai 503:** A merchant cargo ship that caught fire off the Kochi coast, requiring emergency salvage intervention.
- **Seaking Helicopter:** A heavy-lift, all-weather, maritime helicopter used by the Indian Navy for search and rescue, anti-submarine warfare, and logistics operations.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Indian Navy Salvage Operation on MV Wan Hai 503
Announcement date	June 13, 2025
Location	Off Kochi coast, Arabian Sea
Issuing authority	Indian Navy
Policy/series name	Maritime Emergency Response
Key figures	Units from INS Garuda, INS Sharda, Offshore Warrior, Triton Liberty
Purpose/reason	Rescue a fire-hit vessel and secure it for towing
Feature details	Aerial insertion using Seaking helicopter; salvage team winched onto ship
Validity or status	Completed; vessel stabilized for towing
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's maritime readiness and inter-agency rescue coordination



➤ **What is the primary objective of India's ₹10,000 crore I-STAR aircraft project for the Indian Air Force?**

- A) Enhance space exploration
- B) Provide maritime border surveillance
- C) Enable precision strikes through air-to-ground intelligence
- D) Transport humanitarian aid during disasters
- E) Replace old cargo aircraft

Answer

C) Enable precision strikes through air-to-ground intelligence



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of ₹10,000 crore I-STAR indigenous spy plane project
- **Location:** Nationwide implementation, coordinated by DRDO and IAF
- **Date:** To be approved in June 2025 by the Defence Ministry



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Acquisition of three Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (I-STAR) aircraft.
 - Integration of indigenous sensor and electronic systems developed by DRDO's Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS) into globally sourced aircraft (likely from Boeing or Bombardier).



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Provide real-time multi-spectral surveillance to detect and engage high-value enemy assets such as radars, mobile air defence units, and command centers.
 - Enable precision, stand-off strikes without crossing into hostile territory, enhancing India's modern warfare capabilities.
 - Strengthen India's deterrence and swift response capabilities during cross-border operations like Operation Sindoor.



Important Terms Explained:

- **I-STAR:**
 - Stands for Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance.
 - It is a cutting-edge airborne ISR platform designed to provide real-time battlefield visibility and enable precision targeting.
- **Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS):**
 - A premier lab of DRDO responsible for developing airborne electronic and surveillance systems.
 - Notably developed systems like AEW&C and is now leading the I-STAR integration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Sindoor:**
 - An ongoing Indian military operation mentioned in the context of surveillance and targeting upgrades, presumably along the Pakistan border.
- **Stand-off Ranges:**
 - Refers to the capability of conducting surveillance or strikes from a safe distance outside enemy-controlled airspace.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	₹10,000 Cr I-STAR Aircraft Project for IAF
Announcement date	June 2025 (approval awaited)
Location	India (with aircraft sourced globally)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence & DRDO
Policy/series name	I-STAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition & Reconnaissance)
Key figures	DRDO (CABS), Indian Air Force, Defence Ministry
Purpose/reason	Enhance India's real-time air-to-ground surveillance and precision-strike capability
Feature details	Multi-spectral sensors, day-night ops, high-altitude surveillance, stand-off targeting
Validity or status	Awaiting clearance in June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Places India among few nations with indigenous ISR-airborne capability



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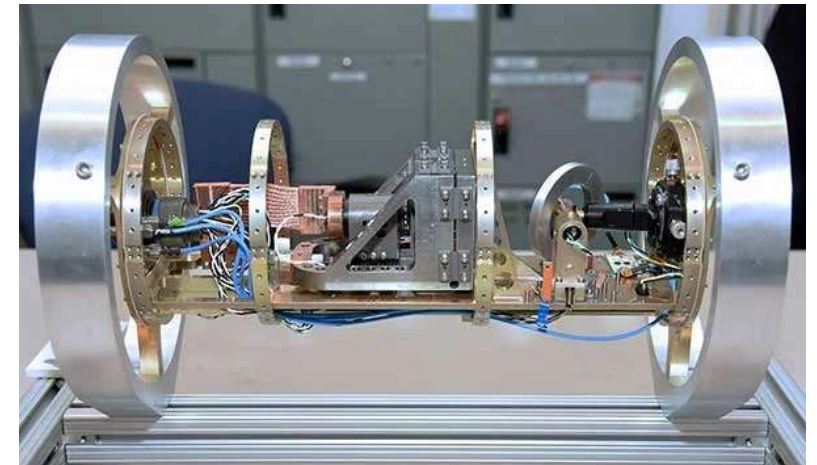


➤ Which Indian startup won the ₹25 crore iDEX ADITI 2.0 grant to develop indigenous Quantum Navigation Systems for the Indian Navy?



- A) Agnikul Cosmos
- B) QuBeats
- C) IdeaForge
- D) Bellatrix Aerospace
- E) Pixxel

Answer
B) QuBeats



Event and Location:

- **Event:** QuBeats awarded ₹25 crore under iDEX ADITI 2.0 to develop Quantum Positioning System
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 7, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - QuBeats will build an indigenous Quantum Positioning System (QPS) for the Indian Navy.
 - The technology uses quantum magnetometer sensors to detect Earth's magnetic anomalies, enabling GPS-independent navigation.
- **Objectives:**
 - To provide secure and high-precision navigation in GPS-denied or spoofed environments.
 - To establish sovereign capability in strategic navigation systems for military and civilian use.
 - To contribute to India's self-reliance in quantum defence technology.



Important Terms Explained:

- **iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence):**
 - A Ministry of Defence initiative under Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO) to promote innovation and technology development in defence and aerospace.
- **ADITI 2.0 (Aatmanirbhar Defence Innovation Through iDEX):**
 - A sub-program under iDEX aimed at supporting deeptech defence startups with grants up to ₹25 crore for product development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Positioning System (QPS):**
 - A navigation system based on quantum magnetometers, which identify magnetic anomalies of the Earth to determine location—without relying on satellites.
 - Useful in situations where GPS signals are blocked or spoofed (e.g., submarines, combat zones).
- **Quantum Magnetometer:**
 - A device that measures very subtle magnetic fields using quantum phenomena, enabling ultra-precise geolocation.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	QuBeats wins iDEX ADITI 2.0 grant
Announcement date	June 7, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, under iDEX initiative
Policy/series name	iDEX ADITI 2.0
Key figures	Mallikarjun Karra, Madhu Talluri, Shouvik Mukherjee, Rajat Sethi
Purpose/reason	Develop GPS-independent Quantum Navigation Systems for Indian Navy
Feature details	Quantum magnetometers, sensors, SDK, integration with DRDO-developed systems
Validity or status	Project funded; under development
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's defence autonomy and technological deterrence



- Which country did Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit in June 2025 for the first time in over 20 years, signaling a strategic shift in India's Mediterranean diplomacy?

- A) Greece
- B) Turkey
- C) Cyprus
- D) Croatia
- E) Italy

Answer
C) Cyprus



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi's official visit to Cyprus – first by an Indian PM in over two decades
- **Location:** Cyprus (**Cities visited:** Nicosia, Limassol)
- **Date:** June 15, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi undertook a diplomatic visit to Cyprus as part of a three-nation European tour (Cyprus, Canada, Croatia).
- **Objectives:** To strengthen bilateral ties, promote economic and strategic cooperation, and signal India's recalibrated position amid the Turkey-Pakistan nexus, particularly in relation to Kashmir and defense support.



Important Terms Explained:

- **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC):** A proposed multimodal trade route connecting India with Europe via the Middle East, aimed at boosting infrastructure, logistics, and energy partnerships.
- **NSG (Nuclear Suppliers Group):** A group of nuclear supplier countries that seek to prevent nuclear proliferation by controlling the export of materials, equipment, and technology. Cyprus supported India's inclusion.



Important Terms Explained:

- **EU Council Presidency:** A six-month rotating presidency among EU member states, allowing a country to influence the EU's agenda. Cyprus will hold this position from January to June 2026.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi's Official Visit to Cyprus
Announcement date	June 15, 2025
Location	Cyprus (Nicosia, Limassol)
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Strategic Mediterranean Outreach
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, President Nikos Christodoulides
Purpose/reason	Strengthen diplomatic, economic, and strategic ties amid Turkey-Pakistan ties
Feature details	Business address, bilateral talks, counter-terror and digital cooperation
Validity or status	Official visit completed; follow-up agreements expected
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces India's position in the EU and IMEC; counters Turkey's influence



➤ Which two countries jointly launched the Blue NDC Challenge to promote ocean-focused climate action ahead of COP30?

- A) India and France
- B) Brazil and Seychelles
- C) Brazil and France
- D) Mexico and Australia
- E) France and Kenya

Answer

C) Brazil and France



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Blue Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Challenge
- **Occasion:** 3rd UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3)
- **Date:** June 2025
- **Location:** Nice, France (UNOC3); COP30 to be held in Belém, Brazil in November 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate of Blue NDC Challenge:**
 - Integrate ocean-based climate action into national climate strategies
 - Encourage countries to update their NDCs under the Paris Agreement with ocean-focused goals
- **Objectives:**
 - Highlight the ocean's role in climate mitigation and adaptation
 - Enhance coastal zone management, marine spatial planning, and ecosystem restoration
 - Strengthen international cooperation on ocean-climate solutions ahead of COP30



Important Terms Explained:

- **Blue NDC Challenge:**
 - A global initiative co-led by France and Brazil to include ocean-based strategies in countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to combat climate change.
- **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs):**
 - Climate action plans submitted by countries under the Paris Agreement, outlining efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate impacts.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ocean Resilience and Climate Alliance (ORCA):**
 - A coalition involving Ocean Conservancy, World Resources Institute, and others that supports countries in integrating ocean-based actions into their climate commitments.
- **Marine Spatial Planning (MSP):**
 - A process that guides where and how human activities occur in marine environments to reduce conflicts and protect ecosystems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Paris Agreement:**
 - A 2015 international treaty under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) aiming to limit global warming to below 2°C, ideally to 1.5°C.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Launch of Blue NDC Challenge
Initiated By	France and Brazil
Occasion	3rd UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3)
Key Purpose	Integrate ocean-based climate solutions into national climate action plans
Supporting Organisations	Ocean Conservancy, ORCA, World Resources Institute, WWF-Brazil
Inaugural Member Countries	Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Mexico, Palau, Seychelles, France, Brazil
Highlighted Actions (Brazil)	Marine Spatial Planning, Coastal Management, Coral & Mangrove Restoration
Upcoming Climate Summit	COP30 in Belém, Brazil (November 2025)



➤ Which Indian drone company partnered with Belgium-based VoxelSensors to integrate advanced 3D perception systems into UAVs?



- A) Garuda Aerospace
- B) Ideaforge
- C) IG Drones
- D) Paras Aerospace
- E) Asteria Aerospace

Answer
C) IG Drones



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Strategic technology partnership to develop next-generation drones
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date Announced:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate of the Partnership:**
 - Integrate VoxelSensors' SPAES technology into IG Drones' UAVs
 - Enhance drone performance in GPS-denied and visually complex environments
- **Objectives:**
 - Enable real-time 3D environmental awareness
 - Support missions involving infrastructure inspection, emergency response, smart cities, and environmental monitoring
 - Enhance obstacle avoidance, precision mapping, and adaptive decision-making



Important Terms Explained:

- **IG Drones:**
 - An Indian drone tech company specializing in UAV-based civilian solutions like disaster response, infrastructure inspection, and urban monitoring.
- **VoxelSensors (Belgium):**
 - A deep-tech company focusing on ultra-low-latency 3D spatial intelligence.
 - Known for its SPAES system that enhances real-time depth perception in AI systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SPAES (Streaming Perception for AI Enhanced Systems):**
 - A spatial sensing system delivering low-latency, high-precision 3D perception
 - Allows UAVs to “see” their environment in complex or GPS-denied spaces (e.g., tunnels, dense forests)
- **GPS-denied Environments:**
 - Areas where GPS signals are blocked or unreliable — such as underground tunnels, urban canyons, or indoor industrial zones.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	IG Drones partners with VoxelSensors
Indian Entity	IG Drones
Foreign Partner	VoxelSensors, Belgium
Technology Involved	SPAES (Streaming Perception for AI Enhanced Systems)
Key Benefits	Real-time 3D awareness, obstacle avoidance, GPS-denied navigation
Applications	Infrastructure inspection, emergency response, smart cities, environment
Announced On	June 12, 2025
Supported By	Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), Govt. of India



➤ Which city has been selected as the national host for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations in 2025?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Rishikesh
- C) Visakhapatnam
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Hyderabad

Answer

C) Visakhapatnam



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India marks 10 years of International Day of Yoga (IDY) with 11th edition celebrations
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** June 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Visakhapatnam has been selected as the national venue for the 11th IDY; the Ministry of Ayush and Andhra Pradesh Government conducted a site review and planning visit.
- **Objectives:** To promote mass participation in yoga, assess readiness of infrastructure, enhance inter-departmental coordination, and promote cultural integration and wellness practices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Day of Yoga (IDY):** A global event celebrated on June 21 every year, declared by the United Nations in 2014, to promote yoga for physical and mental well-being.
- **Ministry of Ayush:** A Government of India ministry responsible for the development and promotion of traditional systems of medicine and wellness, including Ayurveda, Yoga, and Naturopathy.
- **Yogandhra:** A flagship campaign by the Andhra Pradesh Government aiming to reach 2 crore citizens through yoga camps, awareness drives, and training 20 lakh certified yoga practitioners.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) Celebrations
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Ayush, Government of India
Policy/series name	Yogandhra
Key figures	Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, K. Vijayanand, Monalisa Dash, M.N. Harendhira Prasad
Purpose/reason	Marking 10 years of IDY and advancing the grassroots yoga movement
Feature details	Field reviews, mass yoga demonstrations, university and beach venues
Validity or status	Scheduled for June 21, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's soft power through yoga diplomacy and wellness outreach



➤ **Who inaugurated India's first Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility in Chennai in June 2025?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- C) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D) Kamlesh Paswan
- E) Nitin Gadkari

Answer

D) Kamlesh Paswan



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of India's first Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility, 300 Centres of Excellence, and Train the Trainer programme
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** June 14, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Minister Kamlesh Paswan inaugurated Garuda Aerospace's Agri-Drone Indigenization Hub, launched 300 Centres of Excellence, and flagged off the DGCA-approved Train the Trainer (TTT) programme.
- **Objectives:** To scale indigenous drone manufacturing, empower rural youth and women through skilling, and accelerate India's positioning as a Global Drone Hub by 2030.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility:** A 35,000 sq. ft. unit by Garuda Aerospace focused on designing, manufacturing, and testing agricultural drones, with a goal to produce 1 lakh drones by 2026.
- **Train the Trainer (TTT) Programme:** A DGCA-approved certified initiative to train instructors, especially targeting rural educators and Drone Didis (women drone operators), to expand drone-related skilling nationwide.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Centres of Excellence (CoEs):** A network of 300 training and research centres established across India in collaboration with academic and industry partners to promote R&D, innovation, and practical training in drone technology.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility and Centres of Excellence
Announcement date	June 14, 2025
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Ministry of Rural Development & Garuda Aerospace
Policy/series name	Global Drone Hub Vision 2030
Key figures	Kamlesh Paswan, Agnishwar Jayaprakash
Purpose/reason	To boost domestic drone manufacturing and skilling in agriculture
Feature details	Facility, CoEs, TTT programme, Drone Didi demos
Validity or status	Facility operational; training programs launched
Strategic/significant value	Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat, promotes women empowerment, rural innovation



➤ **When is India's 16th national census, including caste enumeration, scheduled to be completed?**

- A) March 2026
- B) October 2026
- C) March 2027
- D) January 2027
- E) December 2026

Answer
C) March 2027



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Notification and scheduling of India's 16th national census
- **Location:** All-India coverage (Mainland and Snow-bound regions)
- **Date:** Notification issued on June 16, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Home Affairs has officially scheduled India's 16th Census to conclude by March 2027, following digital and self-enumeration methods.
- **Objectives:** To collect updated and comprehensive demographic, socio-economic, and caste data; enhance data-driven governance; and ensure secure, tech-driven population enumeration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Census:** A decennial, nationwide data collection exercise conducted by the Government of India to capture detailed population statistics across all states and UTs.
- **House Listing Operations (HLO):** The first phase of the census capturing data on housing, assets, and basic amenities.
- **Population Enumeration (PE):** The second phase, focusing on individual data including caste, education, employment, and demographic indicators.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Self-enumeration:** A digital facility allowing citizens to input their census data themselves through authorized platforms.
- **Caste Enumeration:** Systematic collection of caste-related data to support welfare, policy, and socio-economic planning – included in a national census for the first time since 2011.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Notification of India's 16th National Census
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	All-India (Mainland + Snow-bound regions)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Home Affairs
Policy/series name	16th Census of India (8th since Independence)
Key figures	Amit Shah, Census Commissioner of India
Purpose/reason	Nationwide enumeration including caste data and digital self-reporting
Feature details	Two-phase operation, self-enumeration, 34 lakh personnel, 1.3 lakh devices
Validity or status	Notification issued; operations start from 2026
Strategic/significant value	Enables targeted policymaking, enhances digital governance, first caste data since 2011



➤ Which organization has partnered with ICICI Bank to begin construction of a new cancer care block in Visakhapatnam?

- A) AIIMS
- B) Tata Memorial Centre
- C) Apollo Hospitals
- D) DRDO
- E) National Health Authority

Answer

B) Tata Memorial Centre



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of construction of advanced cancer care block at HBCHRC
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** June 2025 (construction initiated)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), in partnership with ICICI Bank, has initiated the construction of a new advanced cancer care block at the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (HBCHRC) in Visakhapatnam.
- **Objectives:** To expand access to state-of-the-art oncology treatment, boost infrastructure for research and patient care, and improve cancer management capacity in South India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tata Memorial Centre (TMC):** A premier government-funded cancer treatment and research institution under the Department of Atomic Energy, known for providing comprehensive cancer care.
- **ICICI Bank CSR:** Corporate Social Responsibility initiative of ICICI Bank, supporting infrastructure development and healthcare access in India.
- **HBCHRC (Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre):** A regional cancer center established by TMC in Visakhapatnam, offering multidisciplinary cancer care and research.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Construction of Advanced Cancer Care Block at HBCHRC
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), ICICI Bank
Policy/series name	Oncology Infrastructure Expansion Initiative
Key figures	TMC, ICICI Bank
Purpose/reason	To enhance cancer care facilities and research capacity in South India
Feature details	New block to support advanced treatment, diagnostics, and oncology training
Validity or status	Construction initiated
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens healthcare delivery in the region and supports cancer research and care



➤ Which Indian state recently launched the Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana Scheme to support research scholars?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Assam
- D) Jharkhand
- E) Chhattisgarh

Answer
C) Assam



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana Scheme for research scholars
- **Location:** Assam
- **Date:** June 14, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana Scheme to provide financial assistance to research scholars in the state, especially those with disabilities.
- **Objectives:** To promote research and development, reduce financial barriers for full-time scholars, and enhance academic excellence and employability in Assam's educational institutions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana Scheme:** A first-of-its-kind scheme in Assam offering financial support to full-time research scholars – ₹25,000 for general applicants and ₹40,000 for Divyang (disabled) scholars.
- **Swagata Satirtha Portal:** A digital platform launched alongside the scheme for facilitating mutual transfers of government employees, ensuring transparency and efficiency.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Apun Ghar:** A housing loan scheme for Assam government employees, now raised to ₹30 lakh from ₹15 lakh to improve accessibility to housing.
- **Nijut Moina Scheme:** A financial assistance initiative offering monthly support to girl students to encourage continued education and empowerment.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana Scheme
Announcement date	June 14, 2025
Location	Assam
Issuing authority	Government of Assam
Policy/series name	Research Incentive and Employee Welfare Initiatives
Key figures	CM Himanta Biswa Sarma
Purpose/reason	Provide financial support to researchers and improve R&D outcomes
Feature details	₹25,000 for general scholars; ₹40,000 for Divyang; Swagata Satirtha Portal for transfers
Validity or status	Scheme launched; implementation ongoing
Strategic/significant value	Boosts research, supports education, enhances governance transparency



➤ What is the name of the solar-powered car developed by IIT Madras students for the 2025 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge?

- A) Surya Vahan
- B) Agniveer
- C) Aagneya
- D) Arya
- E) SolarX



Answer
C) Aagneya



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Development and unveiling of solar-powered car 'Aagneya'
- **Location:** IIT Madras, India
- **Global Race Location:** Australia (Darwin to Adelaide)
- **Event Duration:** August 24–31, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Represent India in the prestigious Bridgestone World Solar Challenge 2025
- **Objective:**
 - Develop a high-efficiency, AI-integrated solar vehicle
 - Compete in a 3,000 km race across the Australian outback
 - Promote sustainable energy innovation and real-world engineering application among students



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bridgestone World Solar Challenge (BWSC):**
 - An international solar car race held every two years in Australia
 - Covers over 3,000 km from Darwin to Adelaide
 - Considered one of the toughest student engineering competitions in the world
- **Team Agnirath:**
 - A 38-member student team from IIT Madras's Centre for Innovation (CFI)
 - Started in 2021 with just 6 students
 - Focuses on sustainable mobility innovations through student-led R&D



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aagneya (Solar Car):**
 - **Features:**
 - Carbon fibre body – one of the largest made by an Indian student team
 - 24% efficient solar panels (upgraded from 19%)
 - AI-based control systems with machine learning for adaptive race strategies
 - Live telemetry system for real-time data transmission
 - **Designed to withstand extreme race conditions:**
 - Day temperatures above 50°C, night temperatures below 5°C
 - Crosswinds over 60 km/h



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Solar car 'Aagneya' built for BWSC 2025
Institution	IIT Madras (Team Agnirath)
Race	Bridgestone World Solar Challenge 2025
Race Dates	August 24–31, 2025
Car Features	Carbon fibre body, AI control, 24% solar efficiency, live telemetry
Unveiled by	Prof. V Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras
Distance Covered in Race	3,000 km across Australian outback
Sponsors	Game Change Solar, Charge Zone, Billion Mobility, COEZET
Key Student Role	Mr. Sairam J (Business Module Lead)



QUICK RECALL



- Taylor Fritz won the 2025 Stuttgart Open by defeating Alexander Zverev in straight sets on June 15.
- The National Rifle Association of India unveiled the logo of the Shooting League of India on June 5, 2025, in New Delhi.
- The RBI has extended STRIPS to State Government Securities, enabling separate trading of interest and principal components.
- The RBI has reduced the qualifying asset threshold for NBFC-MFIs from 75% to 60%, effective June 2025.
- The RBI has extended the KYC update deadline for low-risk individual customers to June 30, 2026, or one year from the due date, whichever is later.
- India's WPI inflation slowed to 0.39% in May 2025, the lowest in over a year due to sharp drops in food and fuel prices.
- Ola's AI arm Krutrim has launched 'Kruti', a multilingual AI assistant capable of handling real-world tasks with a personalized interface.
- Blaise Metreweli has been appointed as the first female Chief of MI6 in its 116-year history.
- Amitabh Kant has resigned as India's G20 Sherpa after completing 45 years of service in public administration.



QUICK RECALL



- Meta has appointed Arun Srinivas as the new Managing Director and Head of India, effective July 1, 2025.
- Sumit Madan has been named the new MD & CEO of Axis Max Life Insurance, effective October 1, 2025.
- Swedish startup NitroCapt has won the \$2 million 2025 Food Planet Prize for its sustainable green fertiliser innovation.
- On June 16, 2025, PM Modi was conferred with Cyprus' highest civilian honour, the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III.
- The Indian Navy conducted a high-risk aerial salvage operation on the burning MV Wan Hai 503 on June 13, 2025.
- The Indian Air Force is set to receive three high-altitude I-STAR aircraft under a ₹10,000 crore project to boost precision targeting.
- QuBeats, an Indian quantum deeptech startup, won a ₹25 crore IDEX ADITI 2.0 grant to develop a Quantum Positioning System for the Indian Navy.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Cyprus on June 15, 2025, marking the first such visit by an Indian PM in over 20 years.
- France and Brazil launched the Blue NDC Challenge at the 3rd UN Ocean Conference, urging countries to integrate ocean-based solutions into their climate plans ahead of COP30 in Brazil.



QUICK RECALL



- **IG Drones partnered with Belgium's VoxelSensors to integrate cutting-edge 3D perception systems into UAVs, revolutionizing drone operations in complex environments.**
- **India will celebrate the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) in Visakhapatnam on June 21, 2025.**
- **On June 14, 2025, Union Minister Kamlesh Paswan inaugurated India's first Agri-Drone Indigenization Hub in Chennai.**
- **The Government of India has scheduled the 16th National Census to conclude by March 2027, with notification issued on June 16, 2025.**
- **Tata Memorial Centre and ICICI Bank have begun constructing an advanced cancer care block at HBCHRC in Visakhapatnam.**
- **Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana Scheme on June 14, 2025, to support research scholars financially.**
- **IIT Madras's Team Agnirath unveiled 'Aagneya', a cutting-edge solar car designed for the 2025 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge in Australia, featuring AI tech and carbon fibre construction for a 3,000 km endurance race.**





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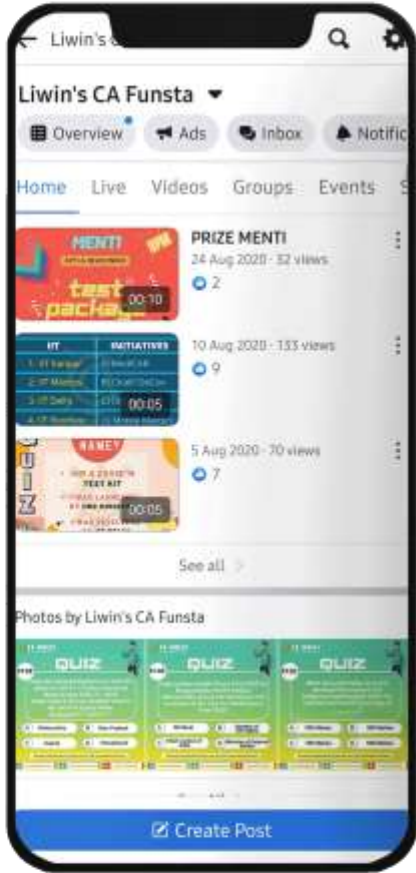
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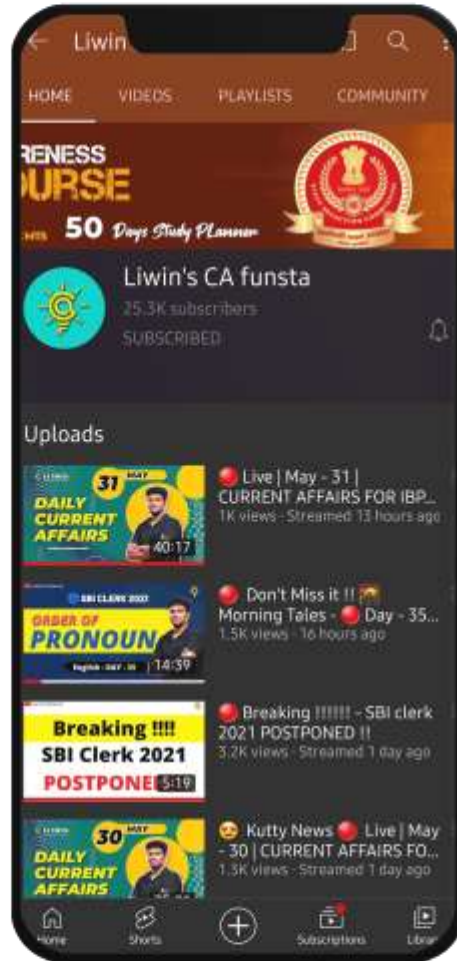


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