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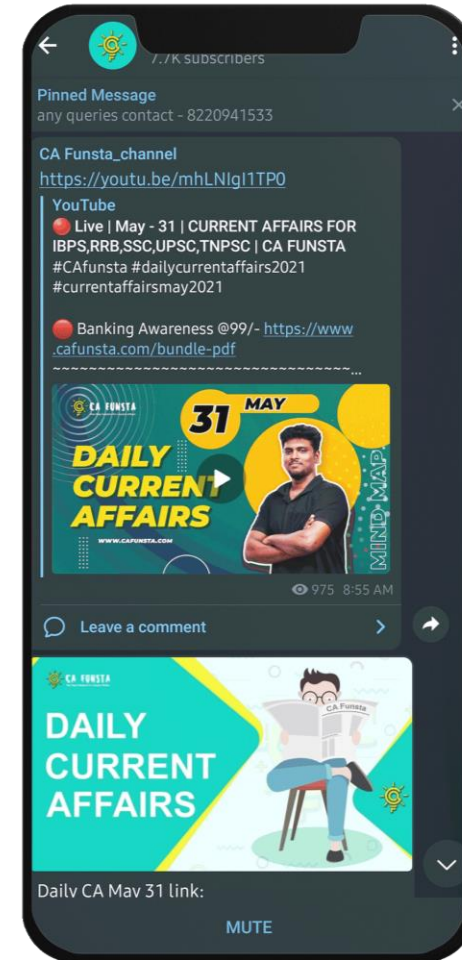
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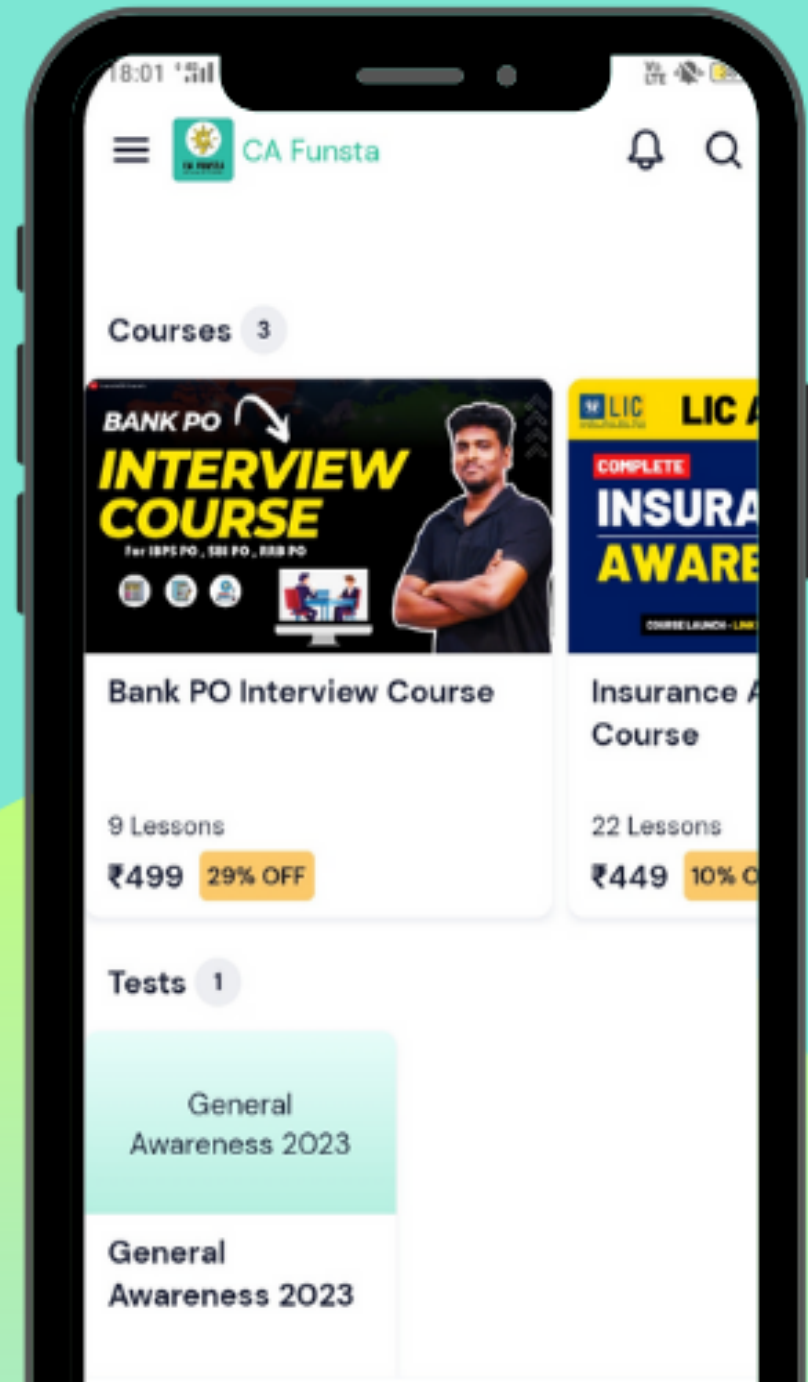
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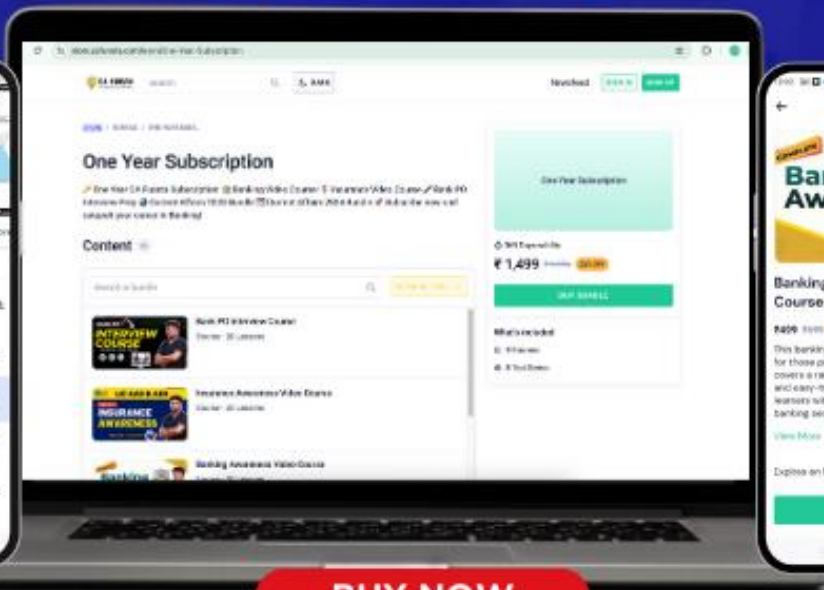


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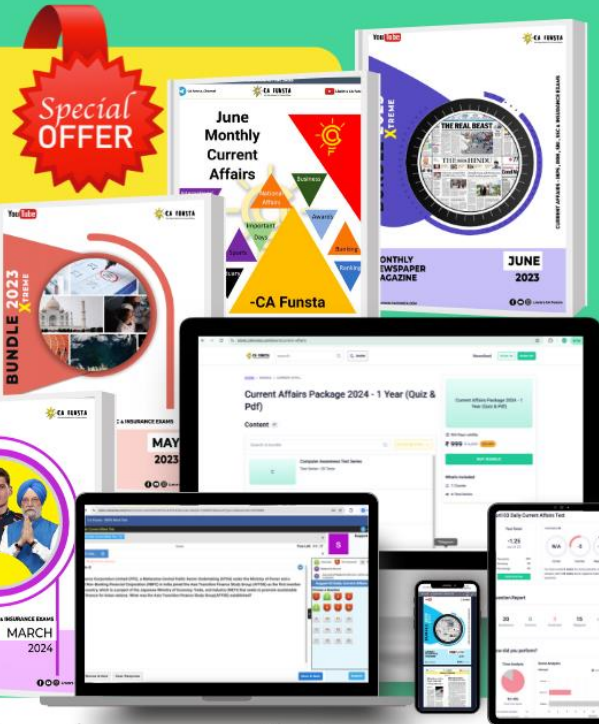


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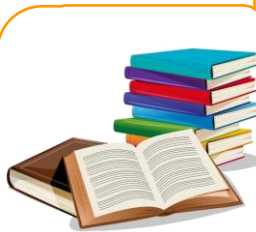
➤ **What is the theme of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2025?**

- A) Justice for Victims: End Impunity
- B) Healing through Solidarity
- C) Breaking the Cycle, Healing the Scars
- D) No Peace Without Justice
- E) Protecting the Vulnerable in War



Answer

C) Breaking the Cycle, Healing the Scars



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2025
- **Location:** Globally observed (UN-led international observance)
- **Date:** June 19, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The United Nations observes June 19 annually as the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict to raise awareness about sexual violence as a weapon of war and to push for justice, support for survivors, and global accountability.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To honor and support survivors of conflict-related sexual violence
 - To highlight the intergenerational trauma caused by such violence
 - To promote legal accountability and survivor reintegration
 - To push for global action against impunity and cultural silence



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV):** As defined by the UN, includes rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, forced abortion/sterilization, forced pregnancy, human trafficking for sexual exploitation, and other forms of severe sexual violence directly or indirectly linked to conflict.
- **UNSC Resolution 1820:** Adopted on June 19, 2008, it formally recognized sexual violence as a tactic of war and classified it as a war crime, crime against humanity, and an act of genocide, calling for justice for victims.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **#EndRapeInWar:** The official social media campaign for 2025, used globally to create awareness, demand justice, and support survivor-led movements.

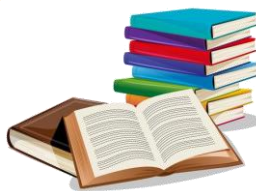


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2025
Announcement date	June 19, 2025
Location	Global (UN-led observance)
Issuing authority	United Nations General Assembly
Policy/series name	UN Observance Day / UNSC Resolution 1820
Key figures	António Guterres (UN Secretary-General)
Purpose/reason	Raise awareness, support survivors, end impunity for conflict sexual crimes
Feature details	Theme: "Breaking the Cycle, Healing the Scars"; focus on intergenerational trauma
Validity or status	Annual UN Observance since 2015
Strategic/significant value	Aims to uphold international law, protect human rights, and support post-conflict healing

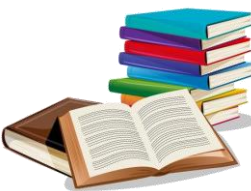


➤ Who became the first female physique athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win an international gold medal at the South Asian Bodybuilding Championship 2025?



- A) Nabam Tuna
- B) Anshu Jamsenpa
- C) Hillang Yajik
- D) Dipa Karmakar
- E) Tashi Lhamu

Answer
C) Hillang Yajik



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Hillang Yajik wins gold and silver at 15th South Asian Bodybuilding & Physique Sports Championship
- **Location:** Thimphu, Bhutan
- **Date:** June 11–15, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** At the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025, Hillang Yajik from Arunachal Pradesh won 1 gold and 1 silver medal, making her the first Indian woman from the state to win a gold in an international physique sports event.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To promote women's participation in physique sports
 - To celebrate India's growing presence in international bodybuilding competitions
 - To inspire youth and female athletes from the Northeast region
 - To recognize India's performance in WBPF/ABPF-sanctioned events



Important Terms Explained:

- **Physique Sports:** A discipline of bodybuilding that focuses on muscular development, symmetry, conditioning, and stage presentation across various categories like bikini, figure, and fitness physique.
- **South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships:** A regional competition featuring top athletes from South Asia, organized under the World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation (WBPF) and Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation (ABPF).



Important Terms Explained:

- **Arunachal Bodybuilding Association (ABA):** The state-level body promoting bodybuilding and physique sports in Arunachal Pradesh; affiliated with national and international federations.

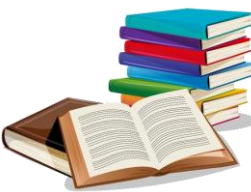


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	15th South Asian Bodybuilding & Physique Sports Championships 2025
Announcement date	June 15, 2025 (event concluded)
Location	Thimphu, Bhutan
Issuing authority	WBPF and ABPF (sanctioned federations)
Athlete name	Hillang Yajik (Arunachal Pradesh, India)
Medals won	1 Gold, 1 Silver
Significance	First female physique athlete from Arunachal to win international gold
Purpose/reason	To represent India in women's physique sports and inspire Northeast athletes
Feature details	Represented Arunachal Bodybuilding Association (ABA); praised by President Nabam Tuna
Strategic/significant value	Major milestone for women in Indian bodybuilding; boosts NE regional sports profile

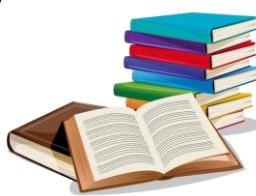


➤ What is India's rank in the World Economic Forum's Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025?

- A) 63rd
- B) 58th
- C) 71st
- D) 67th
- E) 69th

Answer

C) 71st



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the World Economic Forum's Energy Transition Index 2025
- **Location:** Global ranking involving 118 countries
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The World Economic Forum (WEF), in collaboration with Accenture, published the 2025 edition of the Energy Transition Index (ETI), which assesses countries on their progress toward secure, sustainable, and equitable energy systems.
- **Objectives:**
 - To evaluate national energy systems on the pillars of security, sustainability, and equity
 - To benchmark transition readiness based on policy, finance, infrastructure, and innovation
 - To promote policy reforms and investment pathways for an effective global energy transition

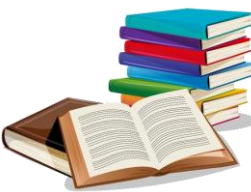


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Energy Transition Index (ETI):** An annual benchmarking report by the World Economic Forum, measuring the progress of countries in achieving a secure, sustainable, and inclusive energy system. Based on performance and readiness indicators.
- **World Economic Forum (WEF):** An international non-profit organization headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, known for global reports and events like the Davos Summit and global competitiveness rankings.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Energy Equity:** Ensures that all population segments have affordable access to clean energy. A lower score in this area indicates disparities in rural access, affordability, and inclusion.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	WEF Energy Transition Index 2025
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	Global (Report covers 118 countries)
Issuing authority	World Economic Forum (in partnership with Accenture)
Policy/series name	Energy Transition Index (ETI)
India's Rank	71st (2025), down from 63rd (2024)
Top Countries	Sweden (1st), Finland (2nd), Denmark (3rd), Norway, Switzerland
Key figures	Klaus Schwab (WEF Chairman), Indian Energy Leadership
Purpose/reason	To assess progress in building secure, sustainable, and equitable energy systems
Feature details	India improved in efficiency and clean energy access, but lagged in equity and security
Validity or status	2025 edition of the annual report
Strategic/significant value	Signals India's transition challenges and areas for policy focus in energy equity and security

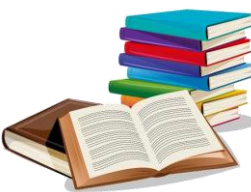


➤ **What is the primary objective of the MoU signed between Vedanta Aluminium and the Central Bank of India?**

- A) To launch a new aluminium export unit
- B) To provide working capital loans to MSME customers
- C) To subsidize electricity for metal production
- D) To fund Vedanta's overseas expansion
- E) To privatize Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO)

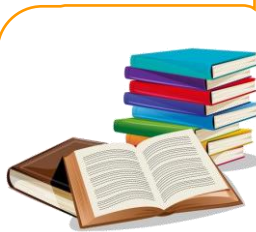
Answer

B) To provide working capital loans to MSME customers



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Vedanta Aluminium signs MoU with Central Bank of India for MSME working capital financing
- **Location:** India (national rollout via Vedanta Metal Bazaar)
- **Date:** June 10, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Vedanta Aluminium, through its unit Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO), has signed an MoU with the Central Bank of India to offer collateral-free working capital loans to its MSME downstream customers via the Vedanta Metal Bazaar platform.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To improve financial liquidity for MSMEs in the aluminium value chain
 - To provide easy and affordable access to credit ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹10 crore
 - To boost scaling and competitiveness of MSME clients through digital integration and simplified documentation
 - To support the Make in India and self-reliance goals in manufacturing



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vedanta Metal Bazaar:** A digital B2B platform hosted by Vedanta Aluminium offering over 750 aluminium product variants and value-added services including financing, AI-based price discovery, and real-time invoice tracking.
- **MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises):** Businesses defined under government classification by turnover and investment thresholds. They form the backbone of India's industrial and employment landscape.



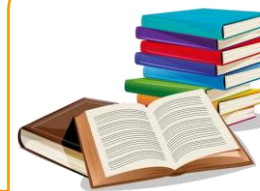
Important Terms Explained:

- **Working Capital Loans:** Short-term financing provided to businesses to manage daily operational expenses such as raw materials, salaries, logistics, etc., often critical for MSME survival and growth.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MoU between Vedanta Aluminium & Central Bank of India for MSME financing
Announcement date	June 10, 2025
Location	India (nationwide digital rollout)
Issuing authority	Vedanta Aluminium & Central Bank of India
Policy/series name	MSME Working Capital Financing via Vedanta Metal Bazaar
Key figures	Rajiv Kumar (CEO, Vedanta Aluminium); Matam Venkata Rao (CEO, CBI)
Purpose/reason	To provide ₹10 lakh–₹10 crore working capital loans with minimal documentation
Feature details	90-day repayment with 15-day grace, API-based disbursal, lien marking, SMS tracking
Validity or status	Active from June 2025; fifth partner bank added to the platform
Strategic/significant value	Supports MSME growth, job creation, and competitiveness in the aluminium ecosystem



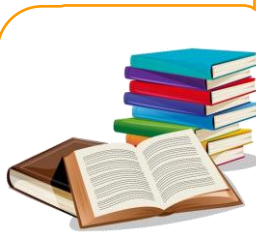
➤ **What is the name of the digital MSME lending solution launched by Poonawalla Fincorp in June 2025?**

- A) MSME Smart Loan
- B) PFL BizLoan Express
- C) Business Loan 24/7
- D) Digital MSME Line
- E) UdyogPlus 360



Answer

C) Business Loan 24/7



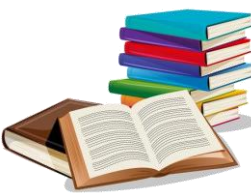
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Business Loan 24/7 digital MSME lending platform by Poonawalla Fincorp
- **Location:** India (nationwide rollout via digital infrastructure)
- **Date:** June 10, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Poonawalla Fincorp Limited (PFL) launched a fully digital lending solution called Business Loan 24/7, aimed at offering instant, paperless MSME loans using advanced analytics and India's public digital infrastructure.
- **Objectives:**
 - To simplify and speed up access to working capital for MSMEs in Tier 1, 2, and 3 cities
 - To eliminate paperwork and branch dependency through Straight Through Processing (STP)
 - To leverage real-time financial data for risk-calibrated digital lending
 - To support India's MSME sector as a core engine of economic growth



Important Terms Explained:

- **Business Loan 24/7:** A first-of-its-kind MSME loan product by PFL that enables round-the-clock, fully digital loan disbursements without any manual intervention, using STP and real-time data analytics.
- **Straight Through Processing (STP):** A digital processing model that allows for end-to-end automation of loan approval and disbursement without any manual paperwork or delays.
- **Account Aggregator Framework:** A digital consent-based system under India's financial infrastructure that enables secure sharing of financial data across institutions, used here to strengthen credit evaluation.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Business Loan 24/7 for MSMEs by PFL
Announcement date	June 10, 2025
Location	India (nationwide digital offering)
Issuing authority	Poonawalla Fincorp Ltd
Policy/series name	Business Loan 24/7 – MSME Digital Lending Initiative
Key figures	Arvind Kapil (MD & CEO, PFL)
Purpose/reason	To digitally deliver credit to MSMEs with instant approval and STP model
Feature details	Loan range ₹10 lakh–₹10 crore, paperless, AI-backed risk profiling, 24/7 access
Validity or status	Launched and operational as of June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports MSMEs, drives fintech innovation, aligns with India's digital economy vision

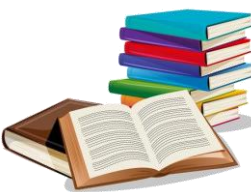


➤ **What is the key objective of RBI's draft norms on Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD) issued in June 2025?**

- A) To allow RBI to intervene in forex trading
- B) To regulate NBFC lending to MSMEs
- C) To align IRD framework with market practices and increase non-resident participation
- D) To reduce the repo rate on short-term borrowing
- E) To curb inflation by raising CRR

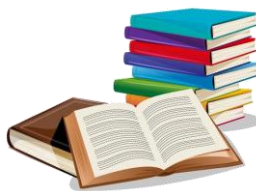
Answer

C) To align IRD framework with market practices and increase non-resident participation



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI issues draft norms for Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD)
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released draft guidelines titled “Draft Master Direction: Reserve Bank of India (Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives) Directions, 2025”, updating rules governing Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD).
- **Objectives:**
 - To bring the regulatory framework in line with global market practices
 - To facilitate increased non-resident participation in IRD transactions
 - To simplify compliance and reporting norms
 - To improve market transparency by requiring global transaction reporting



Important Terms Explained:

- **Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD):** Financial contracts whose value is based on one or more rupee interest rates, including interest rate instruments or indices. Examples include swaps, futures, and options based on interest rates.
- **Draft Master Direction (IRD 2025):** A proposed regulatory document by RBI to modernize the IRD framework, incorporating rules for reporting, non-resident access, and risk controls.
- **Market-Makers:** Financial institutions authorized to offer IRD products. They must ensure that non-resident participants are properly authorized to act on behalf of end-users.

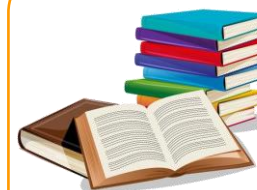


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI releases draft IRD regulations 2025
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	Draft Master Direction on Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives, 2025
Key figures	Shaktikanta Das (RBI Governor)
Purpose/reason	Align IRD rules with market trends and promote non-resident participation
Feature details	Allows group-based IRD access, eases reporting burden, requires global IRD reporting
Validity or status	Draft stage – Open for public comment until July 7, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's derivatives market depth and transparency, attracts global players



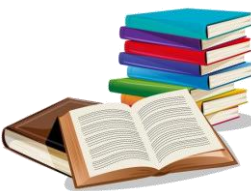
➤ Which financial instrument has NSE received SEBI approval to launch as of June 2025?

- A) Renewable Energy Bonds
- B) Carbon Credits
- C) Electricity Derivatives
- D) Green Sovereign Debt Futures
- E) Power Purchase Agreements



Answer

C) Electricity Derivatives



Event and Location:

- **Event:** NSE receives SEBI approval to launch monthly electricity derivatives
- **Location:** India (National Stock Exchange, Mumbai)
- **Date:** June 11, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has received regulatory clearance from SEBI to introduce electricity derivatives, beginning with monthly futures contracts, followed by plans to roll out contracts for difference (CFDs) and longer-duration instruments.
- **Objectives:**
 - To offer hedging tools against electricity price volatility
 - To promote price discovery in the power market
 - To enable capital investment in electricity generation, transmission, and distribution
 - To support India's net-zero emissions target by 2070 through market-based climate finance



Important Terms Explained:

- **Electricity Derivatives:** Financial instruments allowing market participants to hedge or speculate on future electricity prices. These contracts are financially settled rather than physically delivered.
- **Contracts for Difference (CFDs):** A derivative contract where the buyer and seller exchange the difference between the opening and closing price of an asset—in this case, electricity—at contract maturity.
- **SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India):** India's capital markets regulator that oversees stock exchanges and authorizes new financial instruments such as derivatives.

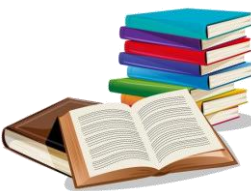


BANKING AND FINANCE



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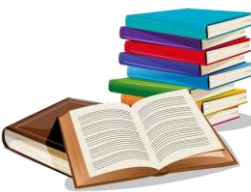
Parameter	Details
Event name	SEBI approval for NSE to launch electricity derivatives
Announcement date	June 11, 2025
Location	India (NSE, Mumbai)
Issuing authority	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
Policy/series name	Electricity Futures & Contracts for Difference (CFDs)
Key figures	Ashishkumar Chauhan (MD & CEO, NSE)
Purpose/reason	Hedge electricity price risks and boost investment in power sector
Feature details	Monthly futures approved; quarterly & annual contracts planned
Validity or status	Approved; phased market launch pending regulatory compliance
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's net-zero target, boosts climate finance, enhances power market depth



➤ What is ICRA's projected real GDP growth rate for India in FY2025–26?

- A) 7.0%
- B) 6.5%
- C) 6.2%
- D) 5.8%
- E) 6.8%

Answer
C) 6.2%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICRA revises India's GDP forecast for FY2025–26
- **Location:** India (nationwide economic outlook)
- **Date:** June 18, 2025 (forecast release date)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Credit rating agency ICRA released its updated macroeconomic outlook projecting India's GDP growth at 6.2% for FY2025–26, down from 6.5% in FY2024–25.
- **Objectives:** To provide stakeholders—governments, businesses, and investors—with an updated forecast of key economic indicators and policy implications amid changing global trade dynamics and domestic reforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICRA (Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency):** An Indian independent credit rating agency and research firm that provides economic forecasts, credit ratings, and risk analysis. It is a subsidiary of Moody's Investors Service.
- **GDP (Gross Domestic Product):** The total market value of all goods and services produced within a country during a specific period. A key indicator of economic health.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GVA (Gross Value Added):** Measures the value of goods and services produced in the economy after subtracting input costs; it's a core metric to assess economic productivity.
- **CPI & WPI Inflation:**
 - **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** reflects retail inflation affecting households.
 - **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** indicates inflation at the producer level.

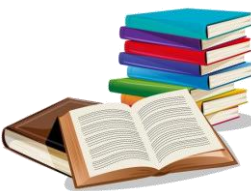


BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ICRA Forecast for India's GDP in FY2025–26
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	Pan-India Economic Outlook
Issuing authority	ICRA Limited
Policy/series name	Annual Economic Growth & Fiscal Outlook
Key figures	Ramnath Krishnan (ICRA MD & CEO), FM Nirmala Sitharaman
Purpose/reason	Forecast GDP, inflation, fiscal deficit, investment trends for FY26
Feature details	Real GDP at 6.2%, GVA at 6.0%, 10.1% capex growth, CPI > 4.2%
Validity or status	Outlook for Financial Year 2025–26
Strategic/significant value	Provides roadmap for budget planning, investment strategy, rural & infrastructure focus



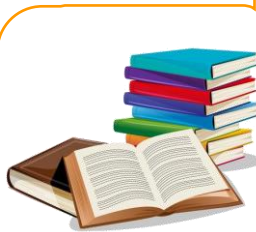
➤ Which financial institution sold its 17.8% stake in Jio Payments Bank to Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFSL)?



- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) State Bank of India
- E) Axis Bank



Answer
D) State Bank of India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Jio Financial acquires full ownership of Jio Payments Bank
- **Location:** India (corporate transaction across fintech and banking sectors)
- **Date:** June 19, 2025 (deal announcement); RBI approval on June 4, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFSL) completed the acquisition of the 17.8% stake held by State Bank of India (SBI) in Jio Payments Bank, making it a wholly-owned subsidiary of JFSL.
- **Objectives:** To consolidate Reliance's fintech presence by fully integrating Jio Payments Bank into JFSL, enabling tighter control, product synergy, and streamlined operations across digital banking and investment services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFSL):** A subsidiary of Reliance Industries, focused on digital finance, payments, lending, insurance, and investment management. It is expanding aggressively in India's fintech landscape.
- **Jio Payments Bank:** A digital payments bank initially launched as a joint venture between JFSL (82.17%) and SBI (17.8%); now fully owned by JFSL. It offers digital banking services like savings, UPI, bill payments, and wallet features.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aladdin:** An advanced risk management and analytics platform developed by BlackRock. Recently introduced in India via Jio BlackRock Mutual Fund, it's used globally by institutional investors.

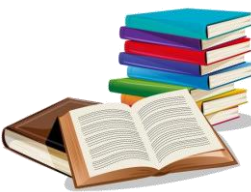


BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	JFSL acquires SBI's stake to fully own Jio Payments Bank
Announcement date	June 19, 2025
Location	India (corporate transaction)
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI approved on June 4, 2025)
Policy/series name	Corporate Restructuring / Fintech Integration
Key figures	Hitesh Sethia (JFSL CEO), Dinesh Khara (SBI Chairman), Elon Musk (context: fintech)
Purpose/reason	Strengthen Jio's fintech ecosystem through full control of digital banking
Feature details	₹104.54 crore deal, 7.9 crore equity shares transferred, 100% ownership
Validity or status	Transaction completed, Jio Payments Bank now wholly-owned by JFSL
Strategic/significant value	Enables integration of banking with mutual funds, risk tools, and digital finance innovation

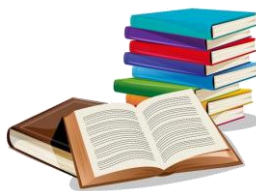


➤ **What is the primary focus of Google's newly launched GSEC in Hyderabad?**

- A) Manufacturing smartphones for Asia-Pacific
- B) Developing Google Maps in regional languages
- C) Advancing cybersecurity, AI safety, and digital fraud prevention
- D) Hosting global coding competitions
- E) Expanding Google Cloud infrastructure in Europe

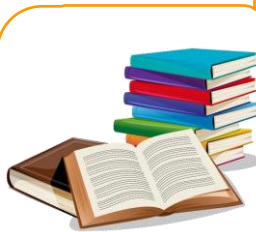
Answer

C) Advancing cybersecurity, AI safety, and digital fraud prevention



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Asia-Pacific
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Google launched its first Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in the Asia-Pacific region at Hyderabad, marking its fourth such global facility focused on cybersecurity, AI governance, and online safety.
- **Objectives:** To enhance user protection, prevent digital fraud, secure infrastructure, and build/test responsible AI technologies while supporting India's role in global digital governance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GSEC (Google Safety Engineering Centre):** A specialized facility by Google aimed at advancing digital security, privacy, and responsible AI innovation. It focuses on technologies like fraud detection, red teaming, and adversarial AI testing.
- **Gemini Nano:** A lightweight version of Google's AI model deployed on Android devices for real-time scam alerts and personal data safety.
- **SynthID:** Google's watermarking technology that embeds invisible markers into AI-generated content, helping to verify authenticity and prevent misuse.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Hyderabad
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	Hyderabad, Telangana
Issuing authority	Google LLC
Policy/series name	Google's Global Safety Engineering Centre Initiative
Key figures	CM A Revanth Reddy, IT Minister D Sridhar Babu, Preeti Lobana, Heather Adkins
Purpose/reason	Strengthen cybersecurity, AI safety, fraud prevention in APAC
Feature details	Use of LLMs, Gemini Nano, SynthID, red teaming, AI watermarking
Validity or status	Operational from June 18, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's digital defence profile, jobs, skilling, and global tech presence

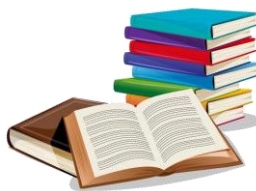


- Which satellite-based internet service recently received a licence to operate in India with support from Jio and Airtel?



- A) OneWeb
- B) Starlink
- C) Project Kuiper
- D) SkyNet
- E) BlueStream

Answer
B) Starlink



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Starlink receives operating licence for satellite internet in India
- **Location:** India (nationwide coverage planned)
- **Date:** June 2025 (announced by Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of India granted an operating licence to Starlink, SpaceX's satellite internet service, enabling the rollout of high-speed, low-latency internet using LEO satellites.
- **Objectives:** To bridge India's digital divide, enhance rural connectivity, and support sectors like education, health, and business under the Digital India vision through satellite-based broadband services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Starlink:** A satellite internet constellation project by SpaceX, offering global broadband coverage via low Earth orbit (LEO) satellites located ~550 km above Earth, known for high-speed and low-latency internet in remote regions.
- **LEO Satellite (Low Earth Orbit):** A class of satellite positioned 500–2,000 km from Earth, used for rapid, real-time communications and lower latency compared to traditional geostationary satellites.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital India:** A flagship government program launched in 2015 to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, focusing on infrastructure, governance, and digital literacy.



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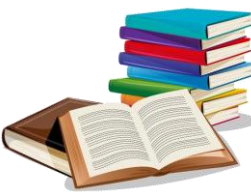
Parameter	Details
Event name	Starlink licensed to operate in India with Airtel & Jio as partners
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India (nationwide satellite coverage planned)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India
Policy/series name	Satellite Internet Licensing & Digital India Initiatives
Key figures	Elon Musk, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Mukesh Ambani, Gopal Vittal
Purpose/reason	Expand broadband access to underserved regions
Feature details	Starlink uses LEO satellites; equipment to be retailed via Jio & Airtel
Validity or status	Licence granted; nationwide rollout expected soon
Strategic/significant value	Supports Digital India, boosts digital inclusion, and enables resilient connectivity



➤ Which aircraft model will be jointly manufactured in India by Reliance Aerostructure Ltd and Dassault Aviation?

- A) Rafale M
- B) Falcon 2000
- C) Mirage 2000
- D) Tejas Mk II
- E) Falcon 9

Answer
B) Falcon 2000



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of Falcon 2000 jet manufacturing in India by Reliance Infra & Dassault Aviation
- **Location:** Nagpur, Maharashtra (announced at Paris Air Show 2025)
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Reliance Aerostructure Ltd (RAL) and Dassault Aviation signed a partnership to set up a final assembly line for Falcon 2000 business jets in Nagpur, marking Dassault's first manufacturing project for business jets outside France.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's position in aerospace manufacturing, support Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat missions, generate employment, and enhance self-reliance in high-precision aviation production.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Dassault Aviation:** A French aerospace company known for producing military and business jets, including the Rafale and Falcon series. It is a global leader in aviation innovation and exports.
- **Falcon 2000:** A long-range business jet produced by Dassault Aviation. Known for luxury, range, and efficiency, it's widely used in corporate and executive aviation worldwide.



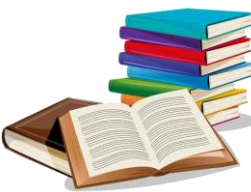
Important Terms Explained:

- **DRAL (Dassault Reliance Aerospace Ltd):** A joint venture between Dassault Aviation and Reliance Aerostructure Ltd, set up to support aerospace manufacturing in India; the Nagpur facility is now being developed into a Dassault Center of Excellence.
- **Make in India:** A Government of India initiative to encourage domestic manufacturing and reduce import dependency across sectors, including defence and aviation.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Dassault & Reliance to manufacture Falcon 2000 jets in India
Announcement date	June 18, 2025 (Paris Air Show)
Location	Nagpur, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Dassault Aviation & Reliance Aerostructure Ltd
Policy/series name	Make in India / Atmanirbhar Bharat
Key figures	Éric Trappier (Dassault), Anil Ambani (Reliance Infra)
Purpose/reason	Establish India's first business jet production facility
Feature details	Final assembly of Falcon 2000; sub-assembly of Falcon 6X & 8X; DRAL expansion
Validity or status	Project underway; first delivery expected by 2028
Strategic/significant value	Makes India the 5th country capable of business jet manufacturing; boosts jobs & aerospace exports



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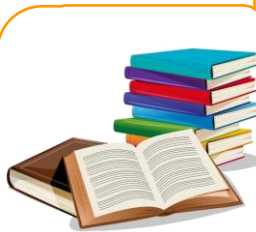


➤ **Who was appointed as the first Indian-born Provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2025?**

- A) Arvind Krishna
- B) Sundar Pichai
- C) Anantha Chandrakasan
- D) Satya Nadella
- E) Subra Suresh

Answer

C) Anantha Chandrakasan



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Anantha Chandrakasan as MIT Provost
- **Location:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- **Date:** Effective from July 1, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** MIT appointed Professor Anantha Chandrakasan as the new Provost, the university's second-highest academic position, responsible for academic strategy, financial planning, and institutional development.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen MIT's academic excellence and innovation ecosystem, promote global diversity in leadership, and align research and education strategy with future technology demands.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Provost:** The chief academic officer of a university, responsible for overseeing all academic affairs, budgeting, institutional strategy, and faculty development.
- **MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):** A globally leading research university in science, engineering, and technology, located in the United States and known for groundbreaking work in innovation and entrepreneurship.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **SuperUROP:** An advanced undergraduate research program at MIT initiated under Chandrakasan's leadership, designed to promote deep, year-long research among undergraduates in engineering and computer science.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Anantha Chandrakasan appointed Provost of MIT
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
Issuing authority	MIT Executive Board and President Sally Kornbluth
Policy/series name	Academic and Strategic Leadership Appointment
Key figures	Anantha Chandrakasan, Cynthia Barnhart (Predecessor)
Purpose/reason	Strengthen academic governance, promote diversity, and drive innovation
Feature details	Expertise in low-power electronics, academic entrepreneurship, women in STEM
Validity or status	Effective from July 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	First Indian-born Provost of MIT, symbolizing global leadership in STEM



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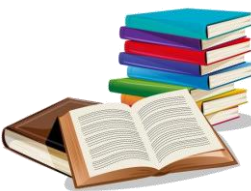


- **Whose term as Executive Director of ICICI Bank has been extended by the RBI for two years starting December 23, 2025?**

- A) Rakesh Jha
- B) Anup Bagchi
- C) Sandeep Batra
- D) Saurabh Singh
- E) Vishakha Mulye

Answer

C) Sandeep Batra



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI approves reappointment of Sandeep Batra as Executive Director of ICICI Bank
- **Location:** Mumbai, India
- **Date:** June 16, 2025 (approval date), new term from December 23, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the two-year extension of Sandeep Batra as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank, from December 23, 2025, to December 22, 2027, subject to shareholder approval.
- **Objectives:**
 - To maintain leadership continuity in critical corporate functions of ICICI Bank
 - To enable effective oversight of finance, HR, legal, compliance, and customer service divisions
 - To support the bank's administrative stability in regulatory and risk functions



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Executive Director (ED):** A top-level executive responsible for overseeing and managing the core functions of a corporation. In banks, EDs report directly to the MD & CEO and often supervise key operational divisions.
- **Corporate Centre (ICICI Bank):** The central operational unit within ICICI Bank that oversees departments like Finance, HR, Risk, Legal, Customer Service, and Corporate Communications.
- **Shareholder Approval:** A regulatory and procedural requirement in listed companies where major executive appointments or extensions are subject to shareholder vote post-regulatory clearance.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI approves extension of ICICI Bank ED Sandeep Batra's term
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	Executive Leadership Approval under Banking Regulation
Key figures	Sandeep Batra, Sandeep Bakhshi, Shaktikanta Das
Purpose/reason	Leadership continuity in critical divisions of ICICI Bank
Feature details	Term extended from Dec 23, 2025 to Dec 22, 2027, subject to shareholder approval
Validity or status	RBI approved; shareholder resolution pending
Strategic/significant value	Ensures corporate governance stability and long-term strategic oversight at ICICI Bank



AWARDS



➤ **Why was Shri Ram Bahadur Rai awarded the Padma Bhushan in June 2025?**

- A) For his service in Indian classical music
- B) For his contributions to medical research
- C) For distinguished service in literature and education (journalism)
- D) For his leadership in political reforms
- E) For innovations in Hindi cinema

Answer

C) For distinguished service in literature and education (journalism)

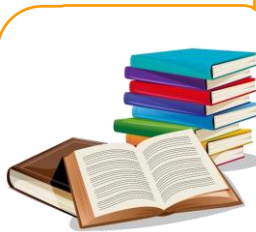


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Padma Bhushan awarded to Shri Ram Bahadur Rai for journalism and cultural contributions
- **Location:** IGNCA Office, New Delhi
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Home Affairs organized a special felicitation ceremony to confer the Padma Bhushan on veteran journalist Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, recognizing his work in journalism, literature, and cultural thought.
- **Objectives:** The goal was to formally honor Shri Rai, who could not attend the main ceremony, for over four decades of service in journalism, education, and his role in enriching India's public and intellectual discourse.

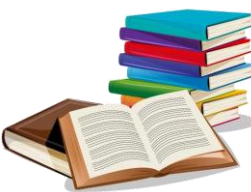


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Padma Bhushan:** India's third-highest civilian award, conferred for distinguished service of a high order in any field, including literature, education, public affairs, arts, and social work.
- **IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts):** A premier government-funded arts and cultural institution, which also serves as a platform for cultural dialogue, where Shri Ram Bahadur Rai currently serves as President of the Trust.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act):** A controversial law used during the Emergency (1975–1977) to arrest political activists without trial; Shri Rai was detained under this Act during the JP Movement.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Padma Bhushan Conferred on Shri Ram Bahadur Rai
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	IGNCA Office, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Home Affairs
Policy/series name	Padma Awards Series (Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan)
Key figures	Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Shri Satpal Chauhan, Najeeb Jung, Hemant Sharma
Purpose/reason	Recognition of over 40 years of service in journalism, literature, and education
Feature details	Special award ceremony due to non-attendance at Rashtrapati Bhavan
Validity or status	Conferred and acknowledged as of June 18, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Honors media ethics, national thought, and youth mentorship in journalism



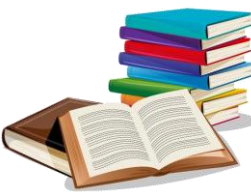
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➤ What is the eligibility publication period for works considered for the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025?

- A) 2018 to 2022
- B) 2020 to 2024
- C) 2019 to 2023
- D) 2021 to 2025
- E) 2017 to 2021

Answer
C) 2019 to 2023



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025 Winners
- **Location:** Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi (Autonomous Body under Ministry of Culture)
- **Date:** June 19, 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Sahitya Akademi announced 24 recipients of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025, recognizing literary excellence in children's literature across multiple Indian languages.
- **Objectives:** To promote quality children's literature, encourage multilingual creativity, recognize outstanding authors, and support the cultural and linguistic heritage of India through regional storytelling.



AWARDS



Complete List of Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025 Winners

Language	Title and Genre	Author
Assamese	Mahabharathar Padya (Poetry)	Surendra Mohan Das
Bengali	Echhara Gaye Katha Daye (Stories)	Chitto Acharyya
Bodo	Khanthi Boronn Ang Abhu Duhui (Stories)	Binay Kumar Brahma
Dogri	Nachi Tor (Poetry)	P.L. Parihar "Shaad"
English	Dibakar Sinha Indian Myths and Fables Retold	Nitin Kushalappa MP
Gujarati	Trivak (Poetry)	Kirtida Brahmabhatt
Hindi	Ek Kaley Bara (Short Stories)	Sushil Shukla
Kannada	Notebook (Short Stories)	K. Shivalinggappa Harisdhal
Kashmiri	Shure Ta Toturu Gyash (Short Stories)	Ishar Mubaashir
Konkani	Betekaddo Shankar Aani Haar Karyo (Stories)	Nayima Adankar
Maithili	Oudika (Short Stories)	Murari Kanaik
Malayalam	Rangamandalache Yaadravadi (Novel)	Sreejith Moolkudan



AWARDS



Complete List of Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025 Winners

Language	Title and Genre	Author
Manipuri	Anganganginage Shamahungsida (Play)	Shanta M.
Marathi	Aathamanga (Poetry)	Sudish Sawant
Nepali	Shanti Van (Novel)	Sangmu Lepcha
Odia	Kete Phula Phutachi (Poetry)	Rajkishore Parhi
Punjabi	Jadoo Patka (Novel)	Pal Khadim, Bhagwant Singh, Daryopal Kailash
Rajasthani	Panahravansh Ni Pira (Drama)	Jitendra Sharma
Sanskrit	Balviyaam (Poetry)	Preeti Pujara
Santali	Sona Mou-ag Sandesh (Poetry)	Hansda Murmu
Sindhi	Asman Hari (Poetry)	Heena Agranis "Veer"
Tamil	Ottrai Sirago Orva (Novel)	Vishuguram Sarvanain
Telugu	Kakurla Devatha (Story)	Ganjarotti Sivakumar
Urdu	Quami Sitare (Articles)	Ghazanfar Iqbal



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bal Sahitya Puraskar:** A prestigious literary award instituted by the Sahitya Akademi to honor writers for their contribution to children's literature in 24 recognized Indian languages.
- **Sahitya Akademi:** India's National Academy of Letters and an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, which promotes literature across Indian languages through awards, translations, and publications.
- **Eligibility Period (2019–2023):** The award considered works published between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2023, ensuring recognition of recent impactful literature for young readers.

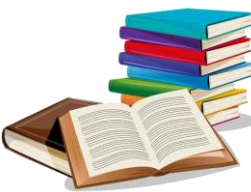


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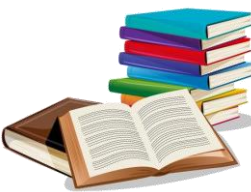
Parameter	Details
Event name	Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025 Winners Announced
Announcement date	June 19, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Sahitya Akademi
Policy/series name	Bal Sahitya Puraskar
Key figures	Madhav Kaushik (Chairman), 24 award-winning authors
Purpose/reason	To honor outstanding children's literature across Indian languages
Feature details	Awards for works in 24 languages, covering genres like poetry, stories, drama
Validity or status	Announced; award ceremony to be held later
Strategic/significant value	Encourages regional literature, boosts language preservation, inspires young readers



- What is the name of the fifth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) launched by Goa Shipyard Ltd for the Indian Coast Guard in June 2025?

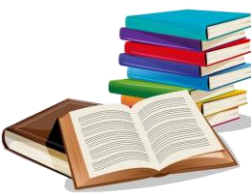
- A) Vikram
- B) Shakti
- C) Prahar
- D) Achal
- E) Suvarna

Answer
D) Achal



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Fast Patrol Vessel 'Achal' by Goa Shipyard Ltd for Indian Coast Guard
- **Location:** Goa, India
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) launched 'Achal', the fifth in a series of eight Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) being built for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) under a ₹473 crore contract signed in 2022.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance surveillance, control, and protection of India's offshore assets and island territories
 - To strengthen India's coastal defence and maritime security
 - To promote Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) in defence production and bolster local industry and MSMEs



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV):** High-speed naval vessels designed for coastal patrol, search-and-rescue, and law enforcement missions. FPVs can operate in shallow waters and are crucial for coastal security.
- **CPP-based Propulsion System:** Controllable Pitch Propeller system that improves maneuverability and speed efficiency. Allows the ship to reach top speeds quickly with greater fuel control.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Dual-Class Certification:** Certification by American Bureau of Shipping and Indian Register of Shipping, ensuring the vessel meets global and domestic standards of safety and structural integrity.
- **Aatmanirbharta in Defence:** India's mission to achieve self-reliance in defence production, promoting indigenous manufacturing, MSME participation, and reduced import dependency.

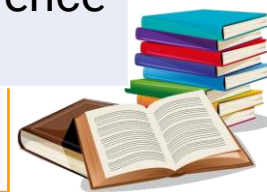


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of fifth Fast Patrol Vessel 'Achal' for ICG
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Goa, India
Issuing authority	Goa Shipyard Ltd in collaboration with Indian Coast Guard
Policy/series name	Series of 8 FPVs for Indian Coast Guard (Contract signed in 2022)
Key figures	Smt. Kavita Harbola (launched vessel), ADG Anil Kumar Harbola (ICG), CMD Brajesh Upadhyay
Purpose/reason	Strengthen coastal patrol capabilities and support Aatmanirbharta
Feature details	52m length, 8m breadth, 320-ton displacement, 27 knots top speed, 60% indigenous content
Validity or status	Fifth FPV launched; three more under construction
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's maritime security, MSME involvement, and indigenous defence capabilities



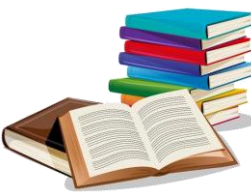
➤ Which shipyard has been awarded the contract to build two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs) for the Geological Survey of India in June 2025?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd
- B) Cochin Shipyard Ltd
- C) Goa Shipyard Ltd
- D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd
- E) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd



Answer

D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd



Event and Location:

- **Event:** GRSE signs contract to build Coastal Research Vessels for Geological Survey of India
- **Location:** Kolkata, West Bengal
- **Date:** June 11, 2025 (contract signing); announcement made June 16–17, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) signed a contract with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) for the construction of two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs). The vessels will support marine geological studies and resource exploration within India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To support offshore geological mapping, mineral exploration, and environmental monitoring
 - To enhance India's coastal and oceanic scientific research infrastructure
 - To provide GSI with modern, indigenously built research platforms
 - To promote 'Make in India' and Aatmanirbhar Bharat in maritime research capability



Important Terms Explained:

- **Coastal Research Vessel (CRV):** A medium-sized research ship designed for operations in coastal and offshore waters. Equipped for geological, oceanographic, and environmental studies, with onboard labs and advanced positioning systems.
- **Dynamic Positioning – 1 (DP-1):** A computer-controlled system that automatically maintains a vessel's position and heading using its own propellers and thrusters—even in moderate sea conditions (Sea State 3).



Important Terms Explained:

- **Diesel-Electric Propulsion:** A propulsion system where diesel generators produce electricity that powers electric thrusters, offering better maneuverability, lower noise, and fuel efficiency.

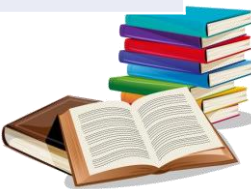


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	GRSE to build two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs) for GSI
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Kolkata, India
Issuing authority	GRSE & Geological Survey of India
Policy/series name	Coastal Research Vessel Construction Contract
Key figures	Cdr Shantanu Bose (GRSE), Dr N. M. Shareef (GSI), Asit Saha (DG, GSI)
Purpose/reason	Marine geological mapping, dredging, ocean data monitoring
Feature details	64m length, 12m breadth, 450 tonnes DWT, 15-day endurance, 10-knot speed, DP-1 system
Validity or status	Contract signed; vessel construction in progress
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's marine research capacity; supports Make in India and blue economy goals

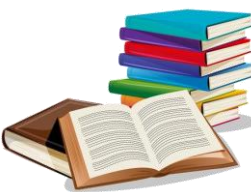


➤ **What was the primary focus of the first Joint Working Group meeting between India and Ukraine held on June 18, 2025?**

- A) Enhancing bilateral defence cooperation
- B) Discussing space research collaboration
- C) Strengthening agricultural cooperation and technology sharing
- D) Finalising a trade agreement on heavy machinery
- E) Launching a cultural exchange programme

Answer

C) Strengthening agricultural cooperation and technology sharing

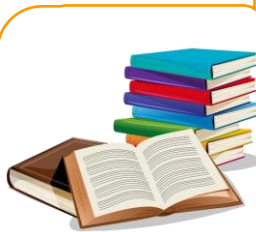


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** First Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between India and Ukraine on agriculture cooperation
- **Location:** Virtual (India and Ukraine)
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The meeting aimed to initiate formal agricultural cooperation between India and Ukraine through a Joint Working Group format co-chaired by senior officials from both nations.
- **Objectives:** To promote mutual collaboration in digital agriculture, food processing, plant breeding, agri-mechanisation, and research partnerships while addressing food security and sustainability goals.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Working Group (JWG):** A bilateral or multilateral forum established between countries to facilitate structured discussions and cooperation in specific sectors such as agriculture, defence, or trade.
- **e-NAM (National Agricultural Market):** A pan-India electronic trading portal that networks existing APMC mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities, launched by the Government of India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Mission on Edible Oils–Oilseeds:** A government initiative aimed at increasing domestic production of edible oils through expansion of oilseed cultivation and productivity enhancement.



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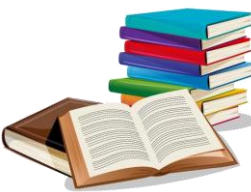
Parameter	Details
Event name	India-Ukraine First Joint Working Group Meeting on Agriculture Cooperation
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	Virtual (India and Ukraine)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India
Policy/series name	Bilateral Agricultural Cooperation Framework
Key figures	Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu (India), Ms. Oksana Osmachko (Ukraine)
Purpose/reason	Strengthening bilateral agricultural ties and technical collaboration
Feature details	Discussions on digital agri-tech, genome editing, food processing, ICAR/FSSAI cooperation
Validity or status	First formal engagement—establishes a structured cooperation path
Strategic/significant value	Enhances food security, innovation sharing, and India's global agri-diplomacy profile



➤ Which country was officially announced as the 10th BRICS partner nation in June 2025?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Malaysia
- C) Vietnam
- D) Nigeria
- E) Uzbekistan

Answer
C) Vietnam



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Vietnam joins BRICS as the 10th official partner country
- **Location:** Announced by Brazil; global response including Vietnam, Russia, and China
- **Date:** June 14–19, 2025



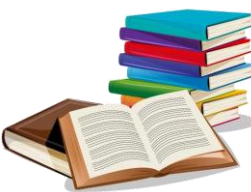
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Brazil, as BRICS chair for 2025, officially announced Vietnam's entry as the 10th BRICS partner country, highlighting its commitment to multilateralism and South-South cooperation.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance Global South representation in international forums
 - To integrate Vietnam into economic, diplomatic, and multilateral discussions under BRICS
 - To provide access to new markets, technology exchange, and development finance
 - To promote inclusive global governance, in line with Vietnam's foreign policy of multilateralisation and diversification



Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS:** A bloc of major emerging economies originally comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, formed to foster South-South cooperation and challenge traditional Western-dominated global institutions.
- **BRICS Partner Country:** A new category introduced at the 2024 BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, allowing non-member nations to collaborate in BRICS initiatives without full membership privileges but with significant diplomatic access.



Important Terms Explained:

- **South-South Cooperation:** A framework for collaboration among countries of the Global South, particularly in areas of trade, investment, technology, and sustainable development, often as a counterbalance to Western influence.

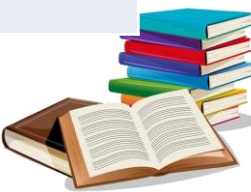


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Vietnam joins BRICS as 10th partner country
Announcement date	June 14, 2025 (by Brazil); widely reported by June 19, 2025
Location	Global; confirmed by Brazil and Vietnam
Issuing authority	Brazilian Foreign Ministry, supported by BRICS Secretariat
Policy/series name	BRICS Partner Country Expansion (initiated in 2024 at Kazan Summit)
Key figures	PM Pham Minh Chinh, FM spokesperson Pham Phu Hang, analyst Vu Lam
Purpose/reason	To strengthen South-South cooperation and elevate Vietnam's global influence
Feature details	Vietnam joins 9 other BRICS partners; aims to link BRICS with other multilateral platforms
Validity or status	Confirmed and active partner country as of June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances ASEAN visibility in BRICS, supports multipolar leadership, boosts Vietnam's economic and diplomatic profile



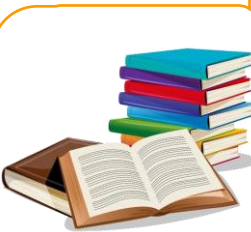
➤ What is the main objective of India's recently launched 'Operation Sindhu' in June 2025?

- A) To enhance trade with Iran
- B) To deploy Indian forces in the Middle East
- C) To evacuate Indian nationals from conflict-hit Iran
- D) To provide relief supplies to Armenia
- E) To set up new embassies in West Asia



Answer

C) To evacuate Indian nationals from conflict-hit Iran



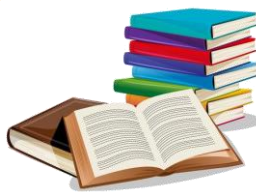
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Operation Sindhu for evacuation of Indian citizens from Iran
- **Location:** Iran, Armenia, India
- **Date:** June 18–19, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India initiated Operation Sindhu to facilitate the evacuation of its nationals, especially students, from conflict-affected areas of Iran through coordinated diplomatic and logistical support involving Armenia.
- **Objectives:** The operation aimed to ensure the safety of Indian citizens stranded in Iran amid rising tensions with Israel by relocating them to safer regions and bringing them home via special flights.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Sindhu:** A government-led evacuation mission launched in June 2025 to rescue Indian nationals from Iran amid military conflict, using a multi-nation coordination route through Armenia.
- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA):** The key Indian government body responsible for foreign policy and diplomatic missions, which coordinated with embassies and established helplines and control rooms for the evacuation.
- **Evacuation Operation:** A structured effort by a government to safely extract its nationals from foreign danger zones, especially during conflicts, crises, or natural disasters.



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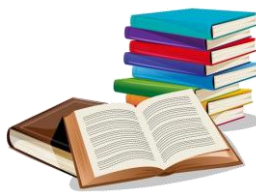
Parameter	Details
Event name	Operation Sindhu
Announcement date	Mid-June 2025
Location	Iran → Armenia → India
Issuing authority	Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India
Policy/series name	Evacuation Operation Series (past examples: Ganga, Kaveri)
Key figures	Dr. S. Jaishankar, Indian Embassy in Tehran and Yerevan
Purpose/reason	Rising Iran-Israel conflict threatening Indian nationals' safety
Feature details	Road evacuation to Armenia, then special flight to New Delhi
Validity or status	Ongoing as of June 19, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's global responsiveness and diplomatic agility



➤ According to Maharashtra's new directive under the State Curriculum Framework 2024, what is the general third language to be taught in Classes 1 to 5?

- A) Sanskrit
- B) Marathi
- C) Hindi
- D) English
- E) Any foreign language

Answer
C) Hindi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Hindi made the general third language in Maharashtra schools under State Curriculum Framework 2024
- **Location:** Maharashtra
- **Date:** June 2025 (directive issued)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Maharashtra government issued a revised education directive making Hindi the general third language to be taught in Classes 1 to 5 across Marathi and English medium schools, aligned with the State Curriculum Framework 2024 and NEP 2020.
- **Objectives:** To promote multilingualism, align state education policy with NEP 2020, and encourage national integration while allowing conditional flexibility for other Indian languages upon request.



Important Terms Explained:

- **State Curriculum Framework 2024:** Maharashtra's updated educational policy document designed in alignment with NEP 2020, guiding the implementation of language, pedagogy, and curriculum changes at the school level.
- **NEP 2020 (National Education Policy):** India's national education policy emphasizing foundational literacy, multilingualism, and a three-language formula, usually comprising a regional language, Hindi, and English.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Three-Language Formula:** An educational policy approach promoted by NEP 2020, encouraging students to learn three languages—regional, national (typically Hindi), and international (typically English), while allowing flexibility by states.

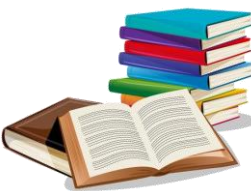


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Hindi made general third language in Maharashtra schools
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Maharashtra School Education Department
Policy/series name	State Curriculum Framework 2024 (aligned with NEP 2020)
Key figures	Dada Bhuse (Education Minister), State Cabinet
Purpose/reason	Implement NEP's three-language formula and promote multilingualism
Feature details	Hindi default 3rd language; option to choose another language with ≥ 20 requests
Validity or status	Directive issued and currently applicable for Classes 1–5
Strategic/significant value	Raises debate on language imposition, reflects NEP-state implementation tension

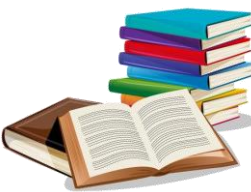


➤ **Where did FM Nirmala Sitharaman lay the foundation stone for a Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe in June 2025?**

- A) Leh Space Research Station
- B) Pangong Observatory
- C) Hanle Dark Sky Reserve
- D) Srinagar Science Valley
- E) Tawang Astronomy Centre

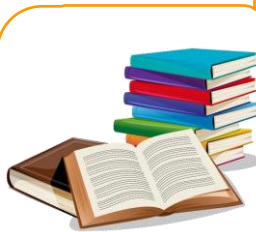
Answer

C) Hanle Dark Sky Reserve



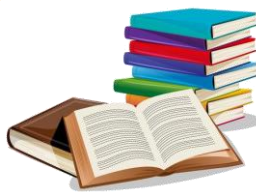
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Foundation stone laid for Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe project
- **Location:** Hanle Dark Sky Reserve, Changthang region, Ladakh
- **Date:** June 15, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation for a Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe at Hanle under the Special Development Package (SDP) at a cost of ₹276.65 lakh.
- **Objectives:** To promote scientific literacy, strengthen astro-tourism, create local employment, and support community-led development in remote areas through astronomy outreach and CSR integration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hanle Dark Sky Reserve:** India's first officially designated Dark Sky Reserve in Ladakh, known for minimal light pollution, enabling high-quality astronomical observation and eco-tourism development.
- **Special Development Package (SDP):** A targeted central funding mechanism to accelerate development in remote and border areas through focused investments in infrastructure, education, tourism, and welfare.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MACE Telescope (Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment):** A gamma-ray telescope located in Hanle, operated by BARC, used for atmospheric and astrophysical studies.

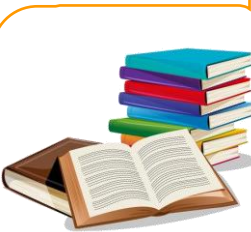


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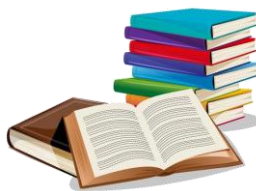
Parameter	Details
Event name	Foundation of Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe at Hanle
Announcement date	June 15, 2025
Location	Hanle Dark Sky Reserve, Changthang, Ladakh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance, Government of India
Policy/series name	Special Development Package (SDP)
Key figures	FM Nirmala Sitharaman, Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam, Dr. K.K. Yadav
Purpose/reason	Promote astro-tourism, science outreach, local development
Feature details	₹276.65 lakh investment; Planetarium and Astro Globe planned
Validity or status	Foundation laid; project under implementation
Strategic/significant value	Supports rural welfare, scientific awareness, CSR integration, and eco-tourism growth



➤ What is the new timeline set by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for delivering Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) under its latest SOP?

- A) 7 days
- B) 10 days
- C) 15 days
- D) 30 days
- E) 21 days

Answer
C) 15 days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ECI introduces SOP to ensure EPIC delivery within 15 days
- **Location:** India (nationwide implementation by ECI)
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Election Commission of India (ECI) has rolled out a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that mandates the delivery of Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) within 15 days of enrollment or updates to voter records.
- **Objectives:**
 - To streamline EPIC issuance and minimize delays
 - To enable real-time tracking and SMS alerts to voters
 - To boost digital governance and transparency in electoral processes
 - To ensure all voters have timely access to valid ID for elections



Important Terms Explained:

- **EPIC (Elector Photo Identity Card):** The official voter ID card issued by the Election Commission of India. It serves as a key identification document during elections and government services.
- **ECINet:** The Election Commission's integrated digital platform, upgraded with new IT modules for real-time tracking, workflow efficiency, and EPIC delivery management.
- **Department of Posts (DoP):** The Indian postal system is a partner in this initiative, responsible for last-mile delivery of EPICs, integrated via API with ECI's system for status tracking.

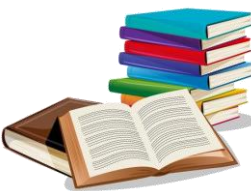


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	New ECI SOP for 15-day EPIC delivery
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India (nationwide electoral system)
Issuing authority	Election Commission of India
Policy/series name	Standard Operating Procedure for EPIC Delivery
Key figures	Gyanesh Kumar (CEC), Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, Dr. Vivek Joshi
Purpose/reason	Fast-track EPIC delivery for voter convenience and electoral readiness
Feature details	SMS alerts, ECINet integration, DoP API tracking, 15-day turnaround
Validity or status	Effective from June 2025 onwards
Strategic/significant value	Promotes transparency, boosts voter trust, aligns with Digital India goals



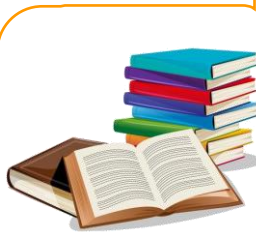
➤ Under which fund has the Centre approved ₹2,006.40 crore for Himachal Pradesh's 2023 disaster recovery efforts?

- A) PM CARES Fund
- B) State Disaster Response Fund
- C) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
- D) National Infrastructure Pipeline
- E) National Disaster Response Fund



Answer

E) National Disaster Response Fund



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Central approval of ₹2,006.40 crore for Himachal Pradesh's 2023 disaster recovery
- **Location:** Himachal Pradesh, India
- **Date:** June 2025 (approval granted)



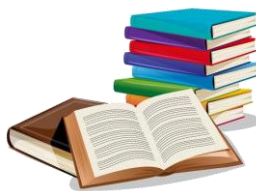
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of India approved financial assistance of ₹2,006.40 crore for post-disaster recovery in Himachal Pradesh, following the devastating floods, landslides, and cloudbursts of the 2023 monsoon season.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To reconstruct damaged infrastructure and housing
 - To support the rehabilitation of victims and displaced communities
 - To build long-term disaster resilience in vulnerable hill areas
 - To respond under the framework of the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF):** A central government fund established under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery support to states facing major natural disasters.
- **Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA):** A comprehensive framework used to estimate the financial and strategic needs for rebuilding after disasters, prepared collaboratively by the affected state and relevant central bodies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **High-Level Committee (HLC):** A top government panel headed by the Union Home Minister, responsible for reviewing and approving major financial assistance packages to states after disasters.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	₹2,006.40 crore Central assistance to Himachal for 2023 disaster recovery
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Himachal Pradesh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
Policy/series name	National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)
Key figures	Amit Shah (Home Minister), JP Nadda, Jairam Thakur, Sukhvinder Sukhu
Purpose/reason	Fund recovery and rehabilitation efforts post-2023 monsoon disaster
Feature details	₹2,006.40 crore approved; ₹1,504.80 crore from Centre's NDRF share
Validity or status	Sanctioned; release to follow phased implementation
Strategic/significant value	Supports state recovery, infrastructure rebuilding, and disaster preparedness

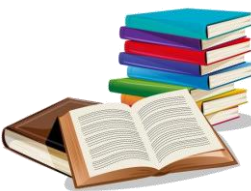


➤ **What key regulatory change has TRAI implemented for PM-WANI broadband tariffs in June 2025?**

- A) Eliminated PDO licenses
- B) Mandated only private telcos can offer PM-WANI
- C) Capped tariffs to twice the retail FTTH broadband plans
- D) Allowed only leased lines under PM-WANI
- E) Made Wi-Fi services free nationwide

Answer

C) Capped tariffs to twice the retail FTTH broadband plans



Event and Location:

- **Event:** TRAI caps tariffs for broadband under PM-WANI scheme
- **Location:** India (nationwide regulatory action)
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued a directive to cap the tariffs for broadband services provided to Public Data Offices (PDOs) under the PM-WANI scheme at no more than twice the equivalent retail FTTH plan tariffs.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To increase adoption of PM-WANI public Wi-Fi by making access affordable
 - To ensure fair compensation to internet service providers (ISPs)
 - To eliminate the barrier of high costs that has hindered the scheme's growth
 - To foster a sustainable and inclusive public Wi-Fi ecosystem under Digital India



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM-WANI (Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface):** A scheme launched in December 2020 to create a decentralized, public Wi-Fi network ecosystem through PDOs across India for enhancing broadband penetration.
- **PDO (Public Data Office):** A small business or entity registered under PM-WANI that provides public Wi-Fi access, often without owning telecom infrastructure, using plans provided by ISPs or TSPs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FTTH (Fiber-To-The-Home):** A broadband network architecture where optical fiber is used to deliver high-speed internet directly to users' homes or business premises.
- **TRAI 70th Amendment Order, 2024:** The draft amendment proposing the new tariff regulations for PM-WANI broadband access, intended to align commercial offerings with the public Wi-Fi ecosystem's objectives.



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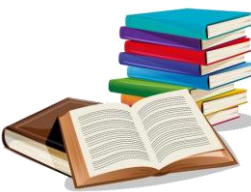
Parameter	Details
Event name	TRAI issues tariff cap for PM-WANI broadband services
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India)
Policy/series name	PM-WANI Tariff Cap under Draft Telecom Tariff (70th Amendment), 2024
Key figures	Anil Kumar Lahoti (TRAI Chairperson)
Purpose/reason	To boost affordability and adoption of PM-WANI by capping broadband tariffs
Feature details	Tariffs capped at 2x retail FTTH prices; sample 100 Mbps capped at ₹1,413.64
Validity or status	Official cap implemented as of June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes digital inclusion, reduces cost burden on PDOs, and revives underperforming PM-WANI rollout



➤ What is the name of the new industrial facilitation initiative launched by the Punjab government in June 2025?

- A) Punjab Industrial Corridor
- B) Invest Fast Punjab
- C) Udyog Kranti
- D) Punjab MakeEasy
- E) Vikas Shakti Yojana

Answer
C) Udyog Kranti



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Punjab Udyog Kranti initiative for industrial facilitation
- **Location:** Mohali, Punjab
- **Date:** June 10, 2025



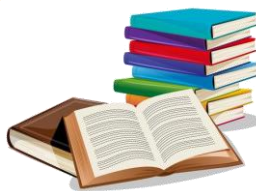
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The AAP-led Punjab Government launched the Punjab Udyog Kranti, a comprehensive industrial reform initiative, introducing 12 key measures including deemed approvals, FastTrack Punjab Portal, colour-coded stamp papers, and self-certification systems to streamline industrial approvals.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To eliminate bureaucratic delays and boost Ease of Doing Business
 - To attract investments by offering single-window clearance within 45 days
 - To empower entrepreneurs with self-certification mechanisms and reduce regulatory costs
 - To promote industrial growth, employment, and economic development across Punjab



Important Terms Explained:

- **Udyog Kranti:** A flagship industrial facilitation initiative by Punjab to overhaul its governance model for industrial approvals, making it faster, transparent, and industry-friendly.
- **FastTrack Punjab Portal:** A true single-window digital portal launched to integrate and automate all industrial approvals in the state with auto-generated deemed approvals post-deadline.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deemed Approval System:** If no decision is made by an authority within 45 working days, an automated approval is generated, which holds equal legal validity as a manually issued clearance.
- **Colour-Coded Stamp Paper:** A first-of-its-kind single stamp document enabling payment of all clearance-related fees (e.g. CLU, pollution, fire) in one go, easing industrial unit establishment.

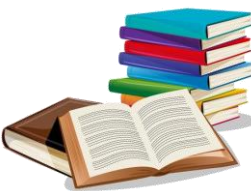


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Punjab Udyog Kranti
Announcement date	June 10, 2025
Location	Mohali, Punjab
Issuing authority	Government of Punjab, AAP-led
Policy/series name	Punjab Udyog Kranti – Industrial Reform Measures
Key figures	Arvind Kejriwal (AAP Chief), CM Bhagwant Mann
Purpose/reason	To fast-track industrial approvals, attract investment, and support MSMEs
Feature details	12 reforms including 45-day clearance, self-certification, digital stamp papers
Validity or status	Officially launched and implemented
Strategic/significant value	Makes Punjab a national model for industrial governance and investor confidence

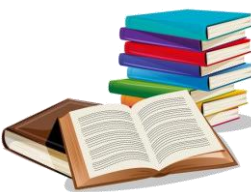


➤ Who chaired the 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) in June 2025?

- A) Ajay Seth
- B) Uday Kotak
- C) Anuradha Thakur
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) C.S. Setty

Answer

D) Nirmala Sitharaman

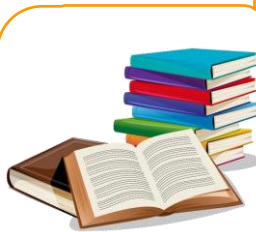


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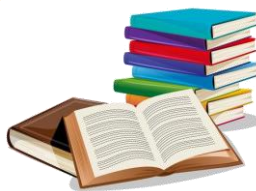
Event and Location:

- **Event:** 6th Governing Council Meeting of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 9, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The 6th Governing Council (GC) meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) was chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to review NIIF's performance and strategic direction.
 - Updates were shared on all four active NIIF funds, investor partnerships, upcoming fund launches, and international collaborations.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To assess NIIF's progress in mobilizing infrastructure investment aligned with national priorities.
 - To review capital deployment, partnerships, and strategic expansion.
 - To provide guidance on Private Markets Fund II, the proposed India-USA bilateral fund, and overall global outreach.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NIIF (National Investment and Infrastructure Fund):**
A sovereign-backed Indian investment platform established to provide long-term capital for infrastructure development. It operates across multiple funds targeting different sectors.
- **Master Fund:** NIIF's flagship infrastructure investment fund focused on ports, airports, logistics, and greenfield assets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Private Markets Fund (PMF):** A fund of funds strategy investing in India-focused private equity funds and co-investments. PMF II targets a \$1 billion corpus.
- **Strategic Opportunities Fund:** A growth equity fund investing in strategic sectors, including financial services and technology.
- **India Japan Fund:** A climate and sustainability-focused bilateral fund co-promoted with Japanese partners for green and ESG-aligned investments.



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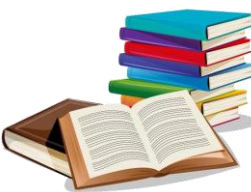
Parameter	Details
Event name	6th Governing Council Meeting of NIIF
Announcement date	June 9, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance, Government of India
Policy/series name	NIIF Strategic Fund Review and Roadmap
Key figures	Nirmala Sitharaman, Ajay Seth, C.S. Setty, Uday Kotak
Purpose/reason	Review fund performance, capital mobilization, new bilateral fund
Feature details	₹30,000 crore AUM; ₹1,17,000 crore catalyzed capital; 4 active funds reviewed
Validity or status	Ongoing; meeting to be held annually
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces India's infrastructure investment capacity and global fund partnerships



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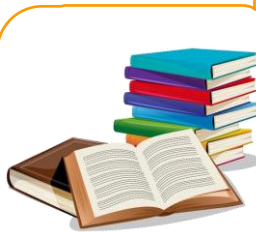
- The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed annually on June 19 to condemn the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war.
- Hillang Yajik became the first female athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win gold at the South Asian Bodybuilding Championship 2025.
- India dropped to 71st rank in the 2025 Energy Transition Index despite gains in energy efficiency and clean fuel investments.
- Vedanta Aluminium has partnered with Central Bank of India to provide working capital loans of ₹10 lakh to ₹10 crore to MSME customers.
- Poonawalla Fincorp has launched Business Loan 24/7, a fully digital MSME loan platform offering paperless approvals anytime.
- The Reserve Bank of India has issued draft norms to revamp the framework for Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD).
- NSE has received SEBI's approval to launch monthly electricity derivatives contracts as part of its new energy trading offerings.
- ICRA has projected India's real GDP growth for FY2025–26 at 6.2%, down from 6.5% the previous year.
- Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFSL) has acquired State Bank of India's 17.8% stake in Jio Payments Bank for ₹104.54 crore.



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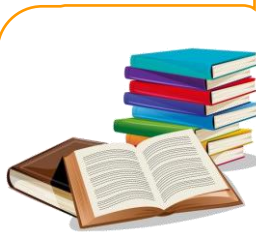
- Google inaugurated its fourth global and first Asia-Pacific Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Hyderabad on June 18, 2025.
- The Government of India has licensed Elon Musk's Starlink satellite internet service, marking a leap in rural connectivity.
- Dassault Aviation and Reliance Aerostructure Ltd will jointly manufacture Falcon 2000 business jets in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Anantha Chandrakasan will become the first Indian-born Provost of MIT, effective July 1, 2025.
- RBI has approved the extension of Sandeep Batra's term as Executive Director of ICICI Bank for two years starting December 23, 2025.
- Shri Ram Bahadur Rai was awarded the Padma Bhushan on June 18, 2025, in recognition of his lifetime contributions to journalism and cultural affairs.
- The Sahitya Akademi announced 24 winners of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025 for excellence in children's literature across Indian languages.
- Goa Shipyard Ltd launched 'Achal', the fifth Fast Patrol Vessel in a series of eight being built for the Indian Coast Guard.
- GRSE has signed a contract to build two Coastal Research Vessels for the Geological Survey of India in Kolkata.



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- India and Ukraine held their first Joint Working Group meeting on agriculture via virtual mode on June 18, 2025.
- Vietnam has officially joined BRICS as the 10th partner country, following a formal announcement by Brazil on June 14, 2025.
- India launched Operation Sindhu in June 2025 to evacuate citizens from conflict-hit Iran amid escalating military tensions with Israel.
- The Maharashtra government has designated Hindi as the general third language for students of Classes 1 to 5 in Marathi and English medium schools.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for a Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe at the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve on June 15, 2025.
- The Election Commission of India has introduced a new SOP to ensure delivery of Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) within 15 days.
- The Centre has approved ₹2,006.40 crore for Himachal Pradesh's recovery after the 2023 monsoon floods, landslides, and cloudbursts.
- TRAI has capped tariffs under PM-WANI at twice the corresponding retail FTTH broadband plan rates to make public Wi-Fi affordable.
- The Punjab government launched the Udyog Kranti initiative to revolutionize industrial governance through 12 new reforms.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 6th Governing Council meeting of NIIF in New Delhi on June 9, 2025.



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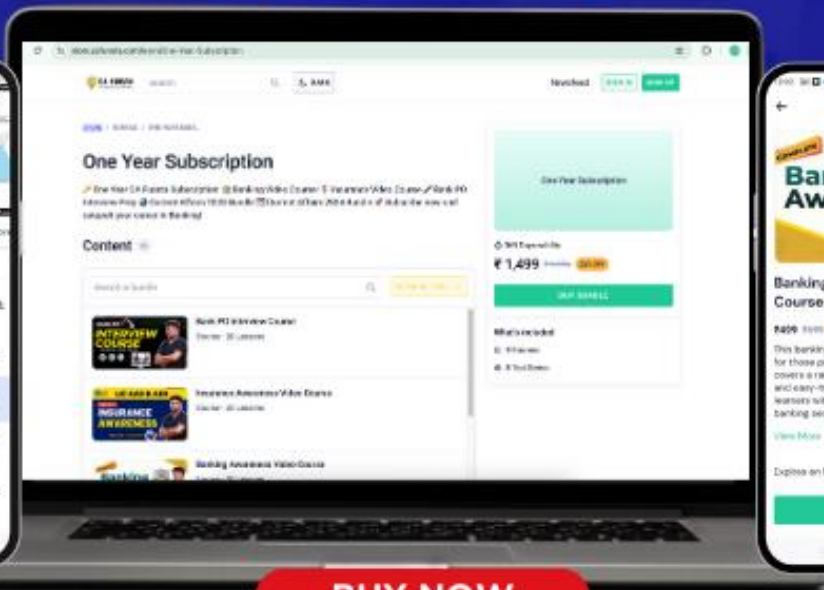


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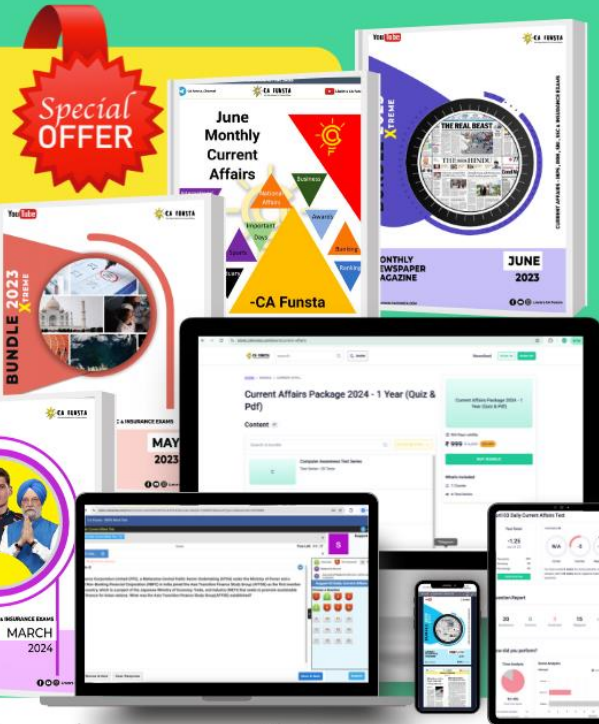


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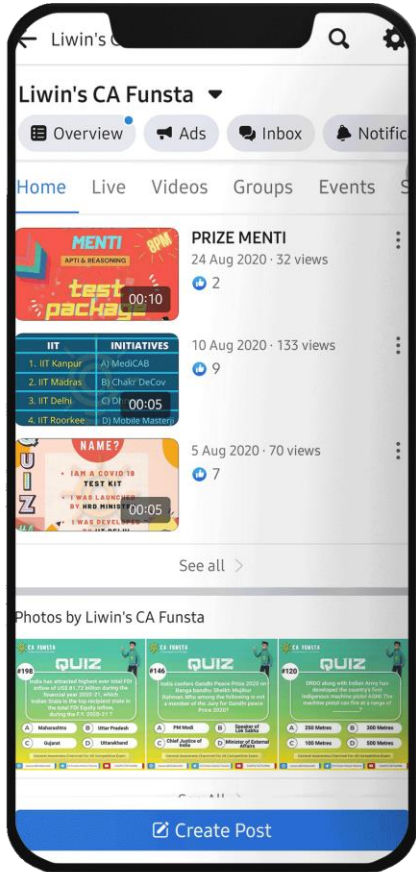
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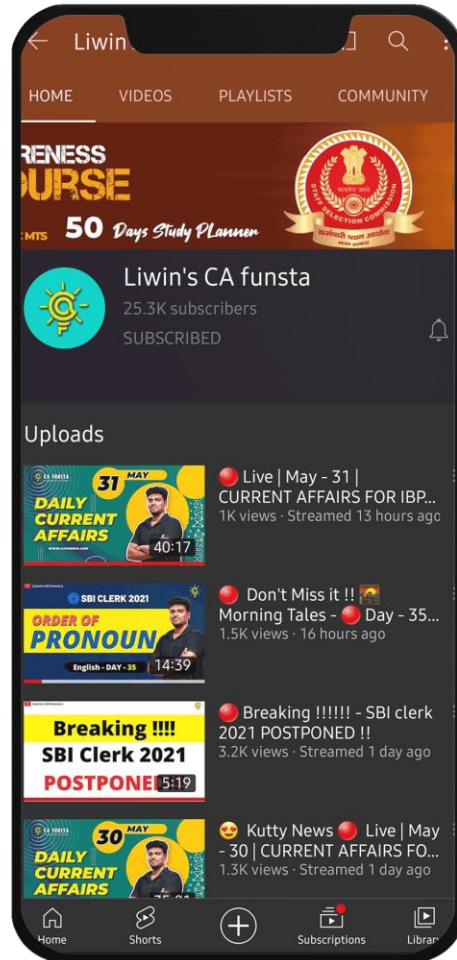


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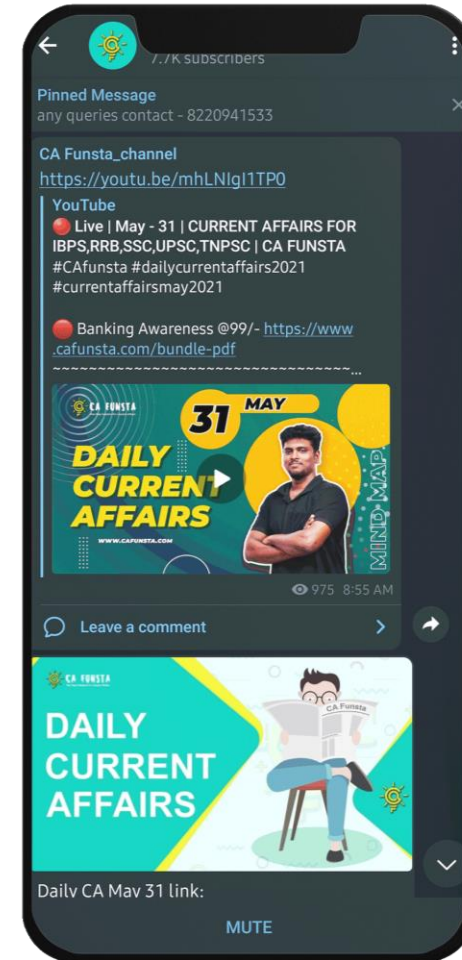
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