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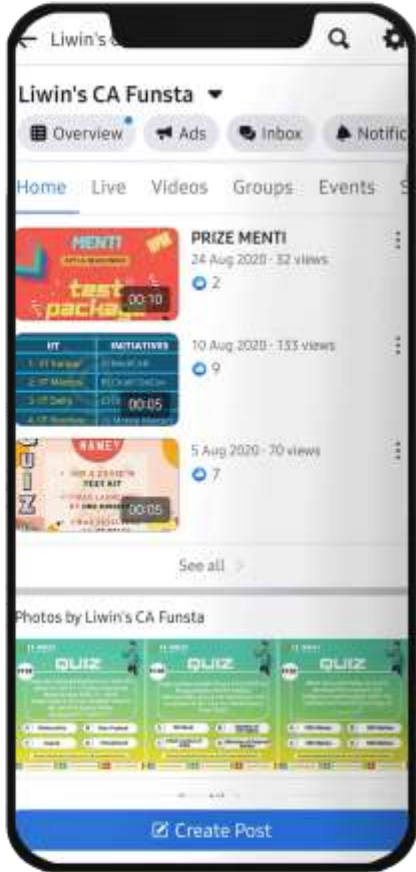


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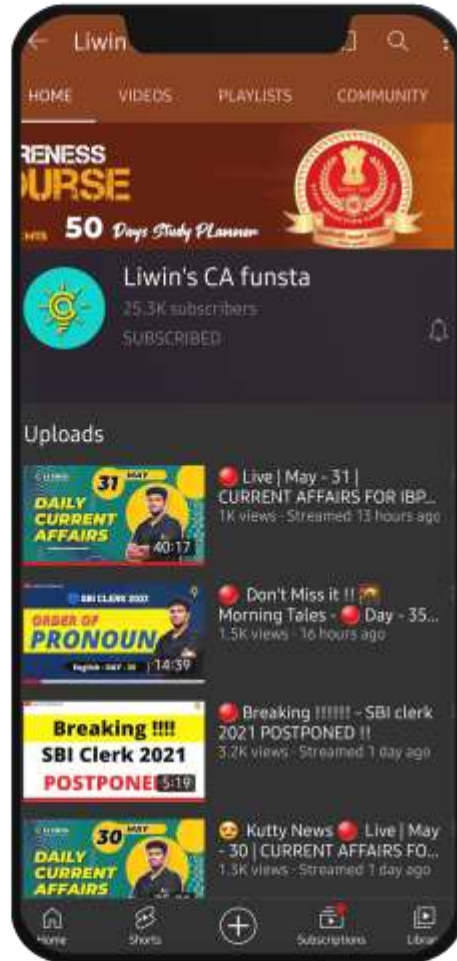
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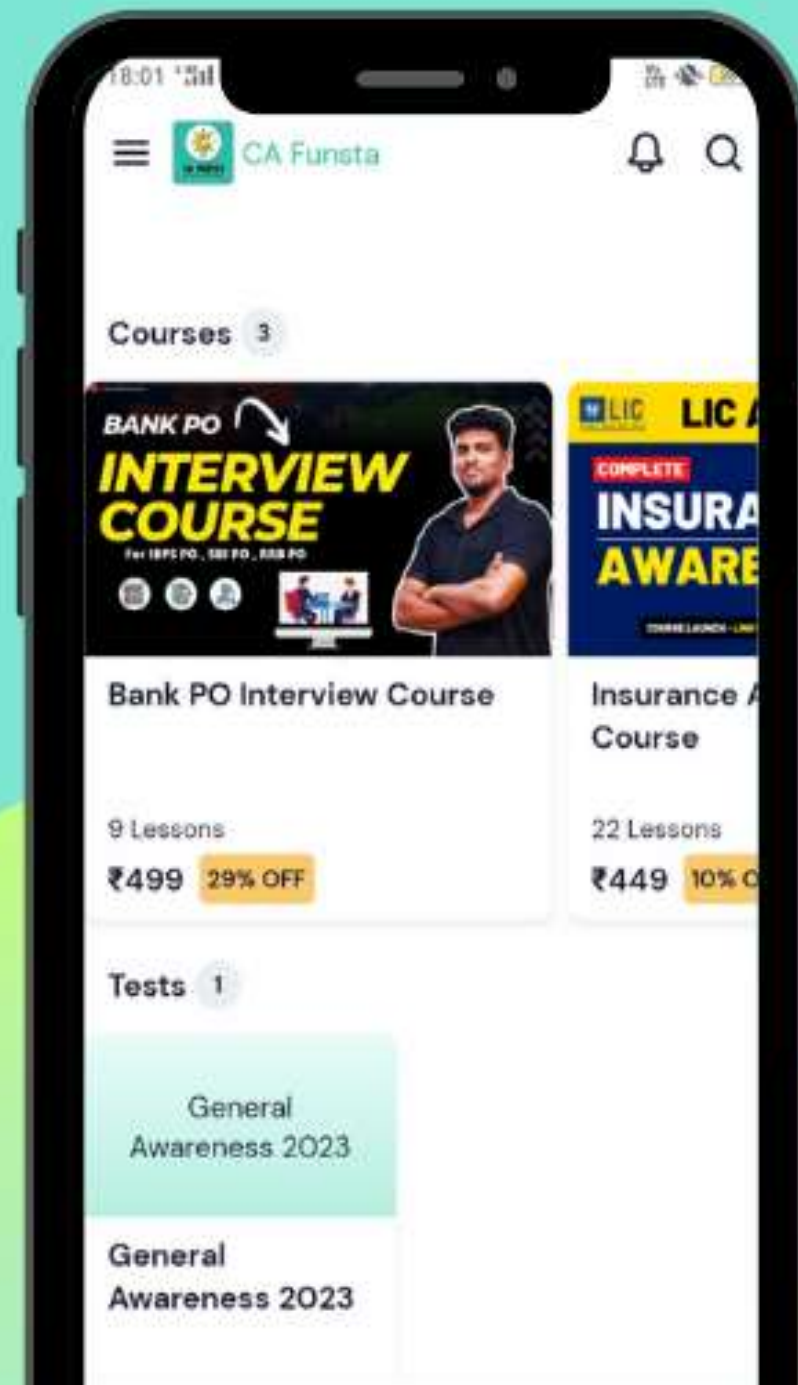
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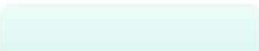
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Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of World Refugee Day 2025?**

- A) Stand with the Displaced
- B) Inclusion and Dignity
- C) Solidarity with Refugees
- D) Hope Away from Home
- E) Shelter, Safety, and Rights



Answer

C) Solidarity with Refugees



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Refugee Day 2025 Observance
- **Location:** Globally (including events in India, Yemen, Europe)
- **Date:** June 20, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** World Refugee Day is observed annually on June 20 to honour the resilience and contributions of refugees worldwide and promote policies of inclusion and protection.
- **Objectives:**
 - To raise awareness about the plight and rights of refugees.
 - To promote inclusion, employment, and fair treatment for displaced persons.
 - To reinforce solidarity through policy advocacy, educational efforts, and cultural events.
 - To combat discrimination and exploitation in host societies.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Refugee Day:** An internationally recognized day observed on June 20 each year, designated by the United Nations to honour the courage and contributions of refugees.
- **1951 Refugee Convention:** A key international legal document defining who is a refugee, their rights, and the legal obligations of states.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees):** A UN agency mandated to aid and protect refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people.
- **Solidarity with Refugees:** The 2025 theme focuses on inclusion, labour rights, and empowerment, positioning refugees as contributors to society rather than victims.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Refugee Day 2025
Announcement date	June 20, 2025
Location	Global observance (UN-led, observed in India, Yemen, EU, etc.)
Issuing authority	United Nations / UNHCR
Policy/series name	International Refugee Day Commemoration
Key figures	Filippo Grandi (UNHCR Chief), civil society, governments, unions
Purpose/reason	Honour refugee courage, promote inclusion, advocate for legal protections
Feature details	2025 theme: "Solidarity with Refugees"; cultural and advocacy events held
Validity or status	Annual UN observance; official 2025 theme declared and recognized globally
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces refugee inclusion, human rights, and anti-discrimination action globally



Important Days



➤ **What is the official theme of the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025?**

- A) Yoga for Wellness and Peace
- B) Yoga for Humanity
- C) Yoga for One Earth, One Health
- D) Yoga for Global Harmony
- E) Yoga for Climate and Consciousness

Answer

C) Yoga for One Earth, One Health



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 Celebrations
- **Location:** Lead event from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (India-wide and global observances)
- **Date:** June 21, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Ayush, under the Government of India, is organizing the 11th IDY with Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) from Visakhapatnam.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Promote the practice and philosophy of Yoga globally.
 - Highlight health, sustainability, and wellness through mass participation.
 - Encourage public engagement across grassroots to international levels through signature initiatives.
 - Integrate environmental and health consciousness with yoga practice.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Common Yoga Protocol (CYP):** A standard 45-minute yoga routine prescribed by the Ministry of Ayush for mass yoga events globally.
- **Yoga Sangam:** A mass participation event where over 11 lakh groups have registered to practice yoga simultaneously across India.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **IDY (International Day of Yoga):** Declared by the United Nations in 2014, celebrated annually on June 21 to promote global awareness of yoga's benefits.
- **Surya Namaskar:** A traditional yoga sequence, performed symbolically by 25,000 tribal children in Visakhapatnam as part of IDY celebrations.
- **Yoga for One Earth, One Health:** The 2025 theme, emphasizing the interconnectedness of personal and planetary well-being.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025
Announcement date	June 20, 2025 (PIB Press Release)
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (lead event); global celebrations
Issuing authority	Ministry of Ayush, Government of India
Policy/series name	IDY 2025 – “Yoga for One Earth, One Health”
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Prataprao Jadhav (MoS Ayush), N. Chandrababu Naidu
Purpose/reason	To promote yoga globally and celebrate a decade of wellness movement
Feature details	CYP with 3 lakh participants; 1 lakh+ locations; 11 lakh group registrations
Validity or status	Ongoing; main celebrations on June 21, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Marks 10 years of IDY; integrates yoga with environmental, social, and health goals



RANKING



➤ According to the International Energy Agency (IEA) report, what is India's global rank in power generation growth between 2019 and 2024?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th
- E) 5th

Answer
C) 3rd



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India becomes the third-largest power generator globally
- **Location:** India (Globally relevant via IEA)
- **Date:** June 20, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India has recorded the third-highest growth in power generation capacity worldwide between 2019 and 2024, driven by increased energy demand and a clean energy push.
- **Objectives:** The goal is to meet growing electricity demands, attract investment in renewable energy, and position India as a global leader in sustainable power generation while progressing toward its Net Zero target by 2070.



RANKING



Global Ranking – Power Generation Growth (2019–2024)

Rank	Country	Key Highlights
1	China	Largest contributor to global power generation; significant investment in all energy sources
2	United States	Maintains large-scale generation capacity; growth driven by gas and renewables
3	India	Rapid growth due to high electricity demand and clean energy push (esp. solar PV)
4	Brazil	Strong hydropower base, with growing solar and wind contributions
5	Indonesia	Expansion in coal and increasing interest in renewables



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Energy Agency (IEA):** A Paris-based intergovernmental organization providing authoritative global energy data, forecasts, and policy recommendations.
- **Solar PV:** A renewable technology that converts sunlight into electricity using photovoltaic cells, which formed over 50% of India's non-fossil energy investments.
- **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):** Cross-border investment where a foreign entity acquires ownership or control in domestic businesses; India allows 100% FDI in most power sector areas.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Development Finance Institution (DFI):** Specialized financial entities that provide long-term financing for infrastructure and development projects, especially in renewable energy.
- **National Solar Mission:** An initiative under the National Action Plan on Climate Change aiming to promote solar energy deployment and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- **PLI Scheme:** The Production Linked Incentive scheme introduced by the Indian government to boost domestic manufacturing capacity, including renewable energy components.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India becomes 3rd-largest power generator globally
Announcement date	June 20, 2025
Location	India (Global ranking context)
Issuing authority	International Energy Agency (IEA)
Policy/series name	National Solar Mission, PLI Scheme for Renewable Manufacturing
Key figures	Solar PV, FDI inflows, DFI funding
Purpose/reason	To meet rising energy demand and transition to clean energy
Feature details	83% of power sector investment in clean energy in 2024; USD 5B FDI in 2023
Validity or status	Currently active with long-term strategic focus
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's global role in clean energy leadership and decarbonization



RANKING



➤ Who topped the '360 ONE Wealth Creators List 2025' as India's top under-40 wealth icons?

- A) Bhavish Aggarwal
- B) Nikhil Kamath
- C) Devansh Jain
- D) Ambani siblings – Aakash, Anant, and Isha
- E) Siddharth Jain



Answer

D) Ambani siblings – Aakash, Anant, and Isha



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the '360 ONE Wealth Creators List 2025' highlighting under-40 Indian wealth icons
- **Location:** India (National Coverage)
- **Date:** June 2025



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The report, developed by 360 ONE Wealth (formerly IIFL Wealth) in partnership with CRISIL, lists the top 143 wealth creators under 40, based on verified data from listed companies and private valuations.
- **Objectives:** To celebrate young Indian entrepreneurs and inheritors, promote wealth transparency, encourage innovation, and reflect India's growing digital and startup economy.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **360 ONE Wealth:** A leading Indian wealth management firm (formerly known as IIFL Wealth), specializing in financial services and investment advisory for high-net-worth individuals.
- **CRISIL:** A globally recognized Indian credit rating and research agency providing data analytics and economic research.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Wealth Creator:** An individual who has significantly contributed to net asset growth, typically via entrepreneurship, inheritance, or investment in scalable businesses.
- **Digital-first Enterprise:** A company founded on technology-driven models, disrupting traditional sectors — examples include Zerodha and Ola Electric.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of 360 ONE Wealth Creators List 2025
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India – National Coverage
Issuing authority	360 ONE Wealth in collaboration with CRISIL
Policy/series name	360 ONE Under-40 Wealth Icons List
Key figures	Aakash, Anant, Isha Ambani; Nikhil Kamath; Bhavish Aggarwal
Purpose/reason	Identify and recognize top young wealth creators in India
Feature details	Top 143 under-40 individuals; ₹100 trillion cumulative wealth
Validity or status	First edition launched; data-backed list for 2025
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's emerging startup economy and global investor confidence in youth-led ventures



➤ Which organization provided a partial guarantee for Pakistan's \$1 billion syndicated financing facility in June 2025?

- A) IMF
- B) World Bank
- C) Islamic Development Bank
- D) Asian Development Bank
- E) Gulf Cooperation Council

Answer

D) Asian Development Bank



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Pakistan secures \$1 billion syndicated financing with ADB backing
- **Location:** Pakistan – Financing arranged via Middle Eastern financial institutions
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Pakistan signed a \$1 billion syndicated finance facility, structured with Islamic and conventional tranches, and partially backed by an ADB policy guarantee.
- **Objectives:** To enhance fiscal stability, re-enter global capital markets, and demonstrate commitment to structural reforms through policy-linked guarantees under ADB's "Improved Resource Mobilisation and Utilisation Reform" programme.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Syndicated Financing:** A loan provided by a group of lenders (syndicate) to a single borrower, typically used for large-scale funding involving multiple institutions.
- **Islamic Finance (AAOIFI-compliant):** Financial products structured to comply with Islamic law, avoiding interest and speculation; ~89% of this facility adheres to AAOIFI (Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions) standards.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ADB (Asian Development Bank):** A regional development bank that provides loans and technical assistance to promote economic development in Asia-Pacific; in this case, ADB offered partial guarantees tied to fiscal reform.
- **Improved Resource Mobilisation and Utilisation Reform Programme:** An ADB-supported initiative promoting public financial management, domestic revenue mobilisation, and governance reforms in Pakistan.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Pakistan secures \$1 billion ADB-backed syndicated loan
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	Pakistan; financing sourced from Middle Eastern markets
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance (Pakistan) + ADB
Policy/series name	Improved Resource Mobilisation and Utilisation Reform Programme
Key figures	Dubai Islamic Bank, Standard Chartered, ADB, Pakistan Govt.
Purpose/reason	Stabilize fiscal position, attract investments, boost reform credibility
Feature details	\$1B, 5-year tenure, 89% Islamic-compliant, ADB-guaranteed
Validity or status	Active; marks re-entry into capital markets after 2.5 years
Strategic/significant value	Builds market confidence, boosts liquidity, supports public finance reform in Pakistan



- Which country recently signed an MoU with India to implement UPI-based cross-border payments?

- A) Greece
- B) France
- C) Cyprus
- D) Italy
- E) UAE

Answer
C) Cyprus



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and Cyprus sign MoU to launch UPI for cross-border payments
- **Location:** Limassol, Cyprus (during PM Modi's visit)
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), through its international arm NIPL, signed an MoU with Eurobank Cyprus to enable UPI-based cross-border digital payments.
- **Objectives:** To enhance ease of payments for Indian tourists and businesses in Cyprus, promote fintech cooperation, and support digital diplomacy in Europe and the Mediterranean.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time digital payment system developed by NPCI, allowing instant money transfers between bank accounts via mobile.
- **NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL):** The global arm of NPCI responsible for expanding UPI and RuPay infrastructure across international markets.
- **Eurobank Cyprus:** A major financial institution in Cyprus collaborating with NPCI to integrate India's UPI system for cross-border transactions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FDI (Foreign Direct Investment):** Investment from foreign entities into domestic assets; Cyprus is among India's top 10 FDI contributors.
- **GIFT City:** Gujarat International Finance Tec-City – India's first operational smart city and international financial services hub.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India–Cyprus MoU on UPI Cross-Border Payments
Announcement date	June 2025 (During PM Modi's visit to Cyprus)
Location	Limassol, Cyprus
Issuing authority	NPCI International Payments Ltd. & Eurobank Cyprus
Policy/series name	UPI Internationalization Drive
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, President Nikos Christodoulides
Purpose/reason	Enable seamless digital transactions between India and Cyprus
Feature details	Real-time UPI access for Indian tourists, businesses, and investors
Validity or status	MoU signed; implementation to follow based on regulatory integration
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's fintech exports and digital soft power; strengthens Indo-Cypriot ties



- From which date will the RBI's revised provisioning norms for project finance become effective?

- A) July 1, 2025
- B) August 1, 2025
- C) October 1, 2025
- D) January 1, 2026
- E) December 1, 2025

Answer
C) October 1, 2025



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI eases project finance norms and lowers provisioning requirements
- **Location:** India (Nationwide banking sector)
- **Date:** Effective from October 1, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has finalized guidelines that reduce provisioning for under-construction project loans from 5% (as proposed in 2024) to 1%, effective October 1, 2025.
- **Objectives:** To facilitate credit flow to infrastructure and commercial real estate projects, support timely execution, and maintain financial stability while easing the burden on banks and NBFCs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Provisioning:** An accounting practice where banks set aside a portion of their capital to cover potential loan defaults. Lower provisioning improves bank liquidity and willingness to lend.
- **Project Finance:** Long-term financing of infrastructure or industrial projects based on the projected cash flows rather than the balance sheets of sponsors.
- **CRE (Commercial Real Estate):** Property used exclusively for business-related purposes. Provisioning differs depending on whether the project is under construction or operational.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CRE-RH (Commercial Real Estate – Residential Housing):** A sub-class of CRE involving residential development; treated separately for risk evaluation and provisioning.
- **Expected Credit Loss (ECL) Model:** A forward-looking provisioning method commonly used by NBFCs that estimates potential losses based on risk models.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI eases project finance provisioning norms
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Applicable across Indian banking sector
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Final Project Finance Provisioning Norms
Key figures	Sanjay Malhotra (Governor, RBI); A.M. Karthik (ICRA)
Purpose/reason	Reduce credit stress for banks and improve infrastructure project funding
Feature details	1% provisioning for under-construction projects; 0.4% for operational phase
Validity or status	Effective from October 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Balances credit discipline with growth needs; provides liquidity relief to banks



➤ Which card network recently launched a 25% cashback offer for in-store purchases across eight Asian countries?

- A) Visa India
- B) MasterCard
- C) RuPay JCB
- D) SBI Cards
- E) BharatPay



Answer
C) RuPay JCB



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RuPay JCB launches international cashback offer for cardholders
- **Location:** Valid in Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand, and Hong Kong
- **Date:** June 15 to August 31, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** RuPay, in collaboration with JCB International, has introduced a 25% cashback offer for RuPay JCB debit and credit cardholders on in-store purchases across eight major Asian travel destinations.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance the global appeal of RuPay through cross-border benefits.
 - To support outbound Indian tourism with value-added payment solutions.
 - To promote smart spending via cashless and internationally accepted platforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RuPay:** A domestic card payment network launched by NPCI, aiming to reduce dependency on foreign card networks.
- **JCB International:** The global operations wing of JCB Co. Ltd., Japan, a leading card issuer and acquirer with a global merchant network.
- **In-store Purchase:** A face-to-face Point of Sale (POS) transaction made at a physical merchant location, not online.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):** The apex body for retail payment systems in India, managing platforms like UPI, IMPS, RuPay, and AePS.
- **NIPL (NPCI International Payments Ltd.):** NPCI's subsidiary for globalizing Indian payment solutions such as UPI and RuPay.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RuPay JCB International Cashback Offer
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Offer validity	June 15 – August 31, 2025
Applicable countries	Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong
Issuing authority	NPCI in collaboration with JCB International
Cashback rate	25% per in-store transaction (POS only)
Minimum criteria	At least 2 in-store transactions during offer period
Maximum cashback limit	₹1,500 per transaction; ₹15,000 per card during offer period
Strategic value	Promotes RuPay's international usage, supports tourism and fintech diplomacy



➤ **What is the key objective of the TRAI–RBI pilot project launched in June 2025?**

- A) Implement 5G services across India
- B) Digitise legacy user consents for financial communications
- C) Regulate telecom tariff hikes
- D) Launch AI-powered chatbots in banks
- E) Merge banking and telecom regulatory bodies

Answer

B) Digitise legacy user consents for financial communications



Event and Location:

- **Event:** TRAI–RBI pilot project to digitise paper-based user consents
- **Location:** India (initial rollout with selected banks nationwide)
- **Date:** Pilot order issued on June 13, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and selected banks, has launched a pilot project to convert offline consents given by users for receiving financial communications into a digital consent registry.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Prevent misuse of consumer data in banking-related spam calls and messages
 - Create an interoperable, secure consent verification system
 - Allow users to withdraw past consents and regain control over commercial communication
 - Strengthen consumer protection and reduce financial fraud risk



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Consent Registry:** A secure digital platform maintained by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to record and verify user consents for receiving commercial communications.
- **TCCCPR, 2018 (Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations):** Regulatory framework allowing commercial entities to contact users who have explicitly consented, even if the number is registered on DND.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Regulatory Sandbox:** A live testing environment for new regulatory models and technologies, used by TRAI to validate the Consent Registration Function (CRF) before national rollout.
- **CRF (Consent Registration Function):** A framework enabling digital capture, storage, verification, and withdrawal of consumer consents.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of TRAI–RBI Digital Consent Pilot
Announcement date	June 17, 2025
Location	Nationwide pilot with selected banks
Issuing authority	TRAI & RBI
Policy/series name	Consent Registration Framework (CRF) under Regulatory Sandbox
Key figures	TRAI Chairman Anil K. Lahoti, RBI officials, participating banks
Purpose/reason	Digitise paper-based user consents for secure and verifiable communication
Feature details	Banks + TSPs to register consents digitally; users can withdraw consent later
Validity or status	Pilot phase launched; banking sector prioritised
Strategic/significant value	Fights spam/fraud, enables user control, protects financial communication systems



➤ Which organization has partnered with DPIIT to empower 1 million entrepreneurs across non-metro India?

- A) Startup India Hub
- B) NASSCOM
- C) YourStory Media Pvt. Ltd.
- D) Invest India
- E) CII



Answer

C) YourStory Media Pvt. Ltd.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** DPIIT signs MoU with YourStory to empower 1 million grassroots entrepreneurs
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with YourStory Media Pvt. Ltd. to launch The Bharat Project, aimed at empowering 1 million entrepreneurs from Tier II, Tier III, and rural India.
- **Objectives:** To democratize access to startup tools, AI-based platforms, and regional storytelling to promote inclusive entrepreneurship, innovation, and digital upskilling beyond metro cities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **DPIIT:** A central government department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, responsible for formulating and implementing promotional policies for industrial growth and startups.
- **YourStory Media Pvt. Ltd.:** India's leading digital media platform for startup and innovation content, focusing on entrepreneurial success stories and founder journeys.



Important Terms Explained:

- **The Bharat Project:** A DPIIT–YourStory collaboration targeting regional entrepreneurship using AI-powered support, venture launchpads, and local-language digital content.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** India's vision of self-reliance, promoting local manufacturing, innovation, and entrepreneurship as drivers of national development.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	DPIIT partners with YourStory to launch The Bharat Project
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Policy/series name	The Bharat Project
Key figures	DPIIT officials; Shradha Sharma (CEO, YourStory)
Purpose/reason	Empower 1 million Tier II, Tier III, and rural entrepreneurs
Feature details	AI tools, venture launchpads, regional storytelling, innovation showcases
Validity or status	MoU signed; implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Boosts inclusive innovation, supports Atmanirbhar Bharat, strengthens non-metro entrepreneurship



➤ **Which Malaysian agency has entered a five-year agreement to supply palm oil seeds to Patanjali Group?**

- A) FGV Holdings Berhad
- B) Sime Darby Plantation
- C) Sawit Kinabalu Group
- D) Malaysian Palm Oil Board
- E) Genting Plantations



Answer

C) Sawit Kinabalu Group



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Patanjali signs five-year palm oil seed supply agreement with Malaysian state agency
- **Location:** India and Malaysia
- **Date:** Agreement in force as of June 17, 2025
(signed earlier, valid till 2027)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian FMCG major Patanjali Group has entered into a five-year agreement with Sawit Kinabalu Group, a Malaysian state agency, to procure 4 million palm oil seeds, of which 1.5 million seeds have already been delivered.
- **Objectives:**
 - Support India's domestic palm oil cultivation efforts
 - Reduce import dependence on edible oils
 - Facilitate establishment of palm oil processing infrastructure in India, particularly in Northeast India



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sawit Kinabalu Group:** A state-owned plantation and agribusiness group in Malaysia, involved in palm oil cultivation, seed processing, and sustainable agriculture.
- **Palm Oil Seeds:** These are planting materials for oil palm trees, a major source of edible oil and biofuels.
- **NMEO-OP (National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm):** A Central Government scheme launched in 2021–22 to promote oil palm cultivation, particularly in Northeast India and A&N Islands, aiming to expand cultivation to 1 million hectares by 2026.
- **Fruiting Stage:** The stage at which oil palm plants begin yielding oil-bearing fruit bunches, typically 3–4 years after planting.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Patanjali secures palm oil seed supply from Malaysia
Announcement date	June 17, 2025
Location	India (Northeast focus), Malaysia
Issuing authority	Sawit Kinabalu Group (Malaysia), Patanjali Group
Policy/series name	Part of India's NMEO-OP initiative
Key figures	Zurainy (GM, Seeds Unit), Nazlan Muhammad (Chief Sustainable Officer)
Purpose/reason	Boost palm oil production and reduce reliance on imports
Feature details	4M seed contract (1.5M delivered), site visits, advisory services
Validity or status	Active; contract valid till 2027
Strategic/significant value	Enhances domestic palm oil self-sufficiency and fosters bilateral trade cooperation



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was recently appointed as the first Indian Managing Director of Nippon Koei India?**

- A) Ramesh Nair
- B) G. Sampath Kumar
- C) Anil Swaminathan
- D) Katsuya Fukasaku
- E) Rajiv Bajaj

Answer

B) G. Sampath Kumar



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** G. Sampath Kumar appointed as the first Indian MD of Nippon Koei India
- **Location:** India (Headquarters of Nippon Koei India)
- **Date:** June 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** G. Sampath Kumar has been appointed as the Managing Director of Nippon Koei India, becoming the first Indian to hold this top leadership role.
- **Objectives:** To localize leadership, drive strategic expansion in India, West Asia, and the Asia-Pacific, and strengthen the company's position in infrastructure consulting and engineering services.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Nippon Koei India (NKI):** The Indian arm of ID&E Holdings, Japan, NKI offers consultancy and engineering services in sectors such as transport, power, water, and urban planning.
- **ID&E Holdings:** A Japanese multinational holding group specializing in integrated design and engineering services for infrastructure development.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Managing Director (MD):** The highest-ranking executive in a company responsible for strategic direction and management; in this case, the MD will spearhead regional growth and local operations.
- **IIT-BHU:** One of India's premier engineering institutions; G. Sampath Kumar is an alumnus with over three decades of infrastructure and consultancy experience.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	G. Sampath Kumar becomes first Indian MD of Nippon Koei India
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India (Nippon Koei India HQ – New Delhi)
Issuing authority	Nippon Koei India / ID&E Holdings (Japan)
Policy/series name	Strategic Leadership Appointment for Asia-Pacific Expansion
Key figures	G. Sampath Kumar (MD), Katsuya Fukasaku (Chairman)
Purpose/reason	Strengthen regional leadership and drive infrastructure consultancy growth
Feature details	Kumar has 35+ years' experience; IIT-BHU alumnus; focus on Asia & West Asia
Validity or status	Official appointment made; active from June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Marks local leadership rise in MNCs, enhances India's global consultancy profile, strengthens Indo-Japan ties



AWARDS



➤ Which media house was named Champion of the Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025?



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- A) Times of India
- B) The Hindu
- C) Hindustan Times
- D) The Indian Express
- E) Deccan Herald

Answer
B) The Hindu



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Hindu wins Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) awarded The Hindu the title of Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025 after it secured 10 awards across digital categories.
- **Objectives:** To recognize excellence in digital journalism, including storytelling, audience engagement, and the use of technology like AI, reflecting innovation in the South Asian media landscape.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **WAN-IFRA:** World Association of News Publishers, a global organization representing the newspaper and online news publishing industry, hosting annual awards to promote innovation and excellence in digital journalism.
- **Native Advertising:** A form of paid media where ads match the look, feel, and function of the media format in which they appear—The Hindu won for its "Made of Chennai" campaign.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Subscription Strategy:** A revenue model where readers pay for access to digital content—The Hindu was recognized for optimizing this model with AI and data.
- **Data Visualisation:** A technique for presenting data in graphical formats—The Hindu won awards for electoral data and a special report on the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy.
- **Podcast Journalism:** Audio storytelling format that adds depth to news reporting—The Hindu's podcast "In Focus" won gold.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
Issuing authority	WAN-IFRA (World Association of News Publishers)
Policy/series name	WAN-IFRA Digital Media Awards South Asia
Key figures	L.V. Navaneeth (CEO, The Hindu)
Purpose/reason	Recognize digital innovation and excellence in journalism
Feature details	10 awards (4 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze) in video, podcast, AI, data, and subscriptions
Validity or status	2025 Edition completed; recognition current and valid for the calendar year
Strategic/significant value	Positions The Hindu as a leader in digital news innovation across South Asia



AWARDS



➤ Who was recently honoured with the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for contributions to the retail and consumer sector?

- A) Roshni Nadar
- B) Indra Nooyi
- C) Leena Nair
- D) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- E) Anjali Sud

Answer
C) Leena Nair



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian-origin CEO Leena Nair awarded Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)
- **Location:** United Kingdom
- **Date:** June 11, 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Leena Nair, the global CEO of Chanel, received the CBE honour from Prince William at a royal ceremony in the UK.
- **Objectives:**
 - Recognize her outstanding contributions to the global retail and consumer sector
 - Honour leadership and transformation in fashion through inclusivity, innovation, and business impact
 - Celebrate diversity in global executive leadership



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire):**
 - A prestigious British honour awarded to individuals for significant contributions in their fields, especially public service or international business.
- **Chanel:**
 - A globally renowned French luxury fashion house, known for haute couture, perfumes, and accessories.
 - Founded by Coco Chanel in 1910, it is among the world's top fashion brands.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **HUL (Hindustan Unilever Limited):**
 - One of India's largest FMCG companies. Leena Nair started her career here and eventually became Unilever's first female CHRO.
- **XLRI (Xavier School of Management):**
 - One of India's top private business schools, located in Jamshedpur, known for its HR program. Leena Nair completed her MBA here in 1992.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Leena Nair receives CBE honour from UK
Announcement date	June 11, 2025
Location	United Kingdom
Issuing authority	British Royal Family / UK Government
Awarded to	Leena Nair
Reason for award	Contributions to the retail and consumer sector
Current position	Global CEO, Chanel
Past roles	CHRO, Unilever; HUL trainee; First Indian-origin CEO at Chanel
Net worth	Estimated at USD 40 million (₹342+ crore)
Strategic significance	Represents Indian leadership on the global luxury and corporate stage



- Which company recently became the first outside the US and China to successfully test a reusable rocket?

- A) Hyundai
- B) Honda
- C) Toyota
- D) Airbus
- E) Mitsubishi

Answer
B) Honda



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Honda successfully tests its first experimental reusable rocket
- **Location:** Taiki Town, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan
- **Date:** June 17, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Japanese automotive giant Honda has successfully conducted a launch and landing test of a reusable experimental rocket, marking a significant shift toward aerospace development.
- **Objectives:** To validate reusability technologies, demonstrate autonomous navigation and precision landing, and pave the way for suborbital satellite launches in the near future.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Reusable Rocket:** A rocket system capable of being launched, landed, and reused multiple times, significantly reducing the cost of space travel.
- **Autonomous Navigation:** Technology that allows the rocket to control its flight path without human intervention, ensuring a stable and accurate return to the landing site.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Suborbital Flight:** A flight path that reaches space (~100 km altitude) but does not complete an orbit around the Earth—ideal for testing launch systems and small satellite deployment.
- **Taiki Town ("Space Town"):** A dedicated aerospace test zone in Hokkaido, Japan, with facilities supporting private spaceflight development and research.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Honda successfully tests reusable experimental rocket
Announcement date	June 17, 2025
Location	Taiki Town, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan
Issuing authority	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
Policy/series name	Honda Aerospace Research Initiative
Key figures	CEO Toshihiro Mibe; Honda R&D Aerospace Team
Purpose/reason	Demonstrate viability of reusable launch systems
Feature details	6.3m rocket, 900 kg dry weight, 56.6 sec flight, landed within 37 cm of target
Validity or status	Successful test completed; suborbital flight plans by 2029
Strategic/significant value	Adds Japan to global reusable rocket tech race; expands competition in commercial spaceflight



➤ Which organization is developing the new 300-km range variant of the Pinaka rocket system?

- A) ISRO
- B) HAL
- C) DRDO
- D) BEL
- E) BDL

Answer
C) DRDO



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India to induct 300-km range Pinaka missile system
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** June 20, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) will begin manufacturing advanced variants of the Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher system, with 120 km and 300 km range capabilities.
- **Objectives:** The purpose is to strengthen India's indigenous artillery systems, enhance strike precision and operational flexibility, and reduce dependence on foreign defence systems in line with Atmanirbhar Bharat.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pinaka:** An indigenous Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) system developed by DRDO, capable of launching multiple rockets in quick succession.
- **DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation):** India's premier defence R&D agency, responsible for developing advanced military systems and technologies.
- **Guided Pinaka:** An upgraded version of the Pinaka system equipped with inertial navigation for enhanced targeting accuracy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** A national mission to boost India's self-reliance, particularly in key sectors like defence, through local manufacturing and innovation.
- **Shoot-and-scoot capability:** A tactical feature that allows artillery systems to fire and quickly relocate to avoid counter-attacks.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India to induct 300-km range Pinaka missile system
Announcement date	June 20, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Policy/series name	Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher System
Key figures	Dr. Samir V. Kamat (DRDO Chairman), Indian Army
Purpose/reason	Enhance long-range strike capabilities and indigenize defence production
Feature details	Pinaka-3 and Pinaka-4 variants with 120 km and 300 km range; Guided version completed trials
Validity or status	Induction expected in 3–5 years; 22 regiments planned by 2030
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's defence preparedness, promotes Make in India, supports battlefield superiority



➤ **What is the significance of PM Modi's June 2025 visit to Croatia?**

- A) Launch of FTA with EU
- B) First Indian PM visit to Croatia
- C) Signing of a defence deal
- D) Establishment of new embassy
- E) India joins Three Seas Initiative

Answer

B) First Indian PM visit to Croatia



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi becomes the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Croatia
- **Location:** Croatia (Europe)
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Croatia as part of India's outreach to strengthen ties with Central and Eastern European countries.
- **Objectives:** The goal is to expand economic partnerships, cultural exchanges, and strategic connectivity, especially through corridors like the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and to enhance India's geopolitical presence in Europe.



Important Terms Explained:

- **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC):** A strategic connectivity project launched at the G20 Summit 2023, aimed at enhancing trade and transport links between India, the Middle East, and Europe.
- **Three Seas Initiative (3SI):** A forum of 12 EU countries between the Adriatic, Baltic, and Black Seas focusing on regional infrastructure, digital, and energy development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T):** An EU initiative to integrate and improve infrastructure for transport, ensuring smooth logistics and economic connectivity across member states.
- **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI):** China's global infrastructure development strategy to boost trade and investment links; India has opted out of this project due to sovereignty concerns.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi's historic visit to Croatia
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	Croatia, Europe
Issuing authority	Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs
Policy/series name	India's CEE (Central & Eastern Europe) Outreach
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, PM Andrej Plenković
Purpose/reason	Strengthen diplomatic, cultural, and strategic links with Croatia
Feature details	First-ever visit by Indian PM, cultural gifts exchanged, strategic corridor talks
Validity or status	Active engagement; long-term diplomatic strategy
Strategic/significant value	Counters Chinese influence in region, expands India's IMEC ambitions, supports UNSC seat bid



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➤ **As of June 2025, how many countries have a woman serving as Head of State and/or Head of Government?**

- A) 12
- B) 18
- C) 27
- D) 31
- E) 20

Answer
C) 27



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UN Women releases updated global statistics on women's leadership and political participation
- **Location:** Global (India included)
- **Date:** June 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** UN Women released key data reflecting women's political participation at executive, legislative, and local government levels across the globe as of June 2025.
- **Objectives:**
 - Track gender parity progress in political and public leadership roles.
 - Support Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 on gender equality.
 - Encourage evidence-based policy measures like gender quotas.
 - Highlight impact and barriers to women's representation globally.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Head of State / Head of Government:** A Head of State typically represents the country symbolically (e.g., President), while the Head of Government leads the executive branch (e.g., Prime Minister).
- **Gender Quotas:** Legislative or voluntary measures requiring a minimum percentage of women candidates or officeholders to promote gender balance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deliberative Bodies:** Elected councils or assemblies (e.g., parliaments, municipal councils) that make laws or policy decisions.
- **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995):**
A landmark global policy framework promoting gender equality, including equal participation in decision-making.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Global release of 2025 statistics on women in politics
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	Worldwide (includes India, Rwanda, Cuba, UAE, etc.)
Issuing authority	UN Women & Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
Policy/series name	Women in Politics: 2025 Global Facts and Figures
Key figures	27 countries with women leaders; 22.9% women in cabinet posts globally
Purpose/reason	Monitor global progress toward gender parity in leadership roles
Feature details	50%+ women ministers only in 9 countries; 27.2% women in parliaments
Validity or status	Data valid as of June 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Influences policy, promotes SDG 5 goals, supports women's leadership growth



➤ **What is the key feature of the newly launched “Trump Card” immigration scheme in the US?**

- A) Permanent residency through merit-based selection
- B) Citizenship via lottery system
- C) Work visa for tech professionals
- D) Residency for a \$5 million payment
- E) Employment visa for startups only



Answer

D) Residency for a \$5 million payment



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the "Trump Card" US immigration initiative for wealthy foreigners
- **Location:** United States of America
- **Date:** Publicly unveiled April 2025; registration opened June 16, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Trump Card is a new golden visa scheme announced by US President Donald Trump, allowing wealthy foreigners to obtain permanent residency and work rights in the US for a \$5 million donation to the US Treasury.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Raise revenue to address the US federal budget deficit and national debt
 - Attract high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) to live, spend, and invest in the US
 - Replace the older EB-5 investor visa system with a more direct and expedited model
 - Stimulate job creation and tax revenue through affluent immigration



Important Terms Explained:

- **Trump Card:**
 - A golden visa-style initiative offering US permanent residency and a path to citizenship for wealthy individuals contributing \$5 million to the government. It includes a physical gold-coloured card and direct access to work and live in the US.
- **EB-5 Visa:**
 - A US immigration program that grants green cards to foreign investors who invest \$800,000–\$1 million in a US business that creates at least 10 American jobs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Golden Visa:**
 - A type of residency-by-investment program where foreign nationals gain residency or citizenship in return for significant economic contributions to the host country.
- **Budget Deficit & US National Debt:**
 - The budget deficit is when the US government spends more than it earns in a fiscal year. The national debt (over \$36 trillion) is the accumulation of such deficits over time.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of "Trump Card" golden visa program
Announcement date	April 2025 (official sign-ups opened June 16, 2025)
Location	United States of America
Issuing authority	US Department of Commerce (under President Trump's direction)
Policy/series name	Trump Card Residency Scheme
Key figures	Donald Trump (President), Howard Lutnick (Commerce Secretary)
Purpose/reason	Generate revenue for the US Treasury, offer direct residency to HNWIs
Feature details	\$5 million donation grants residency, work rights, and citizenship path
Validity or status	Active registration; legality under question due to lack of Congressional approval
Strategic/significant value	Aims to raise up to \$5 trillion; seeks to replace EB-5 visa with more direct model



➤ Which new initiative was introduced for the first time by the Election Commission of India during the June 2025 bye-polls?

- A) EVM-linked Aadhaar verification
- B) AI-based voter prediction
- C) Mobile deposit facility at polling stations
- D) Biometric fingerprint voting
- E) Overseas online voting



Answer

C) Mobile deposit facility at polling stations



Event and Location:

- **Event:** New ECI election reforms implemented during June 2025 bye-elections
- **Location:** Assembly Constituencies in Gujarat, Kerala, Punjab, and West Bengal
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Election Commission of India (ECI) piloted several innovative reforms, including a mobile phone deposit system, real-time voter turnout reporting, and 100% webcasting, across five Assembly Constituencies during June 2025 bye-polls.
- **Objectives:** The reforms aim to enhance transparency, voter convenience, and election management efficiency, while preparing for large-scale adoption in major elections like the upcoming Bihar Assembly polls.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mobile Deposit Facility:** A system where voters can securely deposit their mobile phones at polling stations in jute bags or pigeonhole boxes, promoting a distraction-free environment and improving security.
- **Voter Turnout Reporting (VTR):** Enhanced system using the ECINET App for real-time entry of turnout data by Presiding Officers every 2 hours, including offline syncing functionality.
- **Webcasting:** Live video surveillance of poll-day activities from polling stations, enabling multi-level monitoring by RO, DEO, and CEO offices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Summary Revision (SSR):** A targeted update and verification of electoral rolls before elections to ensure voter data is current and accurate — conducted this time ahead of bye-polls after nearly two decades.
- **ECINET App:** A digital tool used by poll officers for real-time voter turnout updates, helping improve accuracy, speed, and transparency in reporting.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ECI rolls out election reforms during June 2025 bye-polls
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Gujarat, Kerala, Punjab, West Bengal
Issuing authority	Election Commission of India
Policy/series name	Electoral Reforms Pilot – Bye Polls 2025
Key figures	Chief Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar
Purpose/reason	To increase transparency, voter experience, and poll efficiency
Feature details	Mobile phone deposit, real-time turnout (ECINET), 100% webcasting, SSR
Validity or status	Successfully piloted; wider rollout planned for Bihar and future elections
Strategic/significant value	Modernizes electoral process, boosts voter trust, prepares for national-level polls



➤ **What is the main objective of the JAIHIND scheme launched by Delhi University?**

- A) Promote online degree programmes
- B) Provide scholarships to tribal athletes
- C) Train ST students in digital skills and CUET preparation
- D) Fund PhD research for tribal scholars
- E) Establish tribal study centres in metros



Answer

C) Train ST students in digital skills and CUET preparation



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the JAIHIND scheme for ST students' digital and CUET training
- **Location:** University of Delhi; first batch from Ukhrul, Manipur
- **Date:** June 18, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Delhi University has launched JAIHIND (Janajati Immersive Holistic Intervention for Novel Development) to support Scheduled Tribe (ST) students from Classes 9 to 12 through digital education and CUET preparedness.
- **Objectives:** To improve digital literacy, bridge the digital divide, assist ST students with CUET orientation, and ensure equitable access to higher education opportunities for tribal youth from remote and underserved areas.



Important Terms Explained:

- **JAIHIND Scheme:** A Delhi University initiative offering holistic digital and academic training to ST students, particularly for CUET preparation and higher education readiness.
- **CUET (Common University Entrance Test):** A mandatory computer-based entrance exam for undergraduate admissions to Central Universities in India since 2022.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Scheduled Tribes (ST):** Constitutionally recognized disadvantaged communities in India, many of whom live in remote or rural areas with limited access to digital resources.
- **Digital Divide:** The gap between those with and without access to digital technology – a major barrier to education for many tribal and rural students.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of JAIHIND Scheme by Delhi University
Announcement date	June 18, 2025
Location	University of Delhi; students from Ukhrul, Manipur
Issuing authority	University of Delhi
Policy/series name	JAIHIND (Janajati Immersive Holistic Intervention for Novel Development)
Key figures	Prof. Yogesh Singh (VC), Prof. K. Ratnabali (Dean of Academic Affairs)
Purpose/reason	Support ST students with digital and CUET-related skills
Feature details	2-week training, covers CUET prep, form filling, computer literacy, full DU funding
Validity or status	Pilot phase; planned for annual expansion
Strategic/significant value	Bridges digital and academic access gap for ST students; aligns with inclusive education goals



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➤ Which programme, supported by SBI Foundation, aims to enhance hands-on science learning in rural Karnataka?



Kriya

Education Research & Social Initiative

- A) DISHA
- B) Kriya
- C) Shiksha Setu
- D) Vidya Vikas
- E) Gyanoday

Answer
B) Kriya



Event and Location:

- **Event:** SBI Foundation supports expansion of Prayoga's Kriya science education programme
- **Location:** Raichur district, Karnataka
- **Date:** June 17, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Kriya programme, led by Prayoga Institute of Education Research and supported by SBI Foundation and SBI Funds Management, was launched in 12 government schools in Raichur, Karnataka.
- **Objectives:** To promote inquiry-based, hands-on science learning, encourage critical thinking, and provide rural students from Classes 6 to 10 with equitable access to STEM education, aligned with NEP 2020.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kriya Programme:** A flagship initiative promoting experiential science education through experiments and applications, designed to improve scientific understanding among rural students.
- **SBI Foundation:** The CSR arm of the State Bank of India, supporting inclusive development through initiatives in education, healthcare, sustainability, and empowerment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NEP 2020 (National Education Policy):** India's education reform policy focusing on holistic, skill-based, and inquiry-driven learning across all levels of education.
- **Experiential Learning:** A hands-on, student-centric method of learning through real-world applications and experiments rather than rote memorization.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Kriya programme in Raichur schools
Announcement date	June 17, 2025
Location	12 Government Schools, Raichur District, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Prayoga Institute, SBI Foundation, SBI Funds Management
Policy/series name	Kriya – Experiential Science Learning
Key figures	SBI Foundation, Prayoga Institute
Purpose/reason	Promote hands-on science education in rural Karnataka
Feature details	For students of Classes 6–10; includes experiments, inquiry-based learning
Validity or status	Active; aims for wider expansion in rural areas
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens rural STEM education; aligns with NEP 2020 principles; reduces learning divide



➤ To which country is India exporting its first indigenously manufactured locomotive, flagged off by PM Modi in June 2025?

- A) Ghana
- B) Kenya
- C) Guinea
- D) South Africa
- E) Nigeria

Answer
C) Guinea



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi flags off India's first locomotive export to Guinea
- **Location:** Marhowrah Rail Factory, Bihar
- **Date:** June 20, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India is exporting its first batch of 150 indigenously manufactured locomotives to Guinea, with the first flagged off by PM Modi from Bihar's Marhowrah rail factory under a ₹3,000 crore agreement.
- **Objectives:** To support Guinea's SimFer Simandou iron ore project, promote India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative globally, strengthen India-Africa ties, and position India as a global railway manufacturing hub.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** A mission launched by the Indian government to promote self-reliance in production and innovation, especially through indigenous manufacturing and global competitiveness.
- **DPWCS (Distributed Power Wireless Control System):** An advanced wireless control system enabling locomotives to haul large freight loads (up to 100 wagons) efficiently in tandem.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SimFer Simandou Project:** A large-scale iron ore mining and infrastructure development project in Guinea, one of the most significant in Africa.
- **Marhowrah Rail Factory:** A state-of-the-art locomotive manufacturing plant in Bihar, capable of producing broad gauge, standard gauge, and cape gauge locomotives for international use.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi flags off India's first locomotive export to Guinea
Announcement date	June 20, 2025
Location	Marhowrah Rail Factory, Bihar
Issuing authority	Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India
Policy/series name	India's Global Rail Export Initiative (under Atmanirbhar Bharat)
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Republic of Guinea officials
Purpose/reason	Strengthen India's export capacity and support African infrastructure
Feature details	150 locomotives over 3 years, ₹3,000 crore deal, with eco and safety tech
Validity or status	First batch flagged off; full delivery scheduled FY 2025–2028
Strategic/significant value	Expands India's footprint in global railway supply, enhances India-Africa ties, boosts local employment



➤ **Which Indian city is set to conduct its first cloud-seeding trial by the end of June 2025?**

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Mumbai
- C) Lucknow
- D) Delhi
- E) Hyderabad

Answer
D) Delhi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Delhi to conduct its first cloud-seeding trial for artificial rain
- **Location:** Outer areas of Delhi, flight base at Hindon Air Base, Ghaziabad
- **Date:** Expected by June-end, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Delhi Government, with support from IMD, IIT Kanpur, and the Ministry of Defence, is set to conduct a cloud-seeding trial to explore artificial rainfall as a potential pollution and water scarcity mitigation tool.
- **Objectives:** To test the feasibility of artificial rain through cloud seeding during high pollution periods, gather data on effectiveness, and evaluate the environmental safety of using silver iodide-based mixtures in the air.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cloud Seeding:** A weather modification technique involving the dispersal of substances like silver iodide into the atmosphere to induce precipitation in moisture-laden clouds.
- **Silver Iodide (AgI):** A chemical compound used as a glaciogenic seeding agent in cloud seeding to promote ice crystal formation and initiate rainfall.
- **Hygroscopic Agent:** Substances like powdered rock salt that attract moisture and encourage droplet growth, used in seeding warm clouds.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nimbostratus Clouds:** Low to mid-level, thick, and moisture-rich cloud formations ideal for cloud seeding due to their ability to produce steady precipitation.
- **IIT Kanpur:** Premier Indian institute responsible for developing the chemical seeding mixture and monitoring environmental impacts.
- **IMD (India Meteorological Department):** Provides 6-hour forecasts on cloud conditions, crucial for planning cloud-seeding flight operations.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Delhi's first artificial rain trial via cloud seeding
Announcement date	June 19, 2025 (confirmed by Environment Minister)
Location	Outer Delhi; flight base at Hindon Air Base, Ghaziabad
Issuing authority	Delhi Government; technical support from IIT Kanpur, IMD, MoD
Policy/series name	Cloud-Seeding Feasibility Pilot – Delhi 2025
Key figures	Manjinder Singh Sirsa (Delhi Environment Minister), IIT Kanpur researchers
Purpose/reason	Evaluate feasibility of artificial rain to combat pollution and water scarcity
Feature details	₹3.21 crore project; 5 flights; 100 sq. km coverage; use of AgI & salts
Validity or status	Pending DGCA final clearance; expected by June-end 2025
Strategic/significant value	Could pioneer climate adaptation tools for polluted urban centres; first-of-its-kind in Delhi



➤ On the occasion of World Sickle Cell Day 2025, which institution organized an awareness rally in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) NIMS Hyderabad
- B) AIIMS Mangalagiri
- C) JIPMER Puducherry
- D) AIIMS Bhopal
- E) KMC Manipal

Answer

B) AIIMS Mangalagiri



JUNE 19

WORLD
**SICKLE
CELL**
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Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Sickle Cell Day Awareness Rally
- **Location:** AIIMS Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** June 19, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** AIIMS Mangalagiri, in collaboration with the Departments of Health and Tribal Welfare, organized an awareness rally to mark World Sickle Cell Day 2025.
- **Objectives:** To raise public awareness about Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), encourage community engagement, and support India's mission to eliminate SCD by 2047, particularly among tribal populations most affected by the disorder.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sickle Cell Disease (SCD):** A genetic blood disorder where red blood cells become misshapen and break down, causing anemia, chronic pain, infections, and severe complications like stroke.
- **World Sickle Cell Day:** Observed annually on June 19, designated by the United Nations to raise global awareness of SCD.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission:** A health initiative launched by the Government of India with a target to eradicate SCD by 2047, focusing on tribal and high-burden regions.
- **AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) Mangalagiri:** A premier medical institution in Andhra Pradesh actively engaged in healthcare outreach and public health education.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Sickle Cell Day Awareness Rally 2025
Announcement date	June 19, 2025
Location	AIIMS Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	AIIMS in collaboration with Health & Tribal Welfare Departments
Policy/series name	National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission
Key figures	M. Mallikarjuna Nayak, Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Dr. Dash, Dr. Saraswati
Purpose/reason	Raise awareness and engage communities in SCD eradication efforts
Feature details	Participation from students, tribal members, and healthcare workers
Validity or status	Event successfully conducted; aligns with 2047 elimination target
Strategic/significant value	Advances health equity, promotes tribal welfare, supports national health mission



➤ Which Indian state became the first to integrate all its Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) into a single digital platform through E-Nagarpalika 2.0?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Gujarat
- C) Karnataka
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer

D) Madhya Pradesh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of E-Nagarpalika 2.0 digital governance platform
- **Location:** Madhya Pradesh, India
- **Date:** June 11, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Madhya Pradesh's Urban Development and Housing Department launched E-Nagarpalika 2.0, becoming the first Indian state to bring all 413 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) under a single digital portal.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Provide centralized, transparent, and accessible urban governance
 - Enhance citizen service delivery through digital tools
 - Integrate urban municipal operations with state-level platforms such as UMANG
 - Enable real-time data access, workflow transparency, and efficient resource allocation



Important Terms Explained:

- **E-Nagarpalika 2.0:**
 - An upgraded digital platform for municipal governance launched by Madhya Pradesh to unify all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) under one system.
- **UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance):**
 - A Government of India mobile platform offering access to central and state e-governance services in one place.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GIS Integration:**
 - Integration of Geographic Information Systems for mapping urban infrastructure, aiding planning, tracking, and service delivery.
- **Open-Source Technology:**
 - Software whose source code is freely available, helping reduce costs and avoid vendor dependency.
- **ULBs (Urban Local Bodies):**
 - Constitutionally recognized municipal bodies responsible for governance and service delivery in urban areas.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of E-Nagarpalika 2.0
Announcement date	June 11, 2025
Location	Madhya Pradesh
Issuing authority	MP Urban Development and Housing Department
Policy/series name	E-Nagarpalika (Version 2.0)
Key figures	CM Dr. Mohan Yadav; 413 Urban Local Bodies involved
Purpose/reason	To digitize and centralize municipal services and improve governance
Feature details	16 modules, 24 services, AI, GIS, UMANG integration, cloud data management
Validity or status	Fully launched; under 5-year vendor support contract
Strategic/significant value	First such integrated ULB system in India; model for other states



- Which mobile application, showcased by Indian Customs at IPTS 2025, allows international passengers to pre-file customs declarations?

- A) DigiSeva
- B) BharatTravel
- C) ATITHI
- D) SurakshaApp
- E) NiryatSetu

Answer
C) ATITHI



Event and Location:

- **Event:** DGTS and Indian Customs showcase digital innovations at Inter Terminal Passenger Show (IPTS) 2025
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra (Mumbai Airport)
- **Date:** June 12–13, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Directorate General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), Mumbai Zonal Unit, and Indian Customs participated in IPTS 2025 to present digital solutions aimed at enhancing airport operations and passenger services.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Improve airport efficiency and traveller experience through digital platforms
 - Enhance trade facilitation via automation of customs processes
 - Promote seamless, contactless processing through cutting-edge technologies
 - Engage with stakeholders to clarify customs processes and documentation



Important Terms Explained:

- **ATITHI App:** A mobile application developed by Indian Customs for international travellers to pre-file baggage customs declarations before arrival in India.
- **DRISTI (Digital Receipt and Invoice Tracking Initiative):** A tool for efficient invoice management and tracking within customs processes.
- **e-BRC (Electronic Bank Realisation Certificate):** A digitally generated certificate used for validating export transactions and foreign exchange realization.



Important Terms Explained:

- **X-MAS (e-Examination and e-Manifest Automated System):** A digital system for processing cargo examination and manifests for improved logistics.
- **EKAL ANUBANDH:** An online platform for filing E-Bonds and E-Bank Guarantees, enabling paperless customs documentation.
- **DigiYatra:** An initiative by the Government of India promoting contactless and paperless air travel through biometric boarding and digital identity.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inter Terminal Passenger Show (IPTS) 2025
Announcement date	June 12, 2025
Location	Mumbai Airport
Issuing authority	Directorate General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), Indian Customs
Policy/series name	ATITHI, DRISTI, e-BRC, X-MAS, EKAL ANUBANDH
Key figures	Shri Sumit Kumar (Principal ADG, DGTS MZU), Shri Joseph G. Patil (Joint Commissioner)
Purpose/reason	Improve passenger experience and airport efficiency using digital tools
Feature details	Mobile app, AI, cloud-based systems, open data systems, integrated platforms
Validity or status	Showcased and operational in airport environments
Strategic/significant value	Advances India's digital customs and trade facilitation framework



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- **World Refugee Day 2025 was observed globally on June 20 under the theme “Solidarity with Refugees.”**
- **The 11th International Day of Yoga will be led by PM Modi from Visakhapatnam on June 21, 2025.**
- **India has emerged as the third-largest contributor to global power generation growth from 2019 to 2024 according to the IEA.**
- **The Ambani siblings – Aakash, Anant, and Isha – topped the 2025 '360 ONE Wealth Creators List' for under-40 Indian wealth icons.**
- **Pakistan has secured a \$1 billion syndicated finance facility backed by a partial guarantee from the Asian Development Bank.**
- **India and Cyprus signed an MoU in June 2025 to enable UPI-based cross-border payment services.**
- **The RBI has slashed the provisioning requirement for under-construction project loans from 5% to 1%.**
- **RuPay and JCB International have launched a 25% cashback offer for Indian cardholders shopping in eight Asian countries.**
- **TRAI and RBI have launched a pilot project to digitise old paper-based consents for banking-related calls and messages.**



QUICK RECALL



- **DPIIT and YourStory have partnered to empower one million rural and non-metro entrepreneurs through The Bharat Project.**
- **Patanjali Group has received 1.5 million palm oil seeds under a 5-year supply deal with Malaysia's Sawit Kinabalu Group.**
- **G. Sampath Kumar has been appointed as the first Indian Managing Director of Nippon Koei India.**
- **The Hindu was crowned Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025 by WAN-IFRA.**
- **Leena Nair, the Indian-origin CEO of Chanel, was conferred the prestigious CBE by Prince William in the UK.**
- **Honda successfully tested its first experimental reusable rocket in Taiki Town, Japan, on June 17, 2025.**
- **India will induct 120 km and 300 km range Pinaka rocket systems developed by DRDO.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian PM to visit Croatia on June 18, 2025.**
- **As of June 2025, 27 countries have a woman serving as Head of State and/or Head of Government.**
- **The Trump administration launched the "Trump Card," offering US permanent residency for a \$5 million payment.**



QUICK RECALL



- The Election Commission of India introduced landmark electoral reforms during the June 2025 bye-elections in four states.
- Delhi University launched the JAIHIND scheme on June 18, 2025, to digitally empower Scheduled Tribe students.
- SBI Foundation has partnered with Prayoga Institute to launch the Kriya programme in 12 schools in Raichur, Karnataka.
- PM Modi flagged off India's first-ever locomotive export to Guinea on June 20, 2025, from Bihar's Marhowrah factory.
- Delhi is set to conduct its first cloud-seeding trial by June-end 2025 to induce artificial rain.
- AIIMS Mangalagiri observed World Sickle Cell Day on June 19, 2025, by organizing a community awareness rally.
- Madhya Pradesh has launched E-Nagarpalika 2.0, becoming the first Indian state to digitize all its 413 urban local bodies.
- DGTS Mumbai and Indian Customs showcased several digital tools at IPTS 2025 to enhance passenger and trade experience at airports.



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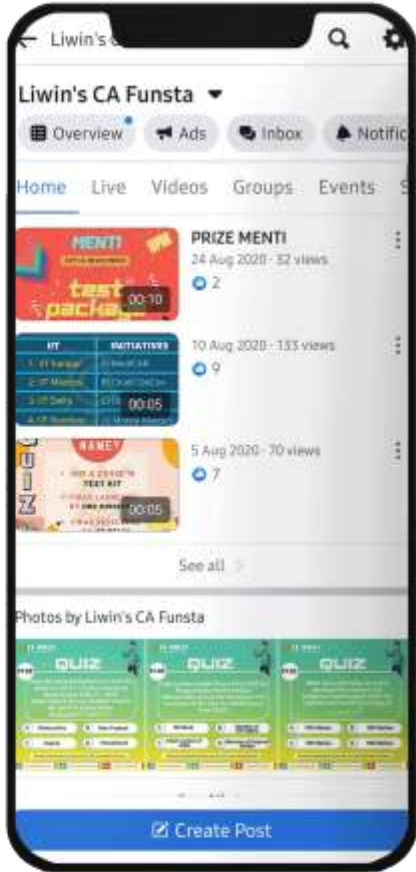
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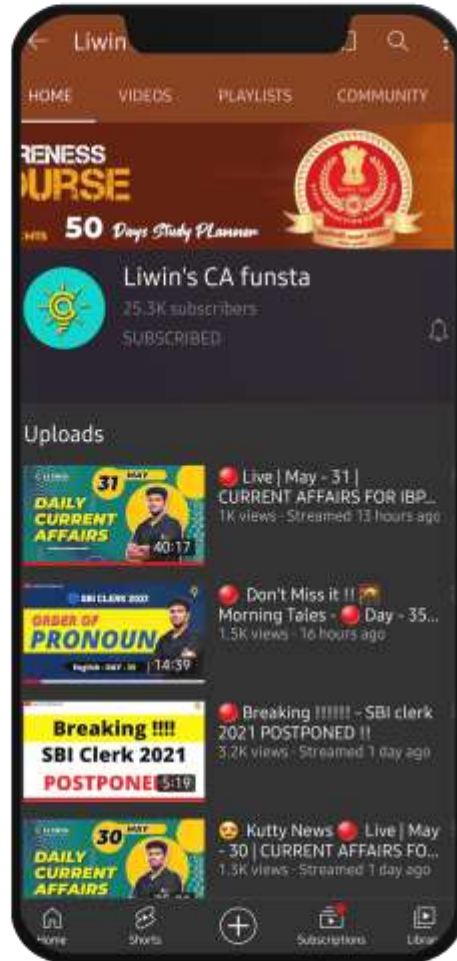


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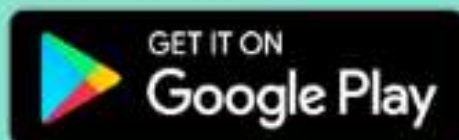
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