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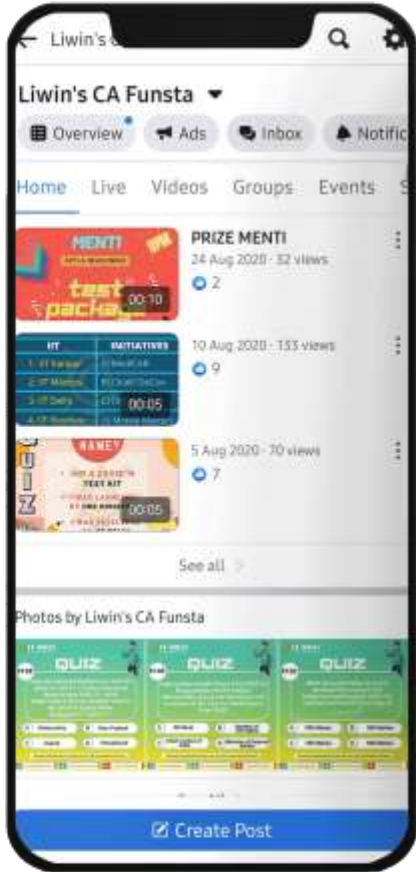
  

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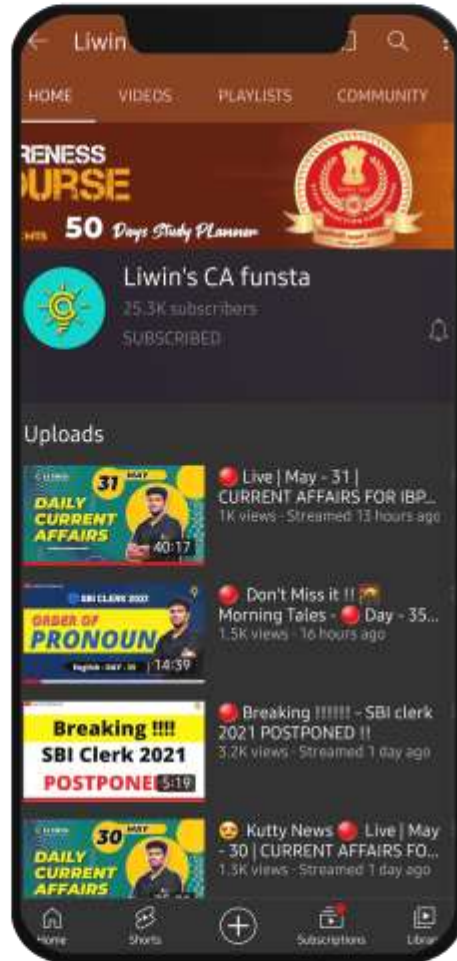
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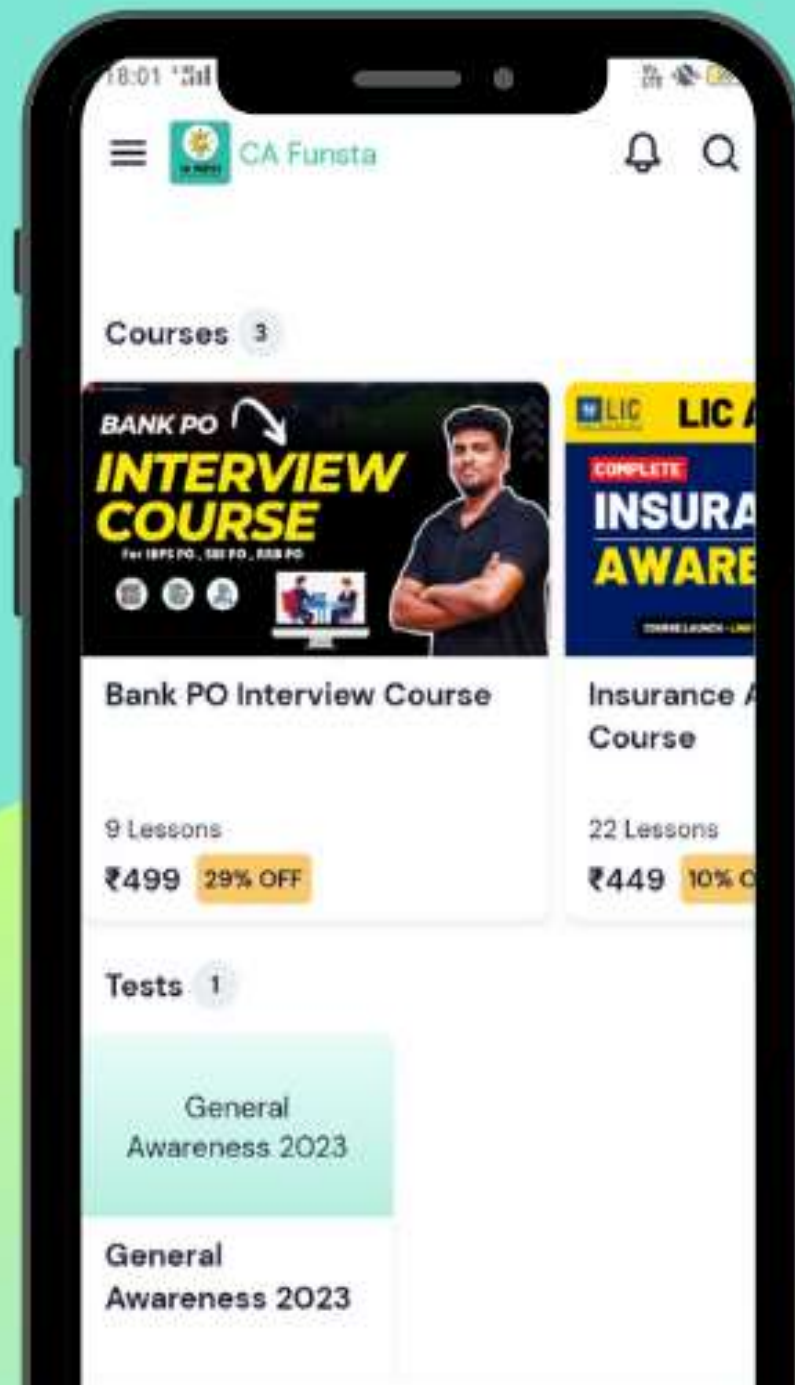
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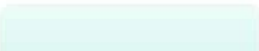
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Important Days



➤ **When is the International Day of the Tropics observed annually?**

- A) June 5
- B) July 15
- C) June 29
- D) August 20
- E) May 30

Answer
C) June 29



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of International Day of the Tropics 2025
- **Location:** Global (Tropical regions across continents)
- **Date:** 29 June 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The United Nations observes this day annually to promote awareness through educational programs, workshops, and public engagement activities focused on the tropics.
- **Objectives:** To recognize the ecological, cultural, and developmental significance of tropical regions and to highlight the pressing challenges such as poverty, climate change, and health risks in these areas.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Day of the Tropics:** An annual UN-recognized observance on June 29 aimed at raising global awareness about the challenges and opportunities faced by tropical regions.
- **State of the Tropics Report:** A comprehensive report released in 2014, initiated by Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, that inspired the formal establishment of the International Day of the Tropics.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** A set of 17 global goals adopted by UN member states in 2015, with tropical regions playing a vital role in achieving targets related to climate, health, biodiversity, and inequality.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Day of the Tropics 2025
Announcement date	Established via UN Resolution A/RES/70/267 in 2016
Location	Tropical belt globally (regions between Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn)
Issuing authority	United Nations General Assembly
Policy/series name	State of the Tropics Report (launched 2014)
Key figures	Aung San Suu Kyi (associated with initial report)
Purpose/reason	To highlight diversity, challenges, and development in tropical regions
Feature details	Cultural events, scientific conferences, environmental awareness drives
Validity or status	Annually observed on 29 June
Strategic/significant value	Enhances awareness for SDGs, climate resilience, and global cooperation



Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of Statistics Day 2025 celebrated by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?**



- A) Digital India and Statistical Systems
- B) Role of Statistics in Planning
- C) 75 Years of National Sample Survey
- D) Statistical Tools for Sustainable Growth
- E) Data for New India



Answer

C) 75 Years of National Sample Survey



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of Statistics Day 2025 and commemoration of 75 years of National Sample Survey
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 29 June 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is organizing the 19th Statistics Day to honor Professor P.C. Mahalanobis and to celebrate 75 years of the National Sample Survey.
- **Objectives:** To raise awareness about the role of statistics in socio-economic planning, highlight the legacy of the National Sample Survey, and promote data-driven governance.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Statistics Day:** Celebrated annually on June 29 to honor Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, known as the father of Indian statistics. The day promotes awareness of the importance of statistics in national development.
- **National Sample Survey (NSS):** Launched in 1950 by the Government of India, the NSS provides large-scale survey data on various socio-economic issues, enabling evidence-based policy-making.
- **GolStat mobile application:** A mobile app launched by MoSPI to give users easier access to official Indian statistical data through a user-friendly interface.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Statistics Day 2025 and 75 Years of National Sample Survey
Announcement date	28 June 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Policy/series name	National Sample Survey (NSS)
Key figures	Professor P.C. Mahalanobis, Rao Inderjit Singh
Purpose/reason	To raise awareness about the importance of statistics in national planning
Feature details	Launch of commemorative coin, stamp, GolStat app, release of publications
Validity or status	19th annual observance on 29 June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes data-based governance, recognizes historical contributions in statistics



Important Days



➤ **What was the theme of NSSTA's 17th Foundation Day celebrated in February 2025?**

- A) Revolutionizing Statistics with AI
- B) Data for Development and Good Governance
- C) Empowering Governance Through Statistical Excellence
- D) Digital India Through Data
- E) 75 Years of NSS – A Statistical Legacy

Answer

C) Empowering Governance Through Statistical Excellence



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 17th Foundation Day of National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA)
- **Location:** Mahalanobis Auditorium, NSSTA, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- **Date:** 13 February 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** NSSTA organized its 17th Foundation Day to celebrate its journey in statistical capacity development and institutional collaborations, with events including expert addresses, technical sessions, a cultural program, and the release of a Statistical Training Needs Assessment report.
- **Objectives:** To promote statistical excellence, highlight the Academy's contributions to data-driven governance and capacity-building, and align India's statistical ecosystem with global standards for realizing the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **NSSTA (National Statistical Systems Training Academy):** A premier training institution under MoSPI, established in 2009 to build statistical capacity among government officials in India and abroad through technical training and collaborative programs.
- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** A visionary development goal set by the Indian government to transform India into a fully developed nation by 2047, where data and statistics play a foundational role in policymaking.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Statistical Training Needs Assessment (STA) Survey Report:** A collaborative report by NSSTA and CBC evaluating skill gaps and training priorities for Indian Statistical Service (ISS) officers, guiding future capacity development strategies.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	17th Foundation Day of NSSTA
Announcement date	13 February 2025
Location	NSSTA, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Policy/series name	Statistical Training Needs Assessment (STA) Survey Report
Key figures	Dr. Saurabh Garg, Adil Zainulbhai, P.R. Meshram, Shombi Sharp
Purpose/reason	Marking 17 years of statistical capacity-building and training excellence
Feature details	Cultural program, report release, technical sessions, collaboration showcases
Validity or status	Ongoing foundational body for national and global training initiatives
Strategic/significant value	Contributes to Viksit Bharat 2047 through statistical innovation and governance



RANKING



➤ Who became India's new No. 1 ranked classical chess player after winning the UzChess Cup Masters in 2025?

- A) Arjun Erigaisi
- B) Magnus Carlsen
- C) Viswanathan Anand
- D) R. Praggnanandhaa
- E) D. Gukesh

Answer

D) R. Praggnanandhaa



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** R. Praggnanandhaa becomes India's No. 1 ranked classical chess player after winning UzChess Cup
- **Location:** Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Date:** 28 June 2025



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa defeated Nodirbek Abdusattorov in the final round of the UzChess Cup Masters and clinched the title.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the achievement of Praggnanandhaa in surpassing fellow Indian Grandmasters and establishing himself as India's highest-rated player, while climbing to No. 4 in live world rankings.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Elo Rating:** A standard chess rating system used to calculate the relative skill levels of players. Praggnanandhaa reached a rating of 2778.3 after the UzChess Cup win.
- **UzChess Cup Masters:** A premier international chess tournament held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Winning this tournament boosted Praggnanandhaa's global ranking significantly.
- **FIDE Live World Rankings:** A dynamic global ranking system maintained by the International Chess Federation (FIDE), updated after each rated game or tournament.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UzChess Cup Masters 2025
Announcement date	28 June 2025
Location	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Issuing authority	FIDE / Tournament organizers
Policy/series name	FIDE Live Ratings
Key figures	R. Praggnanandhaa, D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Magnus Carlsen
Purpose/reason	Praggnanandhaa's win at UzChess Cup elevates him to India's No. 1 position
Feature details	Final-round win with Black pieces over Abdusattorov; tie-break wins
Validity or status	Active rating and title confirmed; World No. 4 as of June 28, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Marks India's growing dominance in global chess with three players in top 6



➤ Which payment system is on the verge of becoming the world's largest retail interbank transaction platform by daily volume?

- A) Mastercard
- B) Alipay
- C) Visa
- D) UPI
- E) PIX

Answer
D) UPI



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UPI approaching Visa's global lead in daily retail payment transactions
- **Location:** India (with global implications)
- **Date:** June 4, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Unified Payments Interface (UPI), developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), is witnessing rapid growth in transaction volume and is on track to surpass Visa's global daily transaction figures.
- **Objectives:** To establish UPI as the largest real-time retail interbank payment settlement system globally, while supporting India's vision of a cashless, digitally empowered economy with seamless payment access.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI):** A real-time interbank payment system in India that enables seamless, instant money transfers between banks via mobile platforms. Launched in 2016 by NPCI.
- **Deferred Settlement Model:** A payment system model where transactions are settled in batches at the end of the day, used by card networks like Visa and Mastercard.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):** An umbrella organization under RBI and IBA that develops and manages retail payments infrastructure in India, including UPI, RuPay, and IMPS.
- **Merchant Transactions:** Payments made by customers to businesses via digital platforms like UPI, now accounting for over 62% of UPI's total volume, up from 40% in January 2022.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UPI likely to surpass Visa in daily transaction volume
Announcement date	4 June 2025
Location	India (Global impact)
Issuing authority	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
Policy/series name	UPI Growth Strategy; Government's 1 billion/day transaction target
Key figures	Dilip Asbe (NPCI), Shaktikanta Das (RBI)
Purpose/reason	To make UPI the world's largest interbank real-time retail payment system
Feature details	UPI processing 650M+ daily transactions; real-time settlement; merchant growth
Validity or status	Rapid growth underway; expected to surpass Visa in 2–3 months
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's global digital finance leadership and supports financial inclusion



➤ Which of the following banks is discontinuing complimentary air accident insurance on select credit cards from July 15, 2025?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) SBI Card
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer
D) SBI Card



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Credit card policy and benefit revisions by major Indian banks
- **Location:** Pan India
- **Date:** Effective from 1 July 2025 (HDFC), 10 July 2025 (Kotak), and 15 July 2025 (SBI)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Banks like SBI Card, HDFC Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank are introducing key changes to credit card rewards, fees, and benefits from July 2025.
- **Objectives:** To streamline card operations, reduce liabilities on certain high-cost benefits, and align rewards with evolving customer spending patterns while enhancing fee transparency.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Complimentary Air Accident Insurance:** A free benefit offered by credit card issuers, covering accidental death during air travel. SBI is withdrawing this benefit from July 15, 2025, for multiple card variants.
- **Wallet Loading Charges:** HDFC Bank will impose a 1% fee (capped at ₹4,999/month) for wallet reloads and online gaming spends. These transactions will no longer earn reward points.
- **Credit Card Migration:** Kotak Mahindra Bank is discontinuing the Myntra Kotak Credit Card and migrating users to the Kotak League Credit Card, effective July 10, 2025.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Major Credit Card Rule Revisions by SBI, HDFC, and Kotak Mahindra Bank
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India (applicable nationwide)
Issuing authority	SBI Card, HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank
Policy/series name	Credit Card Benefits and Fee Structure Revision
Key figures	Dinesh Khara (SBI), Sashidhar Jagdishan (HDFC), Ashok Vaswani (Kotak)
Purpose/reason	Align benefits with usage patterns, reduce costs, and improve transparency
Feature details	Insurance withdrawal, reward limits, fee additions, card migration
Validity or status	Effective from 1st, 10th, and 15th July 2025 respectively
Strategic/significant value	Affects millions of cardholders; critical for financial planning and usage decisions



➤ What is the new extended timing for the Call Money market as per RBI's decision effective July 1, 2025?

- A) 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- B) 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- C) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- D) 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM
- E) 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Answer

C) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI announces revised market trading and settlement timings
- **Location:** India (applicable nationwide)
- **Date:** Effective July 1 and August 1, 2025 (for different instruments)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** RBI decided to extend the trading hours of the call money market and repo/TREP markets following recommendations of a Working Group chaired by Shri Radha Shyam Ratho.
- **Objectives:** To support better market development, price discovery, and liquidity optimization in the financial markets regulated by the RBI.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Call Money Market:** A short-term interbank borrowing market where funds are borrowed or lent for one day. The extended hours now run from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- **Market Repo and Tri-Party Repo (TREP):** Instruments that allow banks and financial entities to meet short-term liquidity needs by selling securities with an agreement to repurchase them. Timings now extended to 4:00 PM from August 1, 2025.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Working Group on Market Timings:** A special committee established by RBI, chaired by Shri Radha Shyam Ratho, to review and suggest optimal timings for trading and settlement across various financial markets.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Extension of Trading Timings for RBI-Regulated Markets
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Recommendations by RBI Working Group on Market Timings
Key figures	Shri Radha Shyam Ratho (Chairperson), Shaktikanta Das (RBI Governor)
Purpose/reason	Improve liquidity access, enhance market efficiency, and support development
Feature details	Call Money: 9:00 AM–7:00 PM from July 1; Repo/TREP: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM from Aug 1
Validity or status	Effective July 1 and August 1, 2025 for respective instruments
Strategic/significant value	Aligns Indian markets with global best practices and supports financial system efficiency



➤ **Why did the Reserve Bank of India impose a penalty of ₹29.60 lakh on Fino Payments Bank in June 2025?**

- A) For not maintaining CRR
- B) For delay in KYC compliance
- C) For breaching end-of-day balance ceiling limits
- D) For not submitting audit reports
- E) For overcharging service fees



Answer

C) For breaching end-of-day balance ceiling limits



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI imposes monetary penalty on Fino Payments Bank
- **Location:** India (Applicable across RBI's jurisdiction)
- **Date:** June 6, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** RBI imposed a penalty of ₹29.60 lakh on Fino Payments Bank for violating RBI's Licensing of Payments Banks guidelines by breaching regulatory balance limits.
- **Objectives:** To enforce regulatory discipline among payment banks and ensure adherence to operational limits defined by RBI to safeguard systemic stability and customer funds.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Payments Bank:** A type of bank in India allowed to accept a restricted deposit (currently up to ₹2 lakh per customer), issue debit cards, and offer remittance services, but not allowed to issue loans or credit cards.
- **Section 47A(1)(c) of Banking Regulation Act, 1949:** Provides RBI authority to impose penalties on banks for non-compliance with any regulations or directions.
- **Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE):** RBI's periodic evaluation of a bank's financial and operational compliance status, covering its risk profile and adherence to regulatory frameworks.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI imposes penalty on Fino Payments Bank
Announcement date	June 6, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Licensing of Payments Banks guidelines
Key figures	Rishi Gupta (CEO of Fino), Shaktikanta Das (Governor of RBI)
Purpose/reason	Breach of end-of-day balance ceiling in some customer accounts
Feature details	₹29.60 lakh penalty under Section 47A(1)(c) of BR Act, 1949
Validity or status	Penalty imposed; RBI may initiate further action if needed
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces regulatory enforcement and compliance culture in fintech sector



- Which regulatory body granted JioBlackRock Broking approval to start its brokerage business in June 2025?

- A) RBI
- B) IRDAI
- C) SEBI
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) AMFI



Answer
C) SEBI



Event and Location:

- **Event:** JioBlackRock Broking receives SEBI approval to begin brokerage operations
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 27 June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** JioBlackRock Broking Pvt. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of JioBlackRock Investment Advisers Pvt. Ltd., has received regulatory approval from SEBI to function as a brokerage firm.
- **Objectives:** To offer affordable, transparent, and technology-driven investment execution capabilities to Indian investors as part of a broader strategy to democratize investment access through digital-first solutions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India):** India's capital markets regulator that oversees securities trading, protects investor interests, and ensures orderly development of financial markets.
- **Brokerage Firm:** A financial institution licensed to buy and sell securities on behalf of clients. The approval allows JioBlackRock to offer trading and execution services to investors.
- **JioBlackRock Joint Venture:** A 50:50 partnership between Jio Financial Services Ltd. (JFSL) and BlackRock Inc., created to provide holistic investment services including advisory, asset management, and now brokerage.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	SEBI approval for JioBlackRock Broking to launch brokerage services
Announcement date	27 June 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
Policy/series name	JioBlackRock's integrated investment services initiative
Key figures	Marc Pilgrem, Hitesh Sethia
Purpose/reason	To offer end-to-end investment solutions with self-directed brokerage access
Feature details	Broking license complements advisory and asset management approvals
Validity or status	Operational readiness initiated post-approval
Strategic/significant value	Promotes digital financial inclusion through tech-driven, retail-focused investing



➤ What was the value of India's current account surplus in the January–March quarter of FY25 as per RBI data?

- A) \$11.3 billion
- B) \$4.6 billion
- C) \$13.5 billion
- D) \$23.3 billion
- E) \$59.5 billion

Answer
C) \$13.5 billion



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India reports a \$13.5 billion current account surplus in Q4 FY25
- **Location:** India (data published by Reserve Bank of India)
- **Date:** 28 June 2025 (report release date)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published India's Balance of Payments data, highlighting a \$13.5 billion current account surplus in Q4 FY25, marking a sharp reversal from previous deficits.
- **Objectives:** To update stakeholders on India's external sector performance, identify strengths such as services exports and remittances, and assess vulnerabilities like trade deficits and weak investment inflows.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Current Account Surplus:** Occurs when a country's total exports of goods, services, and transfers exceed its total imports, indicating a net inflow of foreign currency. India posted a 1.3% of GDP surplus in Q4 FY25.
- **Remittances (Personal Transfers):** Money sent by Indians working abroad to their families in India, which rose to \$33.9 billion in Q4 FY25, supporting household income and foreign exchange reserves.



Important Terms Explained:

- **External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs):** Loans taken by Indian companies from foreign lenders. ECB inflows increased significantly to \$7.4 billion in Q4 FY25, helping offset low FDI/FPI.
- **Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI):** Investments by non-residents in Indian financial markets. FPI recorded a net outflow of \$5.9 billion in Q4 FY25, reflecting global investor caution.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India posts \$13.5 billion current account surplus in Q4 FY25
Announcement date	28 June 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Balance of Payments (BoP) Report Q4 FY25
Key figures	\$13.5B surplus (Q4 FY25), \$23.3B CAD (FY25), \$33.9B remittances
Purpose/reason	Report on India's external account performance and drivers of improvement
Feature details	Higher services exports, increased remittances, lower primary income outflows
Validity or status	Q4 FY25 data finalized
Strategic/significant value	Indicates strength of services sector and vulnerabilities in investment inflows



➤ Which organization released the “Statistical Report on Value of Output from Agriculture and Allied Sectors (2011–12 to 2023–24)” in June 2025?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Ministry of Agriculture
- C) NABARD
- D) National Statistical Office
- E) ICAR



Answer

D) National Statistical Office



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Statistical Report on Value of Output from Agriculture and Allied Sectors (2011–12 to 2023–24)
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 27 June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released a comprehensive report analyzing the Gross Value of Output (GVO) and Gross Value Added (GVA) across agriculture and allied sectors over a 13-year period.
- **Objectives:** To present data-driven insights into trends, sectoral contributions, state-wise dynamics, and structural shifts in India's agriculture and allied sectors at both current and constant (2011-12) prices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross Value of Output (GVO):** The total monetary value of goods and services produced in a sector. In agriculture, this includes outputs from crops, livestock, forestry, and fisheries.
- **Gross Value Added (GVA):** The value of output minus the value of intermediate consumption, indicating the sector's actual contribution to GDP.
- **Constant Prices (2011–12):** A base year used to eliminate the effects of inflation and allow comparison of real growth across years.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kudumbashree - Ujjivanam Scheme:** (From earlier CA) A Kerala-based initiative for livelihood promotion, often referenced in agriculture-linked welfare programs.
- **Floriculture:** Cultivation of flowering and ornamental plants for commercial use, which showed a sharp increase in output value as per the report.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of Statistical Report on Value of Output from Agriculture (2011–24)
Announcement date	27 June 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	National Statistical Office (NSO), MoSPI
Policy/series name	Agriculture & Allied Sector Output Report
Key figures	₹4,878 thousand crore GVA (current prices) in 2023-24
Purpose/reason	Track growth and composition of agri & allied output over 13 years
Feature details	Covers crops, livestock, forestry, fishing across all states
Validity or status	Official and publicly available via MoSPI website
Strategic/significant value	Key input for policy planning, resource allocation, and trend analysis



➤ Which digital platform recently joined the ONDC Network to offer electronics and appliances to its users alongside financial products?



- A) Paytm
- B) Amazon Pay
- C) PhonePe
- D) Bajaj Markets
- E) BharatPe



Answer
D) Bajaj Markets



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bajaj Markets integrates with ONDC Network as a buyer-side participant
- **Location:** Mumbai/Pune, India
- **Date:** 20 June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Bajaj Markets, a leading digital financial services marketplace under Bajaj Finserv Ltd., has integrated with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to enable users to access a wide range of electronics and appliances directly via the ONDC network.
- **Objectives:** To enhance customer digital experience, expand marketplace offerings beyond finance, and leverage India's Digital Public Infrastructure to promote decentralized e-commerce access.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce):** A Government of India-backed initiative aimed at democratizing digital commerce by enabling open, interoperable networks for all buyers and sellers, moving away from platform-centric models.
- **Buyer Network Participant:** An entity on the ONDC platform that allows its customers to browse and purchase from multiple sellers listed across the network. Bajaj Markets now plays this role.
- **Bajaj Markets:** A digital platform by Bajaj Finserv Direct Ltd. that provides access to over 140 financial products and now offers 1.5 lakh+ SKUs of electronics via ONDC integration.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Bajaj Markets joins ONDC Network
Announcement date	20 June 2025
Location	Mumbai/Pune, India
Issuing authority	Bajaj Finserv Direct Ltd. and ONDC
Policy/series name	Buyer-Side Integration with ONDC
Key figures	Ashish Panchal (CEO, Bajaj Markets), Vibhor Jain (Acting CEO, ONDC)
Purpose/reason	To expand Bajaj Markets' offerings by enabling ONDC-based e-commerce access
Feature details	Over 1.5 lakh SKUs of electronics and appliances now available
Validity or status	Integration live on Bajaj Markets App and Web
Strategic/significant value	Empowers 16 million+ users, promotes digital commerce, and supports DPI vision



➤ Which two Indian conglomerates have partnered to jointly sell transportation fuels across select outlets?

- A) Tata and Reliance
- B) Reliance and Vedanta
- C) Adani and Reliance
- D) L&T and Adani
- E) Tata and Adani

Answer

C) Adani and Reliance



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Strategic fuel retail partnership between Adani Total Gas and Reliance Jio-bp
- **Location:** India (pan-India retail outlets)
- **Date:** June 25, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Select ATGL outlets will retail Jio-bp's petrol and diesel, while Jio-bp stations will integrate ATGL's CNG units.
- **Objectives:** To enhance customer access to high-quality auto fuels and natural gas by leveraging each other's physical fuel infrastructure and distribution networks.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Jio-bp:** A joint venture between Reliance Industries and bp (British Petroleum), offering mobility solutions, fuel retailing, and low-carbon energy products in India.
- **Adani Total Gas Ltd (ATGL):** A joint venture between Adani Group and TotalEnergies of France that focuses on natural gas distribution and allied energy infrastructure, including CNG, EV charging, and biogas.
- **CNG (Compressed Natural Gas):** A cleaner automotive fuel used in public and private transport, known for being cost-effective and eco-friendly.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Strategic partnership between Jio-bp and Adani Total Gas
Announcement date	June 25, 2025
Location	Across India
Issuing authority	Jio-bp (Reliance Industries + bp) & Adani Total Gas
Policy/series name	Fuel Retail Integration Agreement
Key figures	Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani, Suresh P. Manglani, Sarthak Behuria
Purpose/reason	To integrate fuel retail infrastructure and offer multi-fuel options
Feature details	Jio-bp petrol/diesel at ATGL outlets; ATGL CNG at Jio-bp outlets
Validity or status	Active and applicable to current and future outlets
Strategic/significant value	Enhances private sector participation in India's fuel distribution; challenges state-run dominance



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➤ **Which Canadian investment firm appointed former G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant as its Senior Adviser in June 2025?**

- A) Brookfield
- B) Blackstone
- C) Premji Invest
- D) Fairfax Financial Holdings
- E) CPP Investments

Answer

D) Fairfax Financial Holdings



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Amitabh Kant appointed Senior Adviser to Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd
- **Location:** Canada (firm's HQ); India (focus of strategic engagement)
- **Date:** 27 June 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Canada-based Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd has appointed Amitabh Kant, India's former G20 Sherpa and ex-CEO of NITI Aayog, as its Senior Adviser to enhance its India strategy.
- **Objectives:** To support Fairfax's long-term investment goals in India, especially aligning with Viksit Bharat 2047, by leveraging Kant's expertise in development policies, reform execution, and governance innovation.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd:** A Canadian financial services holding company led by Prem Watsa, focused on insurance, reinsurance, and investments, with a growing footprint in India across sectors like infrastructure, finance, and logistics.
- **G20 Sherpa:** The official representative of a country responsible for preparing G20 summits; Amitabh Kant served in this role from 2022 to 2025 and led India's successful presidency in 2023.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** India's long-term national vision to become a developed economy by 2047, marking 100 years of independence, focused on inclusive growth, urbanization, digital infrastructure, and sustainability.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Amitabh Kant as Senior Adviser to Fairfax
Announcement date	27 June 2025
Location	Canada (Fairfax HQ); India (investment focus)
Issuing authority	Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd
Policy/series name	Strategic India Investment and Advisory Framework
Key figures	Amitabh Kant, Prem Watsa
Purpose/reason	Strengthen Fairfax's India investment strategy with policy and reform insights
Feature details	Focus on urbanization, digital infra, sustainability, and private enterprise
Validity or status	Appointment effective June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Aligns with Viksit Bharat 2047; enhances private-public investment synergy



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➤ **Which two Indian actors were chosen as Grand Marshals for the 43rd India Day Parade in New York City in August 2025?**

- A) Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor
- B) Deepika Padukone and Shah Rukh Khan
- C) Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda
- D) Kriti Sanon and Ayushmann Khurrana
- E) Tamannaah Bhatia and Vijay Varma



Answer

C) Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Grand Marshals for the 43rd India Day Parade
- **Location:** New York City, USA (Madison Avenue Parade Route)
- **Date:** Announced on 27 June 2025; Parade to be held on 17 August 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) announced that actors Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda will serve as Grand Marshals at the 43rd India Day Parade in New York.
- **Objectives:** To lead and represent India's vibrant diaspora at the world's largest celebration of Indian Independence outside India, commemorating India's 78th Independence Day and promoting Indian culture globally.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **India Day Parade (New York):** An annual event organized by the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) to celebrate Indian Independence Day in the U.S., drawing thousands of participants along Madison Avenue, New York.
- **Grand Marshal:** A ceremonial title given to prominent personalities who lead the parade. The Grand Marshal typically walks at the head of the parade and symbolizes national pride and achievement.
- **Federation of Indian Associations (FIA):** A U.S.-based umbrella organization of Indian associations that coordinates the India Day Parade and other cultural events for the Indian diaspora.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	43rd India Day Parade – New York 2025
Announcement date	27 June 2025
Location	Madison Avenue, New York City, USA
Issuing authority	Federation of Indian Associations (FIA)
Policy/series name	India Day Parade Grand Marshal Selection
Key figures	Rashmika Mandanna, Vijay Deverakonda
Purpose/reason	Celebrate India's 78th Independence Day and showcase Indian culture abroad
Feature details	Parade scheduled for 17 August; celebrations begin on 15 August
Validity or status	Confirmed participation by both actors via official video messages
Strategic/significant value	Boosts global Indian cultural visibility and diaspora unity through celebrity presence



➤ How many indigenous weapon systems has DRDO offered for emergency procurement by the Indian Armed Forces in June 2025?

- A) 12
- B) 18
- C) 28
- D) 22
- E) 35

Answer
C) 28



Event and Location:

- **Event:** DRDO offers 28 indigenously developed weapon systems for emergency procurement by Indian Armed Forces
- **Location:** India (nationwide applicability across Army, Navy, and Air Force)
- **Date:** 24 June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has proposed 28 indigenous weapon systems for emergency procurement under the Government of India's fast-track defence acquisition policy.
- **Objectives:** To enhance operational preparedness in the wake of Operation Sindoor, reduce reliance on foreign weapons, and accelerate the deployment of proven indigenous defence technologies across the Army, Navy, and Air Force.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Emergency Procurement Clause:** A provision that allows the Indian armed forces to acquire critical defence systems rapidly during times of heightened threat, bypassing lengthy acquisition procedures.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat in Defence:** An initiative aimed at achieving self-reliance in defence manufacturing through indigenisation and reducing dependence on imports.
- **Operation Sindoor:** A recent military operation where Indian forces used DRDO-developed systems effectively in response to cross-border hostilities and terror activities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MRSAM (Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile):** A missile system jointly developed by DRDO and Israel Aerospace Industries, used for intercepting aerial threats.
- **Akash Missile System:** An indigenously developed air defence missile system used for defending vulnerable areas against enemy aircraft and UAVs.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	DRDO offers 28 indigenous weapons for emergency defence procurement
Announcement date	24 June 2025
Location	India (across Army, Navy, Air Force)
Issuing authority	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Policy/series name	Emergency Procurement Framework
Key figures	CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan, DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V. Kamat
Purpose/reason	Rapid procurement of Indian-made defence systems post Operation Sindoor
Feature details	Includes missiles (BrahMos, Akash, MRSAM), rockets, grenades, anti-drone tech
Validity or status	Official list issued with certified vendor details
Strategic/significant value	Boosts national security and defence self-reliance under Atmanirbhar Bharat



➤ What is the name of the latest Indian Navy stealth frigate set to be commissioned in Kaliningrad, Russia, on July 1, 2025?

- A) INS Teg
- B) INS Vikrant
- C) INS Triput
- D) INS Tamal
- E) INS Talwar

Answer
D) INS Tamal



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Commissioning of Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Tamal
- **Location:** Kaliningrad, Russia
- **Date:** July 1, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Navy will formally induct INS Tamal, the second ship of the Tushil-class, built by Yantar Shipyard, into its fleet during a ceremony in Russia.
- **Objectives:** To bolster India's maritime combat capabilities with a technologically advanced, stealth-enabled, and indigenously upgraded multi-role frigate, strengthening the Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat goals.



Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Tamal:** A stealth multi-role frigate, the 8th in the Krivak-class series and 2nd of the Tushil-class, integrating Indian and Russian naval technologies.
- **Tushil-Class Frigates:** Upgraded variants of the Talwar and Teg-class warships, jointly developed under Indo-Russian cooperation for enhanced combat and stealth capabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BrahMos Missile:** A long-range, supersonic cruise missile developed by India and Russia, capable of both land-attack and anti-ship missions, central to India's naval arsenal.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** Government of India initiative to promote self-reliance in manufacturing, including defence production, reducing dependence on foreign military imports.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Commissioning of INS Tamal
Announcement date	June 22, 2025
Location	Kaliningrad, Russia
Issuing authority	Indian Navy / Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	Krivak/Tushil-class stealth frigates series
Key figures	VAdm Sanjay J Singh, Indian and Russian naval officials
Purpose/reason	Enhance India's maritime strength and induct advanced multi-role frigate
Feature details	BrahMos missiles, VLS SAMs, EO/IR systems, indigenous radars and sonar
Validity or status	Commissioning on July 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Boosts Indo-Russian naval collaboration and Indian Navy's blue water capabilities



➤ **At the Bonn Climate Conference 2025, which issue became a major point of contention in the Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP) discussions?**

- A) Renewable energy subsidies
- B) Inclusion of Unilateral Trade Measures (UTMs)
- C) Carbon pricing models
- D) Methane emission caps
- E) Deforestation targets



Answer

B) Inclusion of Unilateral Trade Measures (UTMs)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Discussions on the UAE Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP) at the Bonn Climate Conference 2025
- **Location:** Bonn, Germany (62nd Session of Subsidiary Bodies – SB62, UNFCCC)
- **Date:** 16–26 June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) convened the Bonn Climate Conference to operationalise the Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP) established at COP28 in UAE, with a draft decision expected at COP30 in Brazil.
- **Objectives:** To define a globally inclusive framework for climate transition that incorporates development needs, ensures equity, and supports financial and technological cooperation—while also addressing divergent views on trade measures and climate responsibility.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP):** A framework initiated at COP28 (UAE) to support fair and inclusive transitions to low-carbon economies, focusing on equity, employment, and developmental justice. Its operationalisation is under negotiation at SB62.
- **Unilateral Trade Measures (UTMs):** Climate-linked trade restrictions imposed by some countries (usually developed) on others; a contentious topic as developing nations argue it undermines their economic growth and violates equity principles.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CBDR-RC (Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities):** A guiding principle under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement that recognises different responsibilities and capacities of countries based on their development status.
- **Article 9.1 (Paris Agreement):** Mandates developed countries to provide financial resources to assist developing countries in climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Bonn Climate Conference 2025 – JTWP Discussions
Announcement date	21 June 2025
Location	Bonn, Germany
Issuing authority	UNFCCC – Subsidiary Bodies (SB62)
Policy/series name	Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP)
Key figures	G77 & China, African Group, LMDC, EU, UK, Japan, AILAC
Purpose/reason	To finalise a draft framework for fair and equitable climate transitions
Feature details	Equity, adaptation, UTMs, financial flows, energy access, clean tech
Validity or status	Negotiations ongoing; draft decision to be adopted at COP30
Strategic/significant value	Aims to restore multilateralism, resolve climate justice gaps, and guide NDCs



➤ **Who has been selected as a youth delegate to represent India at the 2025 Taiwan International Ocean Forum, and what will be his focus?**

- A) Rajeev Singh – Coastal defence policies
- B) Bhavesh Jain – Youth leadership and sustainability
- C) Ritesh Kumar – Blue economy financing
- D) Ankit Sharma – Ocean plastic recycling
- E) Arjun Deshmukh – Maritime trade strategy

Answer

B) Bhavesh Jain – Youth leadership and sustainability



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 2025 Taiwan International Ocean Forum
- **Location:** Taipei City, Taiwan
- **Dates:** 2 to 3 July 2025
- **Session Highlight:** Session VI – “The Youth Generation: Key to a Harmonious and Sustainable Future”



Mandates and Objectives:

- To engage youth leaders from across Asia in advancing sustainability, ocean governance, and climate resilience.
- Strengthen cross-border cooperation through dialogue on key maritime issues, especially in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Promote youth-driven action toward sustainable marine industry development, ESG integration, and responsible ocean use.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ESG Integration:** Incorporating Environmental, Social, and Governance principles into business and policy decisions to promote sustainability and ethical impact.
- **Indo-Pacific Security:** A strategic and diplomatic concern involving regional cooperation among countries bordering the Indian and Pacific Oceans to maintain peace and ensure safe maritime trade routes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Blue Economy:** Sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and ocean ecosystem health.
- **Youth Delegate:** A young individual selected to represent a nation or group at international forums to voice perspectives on key issues and promote engagement in global policymaking.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event Name	2025 Taiwan International Ocean Forum
Location	Taipei City, Taiwan
Event Dates	2–3 July 2025
Indian Representative	Bhavesh Jain
From	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Designation at Event	Youth Delegate and Speaker
Key Session	Session VI – Youth & Sustainability
Organised By	Ocean Affairs Council, Government of Taiwan
Forum Themes	Maritime security, ocean governance, ESG, sustainability
Participants	Youth delegates from India, Japan, Philippines, and Taiwan
Significance	Reflects rising global role of Indian youth in climate leadership



➤ Which ministry launched the 'Adi Karmyogi' initiative in June 2025 to train officials for better tribal scheme execution?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer

C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Adi Karmyogi Programme for strengthening tribal welfare scheme implementation
- **Location:** Vanijya Bhavan, New Delhi (Adi Anveshan National Conference)
- **Date:** 28 June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the Adi Karmyogi programme to build a purpose-driven and citizen-centric cadre of officials for effective implementation of tribal welfare schemes.
- **Objectives:** To bridge the implementation gap in tribal areas by training and motivating over 20 lakh grassroots-level stakeholders, including bureaucrats and field workers, and to shift from routine bureaucracy to proactive service delivery.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Adi Karmyogi:** A new training initiative by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to empower and motivate officials involved in tribal scheme implementation, targeting over 20 lakh stakeholders.
- **Adi Anveshan:** A national conference on tribal development held in New Delhi, where field-level challenges and governance gaps were discussed, culminating in the launch of the Adi Karmyogi programme.
- **Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA):** The central government body responsible for tribal policy and welfare programs across India, currently led by Union Minister Jual Oram.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Adi Karmyogi Programme
Announcement date	28 June 2025
Location	Vanijya Bhavan, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Government of India
Policy/series name	Adi Karmyogi Training Initiative
Key figures	Jual Oram (Union Tribal Affairs Minister)
Purpose/reason	Strengthen field-level execution of tribal welfare schemes
Feature details	Train 180 state, 3,000+ district, 15,000+ block trainers to reach 20 lakh+ officials
Validity or status	Nationwide implementation from June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances motivation, accountability, and last-mile delivery in tribal regions



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➤ Which district has been declared as India's first district free of extreme poverty as of June 2025?



- A) Thrissur
- B) Kottayam
- C) Mysuru
- D) Bhopal
- E) Kozhikode

Answer
B) Kottayam



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Declaration of Kottayam as India's first district free of extreme poverty
- **Location:** Kottayam, Kerala
- **Date:** 28 June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of Kerala declared Kottayam district free of extreme poverty following a comprehensive identification, rehabilitation, and support process.
- **Objectives:** To eliminate extreme poverty by ensuring access to food, healthcare, income, housing, and basic identity services through a participatory, data-driven approach with a focus on long-term livelihood and welfare solutions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Extreme Poverty:** Defined using multiple deprivation indicators such as lack of access to food, income, healthcare, and housing, including homelessness and absence of land ownership.
- **Micro-Plans:** Customized livelihood and rehabilitation strategies prepared for each identified family to ensure sustained exit from poverty.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kudumbashree - Ujjivanam Scheme:** A livelihood support initiative under the Kudumbashree Mission in Kerala aimed at empowering poor households, especially women, through income-generating activities.
- **LIFE Mission (Livelihood Inclusion and Financial Empowerment):** Kerala government's housing initiative to provide safe housing for the homeless and landless, often integrated with PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana).



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Kottayam declared India's first extreme poverty-free district
Announcement date	28 June 2025
Location	Kottayam, Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala, Ministry of Local Self-Government
Policy/series name	Extreme Poverty Eradication Project (Kerala State Initiative)
Key figures	M B Rajesh (Local Self-Government Minister), Pinarayi Vijayan (CM)
Purpose/reason	Eliminate extreme poverty using micro-plans and community involvement
Feature details	Food kits, palliative care, housing via LIFE/PMAY, identity provisioning
Validity or status	Declared poverty-free as of June 2025
Strategic/significant value	National first; replicable model for inclusive, participatory poverty eradication



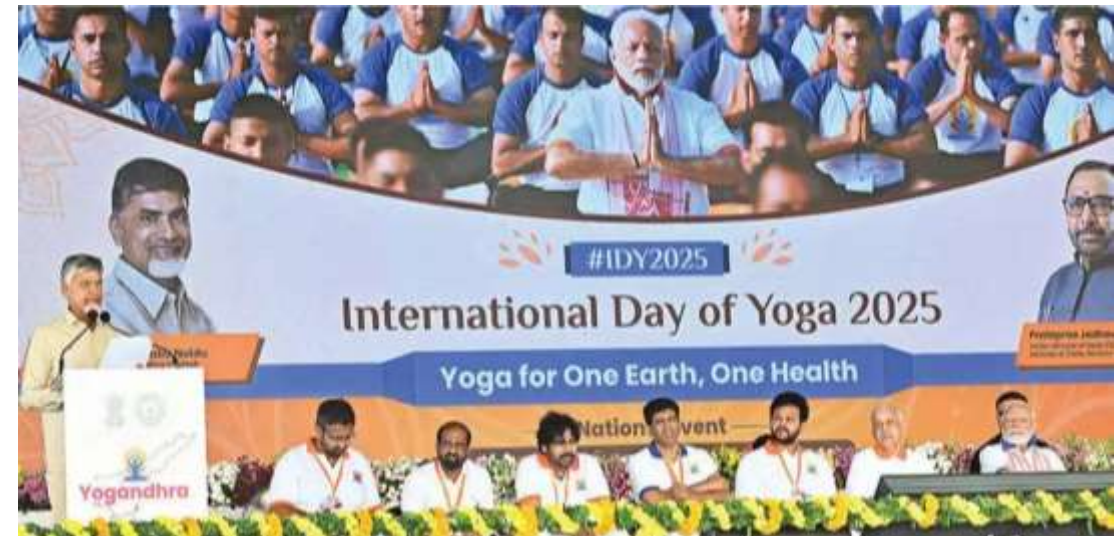
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➤ How many global records were set by Andhra Pradesh during the 11th International Yoga Day celebrations in 2025?

- A) 15
- B) 21
- C) 23
- D) 25
- E) 19

Answer
C) 23



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 23 Global Records Set on International Yoga Day 2025
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** June 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Andhra Pradesh government organized large-scale yoga events across the state including a mass session in Visakhapatnam where 3.03 lakh people participated, setting 23 global records including 2 Guinness World Records.
- **Objectives:** To promote yoga as a daily practice for well-being, elevate Andhra Pradesh's image globally, and create awareness about the health benefits of yoga through large-scale public participation and record-setting initiatives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Guinness World Records:** An internationally recognized authority for record-breaking achievements, validating and certifying records in various categories.
- **World Book of Records:** An organization that certifies world records and achievements based on criteria including uniqueness, social value, and public engagement.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Visakhapatnam Declaration:** A formal statement to be issued by the Andhra Pradesh government on Yoga Day encouraging citizens to integrate yoga into their daily lives.
- **Yoga Adhyayan Parishad:** A proposed council by the Andhra Pradesh government aimed at promoting yoga education, training, and awareness throughout the state.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	11th International Yoga Day Celebration 2025
Announcement date	June 21, 2025
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of Andhra Pradesh
Policy/series name	Yogandhra Campaign
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, PM Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	Promote yoga, set global records, increase public health awareness
Feature details	3.03 lakh people in single session, 22,122 tribal students did 108 Surya Namaskars
Validity or status	Records pending final Guinness confirmation; state-wide rollout continuing
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces yoga as a public health tool, highlights Andhra Pradesh globally



➤ Which city will host India's first Quantum Valley Centre by January 2026?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Pune
- D) Amaravati
- E) Chennai

Answer
D) Amaravati



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of India's first Quantum Valley Centre
- **Location:** Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** June 26, 2025 (announcement), Centre to be launched by January 2026



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Andhra Pradesh government, along with leading tech companies, announced the establishment of a Quantum Valley Centre in Amaravati by early 2026.
- **Objectives:** To advance quantum computing research, foster industry-academia collaboration, promote innovation in sectors like healthcare and finance, and align with the National Quantum Mission.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Computing:** A next-generation computing paradigm that uses quantum bits (qubits) to perform complex calculations significantly faster than traditional computers.
- **Quantum Valley Centre:** A dedicated hub for quantum research, education, and industrial collaboration aimed at making Amaravati a leader in quantum technology.
- **National Quantum Mission:** A government initiative to promote quantum technologies in India, targeting applications in computing, communication, and precision measurement.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch announcement of Quantum Valley Centre
Announcement date	June 26, 2025
Location	Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of Andhra Pradesh
Policy/series name	National Quantum Mission
Key figures	CM Secretary Pradyumna, IT Sec. Bhaskar, IBM's Dr. Amit Singhe, TCS's Anil Prabhakar
Purpose/reason	To establish India's first dedicated quantum research and tech centre
Feature details	Support for education, startups, industry-academia collaboration
Validity or status	Expected to be operational by January 2026
Strategic/significant value	Puts Amaravati on the global quantum tech map; aligns with India's deep-tech vision



➤ **What is the name of Kerala's digital land management initiative highlighted at the 2025 Bhoomi Conclave?**

- A) Jan Bhoomi
- B) Smart Bhoomi
- C) Bhoomi Portal
- D) Ente Bhoomi
- E) Digital Kshetra

Answer
D) Ente Bhoomi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of 'Bhoomi' National Conclave on digital land survey
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** June 25–28, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Kerala government inaugurated a four-day national-level 'Bhoomi' conclave to showcase and discuss innovations in digital land survey and governance.
- **Objectives:** To demonstrate the state's progress in IT-based land management, encourage integration among land-related departments, and position Kerala as a global model in digital governance and land administration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ente Bhoomi:** Kerala's Integrated Land Management System (ILMS) offering real-time, citizen-centric land services by integrating registration, revenue, and survey departments.
- **Bhoomi Conclave:** A four-day event organized to highlight innovations and best practices in digital land governance, with participation from 22 states and union territories.
- **Template-based Land Registration:** A simplified system reducing complex land documents to a maximum of 3–4 pages with integrated mutation and digital pre-sketches.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Bhoomi – Digital Survey for Smart Governance Conclave
Announcement date	June 25, 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala, Survey & Revenue Departments
Policy/series name	Ente Bhoomi (Integrated Land Management System)
Key figures	CM Pinarayi Vijayan, Mika-Petteri Torhonen (World Bank), Sambasiva Rao
Purpose/reason	Showcase Kerala's advancements in digital land governance
Feature details	Real-time land record updates, inter-department integration, simplified registration
Validity or status	Ongoing implementation; national model for replication
Strategic/significant value	Places Kerala among global leaders in digital land reforms



QUICK RECALL



- **International Day of the Tropics 2025 is observed globally on June 29 to celebrate tropical diversity and highlight developmental challenges.**
- **Statistics Day 2025 is being observed on June 29 to mark the 19th celebration of the event and commemorate the 75th year of the National Sample Survey.**
- **NSSTA celebrated its 17th Foundation Day on February 13, 2025, in Greater Noida with the theme “Empowering Governance Through Statistical Excellence.”**
- **R. Praggnanandhaa became India’s new No. 1 classical chess player after winning the UzChess Cup Masters in Tashkent.**
- **India’s UPI is set to surpass Visa’s daily transaction volume, becoming the world’s largest retail interbank payment system.**
- **SBI Card will discontinue complimentary air accident insurance on premium cards like Elite and Miles Elite starting July 15, 2025.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India has extended call money market timings to 9:00 AM–7:00 PM effective July 1, 2025.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty of ₹29.60 lakh on Fino Payments Bank for non-compliance with payment bank operational limits.**



QUICK RECALL



- **JioBlackRock Broking Pvt. Ltd. has received SEBI's nod to begin operations as a licensed brokerage firm in India.**
- **India recorded a current account surplus of \$13.5 billion in Q4 FY25, equal to 1.3% of GDP, according to RBI.**
- **The NSO released a comprehensive report on the value of output from agriculture and allied sectors from 2011-12 to 2023-24 on June 27, 2025.**
- **Bajaj Markets has joined the ONDC Network as a buyer network participant, enhancing its platform with e-commerce offerings.**
- **Reliance's Jio-bp and Adani Total Gas have partnered to jointly sell petrol, diesel, and CNG across India.**
- **Amitabh Kant has been appointed as Senior Adviser to Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd, a Canada-based investment firm.**
- **Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda will lead the 43rd India Day Parade in New York City as Grand Marshals.**
- **DRDO has offered 28 indigenously developed weapon systems for emergency procurement by the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force.**
- **INS Tamal, a stealth multi-role frigate, will be commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 1, 2025, in Kaliningrad, Russia.**



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- **The Just Transition Work Programme became a top agenda at the Bonn Climate Conference 2025, focusing on equity in climate transitions.**
- **Bhavesh Jain will represent India as a youth delegate at the Taiwan Ocean Forum 2025, addressing sustainability and global cooperation.**
- **The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the Adi Karmyogi programme to train and inspire officials for better tribal scheme execution.**
- **Kottayam has become the first district in India to be officially declared free of extreme poverty, as announced by the Kerala government.**
- **Andhra Pradesh set 23 global records, including two Guinness World Records, during the 11th International Yoga Day in Visakhapatnam.**
- **Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh is set to become home to India's first Quantum Valley Centre by January 2026.**
- **Kerala launched the four-day 'Bhoomi' Conclave in Thiruvananthapuram to promote digital land governance.**



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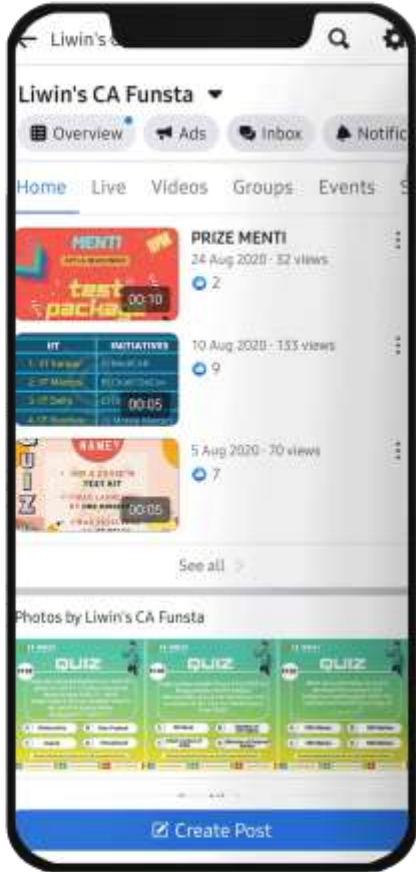
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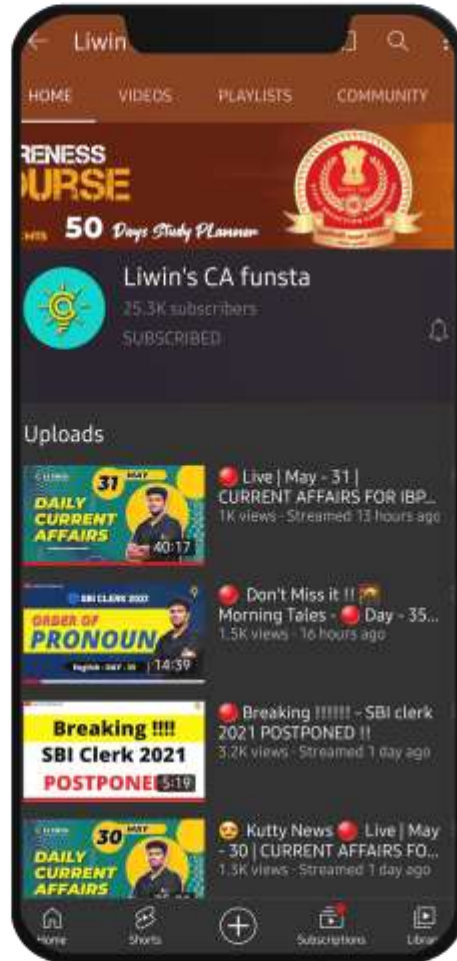


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