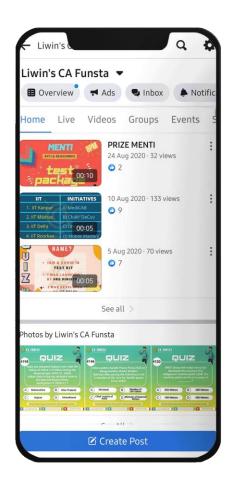
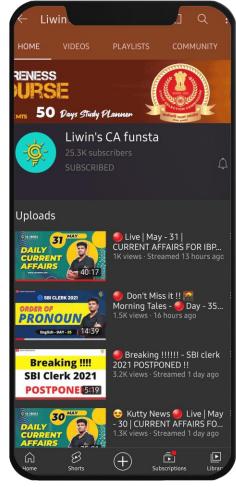
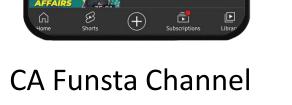


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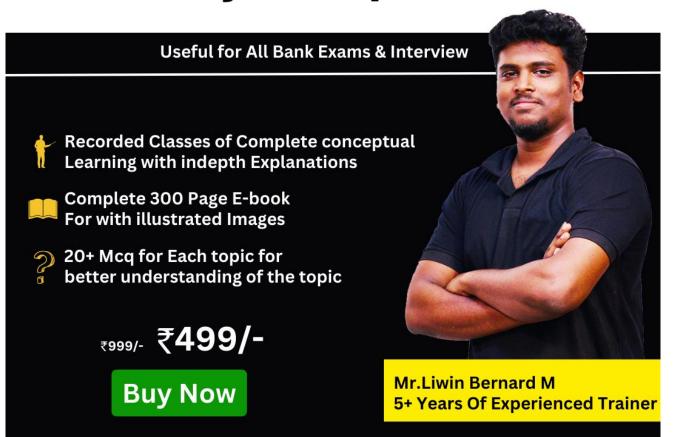


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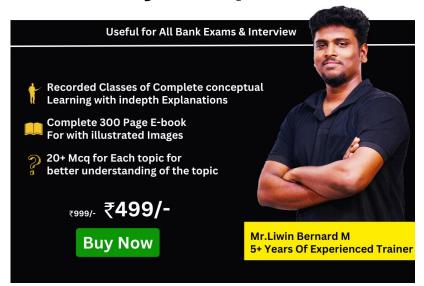
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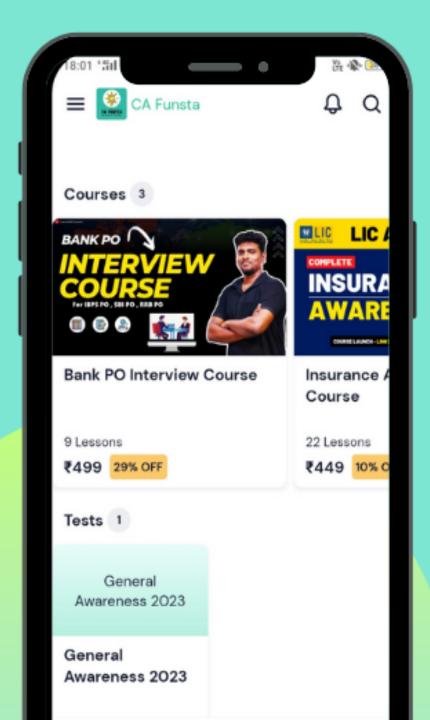
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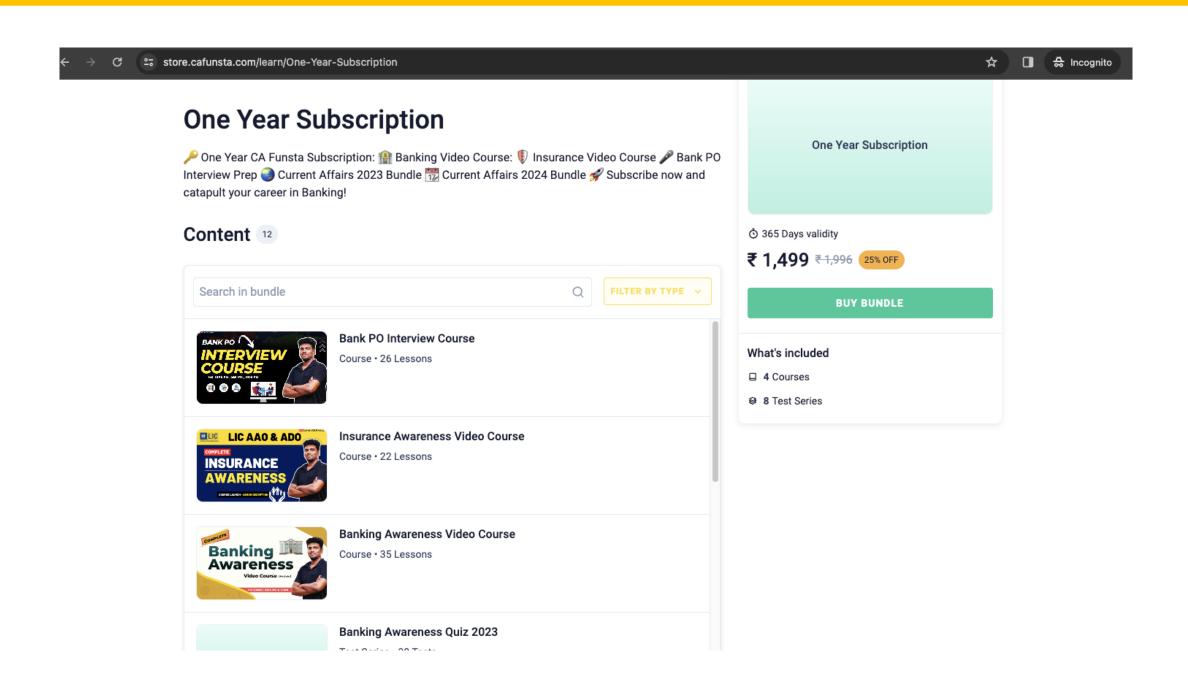


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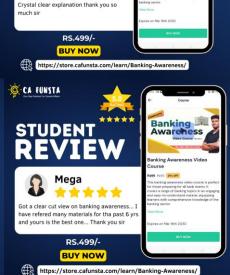






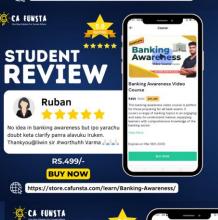






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> On whose death anniversary, observed on July 4, did PM Modi recall inspirational quotes about youth leadership and nation-building?

- A) Rabindranath Tagore
- B) Mahatma Gandhi
- C) Swami Vivekananda
- D) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- E) Sri Aurobindo

Answer C) Swami Vivekananda











Event and Location:

- Event: Swami Vivekananda's Death Anniversary commemorated with tributes from PM Narendra Modi
- Location: India (Nationwide observance)
- **Date:** July 4, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda on his death anniversary by quoting his teachings and reaffirming their relevance.
- Objectives: To highlight Vivekananda's enduring message on youth empowerment, spirituality, and national development, and to inspire contemporary India through his philosophical vision.

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Important Terms Explained:

- Swami Vivekananda: A 19th-century Indian monk, philosopher, and nationalist who played a key role in the revival of Hinduism and the introduction of Indian spirituality to the West through his iconic 1893 speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago.
- National Youth Day: Celebrated on January 12, Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, to promote youth ideals and leadership based on his teachings.
- Mann Ki Baat: A monthly radio programme hosted by the Prime Minister of India, often used to connect with citizens and promote cultural and social values.

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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Swami Vivekananda Death Anniversary 2025
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	Nationwide (India)
Issuing authority	Prime Minister's Office (PMO)
Policy/series name	National Youth Inspiration & Cultural Commemoration
Key figures	Swami Vivekananda, PM Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	To remember and promote Swami Vivekananda's teachings for modern India
Feature details	PM quoted Vivekananda's thoughts on youth, unity, spirituality, and development
Validity or status	Commemorative message observed annually
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces national values, spiritual ethos, and youth-driven development in line with NEP and cultural policy









Who won the silver medal in the Youth Girls 44kg category at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2024 held in Astana?

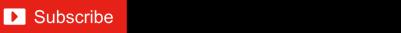
- A) Mirabai Chanu
- B) Pungni Tara
- C) Jhilli Dalabehera
- D) Harshada Garud
- E) Bindyarani Devi

Answer B) Pungni Tara











Event and Location:

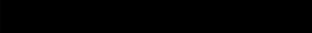
Event: Pungni Tara won silver in Youth Girls 44kg category at Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships

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Location: Astana, Kazakhstan

Date: July 4, 2024







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** An Indian youth weightlifter participated and secured medals in a continental weightlifting championship.
- **Objectives:** To promote competitive weightlifting among youth athletes in Asia and provide exposure to international platforms.

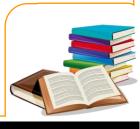






Important Terms Explained:

- Clean and Jerk: A two-phase Olympic weightlifting movement where the athlete first lifts the barbell to shoulder level (clean) and then raises it overhead (jerk).
- Total Lift: The sum of weights lifted in two separate events — snatch and clean & jerk — used to determine final placement in weightlifting competitions.
- Youth Category: A competitive age group usually for athletes aged between 13 to 17 years, designed to nurture emerging sporting talent.





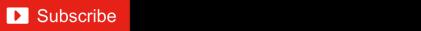




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2024
Announcement date	July 4, 2024
Location	Astana, Kazakhstan
Issuing authority	Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF)
Policy/series name	Youth and Junior Continental Weightlifting Series
Key figures	Pungni Tara (India)
Purpose/reason	Promote youth weightlifting and boost international exposure
Feature details	Tara lifted 141kg total (60kg snatch + 81kg clean & jerk); gold in clean & jerk, silver overall
Validity or status	Active tournament; medal recorded on Day 1
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's growing strength in youth sports and weightlifting







➤ Which Indian state recently became the third to cross 1 crore registered stock market investors, according to NSE data?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Gujarat
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Andhra Pradesh



Answer C) Gujarat









Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat becomes third state to cross 1 crore registered stock market investors
- **Location:** Gujarat, India
- Date: May 2025 (data released by NSE)



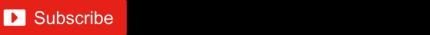




Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: The National Stock Exchange released investor registration data revealing Gujarat crossed the 1 crore investor mark.
- Objectives: To highlight the expansion and regional penetration of equity market participation across Indian states and analyze growth trends in retail investing.







Important Terms Explained:

- National Stock Exchange (NSE): One of India's leading stock exchanges, founded in 1992, responsible for equity, derivatives, and currency trading, and a major source of retail investor data.
- **Retail Investor Base:** Refers to individual investors who participate in financial markets by buying and selling securities, often tracked by exchanges to understand market reach.
- **Investor Registrations:** The total number of unique demat or trading accounts opened with exchanges, reflecting retail participation in capital markets.

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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Gujarat becomes 3rd state to cross 1 crore stock market investors
Announcement date	May 2025 (as per NSE data release)
Location	Gujarat, India
Issuing authority	National Stock Exchange (NSE)
Policy/series name	Retail Investor Growth Report – May 2025
Key figures	Gujarat joins Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh
Purpose/reason	To reflect increasing retail participation in equity markets
Feature details	Gujarat crossed 1 crore investors; India had 11.5 crore investors total
Validity or status	Active as of May 2025
Strategic/significant value	Shows increasing financial literacy and stock market engagement in Tier-II and Tier-III cities









> Which tech company recently came close to becoming the most valuable company in history, with a market capitalisation nearing \$4 trillion?

- A) Apple
- B) Microsoft
- C) Nvidia
- D) Alphabet
- E) Amazon

Answer C) Nvidia











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nvidia nears historic \$4 trillion market capitalisation, briefly becoming most valuable company
- Location: United States (Nasdaq, global stock markets)
- **Date:** July 4, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Nvidia reached a temporary all-time high valuation of \$3.92 trillion, surpassing Apple's previous record.
- **Objectives:** To highlight Nvidia's continued dominance in AI chip production and investor confidence in the expanding artificial intelligence market.

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Important Terms Explained:

- Market Capitalisation: The total market value of a company's outstanding shares, calculated by multiplying the current share price by the total number of shares outstanding.
- Al Chips: Specialized semiconductors designed to accelerate artificial intelligence computations; a key product driving Nvidia's growth.
- Nonfarm Payrolls Report: A key economic indicator in the US showing employment trends, often influencing investor sentiment and stock markets.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Nvidia nears record \$4 trillion market cap, becomes briefly most valuable company
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	United States (Nasdaq)
Issuing authority	Nvidia Corporation, Global Stock Markets
Policy/series name	Tech Stock Surge & Al Investment Growth
Key figures	Jensen Huang (CEO, Nvidia); Danni Hewson and Dan Coatsworth (AJ Bell Analysts)
Purpose/reason	Surging AI chip demand drives Nvidia to all-time high valuation
Feature details	Shares peaked at \$160.98; valuation touched \$3.92 trillion
Strategic/significant value	Reflects the global economic impact of AI and Nvidia's dominance in the semiconductor sector





According to the 2025 amendment to the Foreign Exchange Management (Export of Goods & Services) Regulations, which category of goods is now allowed for export, subject to re-import?

- A) Oil tankers
- B) Fishing trawlers
- C) Dredgers and tugboats
- D) Commercial aircraft
- E) Submarine cables

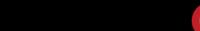
Answer

C) Dredgers and tugboats

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Event and Location:

- Event: RBI amends FEMA Export of Goods & Services Regulations to include specific offshore vessels
- Location: RBI Central Office, Mumbai
- **Date:** June 24, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: The Reserve Bank of India has amended the Foreign Exchange Management (Export of Goods & Services) Regulations, 2015, by adding a new provision under Regulation 4.
- Objectives: To facilitate the export of tugs, tugboats, dredgers, and vessels used for offshore support services, provided they are re-imported into India, enabling greater flexibility in offshore maritime services and boosting export earnings.







Important Terms Explained:

- Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999: An Indian law to regulate foreign exchange transactions and promote orderly development of the foreign exchange market in India.
- **Export of Goods & Services Regulations, 2015:** A regulation under FEMA that governs the legal framework for exports from India, specifying conditions and procedures.

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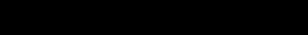
Important Terms Explained:

- **Dredgers and Tugboats:** Specialized maritime vessels used to clear waterways and provide support to offshore infrastructure and shipping operations.
- **Re-import Clause:** A regulatory condition where the exported item must be brought back into the country, typically to ensure national control over key assets.

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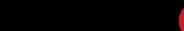


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	FEMA (Export of Goods & Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025
Announcement date	June 24, 2025
Location	Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (Foreign Exchange Department)
Policy/series name	FEMA 23(R)/(6)/2025-RB
Key figures	N Senthil Kumar, Chief General Manager, RBI
Purpose/reason	To allow offshore support vessels to be exported, with a re-import mandate
Feature details	Inclusion of tugs, dredgers, and offshore vessels under permissible exports
Validity or status	Effective upon publication in the Official Gazette
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's offshore service capabilities and promotes maritime exports









What is the duration of SEBI's special window (starting July 2025) for re-lodging physical share transfer deeds submitted before April 1, 2019?

- A) 3 months
- B) 6 months
- C) 9 months
- D) 1 year
- E) 2 months

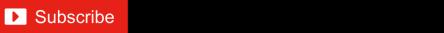
Answer B) 6 months





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Event and Location:

- **Event:** SEBI opens six-month special window for physical share transfer re-lodgement
- Location: India (Applicable across all listed Indian companies)
- **Date:** July 2, 2025 (Circular issued); Window open from July 7, 2025 to January 6, 2026

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Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: SEBI has announced a special six-month window allowing investors to re-lodge transfer deeds that were originally submitted before April 1, 2019 but were rejected, returned, or unattended due to documentation issues.
- **Objectives:** To address investor concerns and allow them another opportunity to regularize pending transfers of physical shares, which were earlier discontinued after March 31, 2021.







- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India): The capital markets regulator of India, established in 1992, responsible for regulating and developing the securities market and protecting investor interests.
- Transfer of Physical Shares: The manual process of transferring ownership of shares through paperbased share certificates and transfer deeds. This method was discontinued from April 2019 in favor of dematerialised (demat) mode.







- **Re-lodgement:** The act of re-submitting earlier share transfer requests that had failed due to technical/documentary deficiencies.
- Demat Mode: An electronic form of holding securities, mandatory for all transfers post-2019. All valid re-lodged shares during this window will be issued only in demat form.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	SEBI's Special Six-Month Window for Re-lodgement of Physical Shares
Announcement date	July 2, 2025
Window duration	July 7, 2025 – January 6, 2026
Location	India-wide (Applicable to listed companies and RTAs)
Issuing authority	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
Policy/series name	Special Window for Transfer-Cum-Demat Re-lodgement
Key figures	SEBI officials, RTA panel, Listed company representatives
Purpose/reason	Provide relief for investors who missed earlier transfer deadlines
Feature details	Re-lodgement allowed for pre-April 2019 rejected share transfers only
Validity or status	Active for 6 months; demat issuance only for re-lodged securities
Strategic/significant value	Enhances investor trust and resolves legacy transfer issues fairly





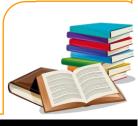


Which bank recently inaugurated Global Trade Finance Centres in Kolkata and Hyderabad to digitize trade finance operations using AI/ML and blockchain technologies?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) HDFC Bank
- E) Bank of Baroda



Answer C) State Bank of India









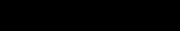
Event and Location:

• **Event:** SBI inaugurated Global Trade Finance Centres in Kolkata and Hyderabad

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- Location: India (Kolkata and Hyderabad)
- **Date:** July 1, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: SBI launched two specialized trade finance hubs to digitize inland and cross-border trade processes.
- **Objectives:** To enhance turnaround times, improve regulatory compliance, and deliver superior customer experience by adopting cutting-edge technologies in trade finance.







- Trade Finance: Refers to financial instruments and products used by companies to facilitate international trade and commerce, such as letters of credit, bills of exchange, and documentary collection.
- AI/ML (Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning):
 Advanced technologies used to automate decision-making, detect fraud, and optimize document processing in banking operations.
- Blockchain: A decentralized digital ledger that enhances transparency and security in financial transactions, particularly useful in validating and tracking cross-border trade documents.





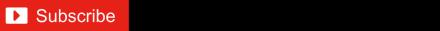




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of SBI Global Trade Finance Centres
Announcement date	July 1, 2025
Location	Kolkata (West Bengal) and Hyderabad (Telangana)
Issuing authority	State Bank of India (SBI)
Policy/series name	Trade Finance Digitization Initiative
Key figures	CS Setty (Chairman, SBI)
Purpose/reason	Modernize trade finance processes and improve customer experience
Feature details	Use of AI/ML, blockchain, document digitization; 800+ professionals deployed
Validity or status	Active from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Marks transition from paper-based to digital trade processes in India's largest bank







What is the GDP growth range for India in FY26 as projected by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?



- A) 5.5% 6%
- B) 6.4% 6.7%
- C) 6.9% 7.3%
- D) 7.5% 8%
- E) 5% 5.8%

Answer

B) 6.4% - 6.7%









Event and Location:

Event: CII projects India's real GDP growth for FY26 and outlines key economic recommendations

Location: New Delhi, India

Date: July 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) projected India's GDP growth for FY26 and proposed policy reforms to support economic resilience, competitiveness, and innovation.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's position as the fastest-growing major economy, improve industrial competitiveness, support the SME sector, and enable sustainable growth through calibrated disinvestment and energy transition strategies.

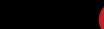






- **GDP (Gross Domestic Product):** A measure of the total economic output of a country. Real GDP accounts for inflation-adjusted growth.
- Disinvestment of PSEs: The partial or complete sale of government-owned enterprises, aimed at raising funds for public infrastructure, reducing debt, or improving enterprise efficiency.
- Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF): A state-owned investment fund created to invest in overseas strategic assets, typically funded by revenues from disinvestment or exports.







- **Green Hydrogen:** A clean fuel produced using renewable energy through the process of electrolysis; key to India's decarbonization goals.
- Capital Support Scheme: A proposed funding initiative by CII to support medium and small enterprises involved in R&D and technology adoption.

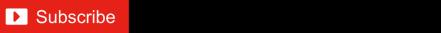






Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	CII economic outlook and policy recommendations for FY26
Announcement date	July 2025 (as per industry event)
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
Policy/series name	GDP Forecast and Industrial Competitiveness Framework
Key figures	Rajiv Memani (President, CII)
Purpose/reason	Project India's economic growth and suggest reforms for competitiveness
Feature details	FY26 GDP growth estimated at 6.4%-6.7%; PSE disinvestment, energy transition, SME support
Validity or status	Projections and recommendations released
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's global growth position; enables investment, sustainability, and industrial reform





- ➤ Who has recently been appointed as the Air Officer-in-Charge Administration at Air Headquarters, New Delhi?
 - A) Air Marshal BR Krishna
 - B) Air Marshal S Sivakumar
 - C) Air Marshal RK Anand
 - D) Air Marshal Suraj Kumar Jha
 - E) Air Marshal SP Dharkar

Answer
B) Air Marshal S Sivakumar











Event and Location:

- Event: Air Marshal S Sivakumar appointed as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration
- Location: Air Headquarters, New Delhi
- **Date:** July 1, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Air Marshal S Sivakumar assumed charge as the new Air Officer-in-Charge Administration at Air Headquarters.
- **Objectives:** To oversee all administrative functions of the Indian Air Force and ensure efficient personnel, infrastructure, and operational support management across commands.







- Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA): A senior leadership post in the Indian Air Force responsible for managing all administrative policies and infrastructure-related functions.
- Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM): A military decoration awarded for distinguished service of a high order to all ranks of the armed forces.
- United Nations Mission in Congo: A peacekeeping mission (MONUC/MONUSCO) where Indian officers are frequently deputed to support global stability efforts.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Air Officer-in-Charge Administration at Air HQ
Announcement date	July 1, 2025
Location	Air Headquarters, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Indian Air Force
Policy/series name	Senior Leadership Appointment in Armed Forces
Key figures	Air Marshal S Sivakumar, VSM
Purpose/reason	To lead and oversee administrative operations of the Indian Air Force
Feature details	35 years of service; expertise in HR, strategy, UN missions, and operations
Validity or status	Position active from July 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports operational readiness through efficient administration at national level



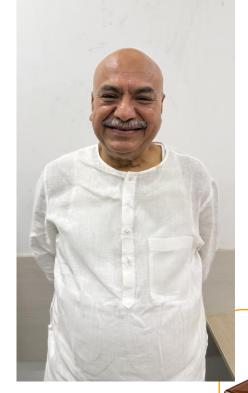




> Who has been re-elected as President of the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) in the recently held elections?

- A) Upkar Singh Virk
- B) Ashwini Bipin Patil
- C) Sudhanshu Mittal
- D) Anurag Thakur
- E) Rakesh Mittal

Answer C) Sudhanshu Mittal







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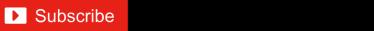
Event: Sudhanshu Mittal re-elected as President of Kho Kho Federation of India

Location: New Delhi, India

Date: July 2025









Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Election of new office-bearers to the Governing Body of KKFI, with Sudhanshu Mittal continuing as President.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen the administration of Kho Kho and promote the sport's inclusion in international multi-sport events like the Asian Games and Olympics.







- Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI): The national governing body responsible for organizing and promoting the sport of Kho Kho in India and abroad.
- Athletes Commission: A representation platform within sports federations where athletes are given a voice in governance and development initiatives.
- Asian Games/Olympics Inclusion: The strategic goal to get traditional Indian sports recognized in international events through global outreach and federation lobbying.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Election of new Governing Body of Kho Kho Federation of India
Announcement date	July 2025
Location	KKFI Headquarters, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI)
Policy/series name	KKFI Governance & Global Expansion Strategy
Key figures	Sudhanshu Mittal (President), Upkar Singh Virk (General Secretary)
Purpose/reason	Elect new leadership to drive national and international development of Kho Kho
Feature details	New governing body includes 8 Vice Presidents, 4 Joint Secretaries, 13 Executives
Validity or status	New term effective from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Aims to get Kho Kho included in 2030 Asian Games and 2032 Olympics; currently played in 58 countries









Which country's highest civilian award, the Order of the Republic, was recently conferred upon PM Narendra Modi, marking his 25th international honour?

- A) Ghana
- B) Barbados
- C) Trinidad and Tobago
- D) Mauritius
- E) Guyana

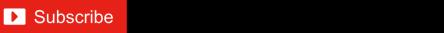
Answer C) Trinidad and Tobago





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Event and Location:

- Event: PM Narendra Modi conferred with the Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Location:** Trinidad and Tobago (Caribbean)
- **Date:** July 4, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with the Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the country's highest national award.
- Objectives: To recognize PM Modi's global leadership, humanitarian efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, and his strong engagement with the Indian diaspora.







- Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago: The highest civilian honour of Trinidad and Tobago, conferred on individuals for distinguished contributions to national and international leadership and humanitarian service.
- **Diaspora Engagement:** Refers to efforts by a leader or government to connect with, support, and mobilize citizens of their origin living abroad. PM Modi is globally known for active diaspora diplomacy.







Important Terms Explained:

• **25th International Honour:** PM Modi has now received 25 national awards or state honours from foreign countries, reflecting growing international recognition of India's diplomatic leadership.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi receives Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Issuing authority	Government of Trinidad and Tobago
Policy/series name	Foreign State Honours – PM Modi's Caribbean Tour
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, PM Kamla Persad-Bissessar
Purpose/reason	To honour Modi's global statesmanship, diaspora outreach, and COVID-19 response
Feature details	25th international honour; first Indian PM to visit T&T since 1999
Validity or status	Award conferred during Modi's official visit on July 4, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India-Caribbean relations and showcases India's rising global influence









> How many capital acquisition proposals worth over Rs 1.05 lakh crore were recently approved by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) under the 'Buy (Indian-IDDM)' category?

A) 8

B) 5

C) 10

D) 12

E) 7

Answer C) 10











Event and Location:

 Event: Defence Acquisition Council approves 10 capital acquisition proposals under Buy (Indian-IDDM)

Location: New Delhi, India

• **Date:** July 3, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for 10 defence acquisition proposals worth Rs 1.05 lakh crore.
- Objectives: To strengthen India's defence capabilities while promoting indigenous manufacturing through the Buy (Indian-IDDM) procurement category under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.









- Buy (Indian-IDDM): A category in India's Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) that prioritizes procurement from Indian vendors of equipment Indigenously Designed, Developed, and Manufactured—aimed at boosting local defence production.
- Acceptance of Necessity (AoN): The first step in India's defence procurement process where the DAC officially acknowledges the need for a new capability or system.





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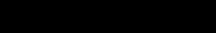


Important Terms Explained:

 Defence Acquisition Council (DAC): The apex decision-making body for defence procurement, chaired by the Defence Minister, which formulates and approves acquisition proposals for the Armed Forces.

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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	DAC approves 10 capital acquisition proposals
Announcement date	July 3, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Defence Acquisition Council (Ministry of Defence)
Policy/series name	Buy (Indian-IDDM) Category – Defence Procurement
Key figures	Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister), DAC Members
Purpose/reason	Strengthen mobility, air defence, and maritime safety with indigenous systems
Feature details	Includes Armoured Recovery Vehicles, EW Systems, SAMs, Mine Vessels, Gun Mounts
Validity or status	Approved; AoN granted
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces Aatmanirbhar Bharat, boosts domestic defence ecosystem, and enhances tri-services capabilities





➤ Which Sri Lankan university has recently launched a Hindi Language Learning Programme in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC)?

- A) University of Colombo
- B) University of Peradeniya
- C) Open University of Sri Lanka
- D) General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University
- E) University of Kelaniya



Answer

D) General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University







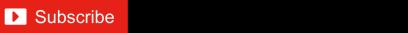
Event and Location:

Event: Launch of Hindi Language Learning Programme in collaboration with India

Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Date: July 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Introduction of a Hindi language course at the undergraduate level at KDU, with support from the Indian High Commission and SVCC.
- **Objectives:** To promote cultural and educational ties between India and Sri Lanka by providing students access to Indian language, culture, cinema, and professional opportunities.







Important Terms Explained:

- Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC): The cultural wing of the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka, under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), focused on promoting Indian art, culture, and language abroad.
- Hindi Language Learning Programme: A universitylevel elective course focusing on basic Hindi language skills, cultural context, and practical communication, aimed at both military and civilian students.





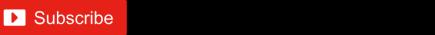


Important Terms Explained:

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU): A premier Sri Lankan institution offering military and civilian education with a growing emphasis on international partnerships and languages.



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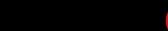




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Hindi Language Learning Programme at KDU
Announcement date	July 2025
Location	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Issuing authority	General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University in collaboration with SVCC
Policy/series name	Hindi Language & Cultural Exchange Initiative
Key figures	Santosh Jha (Indian High Commissioner), Rear Admiral HGU Dammika Kumara
Purpose/reason	Strengthen cultural and educational ties between India and Sri Lanka
Feature details	Elective Hindi course for military and civilian students; focus on basics and culture
Validity or status	Active from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances linguistic access to India's culture, films, and professional networks







> Which country recently became the first in the world to officially recognise the Taliban government of Afghanistan?

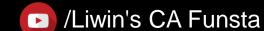
- A) China
- B) Pakistan
- C) Russia
- D) Iran
- E) Saudi Arabia

Answer C) Russia











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Russia becomes the first country to officially recognise the Taliban-led Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan
- Location: Moscow, Russia and Kabul, Afghanistan

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Date: July 4, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Russia formally announced diplomatic recognition of the Taliban government in Afghanistan after bilateral meetings held in Kabul.
- Objectives: To establish formal diplomatic and economic ties, support political stability, and encourage bilateral cooperation across various sectors.







Important Terms Explained:

- **Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan:** The official name used by the Taliban for their government after taking control of Afghanistan in August 2021, replacing the former Republic-based administration.
- **Diplomatic Recognition:** A formal acknowledgment by one state of another regime's legitimacy and authority, enabling official diplomatic and bilateral relations.
- **Taliban Government:** An Islamist movement that regained power in Afghanistan in August 2021, currently seeking international legitimacy and diplomatic recognition.



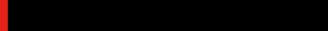




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Russia officially recognises Taliban government of Afghanistan
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	Moscow (Russia) and Kabul (Afghanistan)
Issuing authority	Russian Foreign Ministry, Taliban Foreign Ministry
Policy/series name	Diplomatic Recognition of Governments
Key figures	Amir Khan Muttaqi (Taliban FM), Dmitry Zhirnov (Russian Ambassador), Zamir Kabulov (Russia's Special Envoy)
Purpose/reason	To initiate formal bilateral cooperation and political engagement
Feature details	Russia is the first country to officially recognise Taliban rule; other countries like China and Pakistan maintain limited engagement
Validity or status	Recognition effective from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Marks a geopolitical shift and potential diplomatic opening for the Taliban-led regime

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What is the name of the WHO initiative that recommends a 50% price rise via taxation on sugar, alcohol, and tobacco by 2035?

- A) Health for All 2035
- B) 3 by 35
- C) Global Health Tax Plan
- D) Triple Sin Tax Drive
- E) FiscalFit 2030

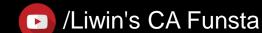
Answer B) 3 by 35











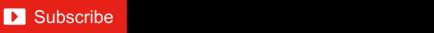


Event and Location:

- **Event:** WHO launches "3 by 35" initiative urging 50% tax-led price hikes on sugar, alcohol, and tobacco
- Location: Seville, Spain (UN Finance for **Development Conference**)
- **Date:** July 2, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: WHO has called for countries to raise taxes on sugary drinks, alcohol, and tobacco to increase prices by 50% by 2035 under its new initiative "3 by 35".
- **Objectives:** To reduce global consumption of harmful products contributing to chronic diseases, strengthen public health systems, and generate revenue for governments—especially amid rising debt and falling aid.

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Important Terms Explained:

- 3 by 35: A WHO initiative launched in 2025 that proposes a 50% price increase through taxation on three harmful products—sugar, alcohol, and tobacco—by the year 2035.
- Sin Taxes: Taxes imposed on products considered harmful to health or society (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, sugary drinks), used both to discourage consumption and raise revenue.







Important Terms Explained:

- **Ultra-processed Foods:** A potential future target for taxation; these are industrial formulations typically high in sugar, salt, fat, and additives, with low nutritional value. WHO is currently working on a formal definition.
- **Bloomberg Philanthropies / OECD / World Bank:** Global institutions backing the initiative by offering financial and technical assistance to countries implementing health-focused tax reforms.

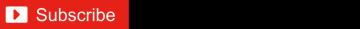






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·	Parameter	Details
Location Issuing authority Policy/series name Key figures Seville, Spain World Health Organization (WHO) 3 by 35 – Sin Tax Campaign Key figures Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Jeremy Farrar, Guillermo Sandoval	Event name	Launch of WHO's "3 by 35" global tax initiative
Issuing authority World Health Organization (WHO) Policy/series name 3 by 35 – Sin Tax Campaign Key figures Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Jeremy Farrar, Guillermo Sandoval	Announcement date	July 2, 2025
Policy/series name 3 by 35 – Sin Tax Campaign Key figures Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Jeremy Farrar, Guillermo Sandoval	Location	Seville, Spain
Key figures Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Jeremy Farrar, Guillermo Sandoval	Issuing authority	World Health Organization (WHO)
•	Policy/series name	3 by 35 – Sin Tax Campaign
	Key figures	Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Jeremy Farrar, Guillermo Sandoval
Purpose/reason Reduce chronic disease burden and raise funds through health taxation	Purpose/reason	Reduce chronic disease burden and raise funds through health taxation
Feature details 50% price increase via taxes on sugar, alcohol, tobacco; estimated \$1 trillion revenue by 2035	Feature details	•
Validity or status Initiative launched; supported by World Bank, OECD, Bloomberg Philanthropies	Validity or status	
Strategic/significant value Strengthens global health financing, curbs non-communicable disease (NCD) risk, promotes public policy reform	trategic/significant value	Strengthens global health financing, curbs non-communicable disease (NCD) risk, promotes public policy reform





> India has initiated an anti-dumping investigation on the import of polyethylene from how many countries?

A) 4

B) 5

D) 7

E) 8

Answer C) 6











Event and Location:

- **Event:** India initiates anti-dumping investigation on polyethylene imports from six countries
- Location: New Delhi, India (by DGTR, Ministry of Commerce)
- **Date:** July 4, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) launched an anti-dumping probe into imports of Linear-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) from six Gulf and Southeast Asian countries.
- **Objectives:** To determine if LLDPE is being dumped at unfairly low prices, causing material injury to the domestic plastic processing industry, and to recommend corrective duties if necessary.







Important Terms Explained:

- **Anti-Dumping Duty:** A trade remedy measure imposed under WTO rules when a country exports a product at a price lower than its home market, causing injury to the importing country's domestic industry.
- **Linear-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE):** A raw material used widely in the plastic processing sector to produce items such as films, wires, cables, and profiles.

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Important Terms Explained:

- **DGTR (Directorate General of Trade Remedies):** A body under India's Ministry of Commerce responsible for investigating unfair trade practices like dumping and recommending duties or safeguards.
- WTO (World Trade Organization): A Geneva-based multilateral institution that regulates international trade, allowing members to impose anti-dumping duties if dumping is proven to harm local industries.



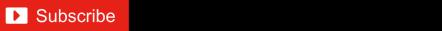




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Anti-dumping investigation into polyethylene imports
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), Ministry of Commerce
Policy/series name	WTO Anti-Dumping Framework Implementation
Key figures	Piyush Goyal (Commerce Minister); Chemicals and Petrochemicals Association of India
Purpose/reason	To assess whether cheap imports from six countries are harming local industries
Feature details	Product involved: Linear-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE); used in plastic industry
Validity or status	Investigation initiated; final decision to be taken by Finance Ministry
Strategic/significant value	Aims to protect domestic producers and ensure fair trade under WTO rules







> Who recently inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various infrastructure projects at Mahayogi Gorakhnath University in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- C) Droupadi Murmu
- D) Yogi Adityanath
- E) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer C) Droupadi Murmu











Event and Location:

- Event: President of India inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects at Mahayogi Gorakhnath University
- Location: Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
- **Date:** July 1, 2025







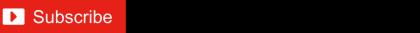


Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Inauguration of new university facilities including an auditorium, academic block, Panchkarma Kendra, and the foundation stone for a new girls' hostel.
- Objectives: To promote inclusive, modern, and holistic higher education in eastern Uttar Pradesh while aligning with the National Education Policy 2020 and supporting women's empowerment through improved infrastructure.



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Important Terms Explained:

- National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020): A comprehensive education policy introduced by the Government of India that aims to transform the education system with a focus on holistic, flexible, multidisciplinary learning, including skill-based and vocational education.
- Panchkarma Kendra: A specialized Ayurvedic treatment center offering the five therapeutic treatments of Ayurveda designed to detoxify and rejuvenate the body.







Important Terms Explained:

Girls' Hostel: Infrastructure facility dedicated to providing safe and affordable residential accommodation for female students, supporting women's access to higher education.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration and Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony at Mahayogi Gorakhnath University
Announcement date	July 1, 2025
Location	Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
Issuing authority	President of India (Rashtrapati Bhavan)
Policy/series name	NEP 2020 Implementation & Educational Infrastructure Development
Key figures	Droupadi Murmu (President of India)
Purpose/reason	Enhance educational infrastructure and promote women's education
Feature details	Inaugurated auditorium, academic block, Panchkarma Kendra; foundation laid for girls' hostel
Validity or status	Facilities active/in construction post July 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Boost to holistic education, women empowerment, and inclusive growth in Purvanchal





- ➤ What does the BHARAT project launched by IISc Bengaluru aim to establish in the context of Indian healthcare?
 - A) A national cancer registry
 - B) India's own AI-based healthcare chatbot
 - C) A scientific baseline of healthy ageing specific to Indians
 - D) A telemedicine platform for rural health outreach
 - E) A global standard for pandemic response

Answer

C) A scientific baseline of healthy ageing specific to Indians







Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch and implementation of BHARAT project for Indian-specific healthy ageing research
- Location: Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- Date: Initiated in 2023; updates reported as of July 4, 2025











Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: The Indian Institute of Science launched BHARAT (Biomarkers of Healthy Aging, Resilience, Adversity, and Transitions) to build an Indian-specific scientific framework for ageing and health.
- **Objectives:** To understand how Indians age biologically, reduce misdiagnosis from Western health benchmarks, and enable early intervention and customized treatment by building the Bharat Baseline — a national health data repository.







Important Terms Explained:

- BHARAT (Biomarkers of Healthy Aging, Resilience, Adversity, and Transitions): A large-scale national research project by IISc to study ageing in Indians using genomic, metabolic, environmental, and socioeconomic data.
- Bharat Baseline: A scientifically validated national reference of what constitutes normal health indicators in Indians, to aid in customized diagnosis and treatment.







Important Terms Explained:

Al and Machine Learning in Healthcare:
 Technologies used in BHARAT to process massive datasets, identify disease patterns, simulate medical interventions, and predict ageing at the organ level before symptoms arise.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	BHARAT project on Healthy Ageing launched by IISc
Announcement date	Launched in 2023; ongoing as of July 2025
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
Policy/series name	Longevity India Program
Key figures	IISc Researchers; Project supported by health experts and AI technologists
Purpose/reason	To create a national Indian-specific health baseline for ageing and wellness
Feature details	Data includes genomics, proteomics, environment, Al-based analysis
Validity or status	Active, multi-phase research underway
Strategic/significant value	Aims to revolutionize ageing healthcare in India by enabling early detection and personalized medicine







> Which Union Territory has become the first in India to integrate TB screening into the Family Adoption Programme?

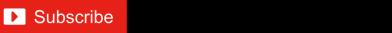
- A) Delhi
- B) Chandigarh
- C) Puducherry
- D) Jammu & Kashmir
- E) Ladakh

Answer C) Puducherry











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Puducherry becomes first UT to integrate TB screening into Family Adoption Programme
- Location: Puducherry, India
- **Date:** July 4, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** TB screening has been incorporated into the Family Adoption Programme by medical colleges in Puducherry as part of community outreach.
- **Objectives:** To improve early detection of tuberculosis, reduce diagnostic delays, and ensure active involvement of medical students in the TB elimination mission.







Important Terms Explained:

- Family Adoption Programme: A National Medical Commission initiative requiring medical students to adopt 3-5 families and engage in long-term community health monitoring.
- **National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme** (NTEP): A Government of India programme under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare aiming to eliminate TB by 2025 through early diagnosis, treatment, and awareness campaigns.







Important Terms Explained:

- Verbal Autopsy: A method used to determine probable cause of death through structured interviews with relatives when no medical records exist. It helps identify treatment delays and systemic gaps.
- NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Test): A
 molecular diagnostic method used to rapidly detect
 TB bacteria with high sensitivity and specificity.
- AI-enabled Chest X-rays: Portable imaging devices enhanced with artificial intelligence to detect early signs of TB, especially useful in remote screening campaigns.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Puducherry integrates TB screening into Family Adoption Programme
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	Puducherry
Issuing authority	UT Health Department & Indira Gandhi Medical College
Policy/series name	Family Adoption Programme under NMC + National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme
Key figures	Dr. Kavita Vasudevan, N. Rangasamy, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan
Purpose/reason	Improve TB detection and integrate disease prevention in medical outreach
Feature details	Medical students screen families for TB, assist in diagnosis/treatment, verbal autopsies conducted
Validity or status	Active as of July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Boosts early TB detection, aligns medical education with public health goals, and strengthens India's TB-Free mission





What is the theme of the upcoming Tri-Services Academia Technology Symposium 2025, for which the curtain raiser was held at the Manekshaw Centre?

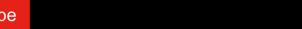
- A) Technology for Defence Innovation
- B) Atmanirbhar Defence through Academia
- C) Scientific Synergy for Military Strength
- D) Vivek va Anusandhan se Vijay
- E) Innovation Through Integration

Answer D) Vivek va Anusandhan se Vijay





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Event and Location:

- Event: Curtain Raiser for the Tri-Services Academia Technology Symposium 2025
- Location: Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- **Date:** July 4, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To formally begin preparations for the main symposium scheduled for September 22-23, 2025, and launch a dedicated portal for academic participation.
- **Objectives:** To foster a Services-Academia R&D ecosystem that identifies, supports, and integrates indigenous academic innovations into the Indian Armed Forces' technological development and aligns with Aatmanirbhar Bharat goals.







Important Terms Explained:

- Tri-Services Academia Technology Symposium: A collaborative initiative involving the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, and academic institutions aimed at leveraging scientific research for defence innovation.
- Vivek va Anusandhan se Vijay: Hindi for "Victory through Wisdom and Research"; the theme represents the strategic vision to blend intellectual capability with scientific progress for national defence.

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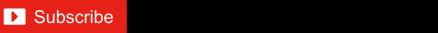


Important Terms Explained:

Aatmanirbhar Bharat: A flagship initiative by the Government of India to promote self-reliance across sectors, including defence, by developing indigenous capabilities and reducing dependency on foreign technology.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Curtain Raiser for Tri-Services Academia Technology Symposium
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Indian Army in coordination with IDS, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force
Policy/series name	Tri-Services Academia-Defence Collaboration for Aatmanirbhar Bharat
Key figures	Defence Services, Academia, R&D Stakeholders
Purpose/reason	Launch preparations and portal for Sept 2025 defence-academia symposium
Feature details	Portal for academic registration, proposal submission, seminars, exhibits
Validity or status	Curtain raiser completed; main symposium on 22-23 Sept 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens defence innovation pipeline via academic collaboration; boosts indigenisation

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➤ Who attended INVEST 2025 at IIT Delhi as Guest of Honour, representing the Indian Air Force?

- A) Air Marshal Suraj Kumar Jha
- B) Air Marshal RK Anand
- C) Air Marshal SP Dharkar
- D) Air Marshal V K Garg
- E) Air Marshal BR Krishna

Answer
D) Air Marshal V K Garg











Event and Location:

- Event: Air Marshal V K Garg attends INVEST 2025 as Guest of Honour
- Location: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- **Date:** July 4, 2025





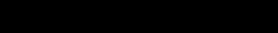


Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Air Marshal V K Garg attended the International Conference on Vibration Engineering, Science, and Technology (INVEST 2025) and delivered a keynote address.
- **Objectives:** To advocate for innovation in defence engineering, emphasize predictive maintenance, and encourage stronger academia-industry-defence collaboration for indigenisation and technological advancement.

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Important Terms Explained:

- **INVEST 2025:** An international conference focused on Vibration Engineering, Science, and Technology, bringing together global researchers, defence personnel, and academic institutions to discuss innovation in diagnostics and system reliability.
- **Predictive Maintenance:** A strategy using datadriven insights to anticipate equipment failures before they occur, increasing reliability and minimizing downtime—critical for defence platforms.



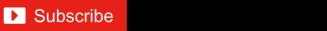




Important Terms Explained:

Indigenisation in Defence: Refers to the development and production of military equipment and technologies within India to reduce dependency on imports and promote Aatmanirbhar Bharat in the defence sector.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	INVEST 2025 – International Conference on Vibration Engineering, Science, and Technology
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	IIT Delhi
Issuing authority	Indian Air Force (Maintenance Command) & IIT Delhi
Policy/series name	Defence-Academia Innovation Interface
Key figures	Air Marshal V K Garg (AOC-in-C, Maintenance Command)
Purpose/reason	Promote innovation in predictive maintenance, engineering reliability, and indigenisation
Feature details	Keynote on defence engineering innovation; synergy among academia, industry, and IAF
Validity or status	One-day academic-defence conference held successfully
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces India's self-reliance mission in defence technology and maintenance innovation





> As per the Union MSME Minister, what percentage of India's GDP is currently contributed by the MSME sector?

A) 35.4%

B) 45.73%

C) 28%

D) 30.1%

E) 29.9%

Answer D) 30.1%











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Press conference by Union MSME Minister on MSME performance and initiatives
- Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** July 4, 2025



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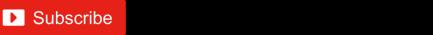




Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Union Minister for MSME, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, provided updates on MSME sector contributions, employment figures, registration statistics, and government scheme outcomes.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the role of MSMEs in India's economic growth, promote credit-linked employment schemes, and demonstrate the ongoing support provided under various government initiatives for small and micro enterprises.







Important Terms Explained:

- **Udyam Portal:** Launched on July 1, 2020, this is a free, paperless platform for MSME registration based on self-declaration, intended to formalize micro, small, and medium enterprises in India.
- **Udyam Assist Portal:** Launched on January 11, 2023, to help informal micro-enterprises access formal benefits like Priority Sector Lending by enabling them to register and integrate with the financial system.
- **PM Vishwakarma Scheme:** A central government scheme offering end-to-end support to artisans and craftsmen from 18 traditional trades, providing skill training, credit, toolkit, and market linkage.







Important Terms Explained:

- **PMEGP (Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme):** A major credit-linked subsidy scheme aimed at generating self-employment through microenterprises in the non-farm sector.
- **CGS (Credit Guarantee Scheme):** Operated by CGTMSE, it provides collateral-free credit to MSMEs.
- **MSME Samadhaan:** An online platform for MSMEs to report delayed payments from buyers and seek redressal under the MSMED Act.







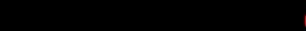


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MSME Sector Review and Press Conference by Union MSME Minister
Announcement date	July 4, 2025
Location	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
Policy/series name	Udyam Portal, PMEGP, PM Vishwakarma, CGS, MSME Samadhaan
Key figures	Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi (Union MSME Minister)
Purpose/reason	To present sectoral performance, employment data, and progress in MSME schemes
Feature details	MSMEs contribute 30.1% to GDP, 35.4% to manufacturing, 45.73% to exports
Validity or status	Active, ongoing support through various initiatives
Strategic/significant value	MSMEs remain backbone of India's economy, supporting 28 crore jobs

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> Which Indian state has launched TGDeX, the country's first state-led digital public infrastructure for AI, on July 2, 2025?

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

Answer D) Telangana





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Event and Location:

 Event: Launch of Telangana Data Exchange (TGDeX), India's first state-led digital public infrastructure for AI

. Location: Telangana, India

• **Date:** July 2, 2025









Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: The Government of Telangana, in collaboration with JICA, launched TGDeX to support development of AI solutions using shared public data infrastructure.
- **Objectives:** To foster AI innovation by enabling collaboration among government departments, private firms, academic institutions, and startups through access to high-quality datasets and digital infrastructure.







Important Terms Explained:

- TGDeX (Telangana Data Exchange): India's first state-led Digital Public Infrastructure for Artificial Intelligence, providing developers with tools and datasets to build AI solutions across sectors.
- Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI): Publicly accessible digital platforms and systems that support innovation, interoperability, and scalable applications, especially in governance and citizen services.







Important Terms Explained:

- **JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency):** Japan's government agency providing development assistance, including strategic and technical support for digital transformation projects like TGDeX.
- T-Hub & RICH: T-Hub is a startup incubator in Hyderabad, while RICH (Research and Innovation Circle of Hyderabad) promotes collaboration between academia, government, and industry in innovation.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of TGDeX - India's first state-led Digital Public Infrastructure for Al
Announcement date	July 2, 2025
Location	Telangana
Issuing authority	Government of Telangana, with support from JICA and IISc Bengaluru
Policy/series name	Telangana Al Mission – TGDeX Initiative
Key figures	CM A. Revanth Reddy; Support from JICA, IISc, T-Hub, IIT-Hyderabad, RICH
Purpose/reason	Build AI infrastructure for cross-sector collaboration and innovation
Feature details	Al-ready datasets, developer tools, open data repository, ecosystem synergy
Validity or status	Platform launched and active from July 2, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports Aatmanirbhar Bharat in AI, accelerates India's leadership in ethical and inclusive AI innovation







> From which date will all funds for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) be mandatorily released via the SNA 'Sparsh' system?

- A) October 1, 2025
- B) November 1, 2025
- C) January 1, 2026
- D) December 1, 2025
- E) April 1, 2026

Answer B) November 1, 2025











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mandatory rollout of SNA 'Sparsh' fund release system for all CSS
- Location: Nationwide (applicable to all States and UTs with legislatures)
- Date: November 1, 2025 (implementation); October 31, 2025 (onboarding deadline)







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Finance has directed that all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds must be routed through the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) 'Sparsh' platform from November 1, 2025.
- **Objectives:** To streamline fund flow, improve transparency, ensure just-in-time payments, reduce idle funds, and improve scheme efficiency through centralized fund management.







Important Terms Explained:

- Single Nodal Agency (SNA): A central entity designated to manage fund disbursement for a specific scheme, ensuring better accountability and fund utilization.
- **Sparsh System:** A digital platform introduced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in June 2022, enabling just-in-time fund release, centralized reconciliation, and monitoring of CSS funds.

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Important Terms Explained:

- Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS): Schemes in which funding is shared between the Central and State governments, focusing on national development priorities such as housing, livelihoods, education, and health.
- Just-in-Time Funds Release: A mechanism ensuring funds are released exactly when needed, preventing idle balances and ensuring fiscal efficiency.

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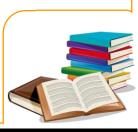






Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Mandatory implementation of SNA 'Sparsh' for all CSS
Announcement date	July 2025
Implementation date	November 1, 2025
Location	India (States and UTs with legislatures)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance, Government of India
Policy/series name	SNA 'Sparsh' Funds Release System
Key figures	Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman; RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das
Purpose/reason	To ensure transparency, better fund utilization, and real-time fund release
Feature details	Consolidated 1.5 million accounts into 4,500 SNAs; ₹11,000 crore saved
Validity or status	Mandatory for all schemes from Nov 1; onboarding deadline Oct 31
Strategic/significant value	Enhances capital expenditure tracking, eliminates fund diversion, boosts fiscal discipline

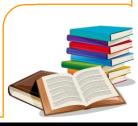


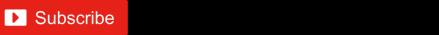


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- July 4, 2025, marked the death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, remembered for his teachings on youth leadership and spiritual strength.
- Indian lifter Pungni Tara secured a silver medal in the Youth Girls 44kg category at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2024 in Astana.
- Gujarat has become the third Indian state to cross the 1 crore mark in registered stock market investors, following Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- Nvidia briefly surpassed Apple's \$3.91 trillion record to become the most valuable company in history with a market cap of \$3.92 trillion.
- RBI notified a new amendment to FEMA regulations on June 24, 2025, allowing export of offshore vessels like tugs and dredgers.
- SEBI has opened a six-month window starting July 7, 2025, for the re-lodgement of physical share transfers lodged before April 1, 2019.
- The State Bank of India inaugurated two Global Trade Finance Centres in Kolkata and Hyderabad on July 1, 2025.
- CII has projected India's real GDP growth for FY26 to be in the range of 6.4% to 6.7%, reaffirming its position as the fastest-growing major economy.
- Air Marshal S Sivakumar has taken over as the new Air Officer-in-Charge Administration at Air Headquarters, New Delhi.





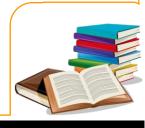
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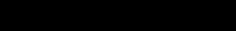
- Sudhanshu Mittal has been re-elected as President of the Kho Kho Federation of India following elections held in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on July 4, 2025.
- The Defence Acquisition Council approved 10 capital acquisition proposals worth over Rs 1.05 lakh crore on July 3, 2025.
- Sri Lanka's General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University has launched a Hindi Language Learning Programme in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre.
- Russia has officially recognised the Taliban-led Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, becoming the first country in the world to do so.

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- The WHO launched the "3 by 35" initiative urging countries to raise taxes to increase the price of sugar, alcohol, and tobacco by 50% by 2035.
- India has initiated an anti-dumping probe into imports of Linear-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) from six countries including Saudi Arabia and UAE.







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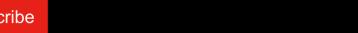


- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated new facilities and laid the foundation stone for projects at Mahayogi Gorakhnath University in Gorakhpur.
- The BHARAT project by IISc aims to establish India's first scientific baseline for healthy ageing using Indian-specific data.
- Puducherry has become the first Union Territory in India to integrate tuberculosis screening into the Family Adoption Programme.
- The Indian Army held a curtain raiser event for the upcoming Tri-Services Academia Technology Symposium 2025 at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi.
- Air Marshal V K Garg attended INVEST 2025 at IIT Delhi as Guest of Honour and delivered the keynote address.
- Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi announced that MSMEs contribute 30.1% of India's GDP and support 28 crore jobs.
- Telangana has launched TGDeX, India's first state-led digital public infrastructure for AI, on July 2, 2025.
- From November 1, 2025, all funds for Centrally Sponsored Schemes will be released exclusively through the SNA 'Sparsh' system.



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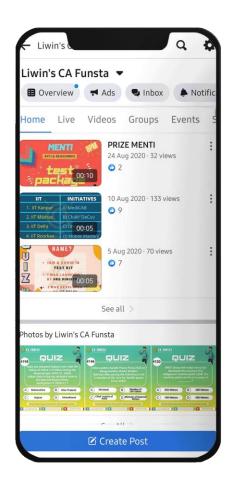


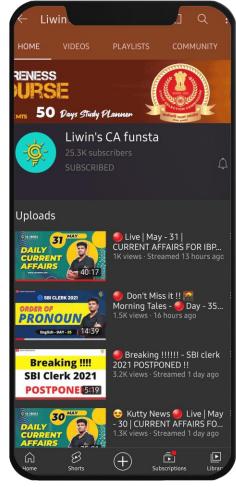
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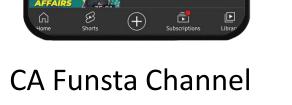


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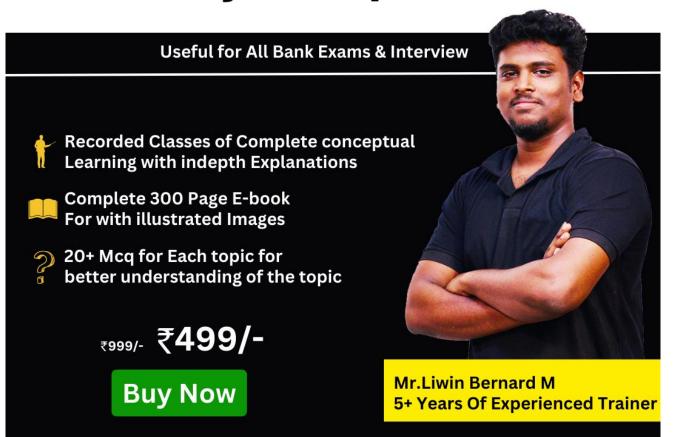


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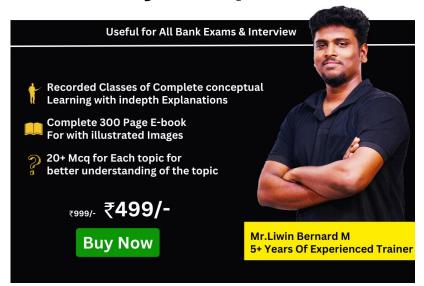
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