



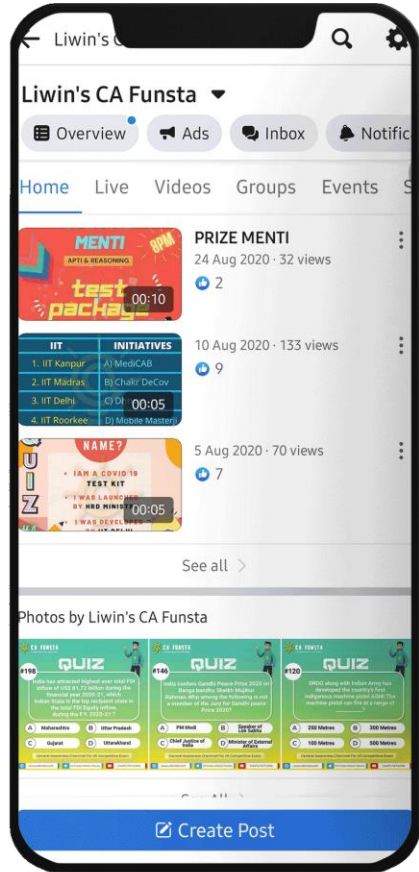
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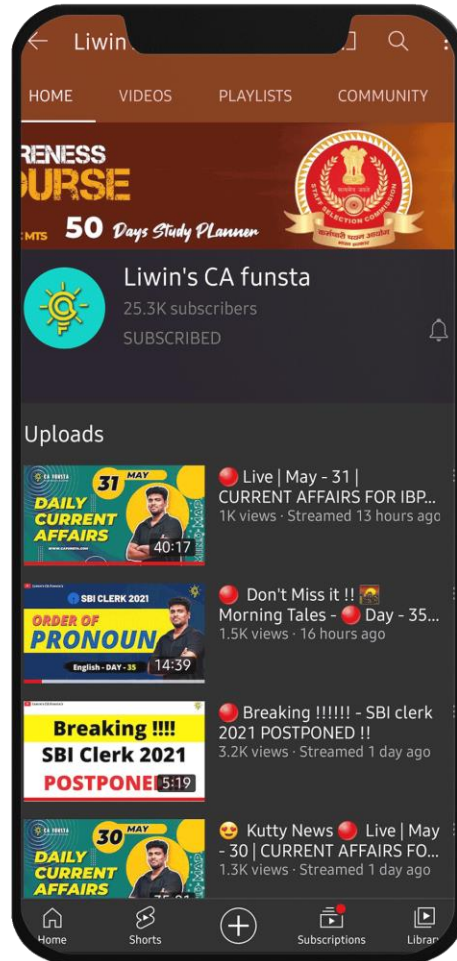
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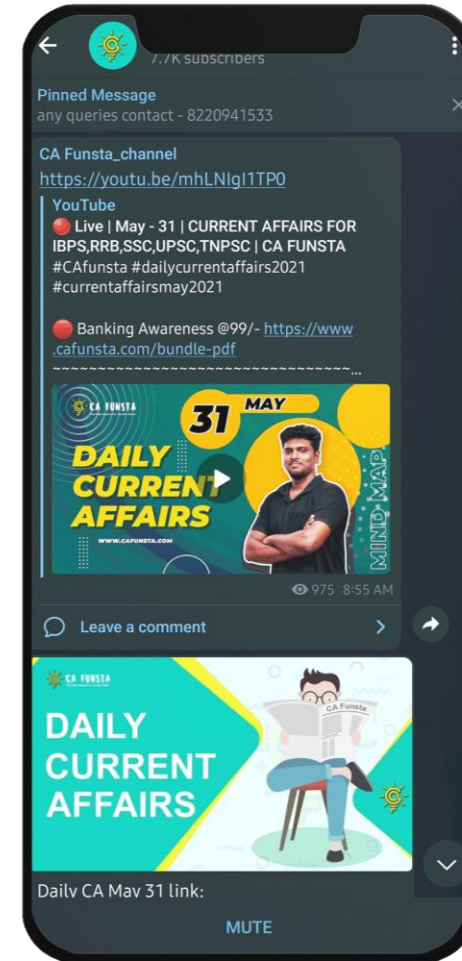
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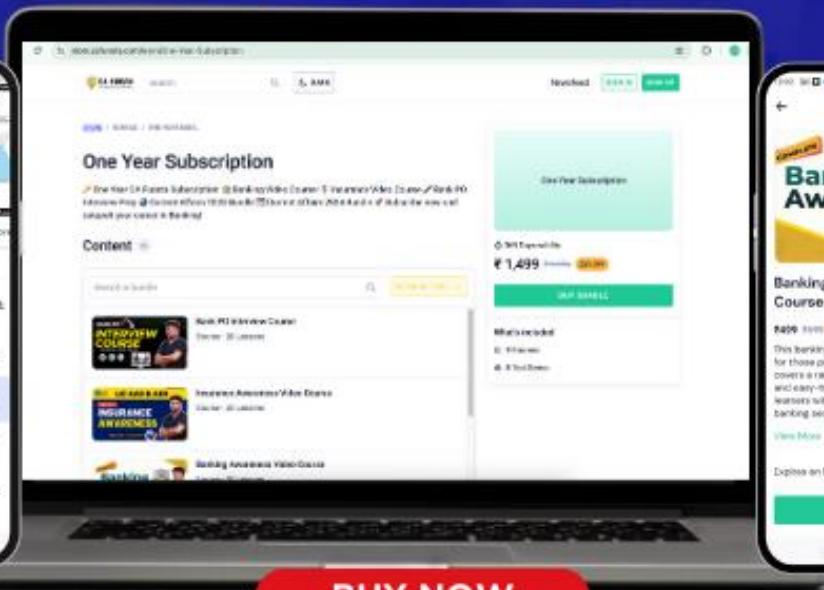


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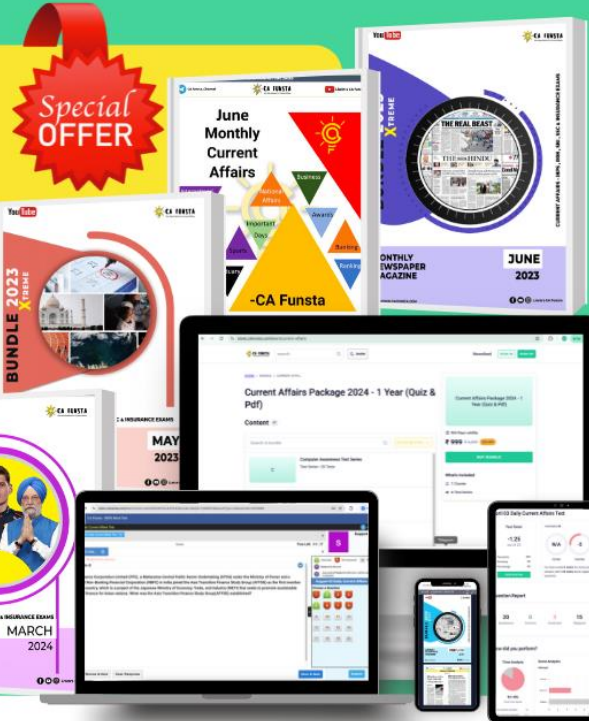


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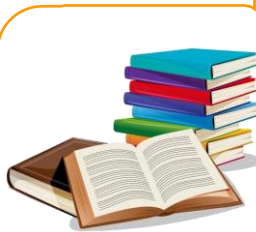


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➤ Which city will host both the ISSF World Cup 2027 and ISSF Junior World Championships 2028?

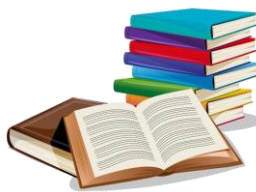
- A) Bhopal
- B) Daegu
- C) Cairo
- D) New Delhi
- E) Hyderabad

Answer
D) New Delhi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India confirmed as host for ISSF World Cup 2027 and ISSF Junior World Championships 2028
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** July 10, 2025 (announcement)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) announced that New Delhi will host both the ISSF World Cup in 2027 and the ISSF Junior World Championships in 2028, covering rifle, pistol, and shotgun disciplines.
- **Objectives:**
 - To reinforce India's presence in international shooting sports, promote global sporting events domestically, and provide exposure to Indian shooters.



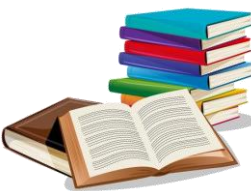
Important Terms Explained:

- **ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation):** The global governing body for Olympic shooting sports, organizing annual events like the ISSF World Cup and World Championships.
- **ISSF World Cup:** A prestigious annual series of competitions in shooting disciplines, first held in 1986, and hosted by India five times prior to the upcoming 2027 edition.
- **NRAI (National Rifle Association of India):** The governing body for shooting sports in India, responsible for organizing and regulating events and teams across the nation.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India to host ISSF World Cup 2027 and Junior World Championships 2028
Announcement date	July 10, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), ISSF
Policy/series name	ISSF World Cup Series & ISSF Junior Championship Series
Key figures	Kalikesh Singh Deo (NRAI), Luciano Rossi (ISSF)
Purpose/reason	To enhance India's global stature in shooting and support Olympic preparation
Feature details	Rifle, pistol, and shotgun events; Junior World Cup 2025 also in New Delhi
Validity or status	Confirmed future international events
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's sports infrastructure and Olympic qualification pathway

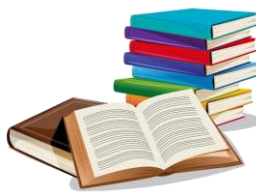


➤ Who painted the recently unveiled portrait of Sachin Tendulkar at MCC Museum, Lord's?

- A) M F Husain
- B) Raja Ravi Varma
- C) Stuart Pearson Wright
- D) Subodh Gupta
- E) Anjolie Ela Menon

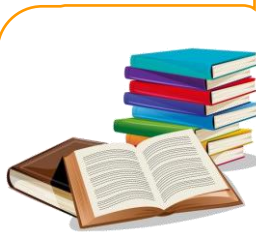
Answer

C) Stuart Pearson Wright



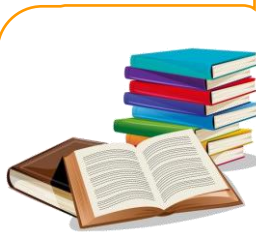
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Unveiling of Sachin Tendulkar's portrait at MCC Museum
- **Location:** Lord's Cricket Ground, London, United Kingdom
- **Date:** July 10, 2025



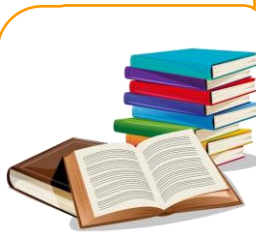
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - A new portrait of Sachin Tendulkar, created by Stuart Pearson Wright, was unveiled in the MCC Museum at Lord's on the opening day of the 3rd Test match between India and England.
- **Objectives:**
 - To honour the legendary cricketing legacy of Sachin Tendulkar and add a significant figure to the MCC's portrait collection, enriching its historical archive.



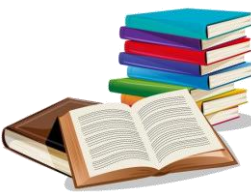
Important Terms Explained:

- **MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club):** A prestigious cricket club headquartered at Lord's, responsible for maintaining the Laws of Cricket and managing cricket heritage collections.
- **Lord's Portrait Programme:** An artistic initiative by MCC, running in its current form for over 30 years, focused on commissioning portraits of notable cricketers.
- **Long Room Gallery:** The oldest and most iconic gallery in sport, located at Lord's, known for housing historic cricket artwork and artefacts.



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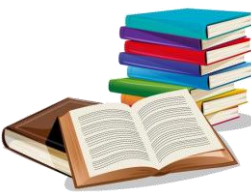
Parameter	Details
Event name	Unveiling of Sachin Tendulkar's portrait
Announcement date	July 10, 2025
Location	MCC Museum, Lord's Cricket Ground, London
Issuing authority	Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)
Policy/series name	Lord's Portrait Programme
Key figures	Sachin Tendulkar, Stuart Pearson Wright
Purpose/reason	To celebrate and immortalize Tendulkar's cricketing legacy
Feature details	Head-and-shoulders portrait, painted from a photo taken 18 years ago
Validity or status	Currently displayed in museum; to be moved to Pavilion later this year
Strategic/significant value	Enhances MCC's legacy and honours one of cricket's greatest icons



➤ What is India's FIFA ranking as of July 2025, marking its worst position in the last nine years?

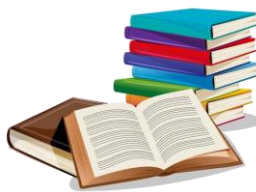
- A) 127
- B) 129
- C) 131
- D) 133
- E) 135

Answer
D) 133



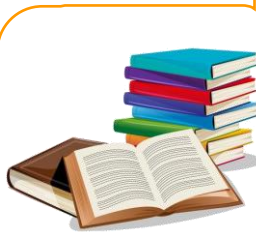
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India drops to 133rd position in FIFA World Rankings
- **Location:** India (Men's National Football Team)
- **Date:** July 11, 2025 (ranking release)



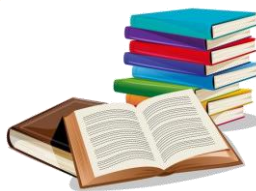
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - As per the latest FIFA World Rankings, the Indian men's football team has slipped to 133rd, their lowest in nine years, following recent international defeats.
- **Objectives:**
 - To assess India's international football standing and performance trajectory, and emphasize the need for improvement ahead of crucial Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers.



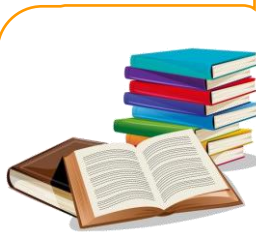
Important Terms Explained:

- **FIFA World Ranking:** A global system of ranking national football teams based on their performance in international matches; updated monthly by FIFA.
- **Asian Cup Qualifiers:** Continental qualification matches determining Asian teams' participation in the AFC Asian Cup, held every four years.
- **FIFA Points (1113.22):** The official score used to rank national teams, influenced by match results, opponent strength, and competition importance.

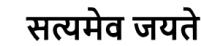


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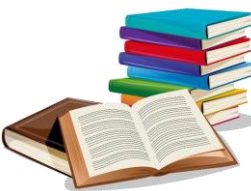
Parameter	Details
Event name	India's FIFA ranking drops to 133
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	India (Team context); Zurich (FIFA HQ)
Issuing authority	FIFA
Policy/series name	FIFA World Rankings, Asian Cup 2027 Qualifiers
Key figures	Manolo Marquez (former coach), Sunil Chhetri
Purpose/reason	Ranking drop due to losses against Thailand and Hong Kong
Feature details	2 defeats in June, only 1 point from 2 Asian Cup qualifier matches
Validity or status	Current FIFA rank: 133; Rating: 1113.22 points
Strategic/significant value	Reflects India's struggling international form and uncertain qualification path



- A) ₹12 crore
B) ₹22 crore
C) ₹35 crore
D) ₹48 crore
E) ₹66 crore

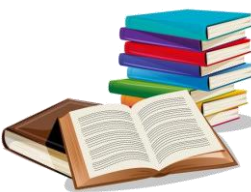


Answer
D) ₹48 crore



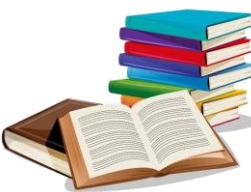
Event and Location:

- **Event:** ₹266 crore fake invoices and ₹48 crore fraudulent ITC scam uncovered
- **Location:** Bengaluru (origin of case), Delhi (search operations)
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



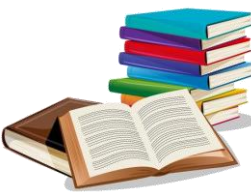
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI), Bengaluru Zonal Unit, uncovered a scam involving six shell companies generating fake invoices worth over ₹266 crore and fraudulently claiming and passing on ₹48 crore in Input Tax Credit (ITC).
- **Objectives:**
 - To expose a large GST evasion racket involving circular trading, fake companies, and manipulation of listed entities, and initiate criminal and regulatory action to protect investor and tax interests.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Input Tax Credit (ITC):** A mechanism under GST where a business can reduce the tax paid on inputs from the tax payable on output, subject to genuine invoices and valid transactions.
- **Shell Companies:** Entities with no genuine business operations, often used for money laundering, tax evasion, or fraudulent financial activities.
- **Circular Trading:** A method of artificially inflating turnover through repeated purchase/sale of goods or services among connected entities without actual movement of goods.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Uncovering of fake invoice and ITC fraud by DGGI Bengaluru
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	Bengaluru (case origin), Delhi (search operations)
Issuing authority	Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI)
Policy/series name	GST Anti-Evasion Operations
Key figures	Chartered Accountant / Statutory Auditor (mastermind)
Purpose/reason	Crackdown on shell firms and fraudulent ITC claims
Feature details	₹266 crore fake invoices, ₹48 crore fraudulent ITC, circular trading, arrest
Validity or status	Mastermind arrested; investigation ongoing
Strategic/significant value	Highlights risk to listed companies and investors; SEBI also informed

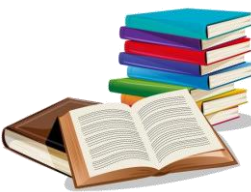


➤ **What key advice did BSE and NSE give to investors regarding online bond investments?**

- A) Invest only in government bonds
- B) Avoid reading disclaimers and terms
- C) Check if the platform is SEBI-registered
- D) Choose the highest coupon rate blindly
- E) Bonds guarantee fixed returns always

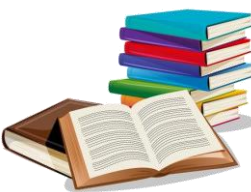
Answer

C) Check if the platform is SEBI-registered



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Advisory issued to investors on online bond investments
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - India's leading stock exchanges BSE and NSE jointly released a statement urging investors to perform due diligence when investing in bonds via online platforms, highlighting the risks of improper evaluation.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote informed and secure investing practices, protect retail investors from fraudulent or misleading platforms, and ensure that transactions occur via SEBI-regulated Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs).



Important Terms Explained:

- **Yield to Maturity (YTM):** The total expected return on a bond if held till maturity. YTM is influenced by bond price, interest rate movements, and issuer's creditworthiness.
- **Coupon Rate:** The fixed annual interest paid by the bond issuer, usually a percentage of the face value.
- **Bond Price & Yield Relationship:** Inverse—when market interest rates rise, bond prices fall, and vice versa.
- **SEBI-registered OBPP:** Online platforms authorized by SEBI to offer and facilitate bond transactions in a regulated manner.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Advisory for online bond investments
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	BSE and NSE
Platform compliance	Must be SEBI-registered Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP)
Core advice	Perform due diligence, understand YTM, coupon rate, settlement timelines
Risks Highlighted	Liquidity, market interest fluctuations, early exit impact on returns
Objective	Promote secure, regulated, and informed fixed-income investments



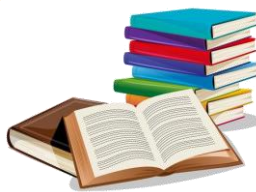
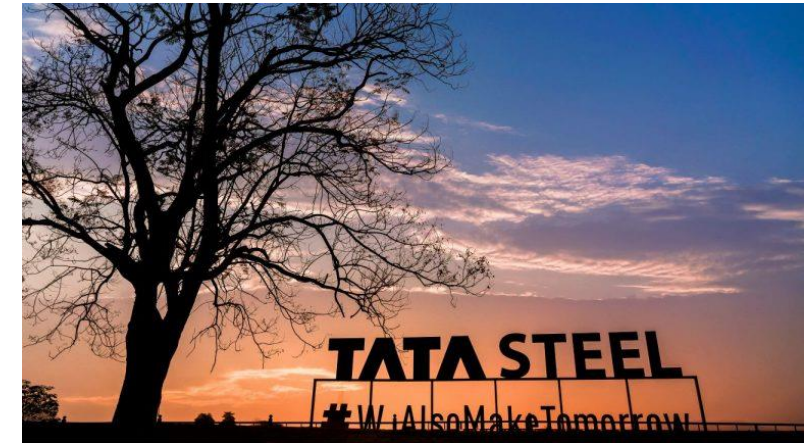
➤ In July 2025, Tata Steel invested ₹1,074 crore in which of its foreign subsidiaries?

- A) Tata Steel Europe Ltd
- B) Tata Holdings Asia Pte Ltd
- C) T Steel Holdings Pte Ltd
- D) Tata Global Resources Ltd
- E) Tata Steel International Ltd



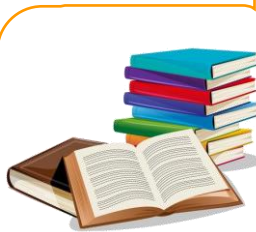
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C) T Steel Holdings Pte Ltd



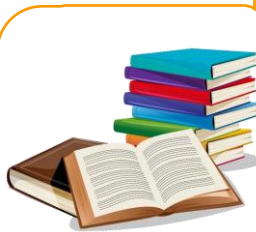
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tata Steel invests ₹1,073.63 crore in Singapore-based subsidiary
- **Location:** Singapore (subsidiary); India (parent company: Tata Steel Ltd)
- **Date:** July 10, 2025 (transaction date); July 11, 2025 (reported)



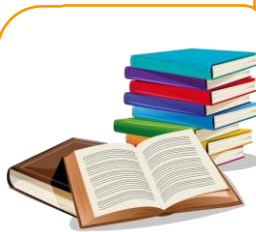
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Tata Steel Limited acquired 124.62 crore equity shares valued at \$125.25 million (₹1,073.63 crore) in T Steel Holdings Pte. Ltd. (TSHP), its wholly-owned subsidiary based in Singapore.
 - This continues the company's equity infusion plan disclosed earlier on May 12 and June 25, 2025.
- **Objectives:**
 - To strengthen the financial and operational capacity of its international subsidiary, maintain 100% ownership, and support global strategic growth and expansion in the steel sector.



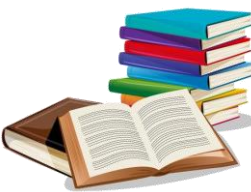
Important Terms Explained:

- **Equity Subscription:** The act of purchasing shares of a company to infuse capital; in this case, Tata Steel subscribed to additional shares of its Singapore-based subsidiary.
- **Wholly-Owned Subsidiary:** A company whose entire share capital is held by the parent company; here, TSHP is fully owned by Tata Steel.
- **T Steel Holdings Pte. Ltd (TSHP):** Tata Steel's strategic investment arm in Singapore, supporting international operations and investments.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Tata Steel invests ₹1,073.63 crore in TSHP (Singapore subsidiary)
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	Singapore (subsidiary); India (parent)
Issuing authority	Tata Steel Limited
Policy/series name	Equity Subscription in Foreign Subsidiary
Key figures	T. V. Narendran (CEO & MD)
Purpose/reason	Strategic capital infusion to strengthen international operations
Feature details	124.62 crore shares at \$0.1005 face value; fully owned subsidiary
Validity or status	Completed on July 10, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces Tata Steel's global presence and financial stability of TSHP



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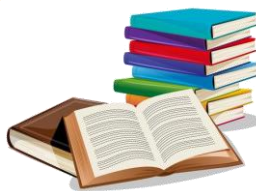


➤ Who has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), effective August 2025?

- A) Rohit Jawa
- B) Nitin Paranjpe
- C) Sanjiv Mehta
- D) Priya Nair
- E) Deepa Venkatesh



Answer
D) Priya Nair

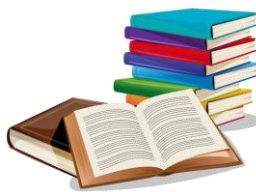


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Priya Nair as CEO and MD of HUL
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** July 10, 2025 (announcement); effective from August 1, 2025

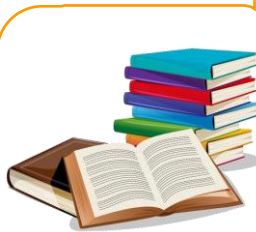


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Priya Nair, currently President of Beauty & Wellbeing at Unilever, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), effective August 1, 2025.
 - She will also join the HUL Board, subject to approvals.
- **Objectives:**
 - To leverage Priya Nair's deep market experience and leadership to drive the next phase of growth for HUL, especially in high-demand segments.

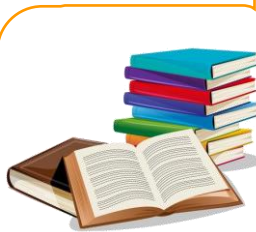


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Important Terms Explained:

- **HUL (Hindustan Unilever Limited):** A leading Indian FMCG company and subsidiary of Unilever, known for brands like Surf Excel, Dove, and Lifebuoy.
- **Unilever Leadership Executive (ULE):** The top executive team of Unilever that makes strategic decisions across global businesses.
- **ASPIRE Strategy:** A portfolio and channel transformation strategy introduced by outgoing CEO Rohit Jawa to focus on high-growth demand areas.

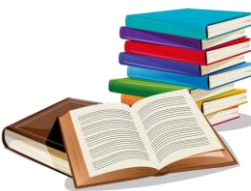


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of new CEO and MD of HUL
Announcement date	July 10, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)
Policy/series name	Executive Leadership Transition
Key figures	Priya Nair, Rohit Jawa, Nitin Paranjpe
Purpose/reason	Leadership succession for long-term strategic growth
Feature details	Priya Nair returns to India and HUL Board; Rohit Jawa steps down on July 31
Validity or status	Effective from August 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Marks a high-profile leadership return to one of India's top FMCG firms



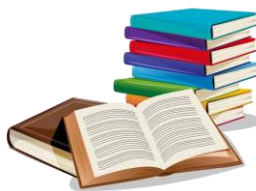
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➤ **Who is the only Indian-born creator featured in TIME's inaugural 2025 TIME100 Creators list?**

- A) Dhar Mann
- B) Jay Shetty
- C) Samir Chaudry
- D) Prajakta Koli
- E) Michelle Khare

Answer
D) Prajakta Koli

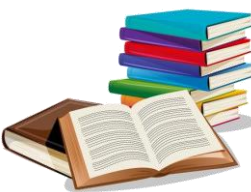


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Publication of TIME's inaugural TIME100 Creators list recognizing the world's most influential digital voices
- **Location:** New York City (launch party); global digital platforms
- **Date:** July 9–10, 2025

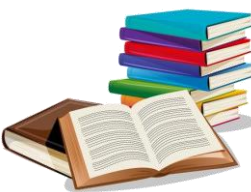


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Publish a curated list of 100 top digital creators shaping culture and conversations across platforms like YouTube, TikTok, Twitch, and podcasts.
- **Objectives:**
 - To acknowledge creators who redefine media, influence public discourse, and establish cultural authority by building communities through storytelling and authenticity.

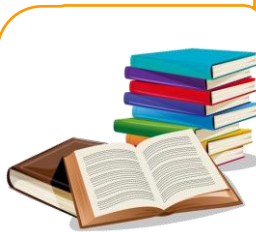


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Important Terms Explained:

- **TIME100 Creators list:** A new extension of TIME's TIME100 franchise, launched in 2025 to recognize the most impactful digital creators globally.
- **Creator Categories:** Five categories—Titans, Entertainers, Leaders, Phenoms, and Catalysts—representing different types of influence and reach.
- **Inaugural Launch Party:** Held in New York on July 10, 2025, featuring top-listed creators and celebrating digital impact beyond clicks.

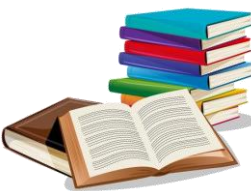


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TIME100 Creators 2025: Top 5 Global Influencers and Notable Indian-Origin Entries

Category	Name	Platform / Notable Role
First 5 Titans	Kai Cenat	Twitch streamer
	Alix Earle	Social-media influencer
	Sean Evans	Host of Hot Ones (YouTube)
	Khabane Lame	TikTok creator
	Olivia Dunne	Gymnast and social influencer
Indian Origin Creators	Prajakta Koli	YouTuber ("MostlySane"), only Indian-born on list
	Jay Shetty	Indian-origin podcaster and motivational creator
	Dhar Mann	Indian-American YouTuber/entrepreneur
	Michelle Khare	Indian-American creator and content creator
	Samir Chaudhry	Indian-American tech/business creator

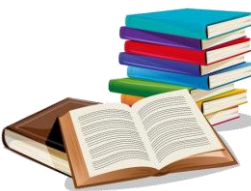


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inaugural TIME100 Creators list
Announcement date	July 9, 2025
Location	Global digital platforms; NYC launch party
Issuing authority	TIME Magazine
Policy/series name	TIME100 Creators
Key figures	Sam Jacobs (TIME), Jessica Sibley, Kai Cenat
Purpose/reason	To spotlight creators shaping modern culture and media
Feature details	100 creators across 5 categories; digital-native impact metrics
Validity or status	Publicized list; continued annual recognition
Strategic/significant value	Validates creator economy as central to global culture and information flow



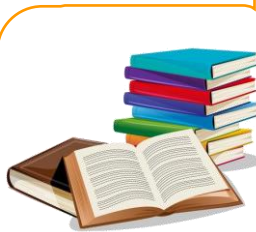
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➤ Which Indian state received the IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025 for leadership in battery manufacturing?

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

Answer
D) Telangana

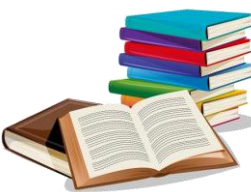


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Telangana received the IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi, India (Award venue); Telangana (Award recipient state)
- **Date:** July 10, 2025

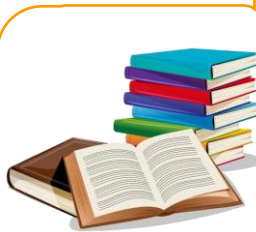


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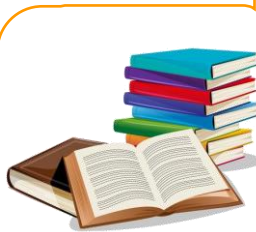
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) awarded Telangana State the IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025 during the 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW) held in New Delhi.
- **Objectives:**
 - To recognize Telangana's leadership in battery manufacturing, green energy policies, and contribution to India's clean energy and renewable infrastructure ecosystem.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IESA (India Energy Storage Alliance):** An industry body focused on energy storage, electric mobility, and green technologies across India.
- **Telangana EV and Energy Storage Policy:** A state-level policy that promotes electric vehicles and battery storage through incentives, infrastructure, and dedicated clusters.
- **India Energy Storage Week (IESW):** An annual event organized by IESA that gathers stakeholders from the energy and mobility sectors to discuss advancements and award excellence in the field.

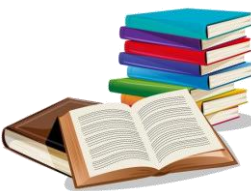


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Telangana wins IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025
Announcement date	July 10, 2025
Location	New Delhi (event); Telangana (recognized state)
Issuing authority	India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA)
Policy/series name	Telangana EV and Energy Storage Policy, Telangana Renewable Energy Policy
Key figures	D Sridhar Babu (State IT and Industries Minister)
Purpose/reason	Recognition for leadership in battery manufacturing and clean energy policies
Feature details	Advanced industrial infrastructure, innovation, clean energy focus
Validity or status	Telangana remains a national leader in energy manufacturing
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces India's path toward energy sustainability and battery leadership

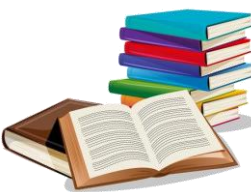


➤ **What is the title of the whitepaper launched by MeitY and CERT-In in July 2025 for guiding India's shift to quantum-safe cybersecurity?**

- A) Future-Proofing Cyber India
- B) Quantum Threat Intelligence Guide
- C) Transitioning to Quantum Cyber Readiness
- D) Quantum Encryption Standard India
- E) India's Quantum Defence Blueprint

Answer

C) Transitioning to Quantum Cyber Readiness

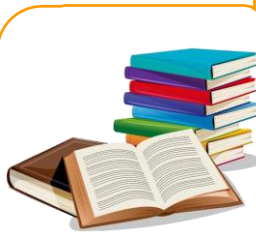


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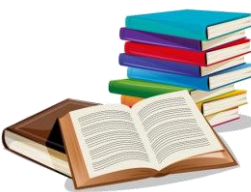
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of whitepaper for quantum-safe cybersecurity transition
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



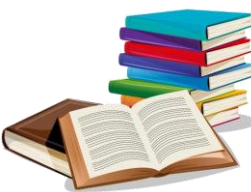
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), along with CERT-In and cybersecurity firm SISA, launched a whitepaper titled “Transitioning to Quantum Cyber Readiness”, providing a strategic framework for organizations to prepare for quantum-induced cybersecurity threats.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To proactively guide public and private entities in adopting quantum-resilient encryption strategies, ensure protection of critical digital infrastructure, and promote national quantum preparedness as India moves towards a quantum-safe, digital-first economy.



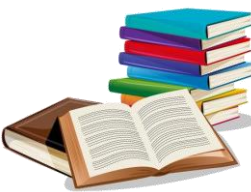
Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Cyber Readiness:** The preparedness of digital systems to defend against cryptographic threats posed by quantum computing, ensuring continuity of trust and data integrity.
- **RSA & ECC Algorithms:** Widely-used public key encryption methods currently securing digital systems, expected to become vulnerable to quantum decryption within years.
- **CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team):** India's nodal agency for cybersecurity incident response and advisory functions under the IT Act.



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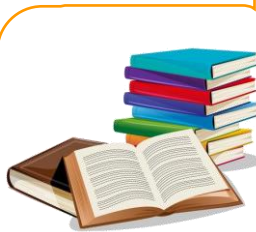
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Quantum Cybersecurity Whitepaper
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	MeitY, CERT-In, SISA
Policy/series name	Transitioning to Quantum Cyber Readiness
Key figures	S Krishnan (MeitY), Dr. Sanjay Bahl (CERT-In), Dharshan Shanthamurthy (SISA)
Purpose/reason	Prepare Indian digital infrastructure for quantum computing threats
Feature details	Impact analysis, quantum-safe encryption migration path, sector-wise recommendations
Validity or status	Active guide for regulated sectors; public-private strategy
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's digital resilience and leadership in post-quantum cybersecurity



➤ What is the total proposed investment for the desalination plant by Kakinada SEZ in Andhra Pradesh?

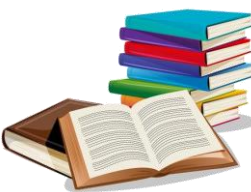
- A) ₹1,100 crore
- B) ₹1,250 crore
- C) ₹1,310 crore
- D) ₹1,500 crore
- E) ₹1,620 crore

Answer
C) ₹1,310 crore



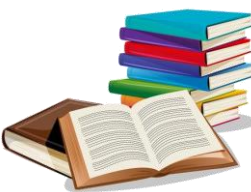
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Investment proposal for desalination plant by Kakinada SEZ
- **Location:** Kona Village, Kakinada District, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** July 11, 2025 (reported); June 26, 2025 (EAC recommendation date)



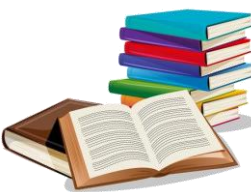
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Kakinada SEZ Limited, a 100% subsidiary of Auro Infra Realty and Infrastructure, plans to set up a 3x50 MLD desalination plant with a total investment of ₹1,310 crore. The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) under the Ministry of Forests has recommended the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance with environmental conditions.
- **Objectives:**
 - To meet the industrial water requirements in Kakinada SEZ while minimizing dependence on groundwater and promoting sustainable water solutions for port and industrial operations.



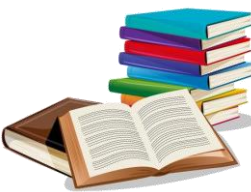
Important Terms Explained:

- **Desalination Plant:** A facility that converts seawater into freshwater by removing salts and minerals, used for industrial or domestic water needs.
- **CRZ (Coastal Regulation Zone) Clearance:** Regulatory approval required for any activity affecting India's coastal environment under CRZ Notification, 2011.
- **Brine Reuse:** The process of treating and reusing the saline water left after desalination, instead of discharging it into the sea, to reduce marine pollution.



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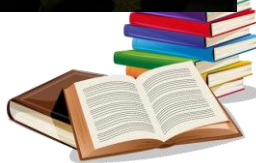
Parameter	Details
Event name	Kakinada SEZ to set up desalination plant
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	Kona Village, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Expert Appraisal Committee, Ministry of Forests
Policy/series name	CRZ Clearance under CRZ Notification, 2011
Key figures	Kakinada SEZ Ltd, Auro Infra
Purpose/reason	Provide industrial water, reduce dependency on freshwater sources
Feature details	3x50 MLD plant, 380 MLD intake, 230 MLD brine outfall, ₹10 crore for mitigation
Validity or status	CRZ clearance recommended with conditions
Strategic/significant value	Promotes sustainable industrial water use and marine environmental protection



- Which U.S. city recently hosted an event to promote Indian mangoes under a trade initiative by the Indian Consulate?

- A) San Francisco
- B) New York
- C) Seattle
- D) Los Angeles
- E) Chicago

Answer
C) Seattle

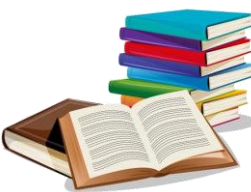


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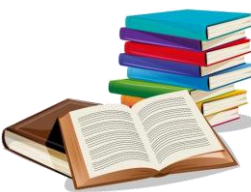
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Mango Promotion and Tasting Event
- **Location:** Seattle and Redmond, Washington, USA
- **Date:** July 10, 2025 (Seattle); July 9, 2025 (Redmond)



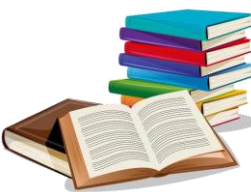
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Consulate General of India in Seattle, in partnership with APEDA, organized a mango promotion event to showcase premium Indian mango varieties and expand market access in the U.S. Pacific Northwest.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote Indian mango exports, raise awareness of India's premium fruit varieties, and facilitate trade ties with U.S. retailers and importers by highlighting cultural significance and export potential.



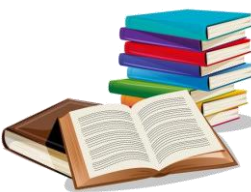
Important Terms Explained:

- **APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority):** A government agency under the Ministry of Commerce, responsible for promoting agricultural exports from India.
- **Market Access Initiatives:** Efforts by Indian missions abroad to expand the reach of Indian exports through promotional events, diplomatic outreach, and B2B interactions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Mango Varieties:**
 - **Dussehri:** Known for its strong aroma and sweetness
 - **Chausa:** Juicy and fibrous with a golden yellow skin
 - **Langra:** Soft pulp with less fibre and tangy sweetness
 - **Mallika:** A hybrid variety with intense flavor and orange pulp
 - **Totapuri:** Distinctive parrot-beak shape, tangy flavor, widely used in processing



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Indian Mango Promotion and Tasting Event
Announcement date	July 10, 2025
Location	Seattle and Redmond, Washington, USA
Issuing authority	Consulate General of India – Seattle; APEDA
Policy/series name	Trade Promotion and Market Access Initiative
Key figures	Nick Brown, Manka Dhingra, Sam Cho, Alex Ybarra
Purpose/reason	Promote Indian mango exports and boost bilateral agri-trade
Feature details	5 mango varieties showcased, tasting sessions, B2B meetings held
Validity or status	Completed event; part of ongoing outreach program
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India–US agri trade ties and global branding of Indian produce

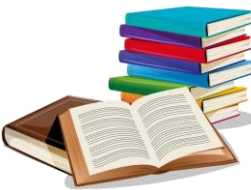


➤ **Who has been sanctioned by the US for her critical stance on Israel's actions in Gaza?**

- A) Volker Türk
- B) Marco Rubio
- C) Francesca Albanese
- D) António Guterres
- E) Jürg Lauber

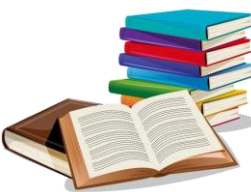
Answer

C) Francesca Albanese



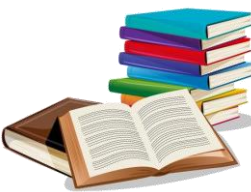
Event and Location:

- **Event:** US sanctions imposed on UN Gaza investigator Francesca Albanese
- **Location:** United States, United Nations, Gaza
- **Date:** July 10, 2025 (Sanctions reported publicly)



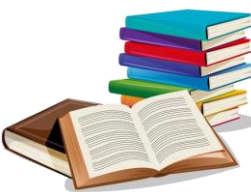
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The US imposed sanctions on Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur for Palestinian Territories, for her outspoken criticism of Israel's actions in Gaza and support for ICC prosecution of Israeli officials.
- **Objectives:** The move aims to suppress international legal and political pressure on Israel amidst accusations of genocide and war crimes during its Gaza operations.



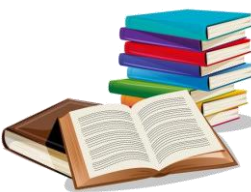
Important Terms Explained:

- **Francesca Albanese:** UN Special Rapporteur for the Occupied Palestinian Territories, known for her investigations into human rights violations and advocacy at international legal forums.
- **Special Rapporteur:** An independent expert appointed by the UN Human Rights Council to examine and report on specific human rights issues.
- **Sanctions:** Economic and political penalties imposed by one country on an individual, organization, or another country, often for punitive or deterrent purposes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Criminal Court (ICC):** An international tribunal based in The Hague, Netherlands, prosecuting individuals for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.
- **Operation in Gaza:** Refers to Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza since late 2023, which has drawn widespread international criticism and legal scrutiny.

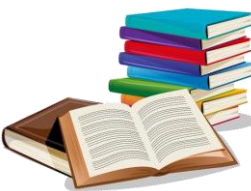


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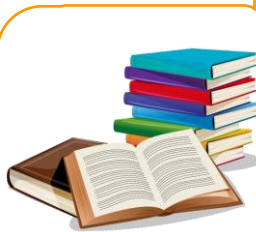
Parameter	Details
Event name	US sanctions UN Gaza investigator Francesca Albanese
Announcement date	July 10, 2025
Location	United States, United Nations, Gaza
Issuing authority	US State Department
Policy/series name	Sanctions in response to criticism of Israeli actions in Gaza
Key figures	Francesca Albanese, Marco Rubio, António Guterres
Purpose/reason	To counter criticism of Israel and halt pressure via ICC
Feature details	Sanctions imposed for alleged bias and incitement
Validity or status	Sanctions active as of July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Sparks global concern about intimidation of UN officials



➤ Which Indian state launched 'Operation Kalanemi' to act against fake saints cheating the public?

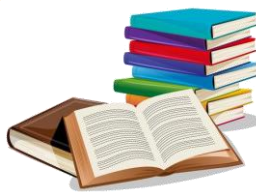
- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Gujarat
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer
C) Uttarakhand



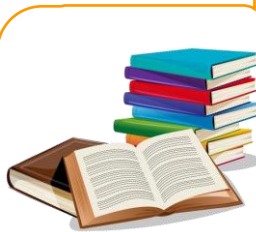
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Operation Kalanemi' to act against fake saints
- **Location:** Uttarakhand, India
- **Date:** July 10, 2025



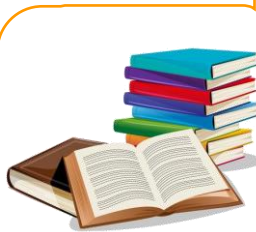
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched Operation Kalanemi to take strict action against individuals impersonating saints and cheating the public in the name of Sanatan Dharma.
- **Objectives:**
 - To safeguard religious sentiments, uphold Sanatan cultural values, and protect people—especially women—from fraud by impostors misusing religious identity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Kalanemi:** A state-level initiative in Uttarakhand aimed at identifying and punishing impostors posing as saints to exploit the public in the name of faith.
- **Sanatan Dharma:** A term for the eternal and ancient spiritual tradition rooted in Hinduism, representing truth, duty, and moral order.
- **Grounding Ceremony:** A foundational milestone where Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed during investment summits translate into physical project implementation on-site.

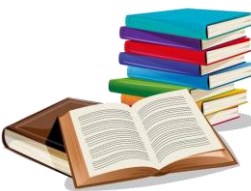


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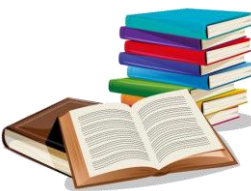
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of 'Operation Kalanemi'
Announcement date	July 10, 2025
Location	Uttarakhand
Issuing authority	Government of Uttarakhand
Policy/series name	Operation Kalanemi
Key figures	CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, Amit Shah
Purpose/reason	To prevent religious fraud and uphold Sanatan values
Feature details	Targeting impersonators posing as saints; strict legal action promised
Validity or status	Operational across the state
Strategic/significant value	Preserves social harmony and protects citizens from exploitation in Devbhoomi



➤ What is the maximum incentive amount per vehicle under India's first-ever e-truck incentive scheme launched in July 2025?

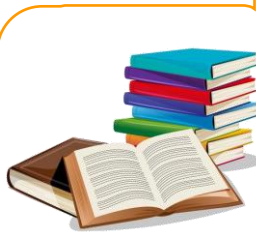
- A) ₹5 lakh
- B) ₹6.2 lakh
- C) ₹8 lakh
- D) ₹9.6 lakh
- E) ₹10 lakh

Answer
D) ₹9.6 lakh



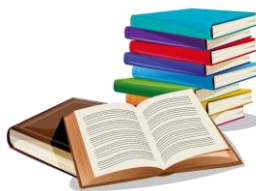
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's first e-truck incentive scheme under PM E-DRIVE
- **Location:** Pan-India; with special provision for Delhi
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



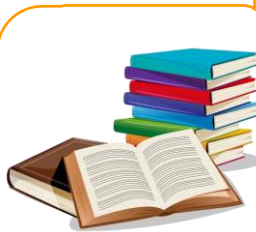
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) launched a national incentive scheme for electric trucks (e-trucks) under the PM E-DRIVE initiative, offering a maximum incentive of ₹9.6 lakh per vehicle.
 - The scheme applies to N2 and N3 category trucks and requires mandatory scrapping of old polluting trucks.



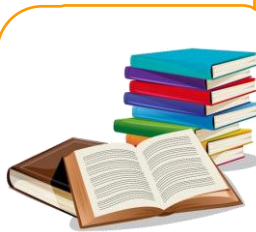
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To reduce freight sector emissions, support Make in India goals, cut logistics costs, and enable India's transition to a net-zero carbon economy by 2070 through clean and efficient green mobility infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM E-DRIVE:** India's flagship green freight initiative supporting e-truck adoption through demand incentives and infrastructure support.
- **N2 and N3 Categories (CMVR):**
 - **N2:** Trucks with gross vehicle weight (GVW) >3.5 tonnes and ≤ 12 tonnes
 - **N3:** Trucks with GVW >12 tonnes and ≤ 55 tonnes, includes articulated tractors (only puller unit eligible)
- **Scrappage Policy:** A regulation requiring old, polluting vehicles to be scrapped in exchange for availing new vehicle incentives, reducing vehicular pollution and improving fleet efficiency.

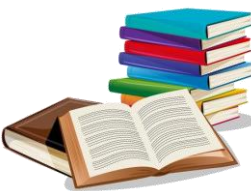


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of PM E-DRIVE e-truck incentive scheme
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	India-wide; special provision for Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), Government of India
Policy/series name	PM E-DRIVE (Green Mobility for Freight Transition)
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy
Purpose/reason	Promote electric freight mobility, reduce emissions, cut diesel reliance
Feature details	₹9.6 lakh max incentive, 5,600 trucks, warranty-linked eligibility
Validity or status	Active; first-come-first-serve via PM E-DRIVE portal
Strategic/significant value	Supports Make in India, Net-Zero by 2070, cleaner cities, green logistics

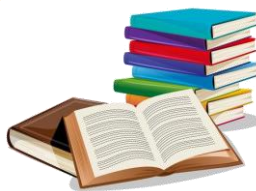


➤ What is the name of the scheme launched by DoT to engage student volunteers as digital ambassadors?

- A) Digital Mitra Yojana
- B) Bharat Sanchar Abhiyan
- C) Yuva Connect Scheme
- D) Sanchar Mitra Scheme
- E) Cyber Sena Initiative

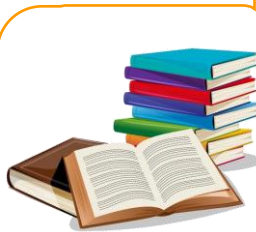
Answer

D) Sanchar Mitra Scheme



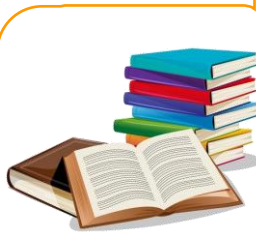
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nationwide rollout of the Sanchar Mitra Scheme
- **Location:** Guwahati (Assam LSA outreach); Pan-India implementation
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



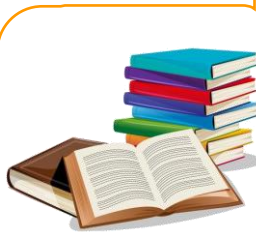
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) launched the Sanchar Mitra Scheme nationwide to appoint student volunteers (Sanchar Mitras) as digital ambassadors to promote telecom literacy, cybersecurity awareness, and safe digital practices.



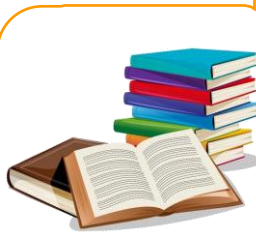
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To create a grassroots-level movement of informed youth promoting digital safety, telecom awareness, and India's leadership in emerging technologies like 5G, 6G, and AI, while encouraging public protection against cyber fraud and misinformation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sanchar Mitra Scheme:** A youth-driven national telecom awareness initiative under which student volunteers educate the public on telecom safety, digital literacy, EMF concerns, and fraud prevention.
- **LSA (Licensed Service Area):** A field division of DoT responsible for regional telecom regulation, operations, and outreach across different states.
- **National Communications Academy – Technology (NCA-T):** Training arm of the DoT providing structured knowledge sessions to Sanchar Mitras on advanced telecom technologies and security practices.

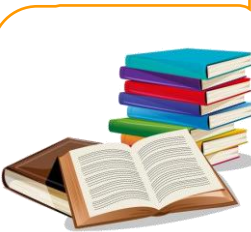


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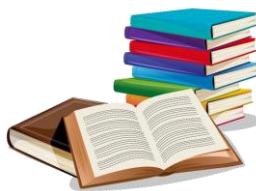
Parameter	Details
Event name	Nationwide rollout of Sanchar Mitra Scheme
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	Guwahati (Assam launch); India (national scope)
Issuing authority	Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Govt. of India
Policy/series name	Sanchar Mitra Scheme
Key figures	Jyotiraditya Scindia, Sunita Chandra, Suresh Puri, Hemendra K. Sharma
Purpose/reason	Youth-led digital and telecom literacy, cybersecurity, and awareness building
Feature details	Student ambassadors, structured training, incentives, tech exposure (5G, AI)
Validity or status	Nationwide implementation from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens digital literacy, grassroots awareness, and India's 4D telecom vision



➤ How many appointment letters will be distributed under the 16th Rozgar Mela by PM Modi on 12th July 2025?

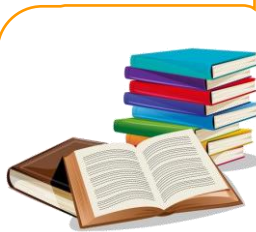
- A) 21,000
- B) 36,000
- C) 42,000
- D) 51,000
- E) 61,000

Answer
D) 51,000



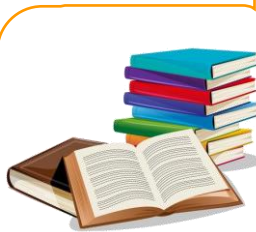
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Distribution of over 51,000 appointment letters under the Rozgar Mela
- **Location:** 47 locations across India (via video conferencing by PM)
- **Date:** July 12, 2025



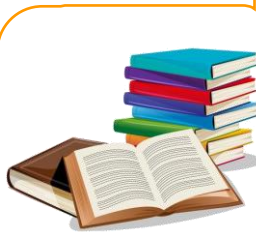
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly recruited youth in various Central Government departments and ministries as part of the 16th Rozgar Mela.
- **Objectives:**
 - To generate employment opportunities, promote youth empowerment, and facilitate active participation of young Indians in nation-building through government service.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rozgar Mela:** A nationwide government initiative launched to provide large-scale recruitment opportunities to Indian youth across central government departments.
- **Appointment Letters:** Official job offer documents issued to candidates selected for government service after completion of the recruitment process.
- **Recruiting Ministries:** Includes Railways, Home Affairs, Health & Family Welfare, Labour & Employment, Posts, and Financial Services, among others.

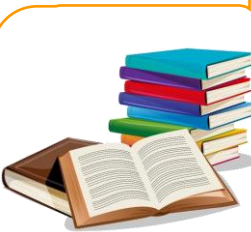


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	16th Rozgar Mela – Distribution of appointment letters
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	47 locations across India
Issuing authority	Government of India; led by PM Narendra Modi
Policy/series name	Rozgar Mela
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	Empower youth through large-scale government job appointments
Feature details	Over 51,000 new appointment letters, various ministries involved
Validity or status	Ongoing initiative; 16th phase
Strategic/significant value	Supports employment, economic activity, and capacity-building in public sector



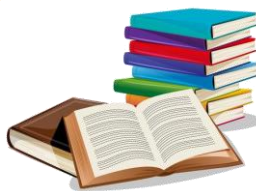
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➤ Which financial institution has signed an MoU with APCRDA to provide transaction advisory services for Amaravati infrastructure projects?

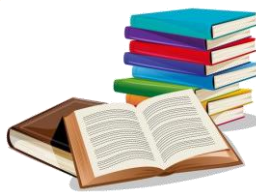
- A) NABARD
- B) SIDBI
- C) NaBFID
- D) EXIM Bank
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer
C) NaBFID



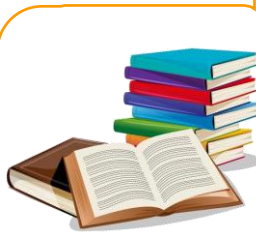
Event and Location:

- **Event:** MoU signed for transaction advisory services
- **Location:** Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



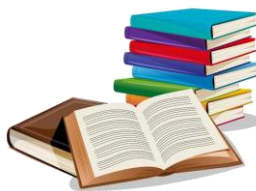
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - APCRDA signed an MoU with NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) to act as a strategic advisor in planning financial strategies for Amaravati's infrastructure development.



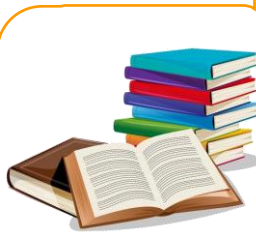
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To support infrastructure development in Amaravati through:
 - Strategic financial blueprints
 - Evaluation of implementation models including PPP (Public-Private Partnership)
 - Monetisation of land assets
 - Identification of revenue sources for long-term sustainability



Important Terms Explained:

- **Transaction Advisory Services (TAS):**
 - Expert consulting services provided for financial, legal, and implementation structuring of infrastructure projects.
- **NaBFID:**
 - A development financial institution set up by the Government of India to catalyze investment in infrastructure by providing long-term finance and advisory services.
- **PPP (Public-Private Partnership):**
 - A collaborative model where the public and private sectors share investments, risks, and returns to execute public infrastructure projects.

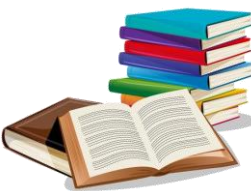


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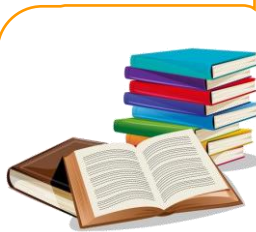
Parameter	Details
MoU Between	APCRDA and NaBFID
Date	July 11, 2025
Purpose	Transaction advisory for Amaravati infra projects
Focus Areas	Financial blueprint, PPP models, land monetization
Benefit	Optimize capital deployment for greenfield development
APCRDA Role	Capital city infrastructure planning and execution authority
NaBFID Role	Strategic & financial advisor with infrastructure expertise



➤ Which Indian state recently approved the 'Gajah Mitra' scheme to address human-elephant conflict?

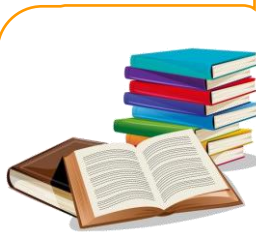
- A) Kerala
- B) Assam
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal
- E) Jharkhand

Answer
B) Assam



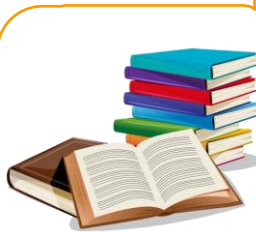
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Gajah Mitra' Scheme to reduce human-elephant conflict
- **Location:** Assam, India
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



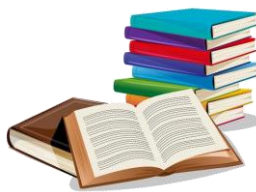
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Habitat restoration in 80 conflict-prone areas through the planting of bamboo and Napier grass, part of elephants' natural diet
 - Deployment of rapid response teams to use non-violent methods for herd redirection
 - Reducing human-elephant conflict incidents by addressing the root causes like habitat loss and food scarcity



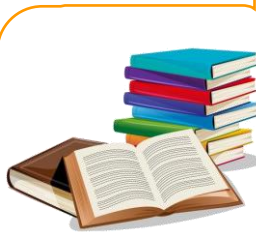
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure coexistence and safety for both humans and elephants
 - Prevent elephant deaths caused by electrocution and habitat encroachment
 - Reduce destruction of crops and loss of lives in rural areas
 - Promote ethical and sustainable wildlife conservation



Important Terms Explained:

- **Human-Elephant Conflict:**
 - A recurring conflict where wild elephants enter human settlements or farmlands, often due to habitat loss, leading to injuries, deaths, and crop destruction.
- **Anthropogenic Causes:**
 - Human-induced causes like electrocution, fencing, rail accidents, or habitat encroachment that harm wildlife.
- **Rapid Response Teams:**
 - Specially trained teams deployed quickly to mitigate wildlife-human conflict through non-lethal techniques.

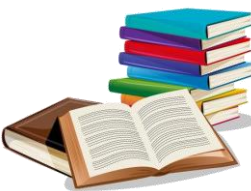


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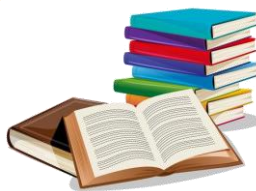
Aspect	Details
Scheme	Gajah Mitra Scheme
Approved By	Assam Cabinet
Purpose	Reduce human-elephant conflict
Total Human Deaths	1,400+ (2000–2023)
Total Elephant Deaths	1,209 (626 due to anthropogenic causes)
Top Districts (Fatalities)	Goalpara (80), Sonitpur West (53), Sonitpur East (51), Udalguri (39)
Measures Taken	Food habitat creation, rapid response teams, awareness
Food Plants	Bamboo, Napier Grass
Target Villages	527 affected villages
Report Source	Wildlife Institute of India (WII)



➤ **Under which central scheme will the new Akashvani Kendra be established in Ujjain?**

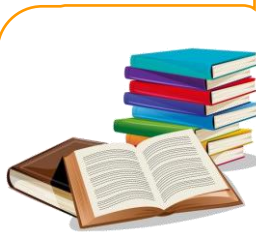
- A) Digital India
- B) SMART Cities Mission
- C) BIND Scheme
- D) PM Gati Shakti
- E) BharatNet

Answer
C) BIND Scheme



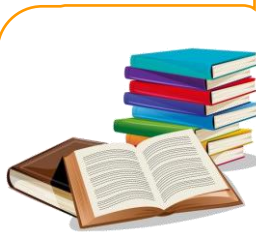
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval for a new Akashvani Kendra in Ujjain
- **Location:** Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India
- **Date:** July 8 2025



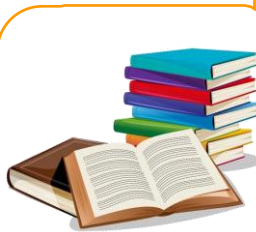
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Establish a regional Akashvani broadcasting centre in Ujjain with financial support from the Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) scheme.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen public broadcasting in Madhya Pradesh, preserve cultural heritage, and ensure last-mile delivery of government information to underserved districts through Prasar Bharati platforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BIND Scheme:** Central government programme that funds expansion, modernisation, and content development for Prasar Bharati's Akashvani and Doordarshan networks.
- **Akashvani:** India's national public radio broadcaster (also called All India Radio), providing news, culture, and emergency information in multiple languages.
- **Prasar Bharati:** India's autonomous public service broadcaster, overseeing Akashvani and Doordarshan operations nationwide.

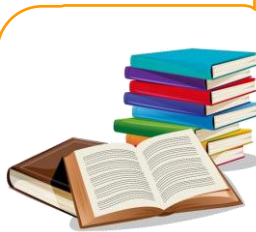


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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Scheme Name	Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND)
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Information & Broadcasting + Prasar Bharati
Location of New Kendra	Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
Broadcasting Platforms Covered	Akashvani (All India Radio), Doordarshan
Key Personalities Involved	Dr. L. Murugan (MoS I&B), Dr. Mohan Yadav (MP CM)
Objective	Regional media development, cultural preservation
Support for	Underserved and aspirational districts

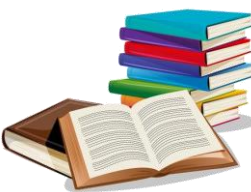


➤ **What is the new name of the reconstructed Carnac Bridge in Mumbai?**

- A) Sardar Bridge
- B) Sindoor Bridge
- C) Pahalgam Bridge
- D) Freedom Bridge
- E) Shivaji Bridge

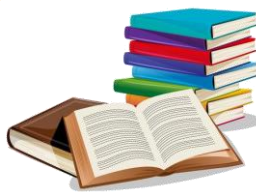
Answer

B) Sindoor Bridge



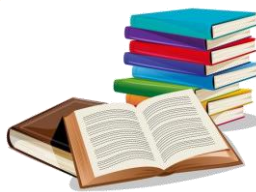
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Reopening and renaming of Carnac Bridge after Operation Sindoor
- **Location:** South Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



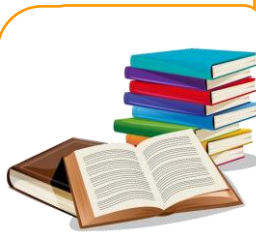
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Reconstruction and renaming of the 154-year-old Carnac Bridge as Sindoor Bridge, inaugurated by the Chief Minister and other state leaders.
- **Objectives:** Honor Operation Sindoor and improve east-west vehicular connectivity in South Mumbai with upgraded infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Sindoor:** A military operation carried out by India between May 6–7, 2025, targeting terrorist sites in Pakistan in response to the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22.
- **Carnac Bridge:** A historic British-era bridge built in 1868 in South Mumbai, named after Sir James Rivett-Carnac, which was demolished in 2022 due to structural concerns.
- **BMC (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation):** The civic body of Mumbai responsible for infrastructure development and public services, including bridge construction and urban planning.

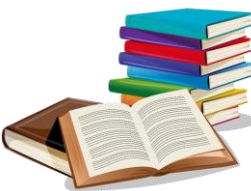


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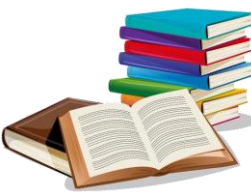
Parameter	Details
Event name	Reopening and Renaming of Carnac Bridge
Announcement date	July 9, 2025
Location	South Mumbai, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)
Policy/series name	Bridge Redevelopment Initiative
Key figures	Devendra Fadnavis, Eknath Shinde, Ajit Pawar, Rahul Narvekar
Purpose/reason	To enhance traffic flow and honor Operation Sindoor
Feature details	328m long bridge, 4 lanes, 3-year construction, ₹60+ crore cost
Validity or status	To be inaugurated and opened on July 11, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens civic infrastructure and national sentiment



- **What is the main aim of the newly launched TALASH initiative by NESTS and UNICEF India?**
- A) To provide hostel facilities to tribal students
 - B) To offer scholarships for higher education
 - C) To support holistic development and career clarity for EMRS students
 - D) To conduct tribal census and aptitude tracking
 - E) To develop school infrastructure in tribal areas

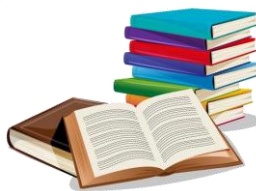
Answer

C) To support holistic development and career clarity for EMRS students



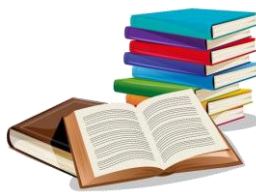
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of TALASH Initiative for tribal students' holistic development
- **Location:** National rollout across India
- **Date:** July 10, 2025



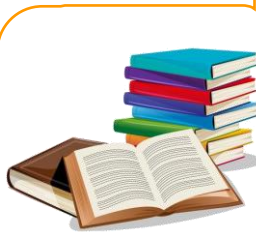
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, through NESTS in collaboration with UNICEF India, launched TALASH to equip tribal students with life skills, career guidance, and self-awareness tools.
- **Objectives:** To promote all-round development of students in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) by focusing on self-discovery, career clarity, life skills, and confidence-building.



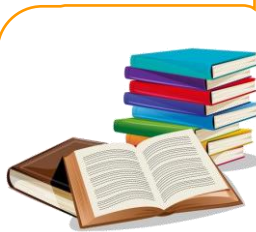
Important Terms Explained:

- **TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub):** A digital platform for EMRS students to discover their strengths, build life skills, and make informed career choices.
- **EMRS (Eklavya Model Residential Schools):** Government-run residential schools aimed at providing quality education to tribal students in remote areas.
- **Psychometric Assessments:** Tools used to evaluate students' interests and aptitudes, inspired by NCERT's 'Tamanna' initiative, leading to personalized Career Cards.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NESTS (National Education Society for Tribal Students):** An autonomous body under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs focused on education for tribal children.
- **UNICEF:** United Nations agency working globally to support children's rights and education, partnering with Indian ministries on several initiatives.

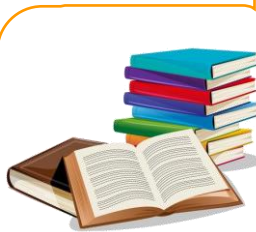


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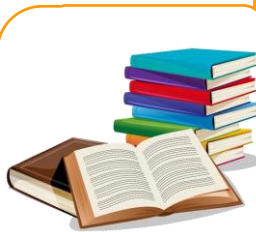
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of TALASH initiative
Announcement date	July 10, 2025
Location	India-wide rollout for EMRSs
Issuing authority	Ministry of Tribal Affairs, NESTS in collaboration with UNICEF
Policy/series name	TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub)
Key figures	Ajeet Kumar Srivastava, Commissioner, NESTS
Purpose/reason	To enhance tribal students' personal growth, career clarity, and life skills
Feature details	Psychometric tests, career cards, life skill modules, e-learning for teachers
Validity or status	Phased rollout underway; full implementation by end of 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes NEP 2020 goals of holistic, inclusive education for tribal youth



- **What is the primary objective of the MoUs signed by NESTS with UNICEF, Tata Motors, and Ex-Navodayan Foundation in July 2025?**
- A) To offer free school uniforms to tribal students
 - B) To increase tribal representation in politics
 - C) To enhance education, life skills, and employment for EMRS students
 - D) To replace EMRSs with private schools
 - E) To reduce dropout rates only through online classes

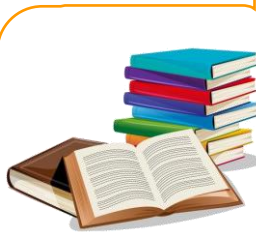
Answer

C) To enhance education, life skills, and employment for EMRS students



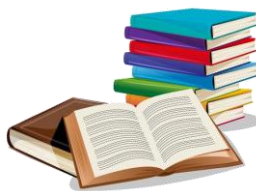
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of multi-pronged educational and employability initiatives by NESTS
- **Location:** National implementation across EMRSs in India
- **Date:** July 9, 2025



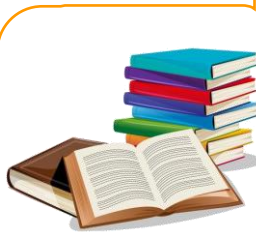
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** NESTS signed MoUs with UNICEF India, Tata Motors, and the Ex-Navodayan Foundation to implement TALASH, skill training, and competitive exam coaching for tribal students.
- **Objectives:** To provide academic support, career counselling, life skills, industry-linked diplomas, and coaching for top-level competitive exams to tribal youth in EMRSs, thereby improving education outcomes and employability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub):** A digital platform to help tribal students assess their strengths, gain life skills, and explore career options through psychometric tests and counselling.
- **Kaushalya Program:** A Tata Motors 'Earn & Learn' initiative offering on-the-job training combined with a Diploma in Engineering for EMRS students, along with stipend and placement support.
- **Ex-Navodayan Foundation:** A collaborative partner with Tata Motors and NESTS to deliver in-depth IIT-JEE and NEET coaching via residential Centres of Excellence and online platforms.

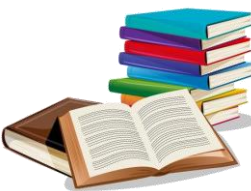


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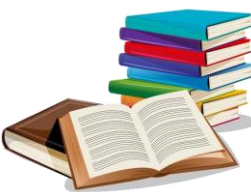
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of NESTS collaboration with UNICEF, Tata Motors, and Ex-Navodayan
Announcement date	July 9, 2025
Location	Nationwide rollout across EMRSs in 28 States and 8 UTs
Issuing authority	National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS)
Policy/series name	TALASH, Kaushalya Program, Centres of Excellence Coaching
Key figures	Ajeet Kumar Srivastava (Commissioner, NESTS), Tata Motors, UNICEF
Purpose/reason	To enhance education, life skills, and employability for tribal students
Feature details	Career cards, psychometric tests, Diploma+training, IIT/NEET coaching
Validity or status	MoUs signed; national rollout in progress; full activation by end of 2025
Strategic value	Builds leadership pipeline and bridges the education-employment gap



➤ According to Piyush Goyal, how much has India's solar capacity grown over the last 10 years?

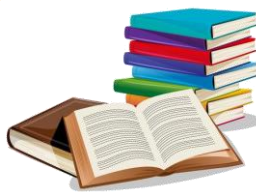
- A) 400%
- B) 1,000%
- C) 2,500%
- D) 4,000%
- E) 5,000%

Answer
D) 4,000%



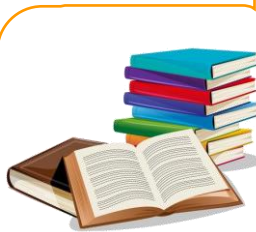
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India records 4,000% growth in solar power capacity
- **Location:** India (update shared during IESW 2025, New Delhi)
- **Date:** July 11, 2025



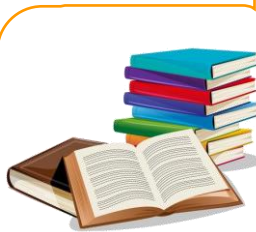
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Government promotes massive growth in renewable energy, battery R&D, and energy storage technologies; approves ₹1 lakh crore innovation fund.
- **Objectives:** To achieve 500 GW renewable capacity by 2030, strengthen domestic manufacturing, reduce import dependency, and build supply chain resilience.



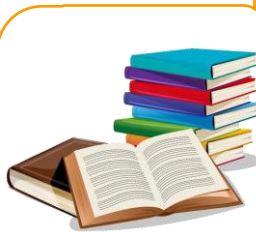
Important Terms Explained:

- **PM Surya Ghar Yojana:** A government scheme aimed at promoting rooftop solar panel installations for residential homes.
- **PM Kusum Yojana:** A scheme to support farmers with solar-powered pumps and promote renewable energy in agriculture.
- **IESW (India Energy Storage Week):** An annual event focused on innovations and policy discussions in the energy storage sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Solar PV Module:** A component of solar power systems that converts sunlight into electricity using photovoltaic cells.
- **Carbon-Neutral Panchayat:** A village or local body that achieves net-zero carbon emissions through sustainable practices.

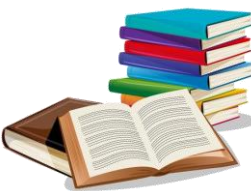


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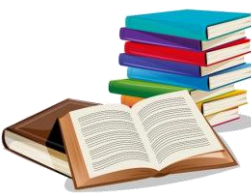
Parameter	Details
Event name	4,000% Growth in Solar Power Capacity
Announcement date	July 11, 2025
Location	IESW 2025, New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Policy/series name	PM Surya Ghar Yojana, PM Kusum Yojana, Innovation Fund
Key figures	Shri Piyush Goyal (Union Minister)
Purpose/reason	Scale renewable energy, promote energy storage, reduce imports
Feature details	227 GW installed renewables, ₹1 lakh crore storage R&D fund, 500 GW target
Validity or status	Active initiatives with goals till 2030
Strategic value	Enhancing energy security, sustainability, and self-reliance



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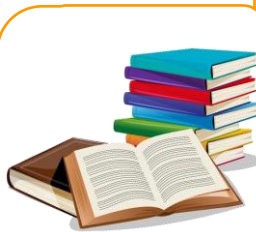
- India will host the ISSF World Cup 2027 and ISSF Junior World Championships 2028 in New Delhi across rifle, pistol, and shotgun categories.
- A portrait of Sachin Tendulkar was unveiled on July 10, 2025, in the MCC Museum at Lord's Cricket Ground.
- India has dropped to 133rd in the latest FIFA World Rankings, its lowest position since December 2016.
- The DGGI Bengaluru Zonal Unit uncovered a ₹266 crore fake invoice scam involving six shell companies and ₹48 crore of fraudulent ITC.
- BSE and NSE jointly urged investors to verify SEBI registration before using any online bond platform.
- Tata Steel invested ₹1,073.63 crore on July 10, 2025, in its Singapore-based subsidiary T Steel Holdings Pte. Ltd.
- Priya Nair has been appointed as the CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), effective August 1, 2025.
- TIME unveiled its first-ever TIME100 Creators list, honouring 100 influential digital creators globally.
- Telangana received the IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025 for its leadership in battery manufacturing and clean energy.
- MeitY, CERT-In, and SISA launched a whitepaper titled "Transitioning to Quantum Cyber Readiness" on July 11, 2025, in New Delhi.
- Kakinada SEZ will invest ₹1,310 crore to set up a 3x50 MLD desalination plant in Andhra Pradesh.



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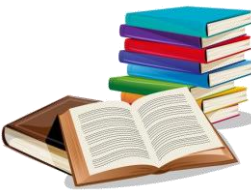
- Indian mangoes were showcased in Seattle at a promotional event organized by the Indian Consulate and APEDA on July 10, 2025.
- The United States has imposed sanctions on UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese for her criticism of Israeli military actions in Gaza.
- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched 'Operation Kalanemi' on July 10, 2025, to crack down on fake saints deceiving the public.
- India launched its first-ever e-truck incentive scheme under PM E-DRIVE with up to ₹9.6 lakh per vehicle in financial support.
- The DoT launched the Sanchar Mitra Scheme nationally on July 11, 2025, appointing student volunteers to lead digital and telecom literacy efforts.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute over 51,000 appointment letters on July 12, 2025, during the 16th edition of Rozgar Mela.
- NaBFID will provide transaction advisory services to APCRDA for Amaravati's infrastructure development.
- Assam Cabinet approved the 'Gajah Mitra' Scheme to reduce rising human-elephant conflicts.



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- A new Akashvani Kendra will be set up in Ujjain under the BIND scheme to boost media outreach in Madhya Pradesh.
- The 154-year-old Carnac Bridge in Mumbai has been renamed as Sindoor Bridge in honor of Operation Sindoor.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and UNICEF India jointly launched the TALASH initiative to support holistic development among EMRS students.
- On July 9, 2025, NESTS signed key MoUs with UNICEF India, Tata Motors, and the Ex-Navodayan Foundation to empower over 1.3 lakh tribal students.
- India's solar capacity has increased by 4,000% over the last 10 years, reaching 227 GW in total renewable energy.



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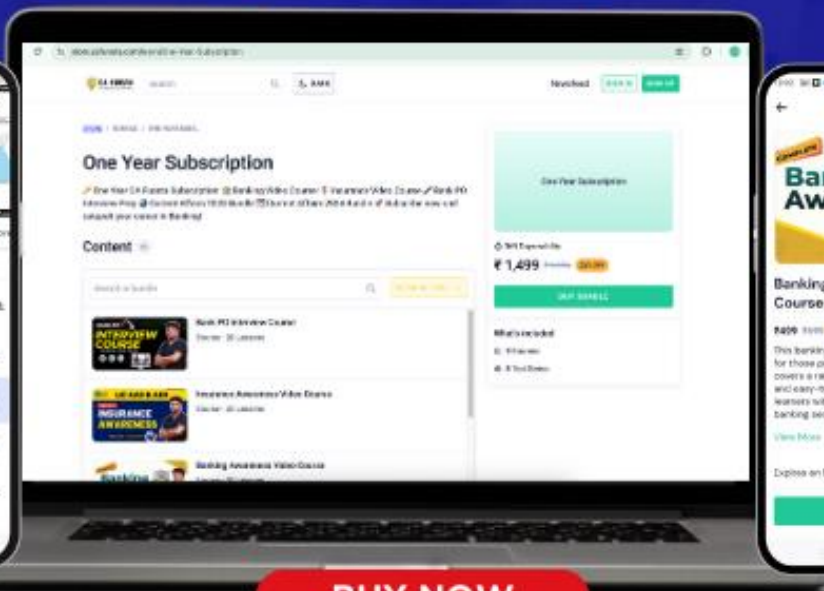
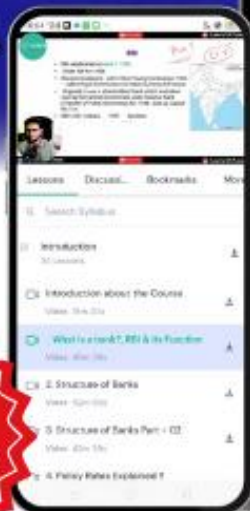


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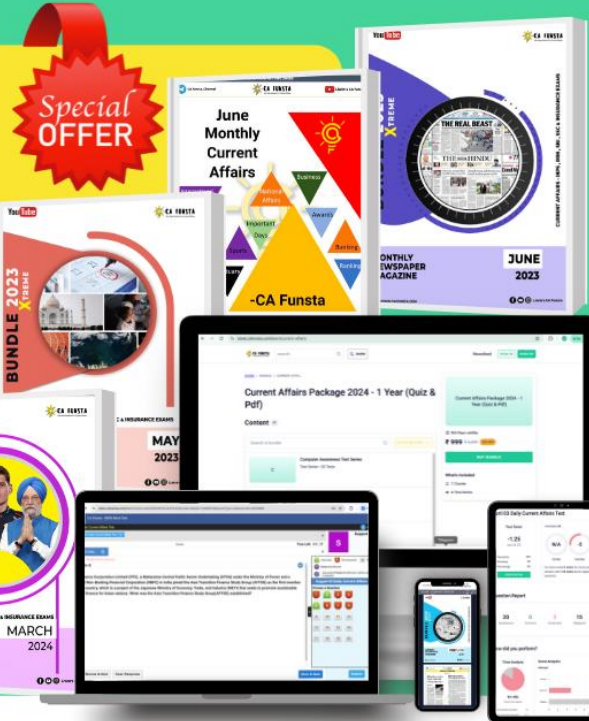


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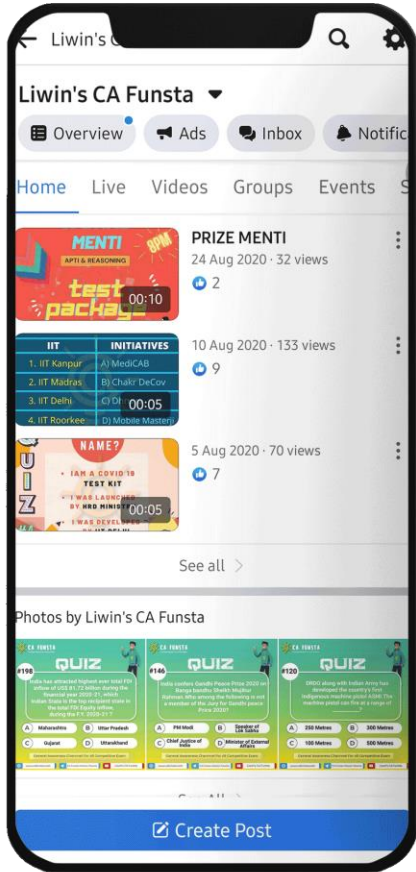
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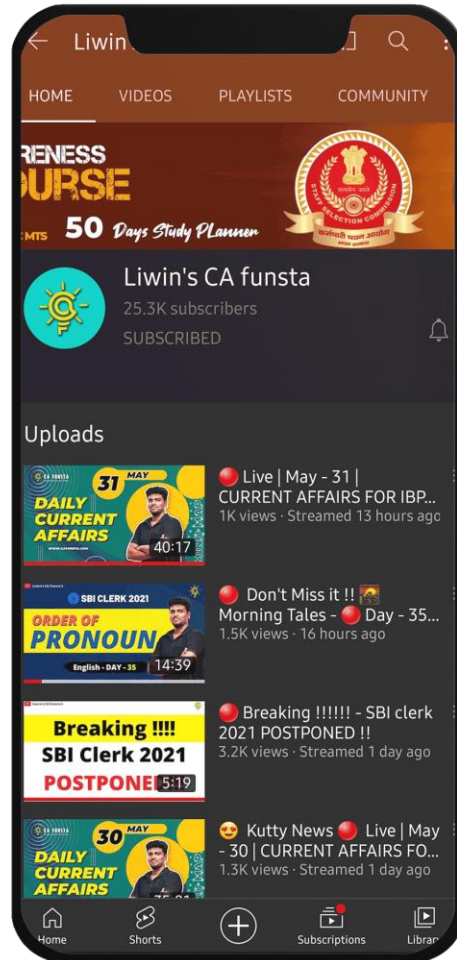


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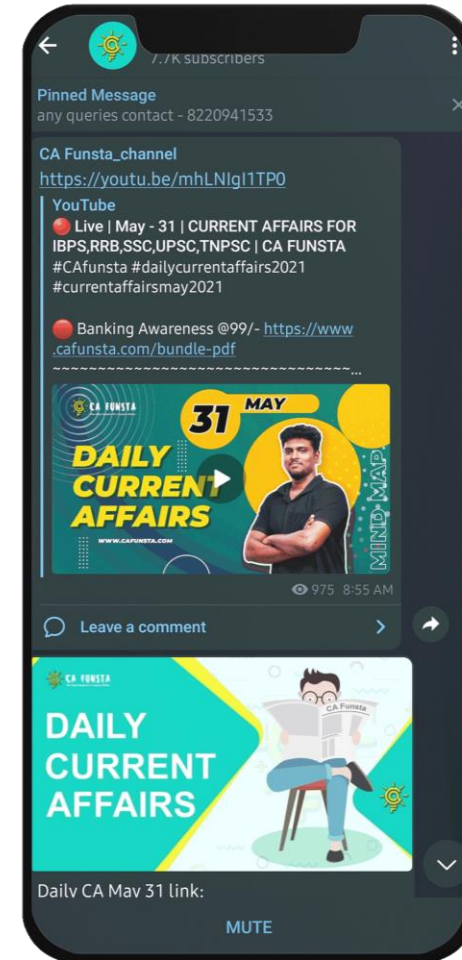
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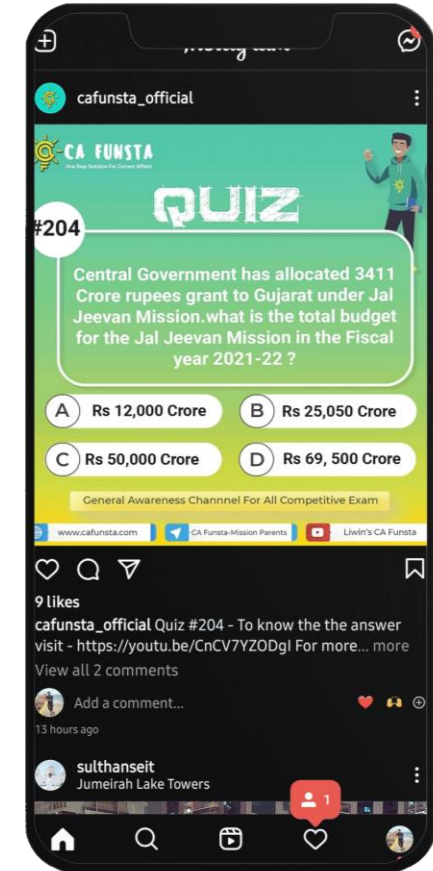
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