



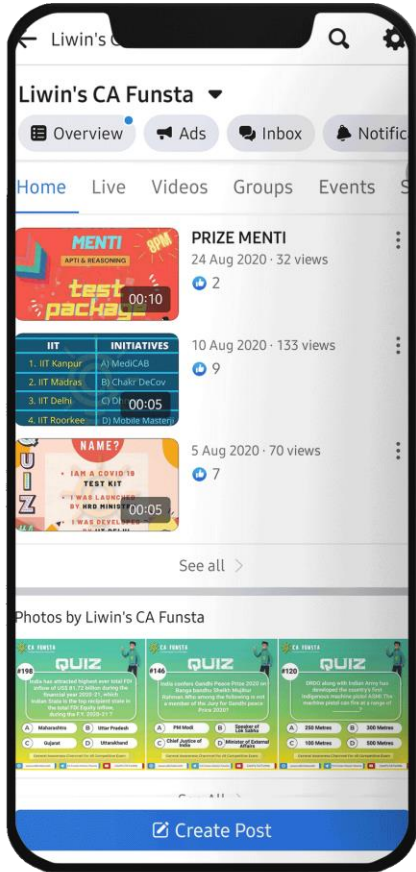
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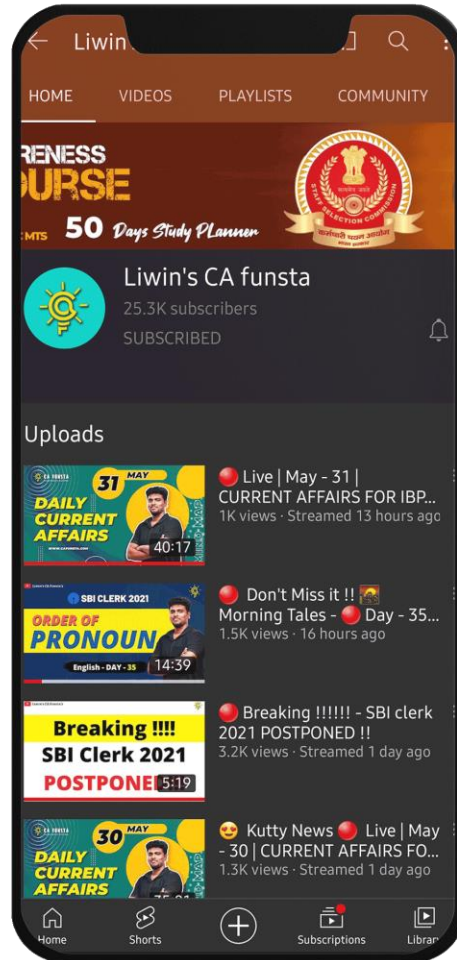
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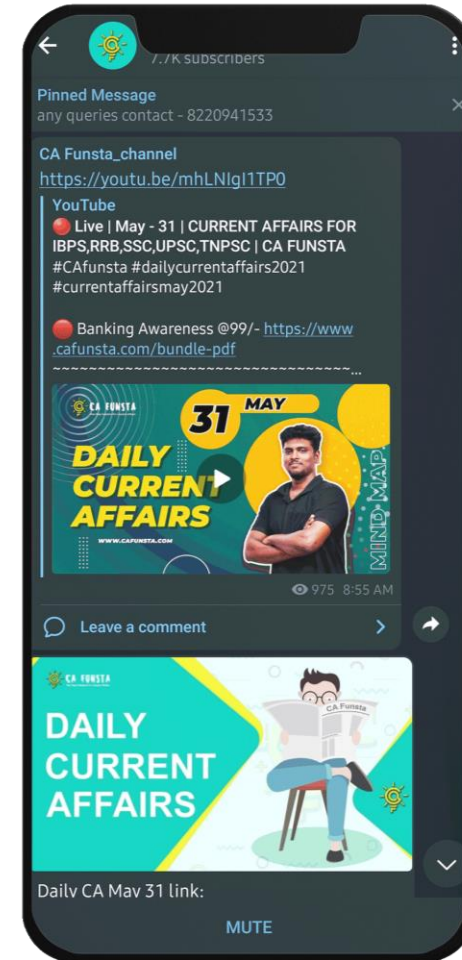
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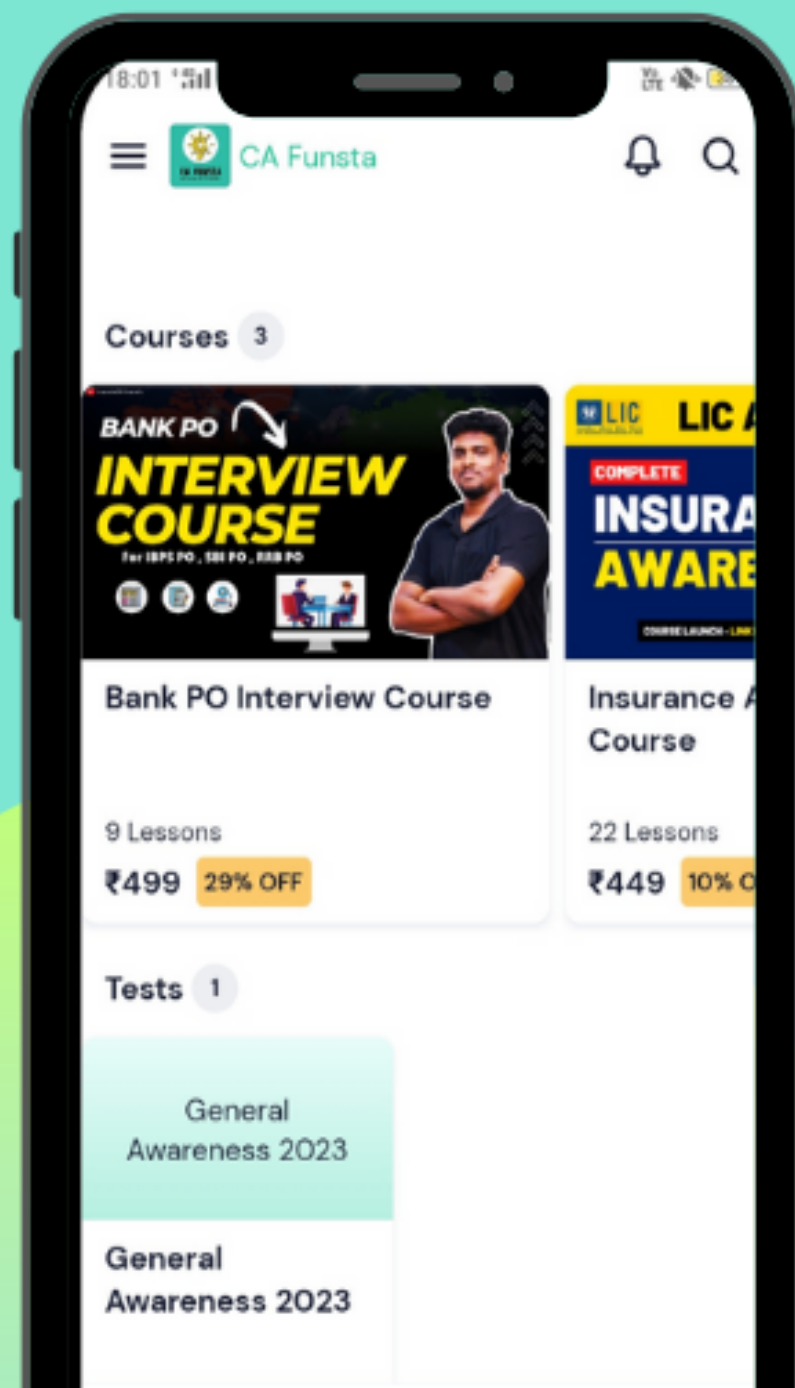
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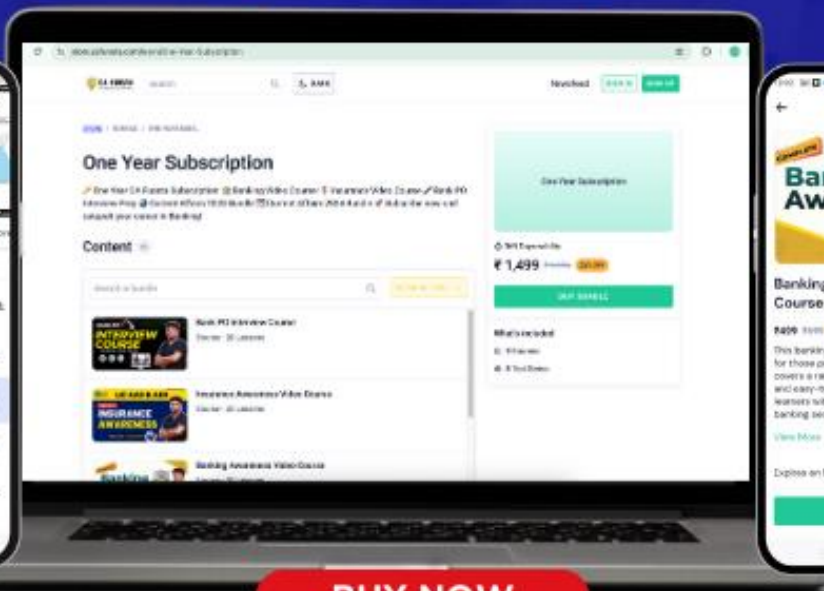


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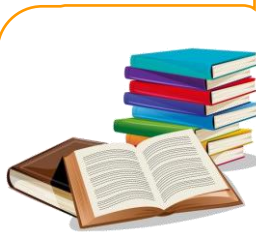
➤ **What is the theme of World Youth Skills Day 2025?**

- A) Skilling Youth for a Sustainable Future
- B) AI Skills for Innovation
- C) Youth Empowerment through AI and Digital Skills
- D) Education and Employment for Youth
- E) Building Futures through Technology



**Answer**

**C) Youth Empowerment through AI and Digital Skills**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Youth Skills Day 2025 celebrated globally
- **Location:** United Nations Member States (Global)
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Annual observance of World Youth Skills Day as declared by the United Nations General Assembly since 2014.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the importance of empowering youth with future-ready skills, particularly in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies, to improve employability and entrepreneurship opportunities.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **World Youth Skills Day (WYSD):**
  - An international day observed annually on July 15 to promote awareness on the significance of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and skills development for youth employment and entrepreneurship.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):**
  - The simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems, used across industries for automation, data analysis, and smart technologies.

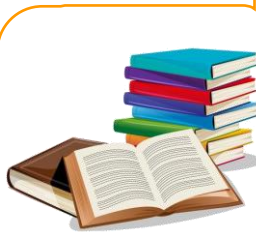


# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET):**
  - Educational and training programs that provide practical skills and knowledge related to specific trades, technologies, or vocations to enhance employment opportunities.

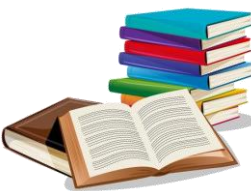


# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | World Youth Skills Day 2025                                                                                |
| Announcement date           | 15 July 2025                                                                                               |
| Location                    | Global                                                                                                     |
| Issuing authority           | United Nations General Assembly                                                                            |
| Policy/series name          | World Youth Skills Day (WYSD)                                                                              |
| Key figures                 | UNESCO, UN Member States, Youth Organizations                                                              |
| Purpose/reason              | To promote youth empowerment through AI and digital skills                                                 |
| Feature details             | Focus on AI's role in transforming education, employment, and vocational training                          |
| Validity or status          | 10th Anniversary, celebrated in 2025                                                                       |
| Strategic/significant value | Equipping youth with AI and digital skills to reduce the digital divide and prepare for the future of work |



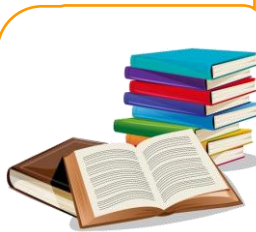
➤ **Who were named ICC Players of the Month for June 2025 in the Men's and Women's categories?**



- A) Aiden Markram and Ashleigh Gardner
- B) Aiden Markram and Hayley Matthews
- C) Kagiso Rabada and Tazmin Brits
- D) Pathum Nissanka and Afy Fletcher
- E) Temba Bavuma and Hayley Matthews

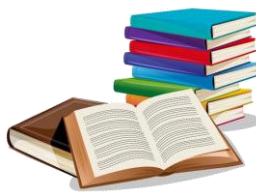
**Answer**

**B) Aiden Markram and Hayley Matthews**



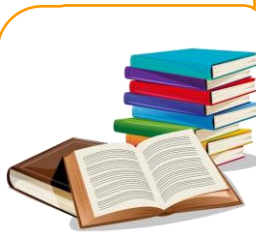
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICC Players of the Month Awards for June 2025 announced
- **Location:** International Cricket Council (ICC), Global
- **Date:** July 2025



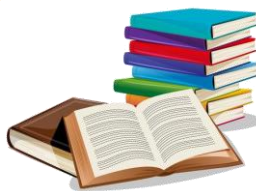
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Recognition of outstanding performances by international cricketers through the ICC Player of the Month awards.
- **Objectives:** To honour players for exceptional contributions in international cricket during the month of June 2025 across all formats.



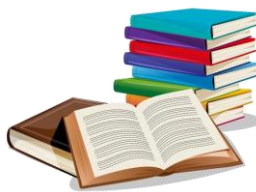
## Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC (International Cricket Council):**
  - The global governing body for cricket responsible for organizing international competitions and maintaining the game's rules and regulations.
- **ICC Player of the Month Awards:**
  - Monthly awards recognizing top-performing male and female cricketers globally, determined through fan voting and a specialist panel.



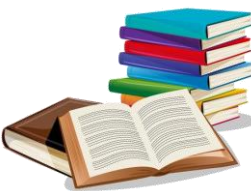
## Important Terms Explained:

- **World Test Championship (WTC) Final:**
  - The culminating match of the ICC World Test Championship cycle, contested between the top two ranked Test nations to crown the world champions in Test cricket.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                       |
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| Event name                  | ICC Player of the Month Awards for June 2025                                  |
| Announcement date           | July 2025                                                                     |
| Location                    | Global (ICC)                                                                  |
| Issuing authority           | International Cricket Council (ICC)                                           |
| Policy/series name          | ICC Player of the Month Awards                                                |
| Key figures                 | Aiden Markram (South Africa), Hayley Matthews (West Indies)                   |
| Purpose/reason              | To recognize outstanding performances in international cricket                |
| Feature details             | Markram: Century in WTC Final; Matthews: Player of the Series vs South Africa |
| Validity or status          | Winners for June 2025 announced                                               |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances player recognition and fan engagement in international cricket       |



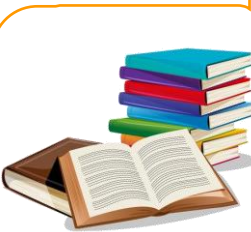
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➤ Which state is the largest producer of processed potatoes in India used for French fries and wafers?

- A) Punjab
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Haryana
- D) Gujarat
- E) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer**  
**D) Gujarat**

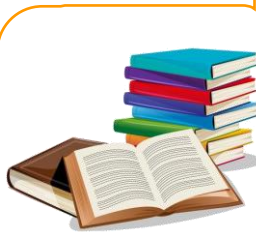


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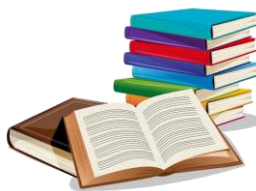
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat becomes India's largest producer of processed potatoes for French fries and wafers
- **Location:** Gujarat, India
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Promotion and expansion of processing-grade potato farming in Gujarat with a focus on French fries and wafer industries.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen Gujarat's position as India's leader in processed potato production for both domestic consumption and exports, enhancing value-added agriculture and boosting farmer incomes.

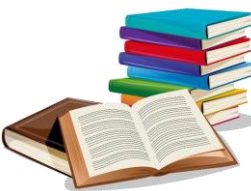


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Processed Potatoes:**
  - Potatoes cultivated specifically for use in manufacturing products like French fries, wafers, chips, and frozen foods, requiring specific varieties with high dry matter and low sugar.
- **Value-Added Agriculture:**
  - The process of increasing the economic value of agricultural products through processing or packaging, which enhances their marketability and profitability.

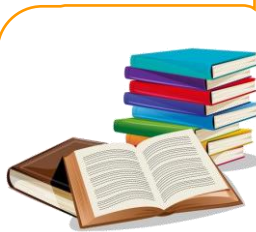


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Cold Storage Facilities:**
  - Specialized storage units that preserve agricultural produce at controlled temperatures to maintain quality, reduce spoilage, and ensure year-round supply.

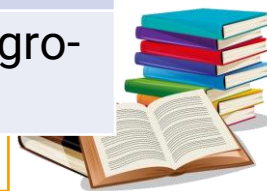


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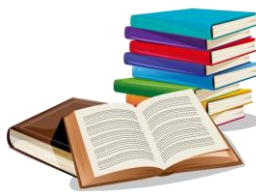
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                                 |
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| Event name                  | Gujarat Becomes India's Largest Processed Potato Producer                                                               |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                                            |
| Location                    | Gujarat, India                                                                                                          |
| Issuing authority           | Gujarat Chief Minister's Office (CMO)                                                                                   |
| Policy/series name          | Value-Added Agriculture and Processed Potato Production                                                                 |
| Key figures                 | Bhupendra Patel (CM), District Administrations of Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Aravalli                                    |
| Purpose/reason              | Promote high-quality potato farming for processed food industries and exports                                           |
| Feature details             | 48.59 lakh tonnes produced in 2024-25, 25% processed potatoes, focus on Lady Rosetta, Kufri Chipsona, Santana varieties |
| Validity or status          | Current as of 2024-25 agricultural year                                                                                 |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports rural income, employment, exports, and strengthens India's agro-industry in processed foods                    |



➤ **Which Taiwanese bank has recently applied to set up an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City?**

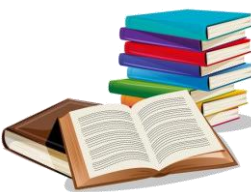
- A) Taipei Fubon Bank
- B) CTBC Bank
- C) First Abu Dhabi Bank
- D) Mashreq Bank
- E) Credit Agricole

**Answer**  
**B) CTBC Bank**



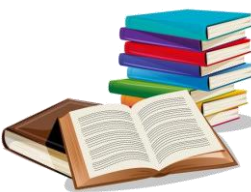
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** CTBC Bank applies to set up an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City
- **Location:** GIFT City, Gujarat, India
- **Date:** 12 July 2025



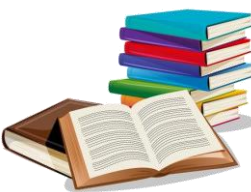
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Application by CTBC Bank to the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) for establishing an IBU in GIFT City SEZ.
- **Objectives:** To expand CTBC Bank's international presence in India, serve Taiwanese and local enterprises, and leverage opportunities in sectors like Electronics and Semiconductors through GIFT City's global financial ecosystem.



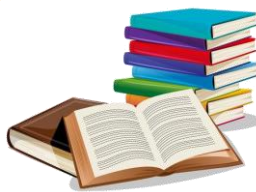
## Important Terms Explained:

- **GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City):**
  - India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) aimed at providing world-class financial services infrastructure.
- **IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority):**
  - A regulatory body established by the Government of India to develop and regulate financial services within IFSCs such as GIFT City.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **IFSC Banking Unit (IBU):**
  - A branch of a foreign or domestic bank set up in an IFSC to carry out permitted offshore banking activities such as trade finance, treasury operations, and foreign currency loans.



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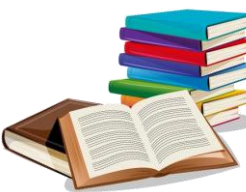
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                   |
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| Event name                  | CTBC Bank to Establish IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City                                               |
| Announcement date           | 12 July 2025                                                                                              |
| Location                    | GIFT City, Gujarat, India                                                                                 |
| Issuing authority           | IFSCA                                                                                                     |
| Policy/series name          | IFSC Banking Unit (IBU)                                                                                   |
| Key figures                 | CTBC Bank (Taiwan), IFSCA, Brigade Towers (GIFT SEZ)                                                      |
| Purpose/reason              | To expand banking services in India, serve Taiwanese businesses, and leverage opportunities in South Asia |
| Feature details             | 3,100 sq. ft. space allocated in Brigade Towers, application filed, awaiting approval                     |
| Validity or status          | Application submitted, approval pending                                                                   |
| Strategic/significant value | Strengthens India-Taiwan financial ties, enhances GIFT City's position as a global finance hub            |



➤ What was India's retail inflation (CPI) in June 2025 according to provisional data?

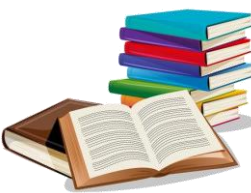
- A) 3.7%
- B) 2.1%
- C) 0.39%
- D) 5.08%
- E) 2.82%

**Answer**  
**B) 2.1%**



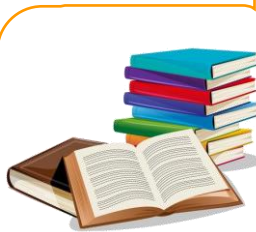
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Retail and Wholesale Inflation Data Released for June 2025
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



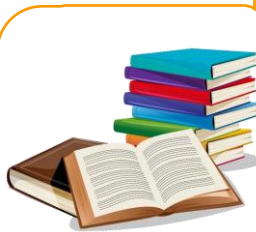
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Release of Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation data by government bodies.
- **Objectives:** To provide clarity on price movements affecting households and producers and assist in framing future RBI monetary policy decisions.



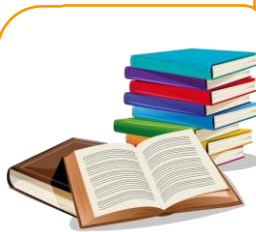
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Price Index (CPI):**
  - Measures the average change over time in prices paid by urban consumers for a basket of goods and services and is India's primary gauge of retail inflation since 2014.
- **Wholesale Price Index (WPI):**
  - Measures the change in prices of goods at the wholesale level; used primarily to capture producer price trends before reaching retail markets.



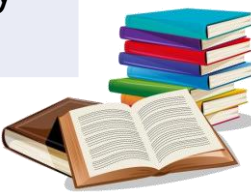
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Core Inflation:**
  - A measure of the long-term trend in inflation excluding volatile categories like food and fuel to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflationary pressures.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | India's Retail and Wholesale Inflation Data June 2025                                                   |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                            |
| Location                    | India                                                                                                   |
| Issuing authority           | Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Ministry of Commerce and Industry          |
| Policy/series name          | CPI and WPI Inflation Indices                                                                           |
| Key figures                 | RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, Economists from Elara Capital, SBI, Bank of Baroda                        |
| Purpose/reason              | To track price trends impacting consumers and producers                                                 |
| Feature details             | Retail inflation fell to 2.1%, wholesale inflation turned negative at -0.13%                            |
| Validity or status          | Provisional data for June 2025                                                                          |
| Strategic/significant value | Indicates potential for further RBI rate cuts, signals easing inflationary pressures across the economy |

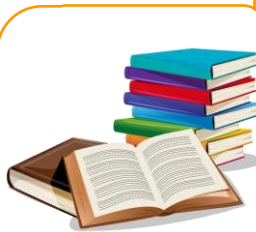


➤ What is the total value of Income Tax Refunds issued in India in 2024-25?

- A) ₹3.8 lakh crore
- B) ₹7.22 lakh crore
- C) ₹4.77 lakh crore
- D) ₹27.03 lakh crore
- E) ₹83,008 crore

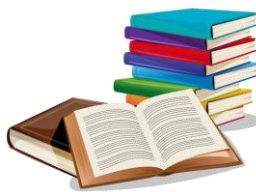
**Answer**

**C) ₹4.77 lakh crore**



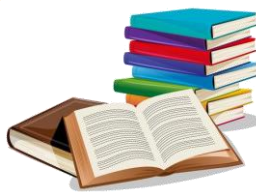
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Income Tax Refunds in India increased by 474% over 11 years
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 13 July 2025



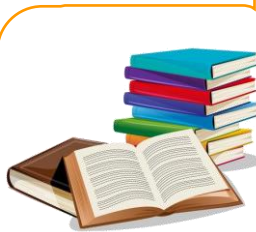
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Release of data on the growth of Income Tax Refunds and reduction in processing time by the Income Tax Department.
- **Objectives:** To showcase improvements in tax administration efficiency through digital adoption, faster refund processes, and enhanced taxpayer experience.



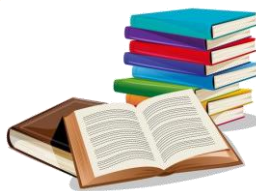
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Income Tax Refund:**
  - An amount returned by the Income Tax Department when excess tax has been paid compared to the actual liability.
- **TDS (Tax Deducted at Source):**
  - A mechanism where tax is collected at the source of income generation to ensure early and easy tax compliance.
- **Faceless Assessment:**
  - A fully electronic and anonymous tax assessment system aimed at increasing transparency, reducing harassment, and speeding up the tax process.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | 474% Growth in Income Tax Refunds Over 11 Years                                  |
| Announcement date           | 13 July 2025                                                                     |
| Location                    | India                                                                            |
| Issuing authority           | Income Tax Department (India)                                                    |
| Policy/series name          | Income Tax Refund Data Report                                                    |
| Key figures                 | ₹4.77 lakh crore in refunds, ₹27.03 lakh crore gross collections                 |
| Purpose/reason              | To highlight efficiency gains from digital processes in taxation                 |
| Feature details             | Faster refunds, reduced issuance time from 93 to 17 days, increased refund share |
| Validity or status          | Data as of 2024-25 financial year                                                |
| Strategic/significant value | Indicates systemic maturity, improved tax ecosystem, better taxpayer experience  |



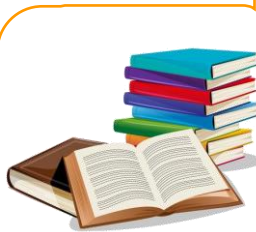
➤ Which two companies have been announced as Tesla's insurance partners in India?

- A) ICICI Lombard and HDFC ERGO
- B) ACKO and Liberty General Insurance
- C) Tata AIG and SBI General Insurance
- D) Kotak Mahindra and Zurich Insurance
- E) Bajaj Allianz and Reliance General Insurance



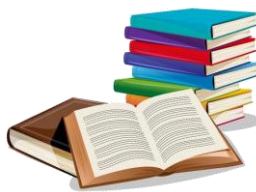
**Answer**

**B) ACKO and Liberty General Insurance**



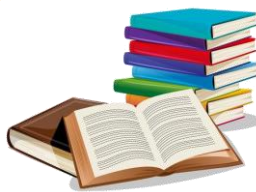
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tesla partners with Liberty General Insurance and ACKO for EV insurance in India
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



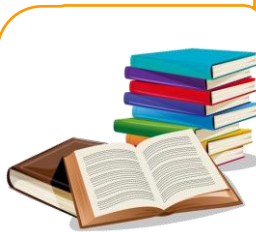
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Collaboration of Liberty General Insurance and ACKO with Tesla to provide tailored insurance solutions for Tesla EV owners in India.
- **Objectives:** To offer integrated, EV-specific insurance services that align with Tesla's technological innovations and meet the evolving needs of Indian electric vehicle customers.



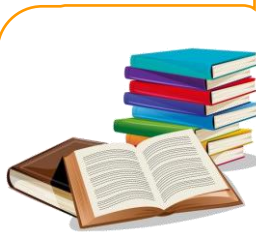
## Important Terms Explained:

- **EV (Electric Vehicle) Insurance:**
  - Specialized insurance policies designed to cover risks specific to electric vehicles, including battery protection, charging equipment, and specialized repair services.
- **Liberty General Insurance:**
  - A private general insurance company in India offering a wide range of insurance products including motor, health, and commercial lines.



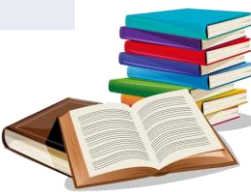
## Important Terms Explained:

- **ACKO General Insurance:**
  - A fully digital general insurance provider in India known for offering simple, transparent, and customer-centric insurance solutions.
- **EV Protect (Zurich Kotak):**
  - A comprehensive insurance add-on launched by Zurich Kotak General Insurance for EV owners, covering Tesla among others, providing additional protections tailored to electric vehicles.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                  |
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| Event name                  | Tesla's India Insurance Partnerships Announced                                                           |
| Announcement date           | 15 July 2025                                                                                             |
| Location                    | India                                                                                                    |
| Issuing authority           | Tesla India, Liberty General Insurance, ACKO                                                             |
| Policy/series name          | EV Insurance Partnerships                                                                                |
| Key figures                 | Parag Ved (Liberty), Animesh Das (ACKO), Alok Agarwal (Zurich Kotak)                                     |
| Purpose/reason              | To offer EV-specific insurance solutions tailored for Tesla owners in India                              |
| Feature details             | Digital-first, integrated insurance processes; specialized EV covers like 'EV Protect'                   |
| Validity or status          | Officially announced and operational                                                                     |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports Tesla's India market entry; strengthens EV ecosystem through specialized insurance partnerships |



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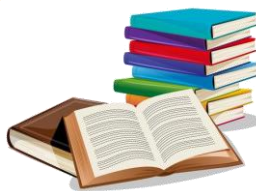


➤ **Who has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of LIC till 2028?**

- A) Sat Pal Bhanoo
- B) Siddhartha Mohanty
- C) R Doraiswamy
- D) Arijit Basu
- E) Nilesh Sathe

**Answer**

**C) R Doraiswamy**

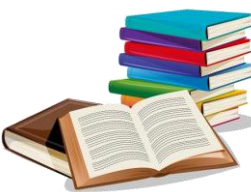


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of R Doraiswamy as MD and CEO of LIC
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 14 July 2025

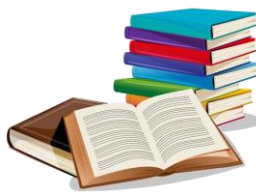


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Appointment of R Doraiswamy as the Managing Director and CEO of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) by the Department of Financial Services.
- **Objectives:** To lead LIC with an emphasis on leveraging his extensive experience to strengthen LIC's operations, technological capabilities, and insurance services till his retirement in 2028.

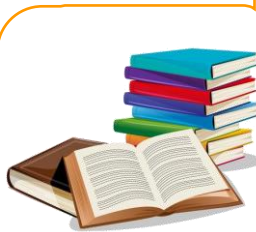


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India):**
  - India's largest insurance company, state-owned, offering a range of life insurance and financial products, listed on Indian stock exchanges.
- **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB):**
  - A government body responsible for recommending appointments of top executives in public sector financial institutions.
- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC):**
  - A high-level committee headed by the Prime Minister that approves senior appointments in government-run organizations and public sector undertakings.

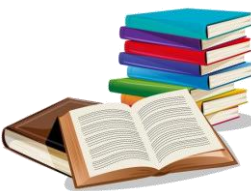


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                     |
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| Event name                  | Appointment of R Doraiswamy as LIC MD & CEO                                                 |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                |
| Location                    | India                                                                                       |
| Issuing authority           | Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance                                       |
| Policy/series name          | Leadership Appointment in LIC                                                               |
| Key figures                 | R Doraiswamy, Sat Pal Bhanoo (interim predecessor),<br>Siddhartha Mohanty (former MD & CEO) |
| Purpose/reason              | To lead LIC till his superannuation on August 28, 2028                                      |
| Feature details             | Brings 38+ years of experience in operations, technology,<br>pensions, and marketing        |
| Validity or status          | Appointed and in charge till 28 August 2028                                                 |
| Strategic/significant value | Strengthening LIC's leadership for operational growth,<br>innovation, and modernization     |



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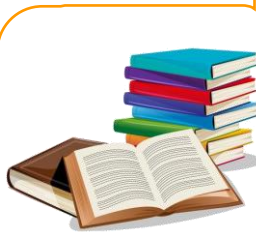


➤ Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB), effective from September 2025?

- A) Juan Pablo Rodriguez
- B) Hemant Rupani
- C) Shivnath Thukral
- D) Mukesh Ambani
- E) Ramesh Chauhan

**Answer**

**B) Hemant Rupani**

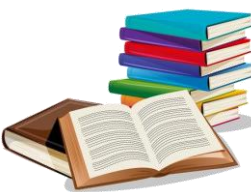


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Hemant Rupani as CEO of Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB)
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** Effective from 8 September 2025

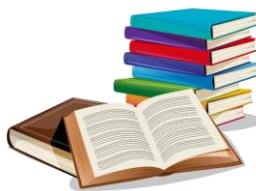


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Appointment of Hemant Rupani as the Chief Executive Officer of HCCB, succeeding Juan Pablo Rodriguez.
- **Objectives:** To lead and strengthen the operations of Coca-Cola's largest bottling arm in India, leveraging Rupani's extensive FMCG and leadership experience.

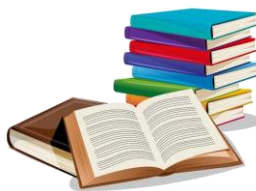


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB):**
  - The largest bottling partner of The Coca-Cola Company in India, operating 13 factories and serving 236 districts across 12 states.
- **Mondelez International Inc.:**
  - A global FMCG company known for brands like Cadbury, Oreo, and Toblerone, where Hemant Rupani previously served as Business Unit President for Southeast Asia.

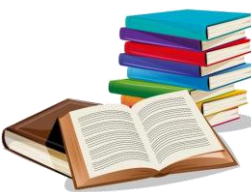


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Coca-Cola India's Bottling Ecosystem:**
  - Coca-Cola operates through HCCB and 11 other large bottlers across India, handling key brands like Coca-Cola, Thums Up, Sprite, Fanta, and Minute Maid.

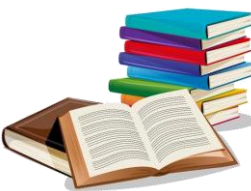


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                              |
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| Event name                  | Hemant Rupani Appointed as CEO of HCCB                               |
| Announcement date           | 15 July 2025                                                         |
| Location                    | India                                                                |
| Issuing authority           | Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB)                                 |
| Policy/series name          | Leadership Transition at HCCB                                        |
| Key figures                 | Hemant Rupani, Juan Pablo Rodriguez                                  |
| Purpose/reason              | Leadership succession and operational strengthening                  |
| Feature details             | Rupani's prior roles: Mondelez, PepsiCo, Vodafone, Britannia         |
| Validity or status          | Effective from 8 September 2025                                      |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances Coca-Cola's India operations through experienced leadership |



# AWARDS

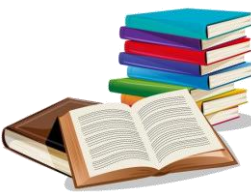


➤ **Who has been conferred with the Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080?**

- A) Prakashman Singh Raut
- B) Umesh Mainali
- C) Hem Bahadur Malla
- D) Kalyan Shrestha
- E) Bishweshwar Prasad Koirala

**Answer**

**D) Kalyan Shrestha**

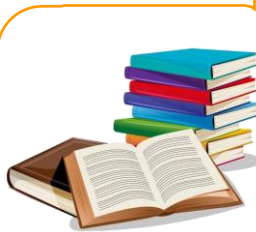


# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080 conferred on former Chief Justice Kalyan Shrestha
- **Location:** Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Date:** 11 July 2025 (Thursday)

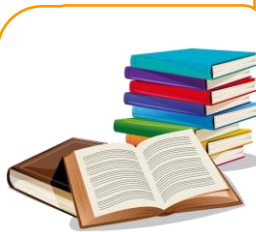


# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conferral of the Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080 by the Nepal Public Administration Association and Salt Trading Corporation.
- **Objectives:** To recognize Kalyan Shrestha's contributions to judicial leadership, institutional development, transitional justice, inclusive democracy, and environmental justice in Nepal.

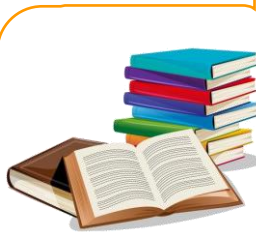


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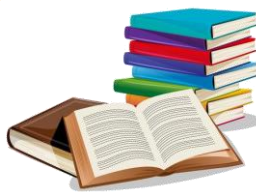
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Hem Bahadur Malla Award:**
  - An award established in memory of Hem Bahadur Malla, the founder of Salt Trading Corporation, recognizing outstanding contributions in public service and judiciary in Nepal.
- **Salt Trading Corporation:**
  - A significant institution in Nepal's trade sector, originally focused on ensuring supply of essential goods like salt across the nation.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Transitional Justice:**
  - A set of judicial and non-judicial measures implemented in order to redress legacies of human rights abuses during periods of political change.

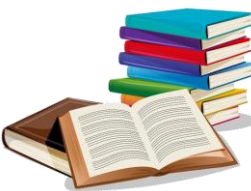


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                    |
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| Event name                  | Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080 conferred                                                     |
| Announcement date           | 11 July 2025                                                                               |
| Location                    | Kathmandu, Nepal                                                                           |
| Issuing authority           | Nepal Public Administration Association, Salt Trading Corporation                          |
| Policy/series name          | Hem Bahadur Malla Award                                                                    |
| Key figures                 | Kalyan Shrestha (Awardee), Prakashman Singh Raut, Umesh Mainali                            |
| Purpose/reason              | To honor contributions in judicial leadership and governance reform                        |
| Feature details             | Includes Rs 200,000 cash prize and certificate of honor                                    |
| Validity or status          | Conferred in 2025                                                                          |
| Strategic/significant value | Recognizes efforts in promoting justice, democracy, and institutional development in Nepal |



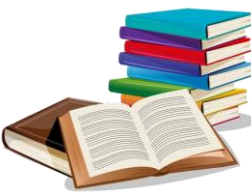
# AWARDS



➤ **Who has been awarded the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize?**

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Salman Rushdie
- C) Leila Aboulela
- D) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- E) Alaa Abd el-Fattah

**Answer**  
**C) Leila Aboulela**

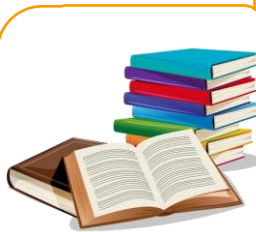


# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Leila Aboulela awarded the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize
- **Location:** London, United Kingdom (British Library)
- **Date:** 10 October 2025 (Award Ceremony)

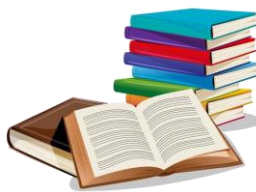


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Recognition of Leila Aboulela's contributions to literature through the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize for her "unflinching, unswerving gaze upon the world."
- **Objectives:** To honour writers who uphold freedom of expression and use literature to highlight the voices of the marginalized and silenced, reflecting the spirit of Harold Pinter.

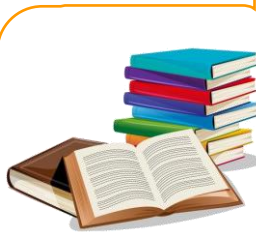


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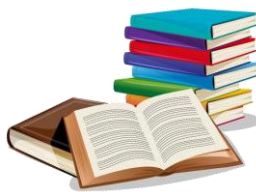
## Important Terms Explained:

- **PEN Pinter Prize:**
  - A prestigious literary award established in 2009 by English PEN, named after playwright Harold Pinter. It honours writers with a commitment to truth and freedom of expression in the face of political oppression.
- **Writer of Courage:**
  - An additional honour conferred alongside the PEN Pinter Prize to a writer persecuted for defending free speech; previous recipients include Alaa Abd el-Fattah and Rahile Dawut.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Leila Aboulela:**
  - A Sudanese-Scottish author, known for her novels exploring migration, faith, and Muslim women's lives. Her works include The Translator, Minaret, and River Spirit.



# AWARDS



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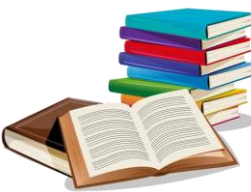
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                                |
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| Event name                  | 2025 PEN Pinter Prize awarded to Leila Aboulela                                                                        |
| Announcement date           | 15 July 2025                                                                                                           |
| Location                    | British Library, London, UK                                                                                            |
| Issuing authority           | English PEN                                                                                                            |
| Policy/series name          | PEN Pinter Prize                                                                                                       |
| Key figures                 | Leila Aboulela, Ruth Borthwick, Mona Arshi, Nadifa Mohamed                                                             |
| Purpose/reason              | To honour literary excellence and advocacy for freedom of expression                                                   |
| Feature details             | Aboulela's work explores migration, faith, and women's interior lives; recognized for her literary courage and insight |
| Validity or status          | Award to be conferred on 10 October 2025                                                                               |
| Strategic/significant value | Highlights marginalized voices, supports freedom of expression, and honours literary contributions globally            |



➤ **Where is India's first AI Plus Campus being set up by BITS Pilani?**

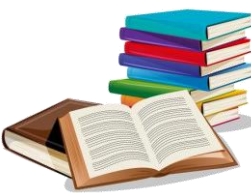
- A) Hyderabad
- B) Amaravati
- C) Pilani
- D) Goa
- E) Bengaluru

**Answer**  
**B) Amaravati**



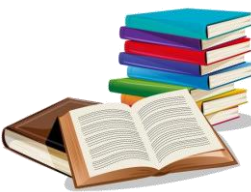
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Establishment of India's first AI Plus Campus by BITS Pilani
- **Location:** Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



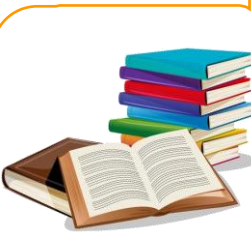
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Development of a digital-first, AI-focused education campus by BITS Pilani with an investment of ₹1,000 crore over the next five years.
- **Objectives:** To create a futuristic education hub offering AI, Data Science, Robotics, and Computational Linguistics, integrated with industry exposure, global partnerships, and green infrastructure to train 7,000 students in two phases starting 2027.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Plus Campus:**
  - A specialized, digital-first academic institution focused on Artificial Intelligence and its integration across diverse fields like agriculture, healthcare, and climate science.
- **CRDA (Capital Region Development Authority):**
  - The authority responsible for planning and development in Andhra Pradesh's capital region, which allocated 70 acres for this project.
- **Project Vistar:**
  - An expansion initiative by BITS Pilani aimed at increasing student capacity across its Pilani, Hyderabad, and Goa campuses by 2030-31.



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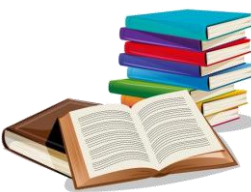
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                  |
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| Event name                  | India's First AI Plus Campus by BITS Pilani                                              |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                             |
| Location                    | Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh                                                                |
| Issuing authority           | BITS Pilani, Aditya Birla Group                                                          |
| Policy/series name          | AI Plus Campus Initiative under Project Vistar                                           |
| Key figures                 | Kumar Mangalam Birla, CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, VC V. Ramagopala Rao                      |
| Purpose/reason              | To establish India's leading AI-focused educational campus with global exposure          |
| Feature details             | 70-acre green campus, renewable energy, IoT infrastructure, global industry tie-ups      |
| Validity or status          | Construction started; admissions expected by 2027                                        |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances India's tech education ecosystem; positions Amaravati as a global education hub |



➤ Which organizations have partnered to introduce India's first weather derivatives?

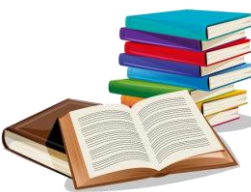
- A) NSE and IMD
- B) BSE and RBI
- C) NCDEX and IMD
- D) SEBI and IMD
- E) NCDEX and NABARD

**Answer**  
**C) NCDEX and IMD**



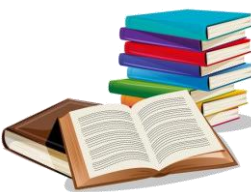
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** NCDEX and IMD collaborate to launch India's first weather derivatives
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 26 June 2025 (Agreement Date), Reported on 3 July 2025



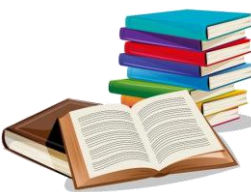
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Partnership between NCDEX and IMD to develop weather-based derivative instruments for the Indian market.
- **Objectives:** To provide market tools for farmers and related sectors to hedge against weather-related risks such as erratic rainfall, heatwaves, and climate volatility, while enhancing agricultural and economic resilience.



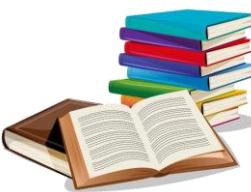
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Weather Derivatives:**
  - Financial instruments that allow participants to hedge against financial risks arising from weather fluctuations such as rainfall, temperature, and heatwaves.
- **NCDEX (National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Ltd):**
  - A leading commodity exchange in India providing a platform for trading in agricultural and other commodity derivatives.



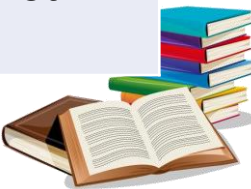
## Important Terms Explained:

- **IMD (India Meteorological Department):**
  - India's principal agency responsible for meteorological observations, weather forecasting, and seismology, providing scientific expertise and data on weather patterns.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | Launch of India's First Weather Derivatives                                                       |
| Announcement date           | 3 July 2025 (Reported) / 26 June 2025 (Agreement Signed)                                          |
| Location                    | India                                                                                             |
| Issuing authority           | NCDEX and IMD                                                                                     |
| Policy/series name          | Weather Derivatives Initiative                                                                    |
| Key figures                 | Arun Raste (NCDEX MD & CEO), Mrutyunjay Mohapatra (DG, IMD)                                       |
| Purpose/reason              | To mitigate weather-related risks for agriculture and rural economy through financial instruments |
| Feature details             | Derivatives based on rainfall and weather cycles; targeted at farmers, FPOs, agri-traders         |
| Validity or status          | In development phase; awaiting regulatory approvals                                               |
| Strategic/significant value | Promotes climate resilience, rural economic stability, and financial market innovation            |

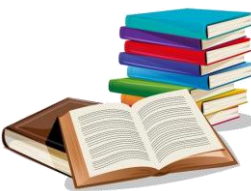


➤ What is the name of the Indian Army exercise conducted in Uttar Pradesh to showcase the use of disruptive technologies?

- A) Yudh Abhyas
- B) Prachand Shakti
- C) Vajra Prahar
- D) Shakti Sanchalan
- E) Sudarshan Shakti

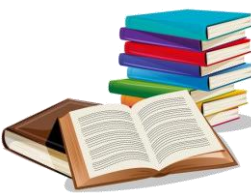
**Answer**

**B) Prachand Shakti**



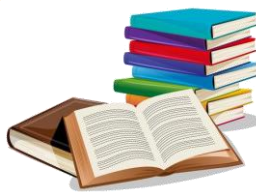
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 'Prachand Shakti' military exercise conducted by Indian Army
- **Location:** Meerut, Uttar Pradesh (Kharga Corps Field Training Area)
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



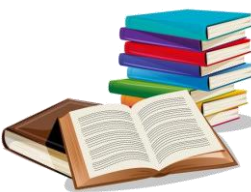
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conduct of the 'Prachand Shakti' exercise by the Ram Division of the Indian Army to demonstrate the integration of disruptive technologies into Strike Corps operations.
- **Objectives:** To showcase the Army's progress in adopting AI, UAVs, autonomous platforms, and loitering munitions for enhanced operational capabilities under the broader initiative of the 'Year of Tech Absorption'.



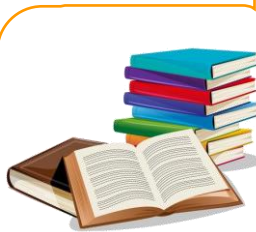
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Strike Corps:**
  - An offensive-oriented military formation designed for deep offensive operations into enemy territory.
- **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs):**
  - Pilotless flying systems used for surveillance, reconnaissance, and combat applications.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Loitering Munitions:**
  - Weapons systems that can hover around a target area and strike once a target is identified, combining features of drones and missiles.
- **Year of Tech Absorption:**
  - An Indian Army initiative aimed at integrating indigenous and cutting-edge technologies from civilian innovators to enhance military capabilities.

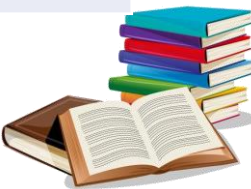


# DEFENCE



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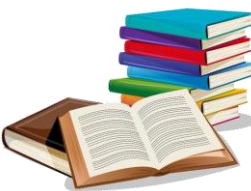
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| Event name                  | 'Prachand Shakti' Indian Army Exercise                                                        |
| Announcement date           | 15 July 2025                                                                                  |
| Location                    | Meerut, Uttar Pradesh                                                                         |
| Issuing authority           | Indian Army, Ram Division under Kharga Corps                                                  |
| Policy/series name          | Year of Tech Absorption Initiative                                                            |
| Key figures                 | Ram Division, Kharga Corps, Ministry of Defence                                               |
| Purpose/reason              | To demonstrate real-time combat use of disruptive technologies in infantry operations         |
| Feature details             | Deployment of UAVs, AI systems, autonomous platforms, loitering munitions                     |
| Validity or status          | Successfully conducted                                                                        |
| Strategic/significant value | Reinforces Army's readiness, modernization, and technological self-reliance in modern warfare |



➤ Which Indian Navy ship participated in the PASSEX exercise with the Greek Navy in July 2025?

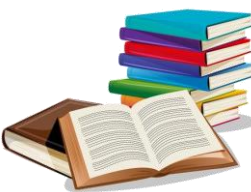
- A) INS Trikand
- B) INS Tarkash
- C) INS Talwar
- D) INS Satpura
- E) INS Kolkata

**Answer**  
**B) INS Tarkash**



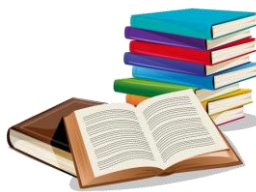
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian and Greek Navies conduct PASSEX naval exercise
- **Location:** Arabian Sea, near Mumbai coast
- **Date:** 10 July 2025



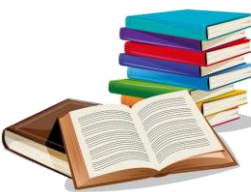
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conducting PASSEX (Passing Exercise) between Indian Navy and Hellenic Navy to strengthen military cooperation and enhance maritime interoperability.
- **Objectives:** To practice tactical manoeuvres, surface firing, cross-deck landings, replenishment at sea, and share best practices between the two navies to boost operational synergy.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **PASSEX (Passing Exercise):**
  - A routine naval drill conducted between friendly navies to enhance operational coordination and interoperability when ships are in proximity.
- **INS Tarkash:**
  - A Talwar-class stealth frigate of the Indian Navy commissioned in 2012, equipped for a wide range of maritime missions including anti-ship, anti-submarine, and air defense roles.
- **Strategic Partnership (India-Greece):**
  - An upgraded bilateral relationship since 2023 focused on expanding military, defense, and strategic cooperation between India and Greece.



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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                          |
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| Event name                  | Indian and Greek Navies Conduct PASSEX Exercise                                  |
| Announcement date           | 11 July 2025                                                                     |
| Location                    | Arabian Sea, near Mumbai                                                         |
| Issuing authority           | Indian Navy, Western Naval Command                                               |
| Policy/series name          | PASSEX Naval Exercise                                                            |
| Key figures                 | INS Tarkash (India), HS Psara (Greece)                                           |
| Purpose/reason              | To strengthen maritime ties and operational interoperability                     |
| Feature details             | Tactical manoeuvres, firing drills, cross-deck landings, replenishment at sea    |
| Validity or status          | Successfully conducted on 10 July 2025                                           |
| Strategic/significant value | Reinforces India-Greece defense partnership and strengthens maritime cooperation |

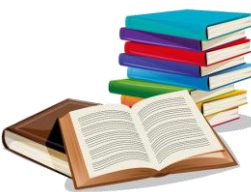
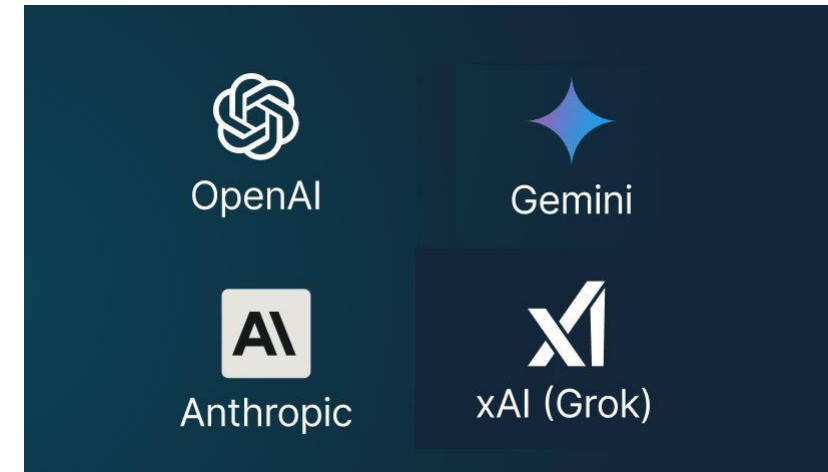


- **Which companies have received up to \$200 million contracts from the US Department of Defense for AI work?**

- A) Google, OpenAI, Anthropic, xAI
- B) Apple, Meta, Google, OpenAI
- C) OpenAI, Meta, IBM, Anthropic
- D) Microsoft, xAI, Palantir, Anthropic
- E) Alphabet, Oracle, Tesla, OpenAI

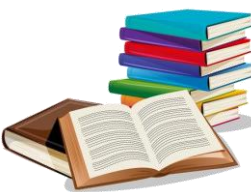
**Answer**

**A) Google, OpenAI, Anthropic, xAI**



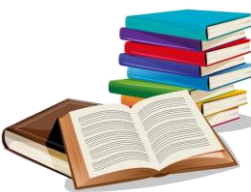
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** US Department of Defense awards AI contracts up to \$200 million to top AI firms
- **Location:** United States
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Contract awards from the US Department of Defense (DoD) through its Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office to leading AI companies.
- **Objectives:** To accelerate the adoption of advanced AI capabilities within the DoD for enhancing national security, supporting warfighters, and maintaining a strategic advantage through AI innovation.

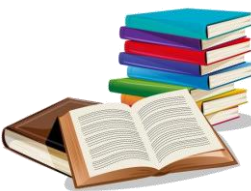


# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



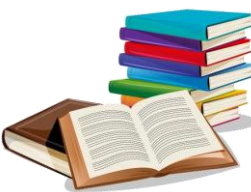
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Department of Defense (DoD):**
  - The United States government department responsible for coordinating and supervising all agencies related to national security and military affairs.
- **Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO):**
  - The DoD's office focused on driving digital transformation and adoption of artificial intelligence solutions for defense operations.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule:**
  - A procurement program through which US federal agencies can purchase products and services efficiently from pre-approved vendors.



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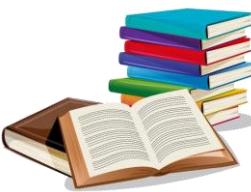
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                          |
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| Event name                  | DoD awards \$200 million AI contracts to AI leaders                                              |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                     |
| Location                    | United States                                                                                    |
| Issuing authority           | US Department of Defense (DoD), CDAO                                                             |
| Policy/series name          | Advanced AI Capabilities for National Security                                                   |
| Key figures                 | Google, OpenAI, Anthropic, xAI; Doug Matty                                                       |
| Purpose/reason              | To advance AI adoption for military and defense missions to enhance national security            |
| Feature details             | Development of AI agents across mission areas, including tools like Grok for Government          |
| Validity or status          | Ongoing; contract awarded up to \$200 million                                                    |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports technological superiority in defense through AI, ensures national security preparedness |



- Which Shinkansen train series will India use for commercial operations on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train route?

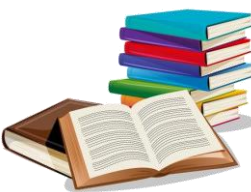
- A) E2
- B) E5
- C) E7
- D) E10
- E) N700

**Answer**  
**D) E10**



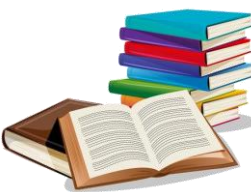
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India to launch Japan's next-gen E10 Shinkansen for Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train
- **Location:** Mumbai-Ahmedabad, India
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



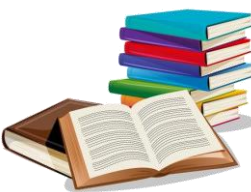
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Deployment of E5 Shinkansen trains for trials and E10 Shinkansen trains for commercial operations under the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project in collaboration with Japan.
- **Objectives:** To introduce cutting-edge high-speed rail technology in India with improved safety, energy efficiency, and comfort, enhancing India's infrastructure modernization and establishing a model for future high-speed corridors.



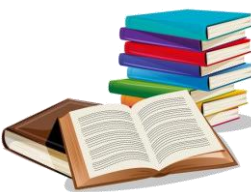
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Shinkansen (Bullet Train):**
  - Japan's high-speed rail network known for its safety, speed, and efficiency; globally recognized as a benchmark in rail technology.
- **E5 Series:**
  - An earlier model of the Shinkansen, also called Hayabusa, with a top speed of 320 kmph, being used in India for trial and testing purposes.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **E10 Series (Alfa-X):**
  - Japan's next-generation high-speed train capable of 400 kmph, offering superior technology in safety, energy efficiency, and passenger comfort; selected for India's commercial bullet train operations.
- **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project:**
  - India's first bullet train corridor, a ₹1.1 lakh crore project covering 508 km between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, with significant progress in civil infrastructure.



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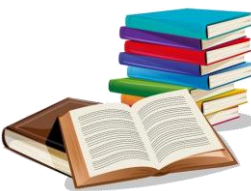
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                               |
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| Event name                  | India to Launch Japan's E10 Shinkansen for Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train                                              |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                                          |
| Location                    | Mumbai-Ahmedabad, India                                                                                               |
| Issuing authority           | Indian Railways, Government of Japan, JR East                                                                         |
| Policy/series name          | Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR)                                                                              |
| Key figures                 | E5 for trials (2026), E10 for commercial run (early 2030s)                                                            |
| Purpose/reason              | To bring next-gen high-speed rail technology to India with advanced safety and efficiency                             |
| Feature details             | E10 series (Alfa-X) up to 400 kmph; E5 series for trials; designed for Indian weather conditions                      |
| Validity or status          | Trials from 2026; commercial launch with E10 in early 2030s                                                           |
| Strategic/significant value | Establishes India as the first country outside Japan to operate E10; sets benchmark for future bullet train corridors |



➤ Where was India's first Digital Nomad Village inaugurated in July 2025?

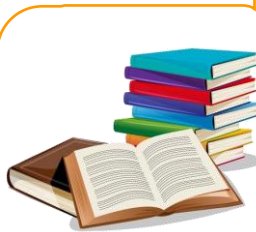
- A) Gangtok
- B) Pakyong
- C) Yakten
- D) Namchi
- E) Darjeeling

**Answer**  
**C) Yakten**



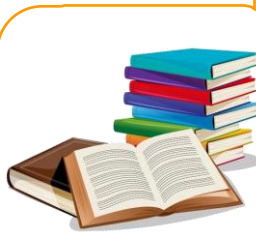
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of India's First Digital Nomad Village, 'Nomad Sikkim'
- **Location:** Yakten, Pakyong District, Sikkim
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



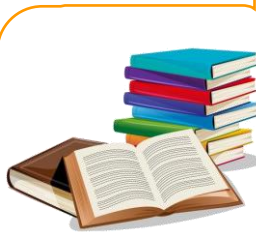
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of 'Nomad Sikkim' to establish India's first dedicated Digital Nomad Village.
- **Objectives:** To create a sustainable, eco-friendly, and community-driven workspace destination for digital nomads, supporting rural livelihoods and fostering entrepreneurship through remote work opportunities.



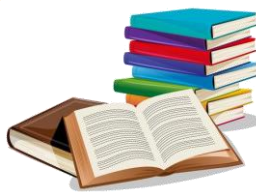
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Nomad:**
  - A person who works remotely using digital technologies while traveling or living in different locations, often seeking balance between work and lifestyle.
- **Zero-Waste Village:**
  - A community designed to minimize waste through sustainable practices, recycling, and waste management, with the goal of reducing environmental impact.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **One Family, One Entrepreneur:**
  - A state initiative in Sikkim aimed at encouraging entrepreneurial ventures within each household to promote self-employment, income generation, and local economic growth.

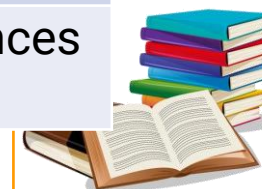


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                   |
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| Event name                  | Inauguration of India's First Digital Nomad Village 'Nomad Sikkim'                                        |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                              |
| Location                    | Yakten, Pakyong District, Sikkim                                                                          |
| Issuing authority           | District Administrative Centre Pakyong and Sarvahitey NGO                                                 |
| Policy/series name          | Digital Nomad Village under 'Nomad Sikkim'                                                                |
| Key figures                 | Pamin Lepcha (MLA), DC Rohan Agawane, Project Head Prem Prakash, Sushma Pradhan                           |
| Purpose/reason              | To attract digital nomads for sustainable rural tourism and boost local economy                           |
| Feature details             | High-speed Wi-Fi, zero-waste management, eco-friendly infrastructure, entrepreneurship support            |
| Validity or status          | Inaugurated and operational from July 2025                                                                |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports entrepreneurship, promotes tourism, creates jobs, and enhances sustainable development in Sikkim |

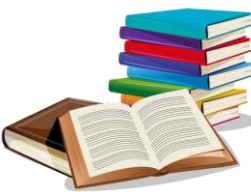


➤ Where will the 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) be inaugurated?



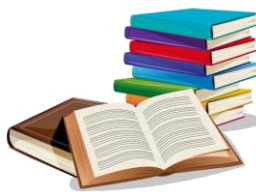
- A) Lucknow
- B) Kanpur
- C) Badaun
- D) Varanasi
- E) Agra

**Answer**  
**C) Badaun**



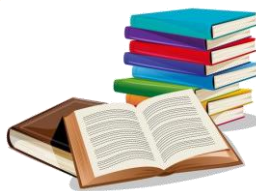
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK)
- **Location:** Badaun, Uttar Pradesh
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



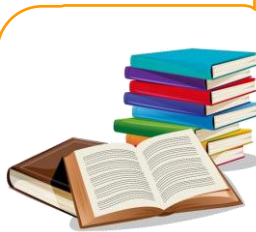
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Establishment of the 75<sup>th</sup> PMDK at Government Medical College, Badaun under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- **Objectives:** To provide integrated services including assessment, counselling, distribution of assistive devices, and post-distribution care to Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) and senior citizens through schemes like ADIP and Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY).



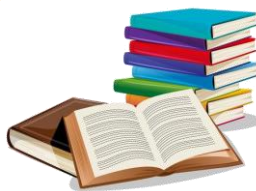
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK):**
  - A one-stop center established to provide assistive aids and services to persons with disabilities and senior citizens under government welfare schemes.
- **ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India):**
  - A central public sector undertaking under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, responsible for manufacturing and distributing assistive devices.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **ADIP Scheme (Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances):**
  - A central government scheme that provides free-of-cost aids and appliances to eligible persons with disabilities.
- **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY):**
  - A scheme for senior citizens from BPL families to provide assistive devices that aid in mobility and daily functioning.



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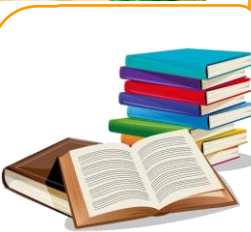
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                           |
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| Event name                  | Inauguration of the 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK)                                                    |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                                      |
| Location                    | Badaun, Uttar Pradesh                                                                                             |
| Issuing authority           | Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India                                                     |
| Policy/series name          | PMDK under ADIP Scheme and Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana                                                              |
| Key figures                 | Shri B. L. Verma, ALIMCO, District Administration Badaun                                                          |
| Purpose/reason              | To provide comprehensive services and assistive devices to Divyangjan and senior citizens                         |
| Feature details             | Integrated services: assessment, evaluation, distribution of aids like wheelchairs, tricycles, hearing aids       |
| Validity or status          | Operational from 15 July 2025, bringing total PMDKs to 75                                                         |
| Strategic/significant value | Strengthens last-mile service delivery for inclusive development under 'Accessible India, Empowered India' vision |



➤ How many Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) students received financial assistance under the President's Discretionary Grant in 2025?

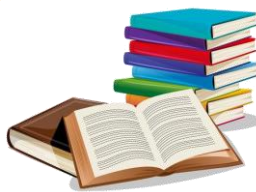
- A) 750
- B) 832
- C) 900
- D) 1025
- E) 620

**Answer**  
**B) 832**



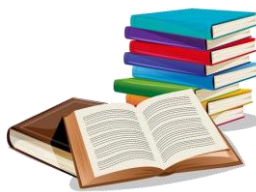
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Disbursement of President's Discretionary Grant to meritorious EMRS Class XII students
- **Location:** Across India
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



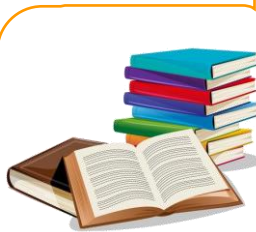
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Disbursement of ₹62.40 lakh under the President's Discretionary Grant through NESTS to 832 Class XII students from EMRS across India.
- **Objectives:** To encourage academic excellence among tribal students, promote higher education aspirations, and recognize scholastic achievements in Science, Commerce, and Humanities streams.



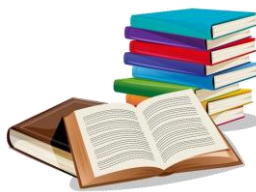
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS):**
  - Government-run residential schools for tribal children aimed at providing quality education from Class VI to XII with a focus on holistic development and academic excellence.
- **President's Discretionary Grant:**
  - A special financial assistance scheme sanctioned by the President of India to recognize outstanding achievement in academics or other fields, often aimed at marginalized or underrepresented groups.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NESTS (National Education Society for Tribal Students):**
  - An autonomous body under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, responsible for managing and supporting EMRS institutions across India.



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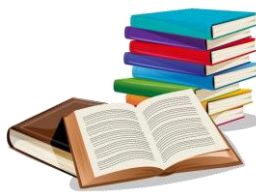
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                           |
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| Event name                  | President's Discretionary Grant Disbursed to EMRS Students                                                        |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                                      |
| Location                    | Across India                                                                                                      |
| Issuing authority           | Ministry of Tribal Affairs, NESTS                                                                                 |
| Policy/series name          | President's Discretionary Grant                                                                                   |
| Key figures                 | 832 meritorious students from EMRS, President Droupadi Murmu                                                      |
| Purpose/reason              | To incentivize academic excellence among tribal students in Class XII                                             |
| Feature details             | ₹7,500 per student; selected from Science, Commerce, Humanities streams; preference to girls in tie cases         |
| Validity or status          | Fully disbursed, ₹62.40 lakh total                                                                                |
| Strategic/significant value | Promotes inclusive education, bridges educational disparities, and supports tribal youth's higher education goals |



➤ **Who announced the redevelopment of seven incomplete ICU hospitals into super-speciality hospitals in Delhi?**

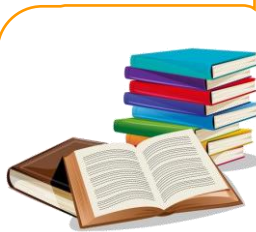
- A) Arvind Kejriwal
- B) Rekha Gupta
- C) Satyendar Jain
- D) Gopal Rai
- E) Manish Sisodia

**Answer**  
**B) Rekha Gupta**



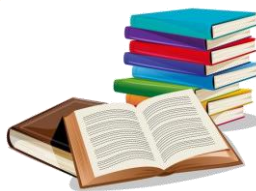
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement to redevelop seven incomplete ICU hospitals into super-speciality hospitals
- **Location:** Delhi, India
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



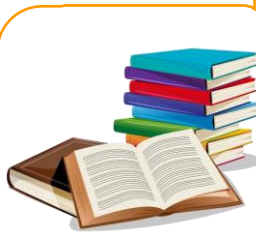
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Redevelopment of seven pandemic-era ICU hospitals into specialised super-speciality hospitals in Delhi under the leadership of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen Delhi's healthcare infrastructure by converting unused ICU hospitals into facilities providing critical care services in fields like cancer, maternity care, and kidney ailments, thus preventing waste of public resources.



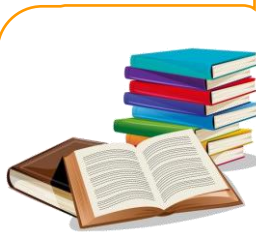
## Important Terms Explained:

- **ICU Hospitals (COVID-Era):**
  - Hospitals originally built during the COVID-19 pandemic to handle ICU and critical care capacities, some of which remained incomplete or underutilized.
- **Super-Speciality Hospitals:**
  - Hospitals offering specialized medical services focused on specific branches of medicine, such as oncology, nephrology, cardiology, etc.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayushman Bharat Scheme:**
  - A flagship health insurance scheme of the Government of India aimed at providing free health coverage to economically weaker sections.

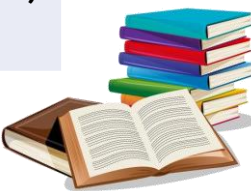


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                               |
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| Event name                  | Redevelopment of Seven ICU Hospitals into Super-Speciality Hospitals                                                  |
| Announcement date           | 15 July 2025                                                                                                          |
| Location                    | Delhi, India                                                                                                          |
| Issuing authority           | Government of Delhi, CM Rekha Gupta                                                                                   |
| Policy/series name          | Delhi Healthcare Infrastructure Upgrade Plan                                                                          |
| Key figures                 | Rekha Gupta (CM, Delhi)                                                                                               |
| Purpose/reason              | To repurpose unused ICU hospitals for critical and specialised healthcare services                                    |
| Feature details             | Facilities may focus on cancer care, high-risk maternity, kidney care, dialysis, etc.                                 |
| Validity or status          | Work on redevelopment has resumed                                                                                     |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances healthcare infrastructure, prevents waste of public resources, strengthens Delhi's position as a medical hub |

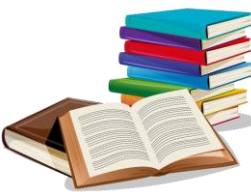


➤ Which Chief Minister recently inaugurated the AP Drone Mart Portal?

- A) M. K. Stalin
- B) Naveen Patnaik
- C) N. Chandrababu Naidu
- D) K. Chandrashekar Rao
- E) Siddaramaiah

**Answer**

**C) N. Chandrababu Naidu**

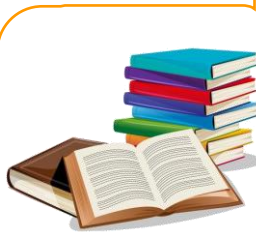


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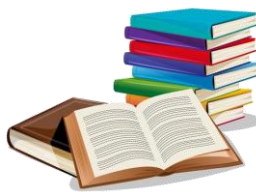
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of AP Drone Mart Portal
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Vijayawada
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



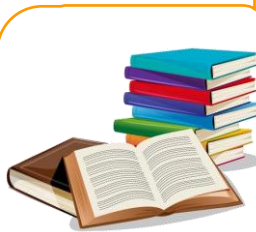
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of the AP Drone Mart Portal by the AP Drone Corporation to offer drone-based services across multiple sectors.
- **Objectives:** To expand access to drone technology for ordinary citizens and industries, providing services for agriculture, infrastructure, disaster management, security, mapping, and major project supervision at reasonable and affordable prices.



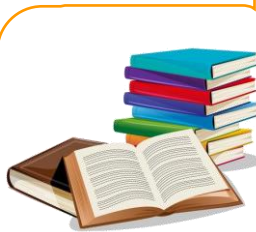
## Important Terms Explained:

- **AP Drone Mart Portal:**
  - An online platform developed by the Andhra Pradesh Drone Corporation to facilitate drone services for both public and private sectors across the state.
- **Drone Services in Agriculture:**
  - The use of drones for activities like pesticide spraying, crop monitoring, and mapping, which helps increase efficiency and reduce human labor.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Andhra Pradesh Drone Corporation:**
  - A government body aimed at integrating drone technologies into public services and commercial applications across Andhra Pradesh.



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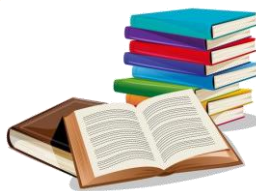
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                    |
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| Event name                  | Inauguration of AP Drone Mart Portal                                                                       |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                               |
| Location                    | Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Vijayawada                                                                     |
| Issuing authority           | Andhra Pradesh Drone Corporation                                                                           |
| Policy/series name          | AP Drone Mart Portal                                                                                       |
| Key figures                 | N. Chandrababu Naidu (CM, Andhra Pradesh)                                                                  |
| Purpose/reason              | To provide affordable drone services across various sectors to the public                                  |
| Feature details             | Services include agriculture, infrastructure, disaster management, mapping, security                       |
| Validity or status          | Operational post-inauguration                                                                              |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances access to modern drone technologies for common people and businesses; supports digital governance |



➤ **At which port did Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launch ₹276 crore worth of capacity-building initiatives in July 2025?**

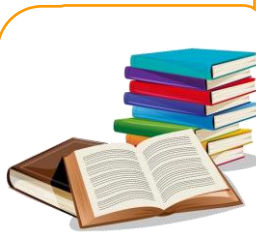
- A) Chennai Port
- B) Kandla Port
- C) Visakhapatnam Port
- D) Mumbai Port
- E) Kochi Port

**Answer**  
**C) Visakhapatnam Port**



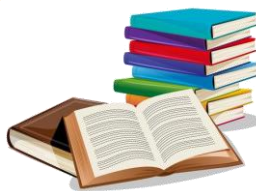
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of capacity-building projects worth ₹276 crore at Visakhapatnam Port
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



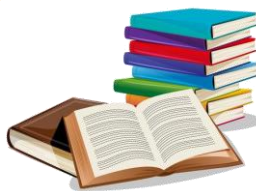
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Inauguration and foundation laying of multiple projects at Visakhapatnam Port by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to enhance port capacity, safety, digital infrastructure, and maritime competitiveness.
- **Objectives:** To modernize infrastructure, boost cargo handling efficiency, promote cruise tourism, and establish Visakhapatnam Port as a globally competitive maritime hub in line with India's port-led development vision.



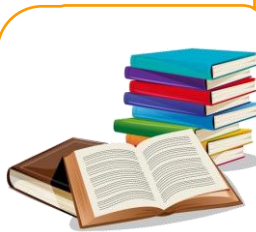
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS):**
  - An advanced digital system integrating AIS, radar, and CCTV for monitoring vessel movements within port limits to enhance safety and efficiency.
- **One Nation-One Port Process (ONOPP):**
  - A policy initiative aimed at standardizing processes across Indian ports to improve efficiency and competitiveness.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation):**
  - A regional organization comprising South and Southeast Asian countries aimed at promoting cooperation across various sectors including maritime connectivity.
- **AP Drone Corporation (Related Context):**
  - Andhra Pradesh's dedicated body to promote technology solutions, referenced here due to the larger theme of technological adoption in Andhra Pradesh.

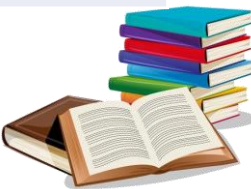


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                          |
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| Event name                  | Launch of Capacity-Building Initiatives at Visakhapatnam Port                                    |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                     |
| Location                    | Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh                                                               |
| Issuing authority           | Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW)                                                  |
| Policy/series name          | Port Capacity Building Initiatives                                                               |
| Key figures                 | Sarbananda Sonowal, Shantanu Thakur, M. Sribharat, Dr. M. Angamuthu                              |
| Purpose/reason              | Enhance port infrastructure, operational efficiency, and maritime competitiveness                |
| Feature details             | Projects include new jetties, ramps, Oil Refinery Berth-2, VTMS, RFID systems, public facilities |
| Validity or status          | Foundation stones laid; some projects operational from July 2025                                 |
| Strategic/significant value | Positions Visakhapatnam as a key maritime hub, enhances trade, tourism, safety, and employment   |



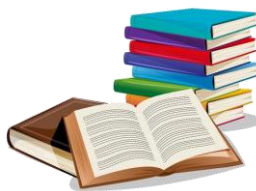
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➤ What is the name of the special registration scheme launched by ESIC in 2025 to promote registration of employers and employees?

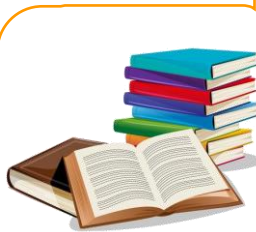
- A) ESI Secure 2025
- B) SPREE 2025
- C) Social Shield 2025
- D) ESI Inclusive 2025
- E) ESIC Welfare 2025

**Answer**  
**B) SPREE 2025**



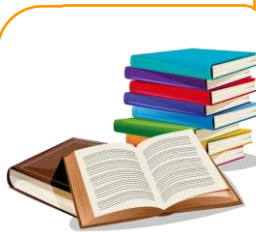
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees (SPREE 2025)
- **Location:** Goa, India
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



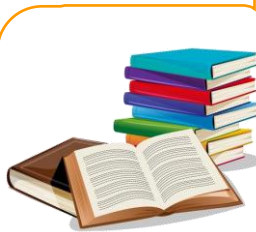
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of SPREE 2025 by Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to provide a one-time opportunity for unregistered employers and employees to enroll under the ESI Act without fear of inspection or past dues.
- **Objectives:** To expand social security coverage by bringing unregistered establishments and workers, including contractual and temporary employees, into the ESI fold through a simplified, penalty-free registration process.



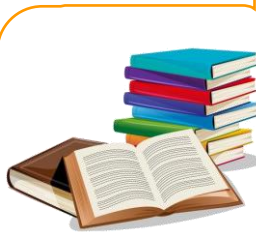
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC):**
  - A statutory body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, providing social security benefits such as medical care, sickness, maternity, and disability benefits to insured employees.
- **ESI Act:**
  - The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 mandates health-related and social security benefits to employees in India under defined wage limits.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **SPREE 2025:**
  - Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees launched by ESIC offering a one-time, penalty-free registration opportunity from 1 July to 31 December 2025.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | Launch of SPREE 2025 by ESIC                                                                                     |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                                     |
| Location                    | Goa, India                                                                                                       |
| Issuing authority           | Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)                                                                     |
| Policy/series name          | SPREE 2025                                                                                                       |
| Key figures                 | ESIC, Ministry of Labour and Employment                                                                          |
| Purpose/reason              | To enable voluntary, penalty-free registration of unregistered employers and employees                           |
| Feature details             | Valid from date declared by employer; immunity from past dues and inspections                                    |
| Validity or status          | Active from 1 July to 31 December 2025                                                                           |
| Strategic/significant value | Expands ESI coverage, promotes social security for contractual and temporary workers, ensures broader protection |

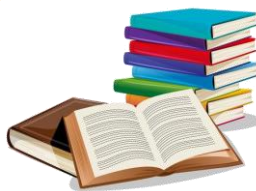


➤ What is the name of the sound-responsive system launched in Mysuru city buses to assist visually challenged commuters?

- A) Akashvani
- B) Dhwani Spandana
- C) Swa-Drishti
- D) Shabd Mitra
- E) Drishti Doot

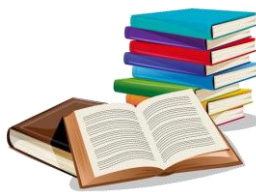
**Answer**

**B) Dhwani Spandana**



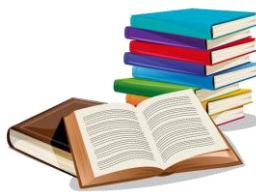
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Dhwani Spandana' sound-responsive system in Mysuru city buses
- **Location:** Mysuru, Karnataka, India
- **Date:** 14 July 2025



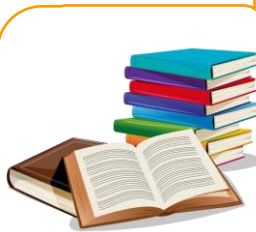
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of 'Dhwani Spandana' by Transport Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy to enable visually challenged commuters to identify buses independently through sound-responsive technology.
- **Objectives:** To promote inclusive public transportation by assisting visually impaired individuals with audio alerts about bus routes and boarding, ensuring safe and independent travel.



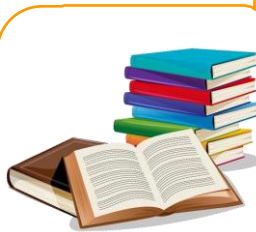
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dhwani Spandana:**
  - A sound-responsive device that enables visually challenged passengers to detect approaching buses through audible announcements and communicate their boarding intent to drivers and conductors.
- **KSRTC (Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation):**
  - The state-run transport corporation of Karnataka, providing intercity and city bus services.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Accessibility in Public Transport:**
  - Efforts to ensure public transport is inclusive and usable by persons with disabilities, such as those with visual impairments, through technological innovations.



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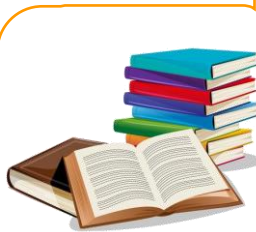
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | Launch of 'Dhwani Spandana' sound system for visually challenged commuters                         |
| Announcement date           | 14 July 2025                                                                                       |
| Location                    | Mysuru, Karnataka, India                                                                           |
| Issuing authority           | Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)                                                 |
| Policy/series name          | Dhwani Spandana Accessibility Initiative                                                           |
| Key figures                 | Transport Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy, MLA Tanveer Sait                                            |
| Purpose/reason              | To enable visually challenged passengers to travel independently through sound alerts              |
| Feature details             | Remote device alerts buses within 30m; language selection available; notifies driver & conductor   |
| Validity or status          | 200 buses operational with this system                                                             |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances public transport accessibility; Mysuru becomes India's first city with 200 buses equipped |



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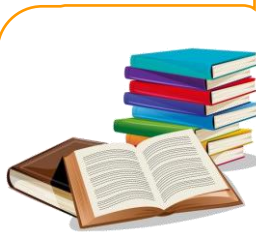
- **World Youth Skills Day is celebrated annually on July 15 and marks its 10th anniversary in 2025.**
- **Aiden Markram was named ICC Men's Player of the Month for June 2025 for his match-winning century in the WTC Final against Australia at Lord's.**
- **Gujarat has become India's largest producer of processed potatoes used in French fries and wafers as of 2024-25.**
- **CTBC Bank, Taiwan's largest private bank, has applied to set up an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City, Gujarat.**
- **India's retail inflation cooled to 2.1% in June 2025, its lowest level since January 2019.**
- **India's income tax refunds increased by 474% over the past 11 years, reaching ₹4.77 lakh crore in 2024-25.**
- **Tesla has partnered with Liberty General Insurance and ACKO as its official insurance providers in India.**
- **R Doraiswamy has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of LIC till August 28, 2028.**
- **Karnataka Bank has appointed Raghavendra S Bhat as interim MD and CEO effective 16 July 2025.**



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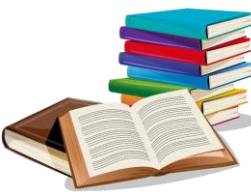
- Hemant Rupani has been appointed as the CEO of Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB), effective 8 September 2025.
- Former Chief Justice Kalyan Shrestha received the Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080 for contributions to Nepal's judiciary and governance.
- Leila Aboulela has been awarded the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize for her contributions to literature and free expression.
- BITS Pilani will set up India's first AI Plus Campus in Amaravati with an investment of ₹1,000 crore.
- NCDEX and IMD have partnered to launch India's first weather derivatives for agriculture and related sectors.
- The Indian Army conducted the 'Prachand Shakti' exercise in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh to demonstrate advanced technologies in warfare.
- The Indian Navy and Hellenic Navy conducted a PASSEX exercise near Mumbai in the Arabian Sea on 10 July 2025.
- The US Department of Defense has awarded up to \$200 million in AI contracts to Google, OpenAI, Anthropic, and xAI.
- India will become the first country outside Japan to operate the E10 Shinkansen on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train route.



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- India's first Digital Nomad Village, 'Nomad Sikkim', was inaugurated on 14 July 2025 at Yakten in Sikkim's Pakyong District.
- The 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) will be inaugurated in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh on 15 July 2025.
- The President's Discretionary Grant of ₹62.40 lakh was disbursed to 832 meritorious EMRS Class XII students across India.
- Delhi CM Rekha Gupta announced the redevelopment of seven unused ICU hospitals into super-speciality healthcare facilities.
- N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the AP Drone Mart Portal to expand access to drone services across Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched over ₹276 crore worth of capacity-building projects at Visakhapatnam Port on 14 July 2025.
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- 'Dhwani Spandana' sound-responsive system was launched in 200 Mysuru city buses to aid visually challenged commuters.





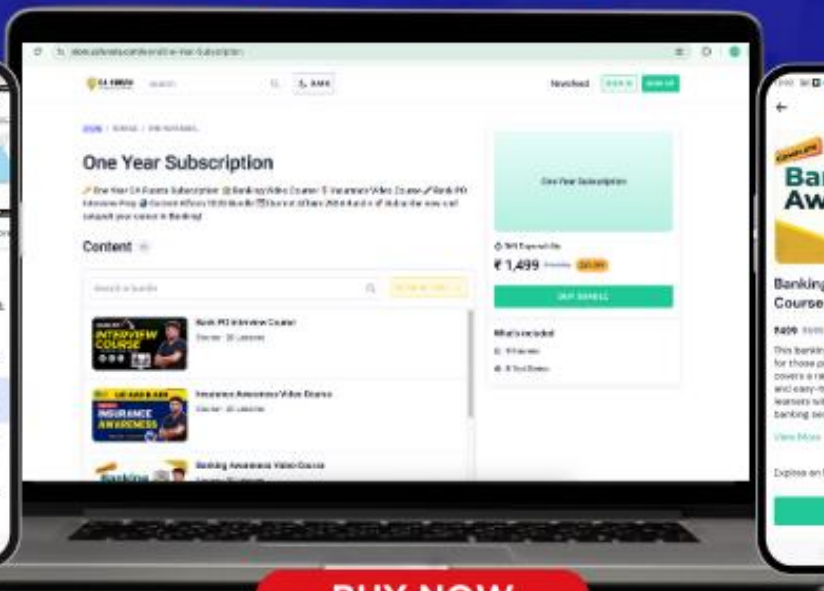
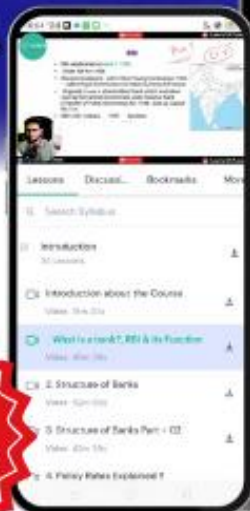


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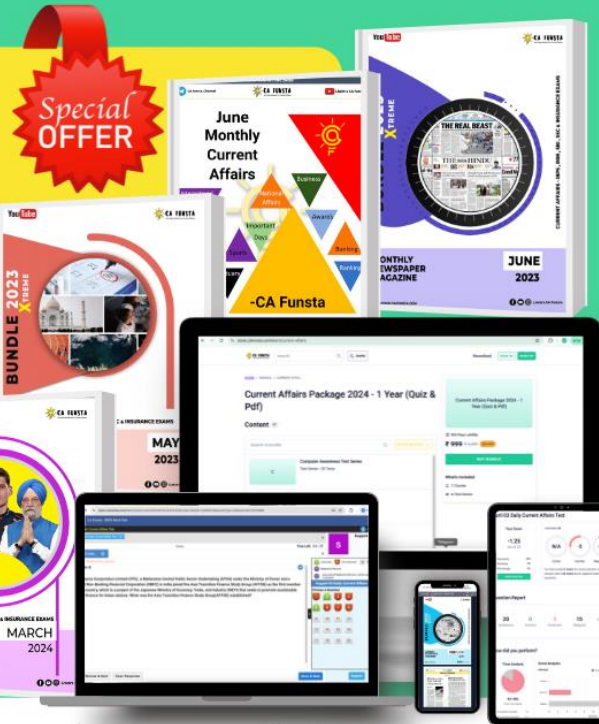


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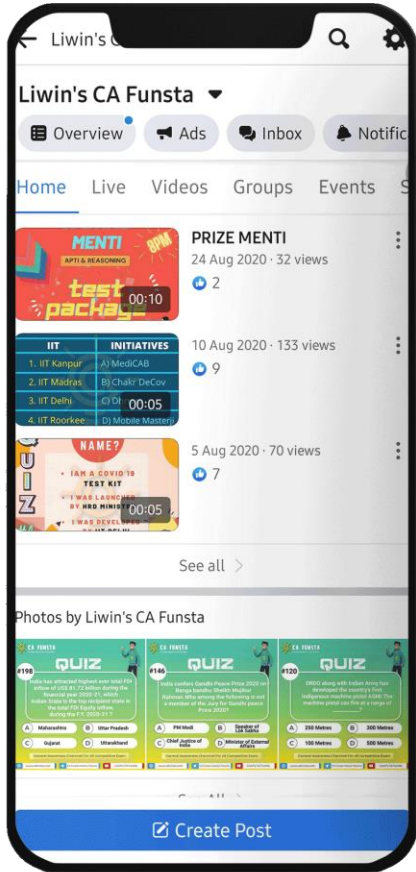
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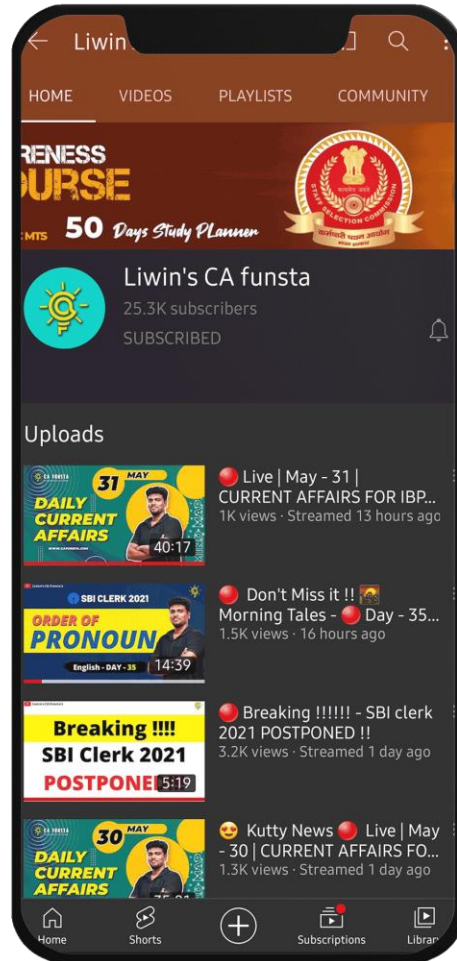


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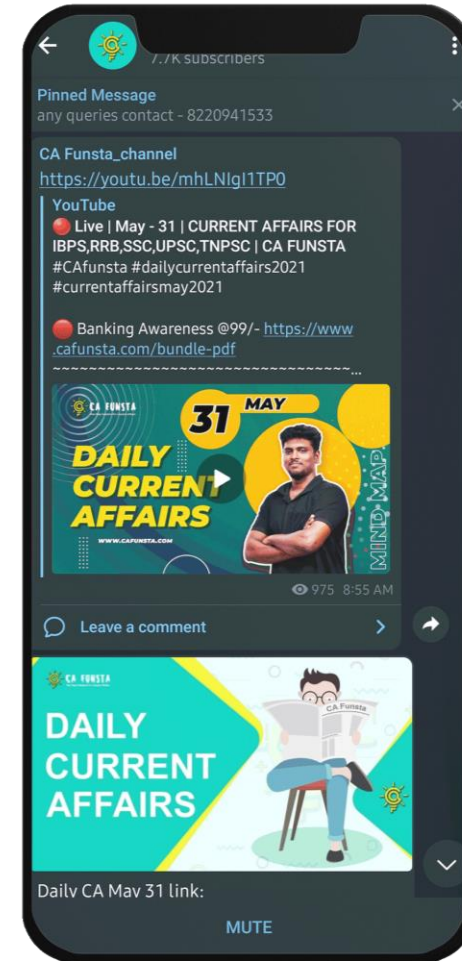
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