



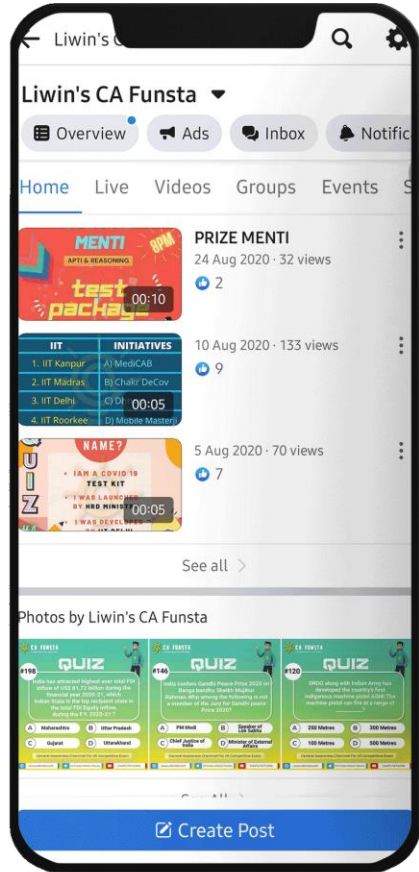
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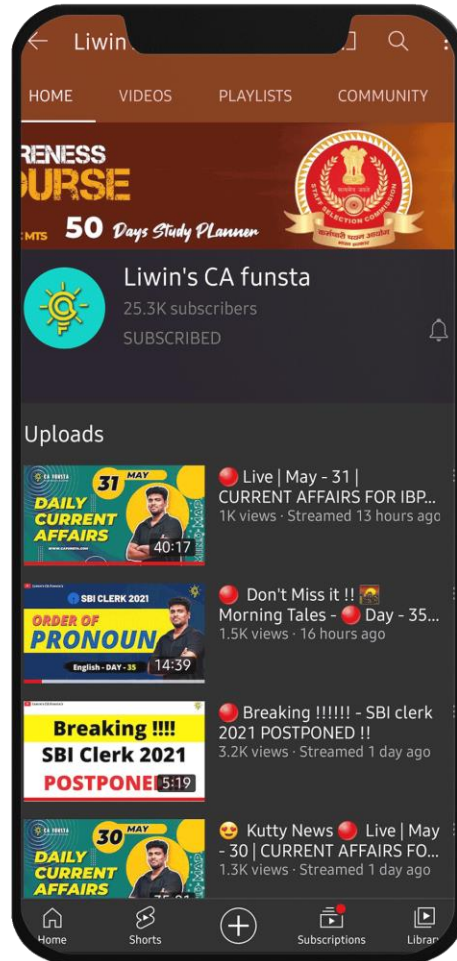
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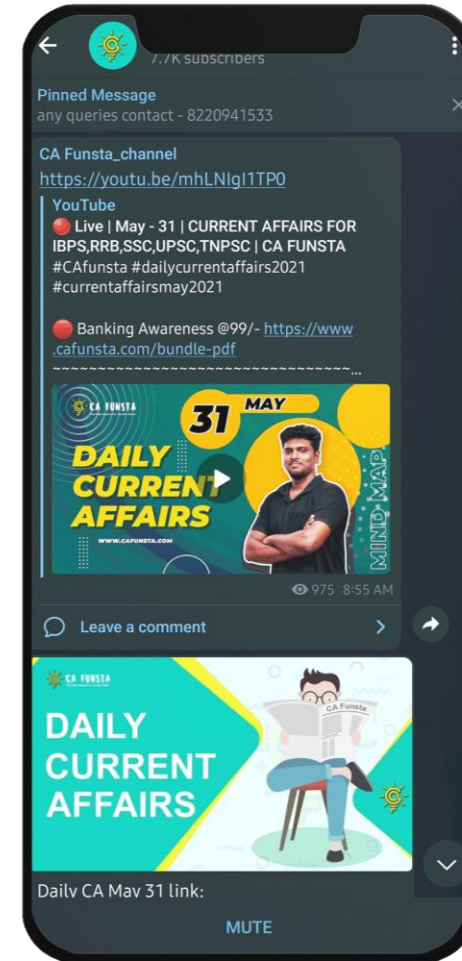
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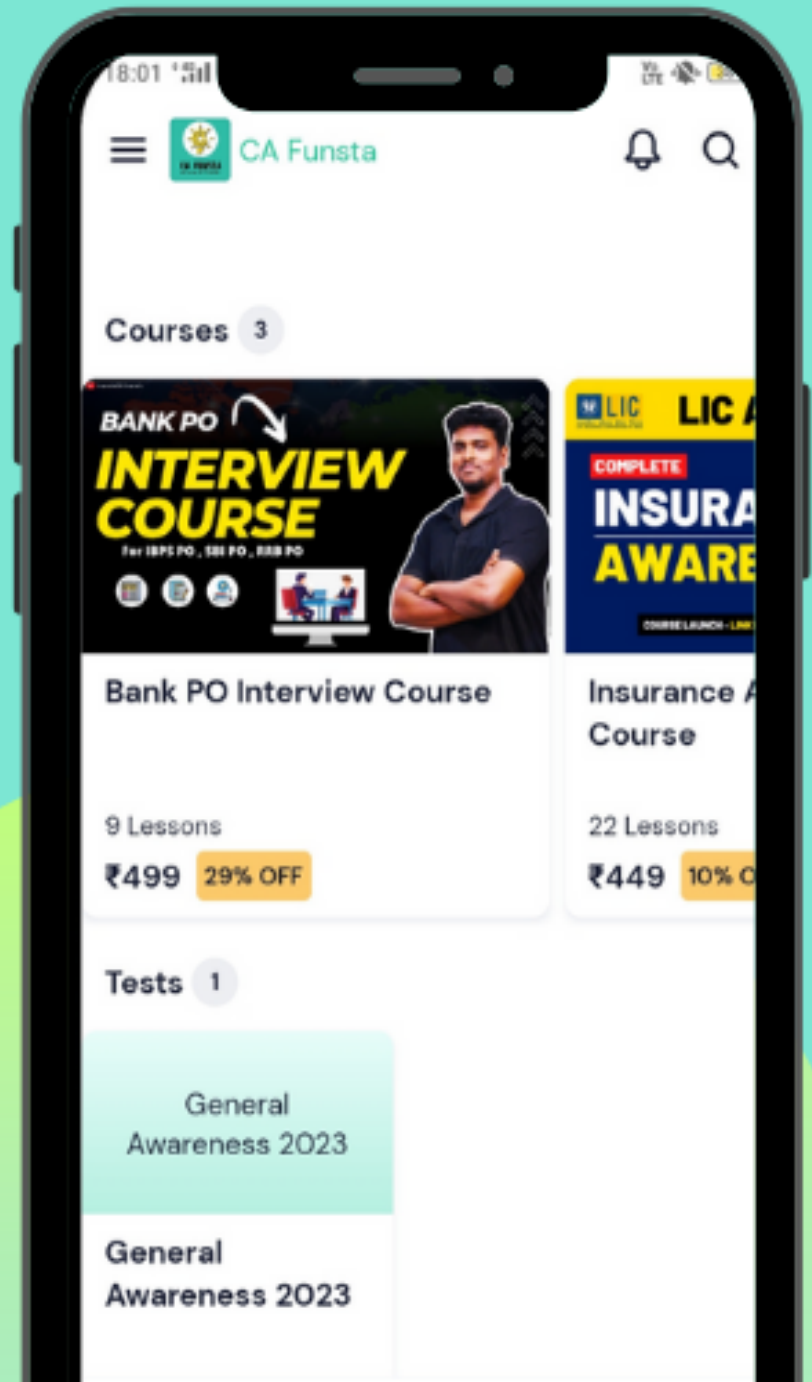
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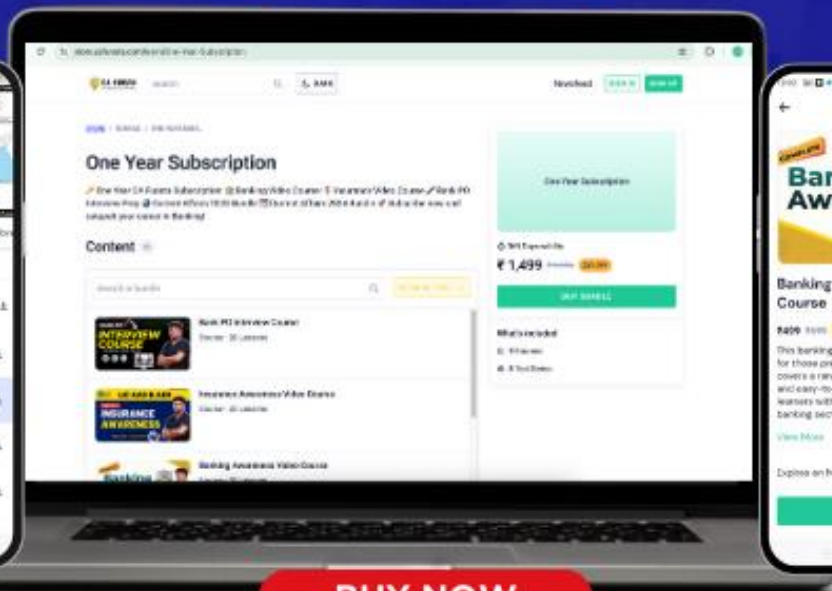
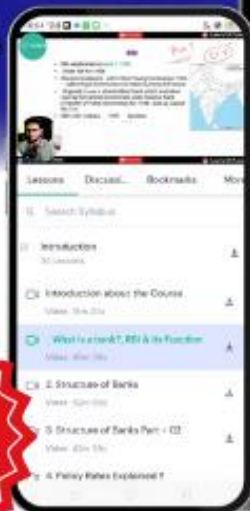
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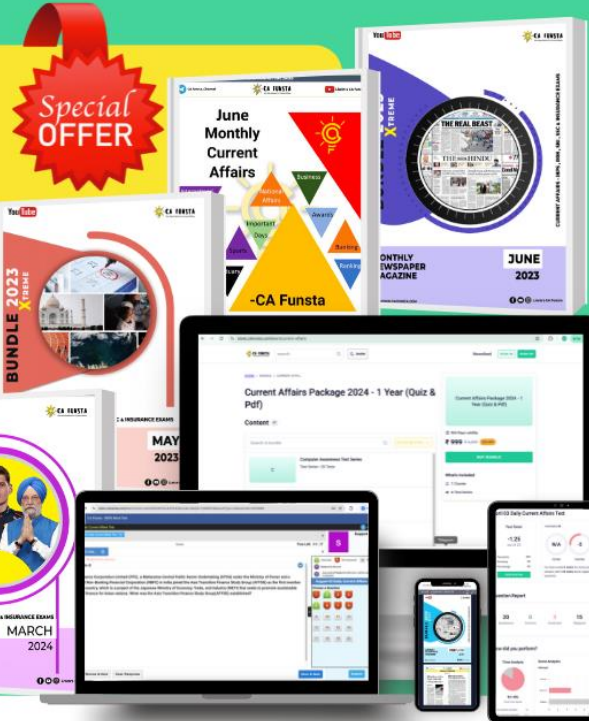


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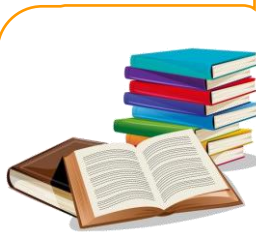


➤ Who received the Kalinga Ratna Award 2024 from the President of India during the birth anniversary celebrations of Adikabi Sarala Das?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Bijaya Nayak
- D) Amit Shah
- E) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer

B) Dharmendra Pradhan



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Birth anniversary celebrations of Adikabi Sarala Das and presentation of Kalinga Ratna Award 2024
- **Location:** Cuttack, Odisha
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** President of India Droupadi Murmu participated in the celebration of Adikabi Sarala Das's birth anniversary and presented the Kalinga Ratna Award 2024 to Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.
- **Objectives:** To honor the contributions of Adikabi Sarala Das to Indian literature, recognize individuals contributing to education and literature, and promote cultural unity and linguistic heritage through such awards and celebrations.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Adikabi Sarala Das:** Revered as the first poet (Adikabi) of Odisha, best known for composing the Odia Mahabharata, a monumental work in Indian regional literature.
- **Kalinga Ratna Award:** A prestigious recognition awarded for outstanding contributions in literature, education, and public service, particularly connected to Odisha's culture and heritage.
- **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020:** India's educational policy framework emphasizing mother tongue-based education, holistic learning, and cultural integration in the education system.

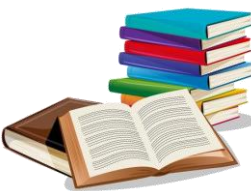


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Birth Anniversary of Adikabi Sarala Das & Kalinga Ratna Award 2024 Ceremony
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	Cuttack, Odisha
Issuing authority	Rashtrapati Bhavan / President of India Droupadi Murmu
Policy/series name	Literary and Educational Awards Ceremony
Key figures	Droupadi Murmu, Dharmendra Pradhan, Bijaya Nayak
Purpose/reason	To honor contributions to education, literature, and Odia culture
Feature details	Kalinga Ratna Award to Dharmendra Pradhan, Sarala Samman to Bijaya Nayak
Validity or status	Annual cultural and literary event
Strategic/significant value	Promotes literary excellence, encourages cultural heritage, reinforces importance of mother tongue education



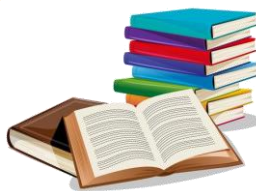
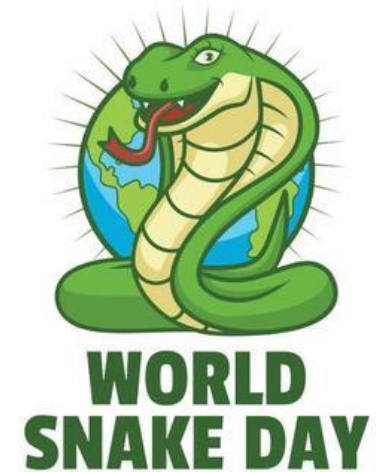
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➤ **What is the theme of World Snake Day 2025?**

- A) Snakes: Protectors of the Wild
- B) Respect, Don't Fear: Protecting Nature's Silent Guardians
- C) Save Snakes, Save Nature
- D) Snake Conservation: A Global Duty
- E) Guardians of the Ecosystem: Snakes Matter

Answer

B) Respect, Don't Fear: Protecting Nature's Silent Guardians

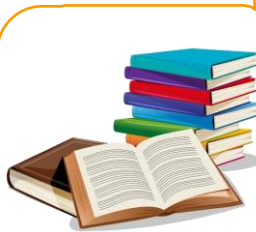


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of World Snake Day 2025
- **Location:** Global
- **Date:** 16 July 2025

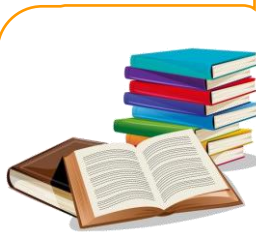


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Observing World Snake Day through educational campaigns, awareness drives, and conservation initiatives focusing on snakes.
- **Objectives:** To spread awareness about the ecological importance of snakes, reduce myths and misconceptions, encourage habitat protection, and promote ethical treatment towards snakes.

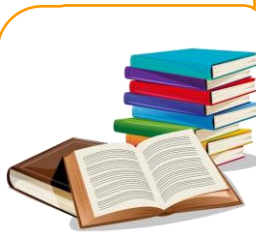


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Habitat Loss:** The destruction of natural ecosystems that forces snakes out of their environment, increasing human-animal conflict and reducing biodiversity.
- **Exotic Pet Trade:** The illegal or unethical practice of keeping wild species like snakes as pets, often leading to high mortality rates and animal cruelty.
- **Ecological Balance:** The natural equilibrium maintained in ecosystems where snakes control pest populations and contribute to the food chain.

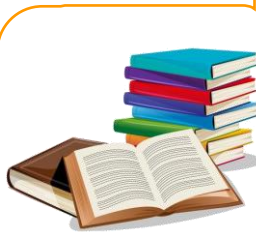


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Snake Day 2025
Announcement date	16 July 2025
Location	Global
Issuing authority	Various wildlife conservation organisations and environmental groups
Policy/series name	Respect, Don't Fear: Protecting Nature's Silent Guardians
Key figures	Conservationists, wildlife experts, animal rights organisations
Purpose/reason	Raise awareness on conservation of snakes and dispel harmful myths
Feature details	Educational drives, digital campaigns, advocacy against cruelty
Validity or status	Annual observance
Strategic/significant value	Highlights the ecological role of snakes and encourages biodiversity protection

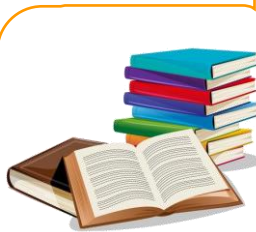


➤ Which Indian city has been ranked the world's most affordable student city in the QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2026?

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



Answer
C) Delhi

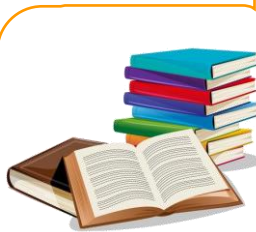


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2026 announcement featuring significant rise of Indian cities
- **Location:** Global (India-specific highlights: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai)
- **Date:** 16 July 2025

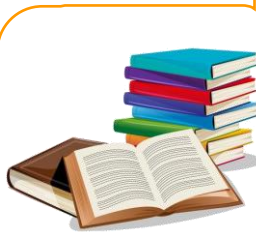


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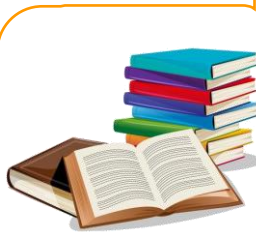
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Release of the QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2026 by QS Quacquarelli Symonds, evaluating cities on university quality, affordability, employer reputation, and student diversity.
- **Objectives:** To assess and rank cities worldwide on their attractiveness to students based on education quality, cost of living, and employability outcomes, while highlighting India's growing global academic presence and affordability advantage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **QS Best Student Cities Rankings:** An annual ranking by QS Quacquarelli Symonds, measuring cities' appeal to students across factors like academic reputation, affordability, and graduate employability.
- **Affordability Index:** A metric within the QS rankings assessing cost of tuition and living expenses, with Delhi scoring the highest globally for affordability in 2026.
- **Employer Activity:** A QS metric evaluating how favourably employers view graduates from a city, indicating strong graduate outcomes and job prospects.



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QS BEST STUDENT CITIES RANKINGS 2026 (INDIAN CITIES HIGHLIGHTED)

City	Country	2026 Rank	2025 Rank	Change	Key Highlights
Mumbai	India	98	131	▲ 33	Re-entered Top 100, strong employer activity
Delhi	India	104	117	▲ 13	#1 globally in affordability index
Bengaluru	India	108	130	▲ 22	Sharp rise, boosted by tech and research sectors
Chennai	India	128	140	▲ 12	Solid rise, recognized for affordability and employability

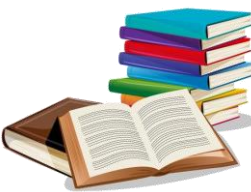


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TOP 5 GLOBAL CITIES IN QS BEST STUDENT CITIES RANKINGS 2026

City	Country	2026 Rank
Seoul	South Korea	1
Tokyo	Japan	2
London	United Kingdom	3
Munich	Germany	4
Melbourne	Australia	5

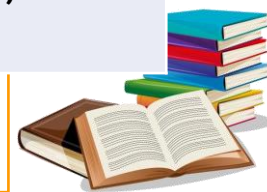


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2026
Announcement date	16 July 2025
Location	Global; India-specific: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai
Issuing authority	QS Quacquarelli Symonds
Policy/series name	QS Best Student Cities Rankings
Key figures	Cities: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai
Purpose/reason	To evaluate cities' attractiveness to students based on affordability, education quality, and employability
Feature details	Delhi ranked #1 globally for affordability; Mumbai re-entered Top 100; Bengaluru and Chennai made significant gains
Validity or status	Rankings valid for 2026
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's growing education ecosystem, affordability advantage, and rising global academic reputation



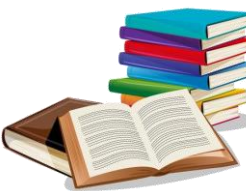
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➤ According to UNICEF and WHO data for 2024, which region recorded its highest-ever child immunisation coverage?

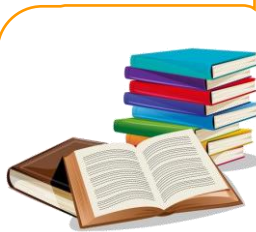
- A) East Asia
- B) Africa
- C) South America
- D) South Asia
- E) Europe

Answer
D) South Asia



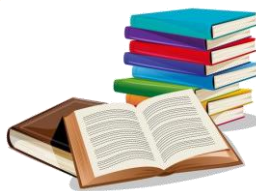
Event and Location:

- **Event:** South Asia achieves record-high child immunisation coverage in 2024
- **Location:** South Asia (Key highlights: India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh)
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



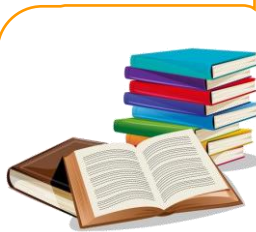
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Release of UNICEF and WHO immunisation data for 2024, showcasing record-high vaccination coverage across South Asia, particularly in DTP3, measles, and HPV vaccines.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the progress in reducing zero-dose children, improve child health through vaccination, and sustain momentum towards global immunisation targets under the Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030).



Important Terms Explained:

- **DTP Vaccine:** A combination vaccine protecting against Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (whooping cough); DTP3 coverage is a key global health indicator.
- **Zero-dose Children:** Children who have not received even the first dose of DTP-containing vaccines.
- **HPV Vaccine:** A vaccine protecting against Human Papillomavirus, which is linked to cervical cancer; its uptake is crucial for adolescent girls' health.
- **IA2030 (Immunization Agenda 2030):** A global strategy led by WHO, UNICEF, and Gavi to ensure equitable vaccine access and coverage by 2030.

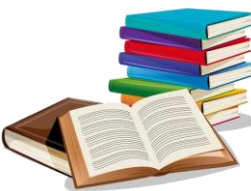


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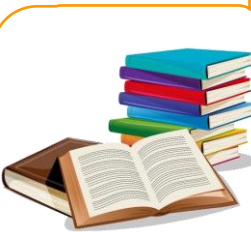
Parameter	Details
Event name	South Asia Achieves Record-High Child Immunisation Coverage 2024
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	South Asia (India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.)
Issuing authority	UNICEF and WHO
Policy/series name	Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030)
Key figures	Sanjay Wijesekera (UNICEF), Dr Thaksaphon Thamarangsi (WHO SE Asia)
Purpose/reason	Protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases; reduce zero-dose children
Feature details	DTP3 coverage at 92%, Measles coverage at 93% (1st dose), HPV uptake increased
Validity or status	Data for calendar year 2024
Strategic/significant value	Enhanced child health, reduced disease outbreaks, aligns with IA2030 goals



➤ From July 17, 2025, how many Indian banks will be part of the expanded UPI-PayNow cross-border remittance service between India and Singapore?

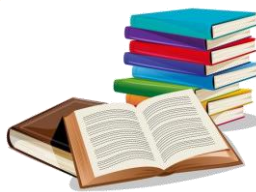
- A) 10
- B) 13
- C) 15
- D) 19
- E) 25

Answer
D) 19



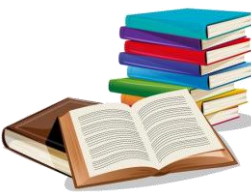
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Expansion of UPI-PayNow cross-border remittance service to include 19 Indian banks
- **Location:** India and Singapore
- **Date:** 17 July 2025



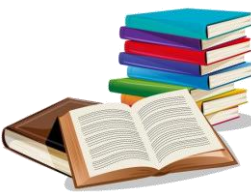
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Expansion of the UPI-PayNow linkage to include 13 additional Indian banks, bringing the total to 19 banks, for real-time cross-border remittances between India and Singapore.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen financial connectivity, enable real-time, secure, and efficient cross-border transactions, especially benefiting the Indian diaspora in Singapore (students, migrant workers), and enhance India's global digital payment footprint.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** India's instant real-time payment system developed by NPCI that facilitates inter-bank transactions via mobile platforms.
- **PayNow:** Singapore's real-time payment system allowing fund transfers using mobile numbers or NRIC/FIN.
- **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL):** A subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) responsible for expanding UPI globally.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Expansion of UPI-PayNow cross-border remittance service
Announcement date	16 July 2025
Location	India and Singapore
Issuing authority	NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)
Policy/series name	UPI-PayNow Cross-border Remittance Linkage
Key figures	Ritesh Shukla (CEO NIPL)
Purpose/reason	Facilitate real-time, secure, cost-effective cross-border remittances
Feature details	19 Indian banks, real-time payments via mobile number/VPA, outward remittances supported by banks like HDFC, ICICI; Singapore partners include DBS SG and Liquid Group
Validity or status	Live from July 17, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India-Singapore ties, boosts financial inclusion, expands India's global digital payments influence



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC) for a four-year term in 2025?

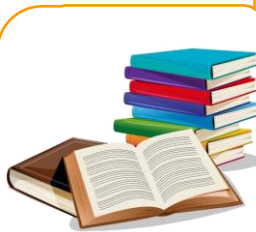


- A) Dr. M.K. Ramesh
- B) Dr. Abhijat Sheth
- C) Dr. Randeep Guleria
- D) Dr. Jagat Prakash Nadda
- E) Dr. V.K. Paul



Answer

B) Dr. Abhijat Sheth

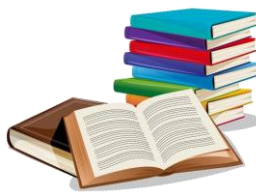


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointments made to fill vacant positions at the National Medical Commission (NMC)
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 15 July 2025

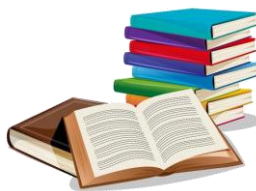


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved 24 appointments at NMC and its four autonomous boards to strengthen medical education regulation and oversight in India.
- **Objectives:** To enhance the functioning of the NMC, address leadership gaps, and implement reforms in medical education, ensuring regulatory stability ahead of the next academic session.

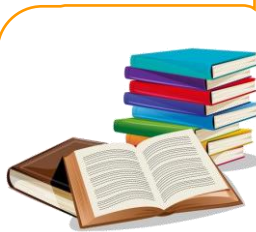


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Important Terms Explained:

- **National Medical Commission (NMC):** India's apex medical education regulator established under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, responsible for overseeing medical education, ethics, and assessments.
- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC):** A high-level committee that approves senior appointments in government institutions; chaired by the Prime Minister.
- **National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET):** A standardized exam conducted by NMC for admissions into undergraduate medical courses across India.

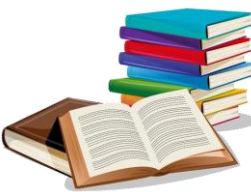


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointments at National Medical Commission (NMC)
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)
Policy/series name	Filling Vacancies at NMC and Autonomous Boards
Key figures	Dr. Abhijat Sheth (Chairperson), Dr. M.K. Ramesh (President, MARB)
Purpose/reason	Strengthen regulatory functioning of NMC and improve medical education governance
Feature details	24 appointments across NMC and 4 boards, 2-year tenure, chairperson's 4-year term
Validity or status	Effective from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Ensures leadership stability, regulatory effectiveness, improved medical education reforms



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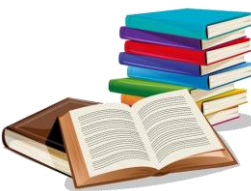


➤ Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Manipur in July 2025?

- A) Rajesh Kumar
- B) Vineet Joshi
- C) Prashant Kumar Singh
- D) Puneet Kumar Goel
- E) A.K. Bhalla

Answer

D) Puneet Kumar Goel

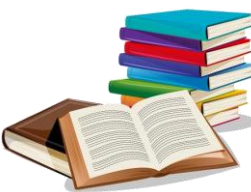


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Puneet Kumar Goel as Chief Secretary of Manipur
- **Location:** Manipur, India
- **Date:** 16 July 2025

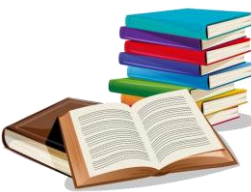


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Appointment of Puneet Kumar Goel, a 1991 batch IAS officer from AGMUT cadre, as the Chief Secretary of Manipur, replacing Prashant Kumar Singh.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen state administration and assist ongoing efforts to restore normalcy and prepare for the re-establishment of an elected government in Manipur amidst ongoing President's Rule and ethnic tensions.

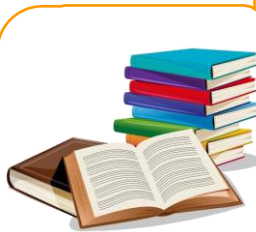


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Important Terms Explained:

- **President's Rule:** A constitutional provision under Article 356 where the President of India takes over a state's governance when its government cannot function; currently imposed in Manipur since February 2025.
- **AGMUT Cadre:** A joint cadre of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territories (AGMUT), from which IAS officers are assigned across these regions.
- **National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST):** A constitutional body that protects the rights of Scheduled Tribes; Prashant Kumar Singh has been appointed as its Secretary.

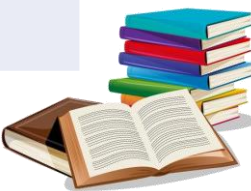


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Puneet Kumar Goel as Manipur Chief Secretary
Announcement date	16 July 2025
Location	Manipur, India
Issuing authority	Government of India / Union Ministry of Home Affairs
Policy/series name	Senior IAS Appointments to strengthen Manipur administration
Key figures	Puneet Kumar Goel, Prashant Kumar Singh, A.K. Bhalla
Purpose/reason	Strengthen administration during President's Rule; prepare for restoration of governance
Feature details	4th Chief Secretary since May 2023 ethnic violence; replaced Prashant Kumar Singh
Validity or status	Effective from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports peace process, governance stability, and Centre's efforts to restore normalcy in Manipur



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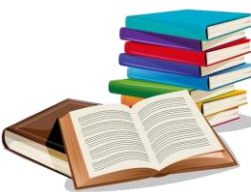


➤ **Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Sabyasachi Couture in July 2025?**

- A) Sabyasachi Mukherjee
- B) Manish Chopra
- C) Sanjiv Goenka
- D) Mukesh Ambani
- E) Rahul Sharma

Answer

B) Manish Chopra

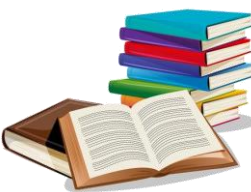


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Manish Chopra as CEO of Sabyasachi Couture
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 14 July 2025

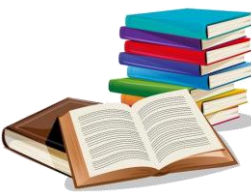


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Aditya Birla Group's Sabyasachi Couture appointed Manish Chopra as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to lead its operations and growth strategy.
- **Objectives:** To leverage Chopra's extensive experience across technology, retail, and consumer markets to drive brand expansion, business development, and global positioning for Sabyasachi Couture.

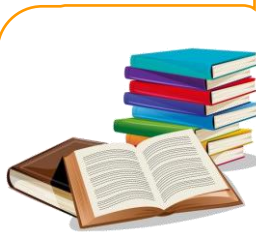


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Sabyasachi Couture:** A luxury fashion brand under Aditya Birla Group, founded by renowned designer Sabyasachi Mukherjee, specializing in bridal wear, couture, jewelry, and accessories.
- **Shein India:** A fashion e-commerce platform backed in India by Reliance Retail, where Manish Chopra previously held a senior leadership role.
- **Meta (formerly Facebook):** A global tech company where Manish Chopra managed business development and strategic partnerships for platforms like Facebook and Instagram in India.

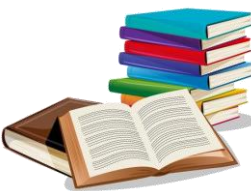


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Manish Chopra as CEO of Sabyasachi Couture
Announcement date	14 July 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Aditya Birla Group / Sabyasachi Couture
Policy/series name	Leadership Appointment
Key figures	Manish Chopra, Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Kumar Mangalam Birla
Purpose/reason	Strengthen leadership to drive business growth and global expansion
Feature details	Extensive experience in tech, retail, Meta, Oracle, Microsoft, Shein India
Validity or status	Effective from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports brand scaling, innovation, and leadership in the luxury fashion segment



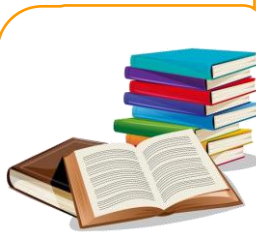
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➤ Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of GIFT City, Gandhinagar in July 2025?

- A) Tapan Ray
- B) Sanjay Kaul
- C) Sanjeev Sanyal
- D) Hemant Sharma
- E) Amitabh Kant

Answer
B) Sanjay Kaul

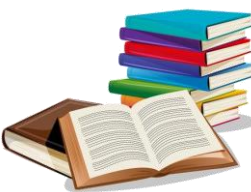


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Sanjay Kaul as MD & CEO of GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- **Location:** GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- **Date:** 15 July 2025

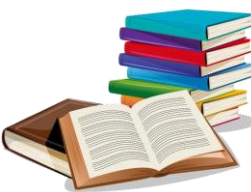


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** IAS officer Sanjay Kaul has been appointed as Managing Director and CEO of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) for a three-year deputation.
- **Objectives:** To oversee the management and future growth of India's premier international financial services hub, strengthen India's position in global financial services, and lead GIFT City's strategic initiatives in fintech, finance, and infrastructure.

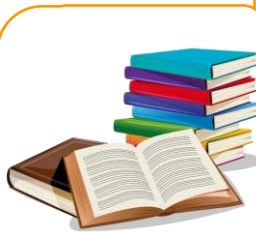


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Important Terms Explained:

- **GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City):** India's first operational smart city and global financial services centre located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, serving as a hub for financial institutions, fintech, and IT services.
- **Deputation:** A temporary assignment of a government officer to a different post or role outside their cadre, commonly across states or between the central and state governments.
- **IAS (Indian Administrative Service):** India's premier civil service, whose officers hold senior administrative positions in government and public sector organizations.

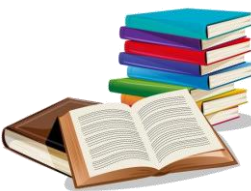


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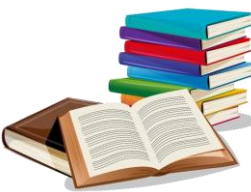
Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Sanjay Kaul as MD & CEO of GIFT City, Gandhinagar
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Issuing authority	Gujarat General Administration Department (GAD)
Policy/series name	Leadership Appointment
Key figures	Sanjay Kaul (Incoming), Tapan Ray (Outgoing)
Purpose/reason	Leadership transition to enhance the growth of India's international finance hub
Feature details	3-year deputation; expertise in culture, administration, tourism, IT
Validity or status	Effective upon assuming charge in July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's global financial services aspirations through GIFT City



➤ **What is the name of the Israeli communications satellite launched by SpaceX Falcon 9 on July 13, 2025?**

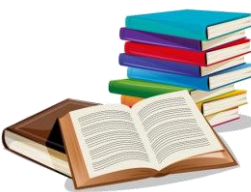
- A) Amos-17
- B) Ofek-16
- C) Dror-1
- D) Beresheet-2
- E) Eros-C

Answer
C) Dror-1



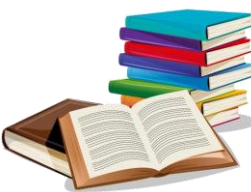
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Israel's most advanced communications satellite Dror-1 by SpaceX Falcon 9
- **Location:** Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida, USA
- **Date:** 13 July 2025



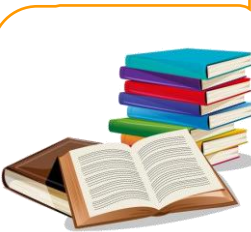
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of Dror-1, Israel's most advanced communications satellite, built by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), using SpaceX Falcon 9's Commercial GTO-1 mission.
- **Objectives:** To provide Israel with strategic, long-term satellite communications capabilities for the next 15 years, ensuring secure, flexible, and advanced communication infrastructure through locally developed digital technologies.



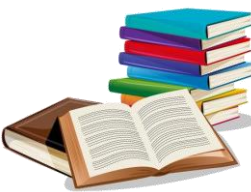
Important Terms Explained:

- **Dror-1:** A 4.5-ton geostationary communications satellite built by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), equipped with advanced digital communication payloads and designed to provide Israel's communications for 15 years.
- **Commercial GTO-1 Mission:** A SpaceX Falcon 9 mission to Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO), marking the first use of the "GTO" designation in a mission name by SpaceX.
- **ASDS (Autonomous Spaceport Drone Ship):** A drone platform used by SpaceX for landing Falcon 9 boosters at sea after launch.



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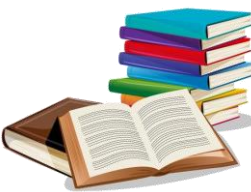
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Israel's Dror-1 Communications Satellite
Announcement date	13 July 2025
Location	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida, USA
Issuing authority	Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) / SpaceX
Policy/series name	Commercial GTO-1 Mission by SpaceX
Key figures	Boaz Levy (IAI CEO), Elon Musk (SpaceX CEO)
Purpose/reason	Ensure long-term national satellite communications capabilities for Israel
Feature details	4.5-ton satellite, fully digital payload, "smartphone in space" capabilities
Validity or status	Operational after post-launch orbital adjustments, lifespan: 15 years
Strategic/significant value	Enhances Israel's strategic communications infrastructure and independence



➤ Which engine is being delivered by GE Aerospace to power India's Tejas Mk 1 A fighter jets?

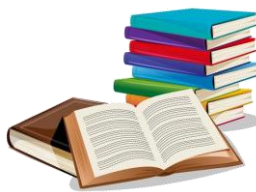
- A) GE F414
- B) GE F404
- C) Rolls-Royce Trent
- D) HAL Shakti
- E) GE J79

Answer
B) GE F404



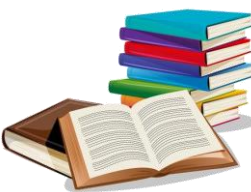
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Delivery of second GE F404 engine to HAL for integration into Tejas Mk 1 A fighter jets
- **Location:** Bengaluru, India
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



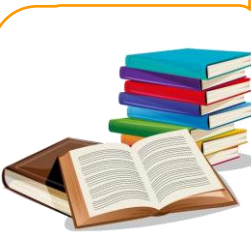
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Delivery of GE F404 engines to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for integration into indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk 1 A, with plans to deliver 12 jets by December 2025.
- **Objectives:** To ensure timely production and delivery of 83 ordered Tejas Mk 1 A jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and strengthen India's indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities, while addressing IAF's squadron shortages.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GE F404 Engine:** A US-manufactured turbofan engine developed by GE Aerospace to power fighter jets, including India's Tejas Mk 1 A.
- **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk 1 A:** An indigenous fighter jet developed by HAL, featuring upgrades like AESA radar, Advanced EW Suite, BVR capabilities, and compatibility with ASTRA missiles.
- **Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Missiles:** Air-to-air missiles that can engage targets beyond the pilot's visual range, enhancing fighter aircraft's combat effectiveness; includes Derby and ASTRA for Tejas Mk 1 A.

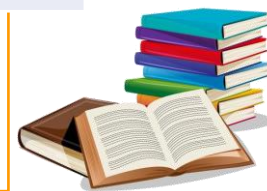


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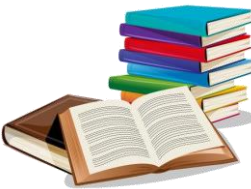
Parameter	Details
Event name	Delivery of GE F404 Engines for Tejas Mk 1 A
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	Bengaluru, India
Issuing authority	GE Aerospace, HAL
Policy/series name	Engine Supply for Indigenous Fighter Aircraft Production
Key figures	D K Sunil (HAL CMD), Air Marshal AP Singh (IAF Chief)
Purpose/reason	Ensure timely delivery of Tejas Mk 1 A jets to bolster IAF's strength
Feature details	10 engines by 2025-end; 12 Tejas Mk 1 A ready by December 2025; ASTRA missile testing ongoing
Validity or status	Deliveries ongoing; production targets till 2030
Strategic/significant value	Boosts indigenous defence manufacturing, addresses IAF squadron strength, strengthens India-US defence ties



➤ **Where is the Tamil Nadu - Taiwan Technical Textile Partnership Summit 2025 scheduled to be held?**

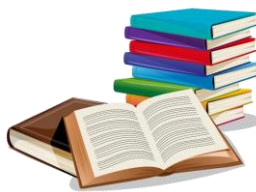
- A) Chennai
- B) Tiruppur
- C) Coimbatore
- D) Madurai
- E) Bengaluru

Answer
C) Coimbatore



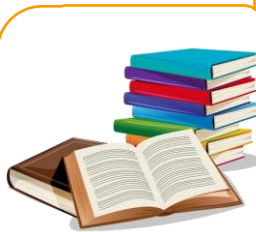
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tamil Nadu - Taiwan Technical Textile Partnership Summit 2025
- **Location:** Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** 21 July 2025



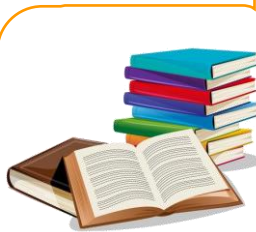
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Organizing a two-day Technical Textile Partnership Summit to promote collaboration between Tamil Nadu and Taiwan in the field of Man-Made Fibres (MMF) and technical textiles through B2B meetings, exhibitions, and technical sessions.
- **Objectives:** To drive investment, innovation, and export opportunities in Tamil Nadu's textile sector by learning from Taiwan's advanced expertise in MMF, with the goal of boosting India's textile exports and reducing dependency on cotton-based production.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Man-Made Fibres (MMF):** Synthetic or artificial fibres such as polyester, nylon, or rayon, used in the production of textiles, especially important for sportswear, winter-wear, and technical fabrics.
- **Technical Textiles:** Textile products designed for functional purposes rather than aesthetics, such as medical textiles, sportswear, industrial fabrics, and protective clothing.
- **Free Trade Agreement (FTA):** A treaty between two or more countries to facilitate trade by reducing tariffs and barriers, such as the recent India-UK FTA mentioned as beneficial for boosting textile exports.

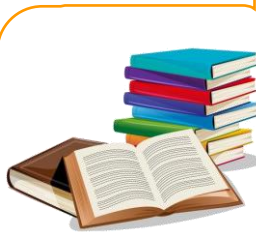


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Tamil Nadu - Taiwan Technical Textile Partnership Summit 2025
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	CII - Tamil Nadu and Tiruppur Exporters' Association (TEA)
Policy/series name	Technical Textile Partnership for MMF Innovation
Key figures	Kumar Duraiswamy (TEA), G.R. Gopikumar (CII Tamil Nadu)
Purpose/reason	Boosting technical textile manufacturing and MMF adoption in Tamil Nadu
Feature details	B2B meetings, technical sessions, product showcase, and factory visits
Validity or status	Scheduled for 21-22 July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthen India-Taiwan business ties in technical textiles and increase textile exports



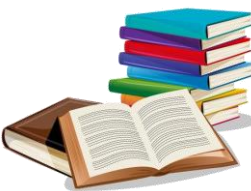
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➤ During the 2025 Monsoon Session of Parliament, which state's President's Rule extension is proposed by the Modi government?

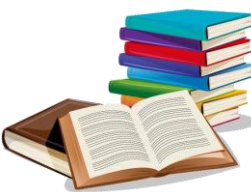
- A) Assam
- B) Nagaland
- C) Tripura
- D) Manipur
- E) Meghalaya

Answer
D) Manipur



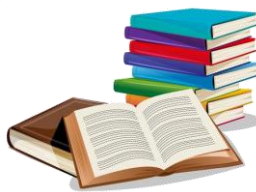
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Proposal to extend President's Rule in Manipur during the 2025 Monsoon Session of Parliament
- **Location:** New Delhi / Manipur
- **Date:** From July 21, 2025 (Monsoon Session Start Date)



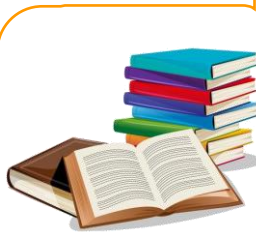
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Modi government intends to table 8 new Bills, extend President's Rule in Manipur, and pursue passage of pending Bills like the Income Tax Bill 2025 during the Monsoon Session.
- **Objectives:** To maintain constitutional governance in Manipur by extending President's Rule, to ensure financial approvals for the state, and to advance legislative reforms in sectors like taxation, sports governance, minerals, and management education.



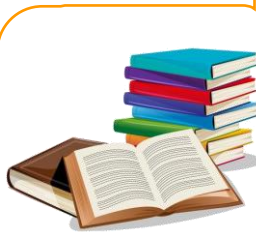
Important Terms Explained:

- **President's Rule:** A provision under Article 356 of the Indian Constitution that allows the President of India to assume control of a state when its government is unable to function constitutionally; it must be approved by Parliament every six months.
- **Appropriation Bill:** A legislative bill that authorizes the government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Fund of India to meet expenditure needs; in this case, it pertains to Manipur's Demands for Grants 2025-26.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Select Committee:** A temporary parliamentary committee appointed to examine a specific Bill in detail before it is passed by the Parliament; currently reviewing the Income Tax Bill 2025.

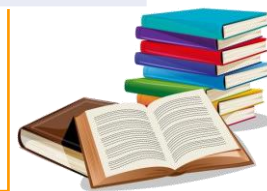


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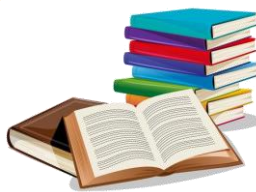
Parameter	Details
Event name	Extension of President's Rule in Manipur
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	New Delhi / Manipur
Issuing authority	Government of India (Modi Government)
Policy/series name	Monsoon Session 2025 Legislative Agenda
Key figures	Narendra Modi, Droupadi Murmu, Anusuiya Uikey
Purpose/reason	To ensure constitutional governance continues in Manipur
Feature details	8 New Bills, Income Tax Bill 2025, Appropriation Bill for Manipur, Extension of President's Rule
Validity or status	Monsoon Session from July 21 to August 21, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Maintains law and order, advances reforms, ensures governance continuity in Manipur



➤ What is the annual outlay of the newly approved Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)?

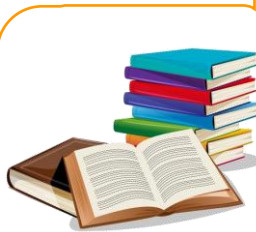
- A) ₹10,000 crore
- B) ₹15,000 crore
- C) ₹24,000 crore
- D) ₹30,000 crore
- E) ₹50,000 crore

Answer
C) ₹24,000 crore



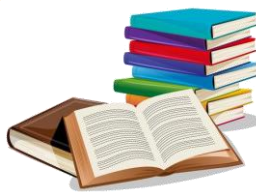
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) and fresh investments in Green Energy by NTPC and NLCIL
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 16 July 2025



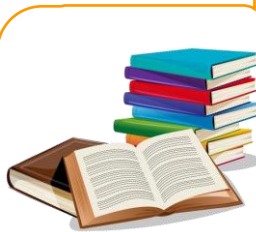
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of PMDDKY with ₹24,000 crore annual outlay to improve agriculture and allied sectors; approval for NTPC Ltd and NLC India Ltd (NLCIL) to make significant investments in renewable energy through their subsidiaries.
- **Objectives:** To enhance farm productivity, promote crop diversification, improve irrigation and post-harvest infrastructure, and expand India's renewable energy capacity towards climate goals.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PMDDKY (Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana):** A government scheme aimed at boosting agriculture in 100 districts through convergence of 36 existing schemes, with focus on productivity, credit access, diversification, and infrastructure.
- **NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL):** A subsidiary of NTPC Ltd, tasked with scaling up renewable energy investments to help NTPC achieve its 60 GW renewable energy target by 2032.
- **NLC India Renewables Ltd (NIRL):** A renewable energy arm of NLC India Ltd (NLCIL), now exempted from prior approvals for investments, targeting 10 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030.

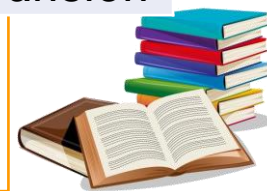


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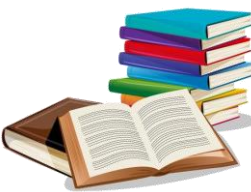
Parameter	Details
Event name	Cabinet approval for PMDDKY and investments in Green Energy
Announcement date	16 July 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi
Policy/series name	Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) and Renewable Energy Expansion Plans
Key figures	Narendra Modi, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Gurdeep Singh, Prasanna Kumar Motupalli
Purpose/reason	Boost agriculture productivity, diversify crops, increase renewable energy capacity
Feature details	₹24,000 crore/year for agriculture, NTPC ₹20,000 crore, NLCIL ₹7,000 crore for green energy
Validity or status	Implementation from August 2025; targets set till 2030/2032
Strategic/significant value	Agricultural transformation in 100 districts; India's renewable capacity expansion



➤ Which state has launched a DigiLocker-based technology for nurses' registration in July 2025?

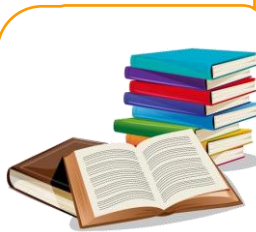
- A) Kerala
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Karnataka
- E) Gujarat

Answer
D) Karnataka



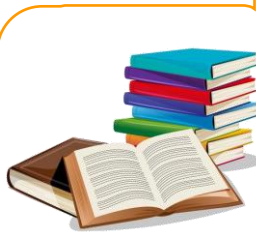
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of DigiLocker-based technology for nurses' registration
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Date:** 16 July 2025



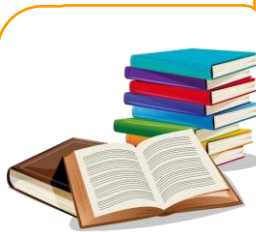
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of Aadhaar-based e-KYC DigiLocker technology by the Karnataka State Nursing Council (KSNC) to facilitate digital, hassle-free nurse registration and issuance of certificates.
- **Objectives:** To streamline the nurse registration process, reduce physical paperwork, and enable direct digital access to documents and certificates through DigiLocker, improving efficiency and transparency.



Important Terms Explained:

- **DigiLocker:** A cloud-based platform developed by the Government of India to enable citizens to store and access important documents digitally in a secure manner.
- **e-KYC (Electronic Know Your Customer):** A digital verification process using Aadhaar to authenticate an individual's identity and personal details directly from the UIDAI server.
- **Karnataka State Nursing Council (KSNC):** The regulatory body responsible for the registration and regulation of nursing professionals in Karnataka.

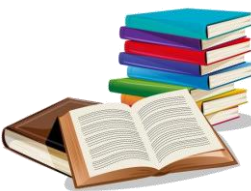


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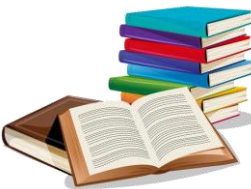
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of DigiLocker-based Nurses' Registration Technology
Announcement date	16 July 2025
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Karnataka State Nursing Council (KSNC), launched by CM Siddaramaiah
Policy/series name	Aadhaar-based e-KYC DigiLocker integration for nurse registration
Key figures	CM Siddaramaiah, Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil
Purpose/reason	Simplify nurse registration, ensure paperless, digital process through Aadhaar e-KYC
Feature details	KSNC app integration, retrieval of Aadhaar, SSLC, PUC data, 11-step online process
Validity or status	Active from July 2025, app available on Google Playstore
Strategic/significant value	First-of-its-kind in India; enhances efficiency, transparency in healthcare registration



➤ **What is the name of the AI-based traffic system pilot launched by GVMC in Visakhapatnam?**

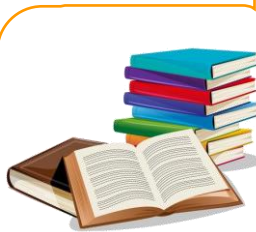
- A) Project VAHAN
- B) Project DRIVE
- C) Project SARTHI
- D) Project SAFE ROAD
- E) Project VIZAG TRAFFIC

Answer
C) Project SARTHI



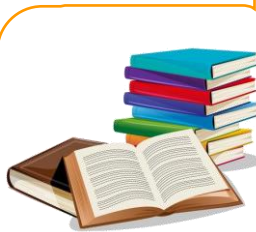
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of AI-based traffic system pilot "Project SARTHI"
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



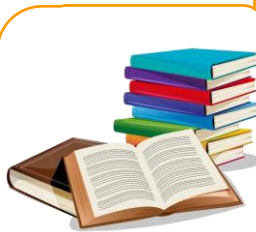
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of Project SARTHI by Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) to pilot an AI-based integrated traffic management system in collaboration with the traffic police.
- **Objectives:** To streamline vehicular traffic, reduce accidents and violations, deploy advanced technologies like ANPR, red light violation detection, and facial recognition, and establish a foundation for a smart, technology-driven city.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Project SARTHI (Systematic Augmented Radial Traffic & Hoop Induction):** An AI-based initiative aimed at improving traffic management in Visakhapatnam through smart technology solutions.
- **Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR):** Technology that reads and records vehicle number plates for monitoring and enforcement purposes.
- **Facial Recognition Systems:** AI tools used to identify individuals through facial features, enhancing law enforcement capabilities for traffic violations.

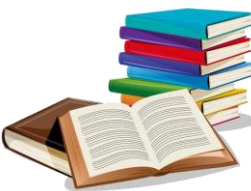


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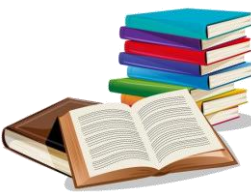
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Project SARTHI AI-based traffic system pilot
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)
Policy/series name	Project SARTHI - AI-based Traffic Management System
Key figures	GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg
Purpose/reason	To implement AI-driven solutions for traffic management
Feature details	ANPR, red light violation detection, facial recognition, tech partners across 5 traffic zones
Validity or status	1-month pilot; city-wide expansion based on performance evaluation
Strategic/significant value	Enhance traffic efficiency, reduce accidents, support smart city goals



➤ In which Indian state is the Behdeinkhlam Festival celebrated?

- A) Assam
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Manipur
- D) Tripura
- E) Mizoram

Answer
B) Meghalaya

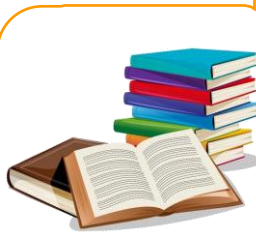


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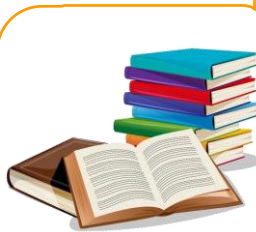
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of Behdeinkhlam Festival 2025
- **Location:** Jowai, West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya
- **Date:** 16 July 2025



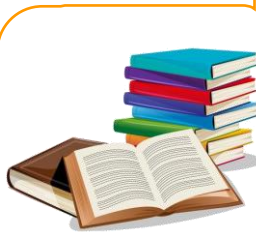
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Observance of the Behdeinkhlam Festival, a traditional Pnar tribal festival known for its rituals aimed at spiritual cleansing and driving away plagues.
- **Objectives:** To preserve cultural heritage while incorporating modern social messages like environmental protection, women's safety, Operation Sindoor, and artificial intelligence into traditional festivities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Behdeinkhlam Festival:** A sacred festival of the Pnar community in Meghalaya symbolizing the cleansing of evil and diseases through rituals and community celebrations featuring tall structures called 'Rots'.
- **Operation Sindoor:** A military operation referenced during the festival's themes, highlighting national security and recent defence activities.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Modern technology referenced during the festival to emphasize its impact on future societies and community life.

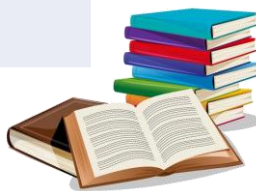


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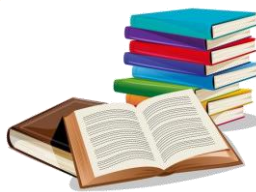
Parameter	Details
Event name	Behdeinkhlam Festival 2025
Announcement date	16 July 2025
Location	Jowai, West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya
Issuing authority	Local community and traditional heads
Policy/series name	Annual cultural and religious observance of the Pnar community
Key figures	Deputy CM Sniawbhalang Dhar and local dignitaries
Purpose/reason	To drive away diseases, cleanse spiritually, and promote modern social awareness through cultural traditions
Feature details	Processions with drums, towering 'Rots', and themes on AI, women's safety, environment
Validity or status	Celebrated annually
Strategic/significant value	Blends tradition with modern awareness; reinforces community identity and resilience



➤ Which state has launched India's first RoRo ferry service on the Mandovi River?

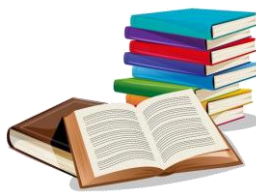
- A) Kerala
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- C) Karnataka
- D) Goa
- E) Gujarat

Answer
D) Goa



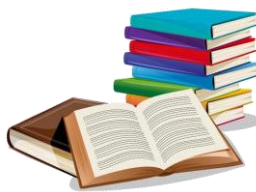
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's first RoRo ferry service on Mandovi River
- **Location:** Chorao–Ribandar route, Goa
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



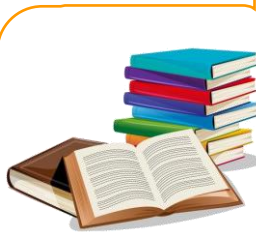
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of two modern Roll-on Roll-off (RoRo) ferries, Gangotri and Dwarka, to replace old boats on the Chorao–Ribandar route across the Mandovi river.
- **Objectives:** To reduce travel time, promote tourism, modernize daily commutes, and enhance Goa's water transport through efficient, safe, and eco-friendly solutions—all achieved at zero cost to the government through a Built-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) model.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RoRo (Roll-on Roll-off) Ferry:** A vessel designed to carry wheeled cargo such as cars, two-wheelers, and passengers that can drive on and off the ferry via ramps, enabling quick loading and unloading.
- **Built-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) Model:** A project financing structure where a private entity builds, owns, operates the asset for a period, and eventually transfers it back to the government.
- **Mandovi River:** A prominent river in Goa connecting key areas such as Chorao Island and Ribandar, heavily used for transportation and tourism.

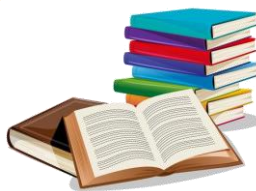


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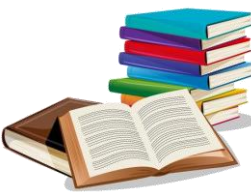
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of India's first RoRo Ferry Service on Mandovi River
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	Chorao–Ribandar route, Mandovi River, Goa
Issuing authority	Government of Goa, CM Pramod Sawant
Policy/series name	Modernized Water Transport Infrastructure through RoRo Ferries
Key figures	CM Pramod Sawant, River Navigation Minister Subhash Phal Desai
Purpose/reason	Improve transportation efficiency, reduce travel time, promote tourism
Feature details	Ferries Gangotri and Dwarka; capacity: 100 passengers, 15 cars, 40 two-wheelers; air-conditioned cabins, emergency kits
Validity or status	Operational from July 2025 under BOOT model
Strategic/significant value	First-of-its-kind service in India; enhances Goa's tourism and connectivity



➤ Where is India's second-longest cable-stayed bridge, the Sharavathi Bridge, located?

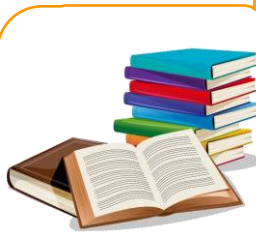
- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Gujarat
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer
B) Karnataka



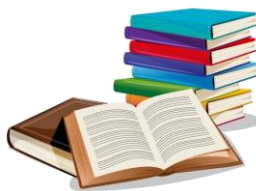
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of India's second-longest cable-stayed bridge (Sharavathi Bridge)
- **Location:** Shivamogga, Karnataka (Malnad region across Sharavathi backwaters)
- **Date:** 15 July 2025



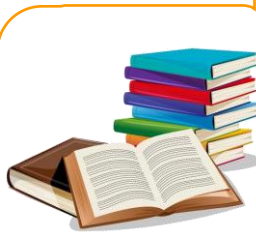
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Inauguration of the 6-km-long Sharavathi Bridge to enhance connectivity in the Western Ghats / Malnad region of Karnataka.
- **Objectives:** To improve regional mobility, boost infrastructure development in Karnataka, strengthen road connectivity in the hilly and ecologically sensitive Western Ghats, and facilitate economic growth through better transport infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cable-Stayed Bridge:** A type of bridge where the deck is supported directly by cables connected to towers or pylons; known for both strength and aesthetic appeal.
- **Sharavathi Bridge:** Newly inaugurated 6-km-long bridge across the Sharavathi backwaters, now India's second-longest cable-stayed bridge, enhancing connectivity in Karnataka's Malnad region.
- **Western Ghats / Malnad Region:** A biodiversity-rich, mountainous region in Karnataka, where improved infrastructure can help connect remote areas while preserving ecological balance.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Sharavathi Bridge (India's second-longest cable-stayed bridge)
Announcement date	15 July 2025
Location	Shivamogga, Karnataka (Malnad / Western Ghats region)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Nitin Gadkari
Policy/series name	Infrastructure Development through Highway Projects
Key figures	Nitin Gadkari, B.S. Yediyurappa, B.Y. Raghavendra, B.Y. Vijayendra
Purpose/reason	Enhance connectivity and mobility across the ecologically sensitive Malnad region
Feature details	6 km-long cable-stayed bridge, built at a cost of ₹472 crore
Validity or status	Operational from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Improves mobility, supports tourism, regional economy, and infrastructure growth in Karnataka



- Which Indian state launched the “My Deed” NGDRS system to allow land registration in just one office visit?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Punjab
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Haryana
- E) Rajasthan

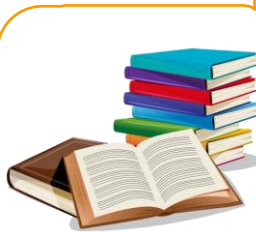
Answer

C) Himachal Pradesh



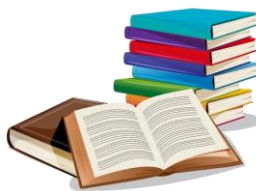
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of “My Deed” NGDRS for hassle-free land registration in Himachal Pradesh
- **Location:** Himachal Pradesh (Pilot in 10 tehsils)
- **Date:** 12 July 2025



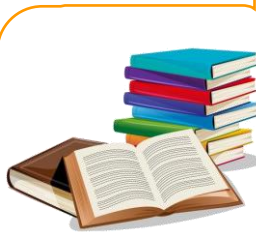
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of “My Deed” NGDRS (National Generic Document Registration System) by the Himachal Pradesh government for single-visit land registration through online document submission.
- **Objectives:** To simplify, digitize, and reduce the time and visits needed for land registration, while enhancing transparency, efficiency, and citizen convenience through digital governance reforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NGDRS (National Generic Document Registration System):** A centralised digital platform for land registration aimed at making the process paperless and efficient.
- **Jamabandi:** A record of rights document in land revenue systems detailing ownership, cultivation, and occupancy of land.
- **e-Roznamcha Vakyati:** A digital daily diary maintained by Patwaris to record events and activities officially.
- **Karguzari:** An online attendance and work-tracking system for revenue staff.

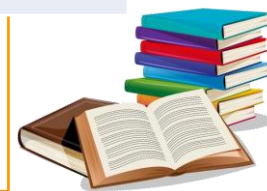


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of “My Deed” NGDRS for hassle-free land registration
Announcement date	12 July 2025
Location	Himachal Pradesh (10 tehsils as pilot)
Issuing authority	Government of Himachal Pradesh
Policy/series name	My Deed under NGDRS (National Generic Document Registration System)
Key figures	CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
Purpose/reason	Simplify land registration through one-visit, digital-first processes
Feature details	Online document submission, digital Jamabandi, e-Roznamcha, Karguzari, mutation integration
Validity or status	Pilot phase operational in 10 tehsils as of July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reduces bureaucracy, saves citizens’ time, promotes transparency and digitisation in land records

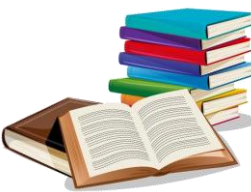


➤ **Where was India's first Aqua Tech Park inaugurated in July 2025?**

- A) Guwahati
- B) Bagibari, Sonapur, Assam
- C) Nalbari
- D) Barpeta
- E) Jorhat

Answer

B) Bagibari, Sonapur, Assam

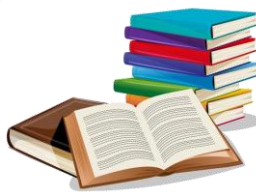


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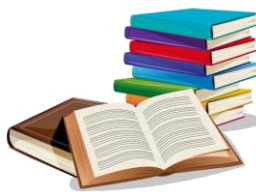
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of India's first Aqua Tech Park
- **Location:** Bagibari, Sonapur, Assam
- **Date:** 12 July 2025



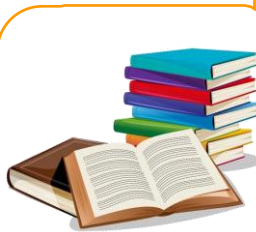
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of Aqua Tech Park, India's first water technology park in Assam to promote modern fish farming technologies like aquaponics, biofloc, ornamental fish breeding, and advanced fisheries.
- **Objectives:** To empower fish farmers through access to cutting-edge technologies, enhance fish production, support sustainable livelihoods, and contribute to Atmanirbhar Assam by reducing dependence on other states for fish supply.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aqua Tech Park:** A water technology innovation hub to promote modern aquaculture practices, training, and technology adoption among fish farmers.
- **Biofloc System:** A sustainable aquaculture technology that enhances fish production through water quality management and microbial activity.
- **PM Matsya Sampada Yojana:** A central government scheme aimed at developing India's fisheries sector through infrastructure, training, and capacity building.

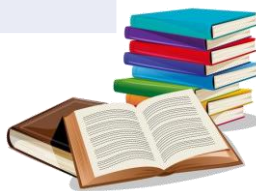


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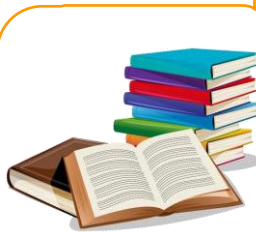
Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of India's First Aqua Tech Park
Announcement date	12 July 2025
Location	Bagibari, Sonapur, Assam
Issuing authority	Government of Assam / CM Himanta Biswa Sarma
Policy/series name	Aqua Tech Park for fisheries advancement
Key figures	Himanta Biswa Sarma, Krishnendu Paul, NABARD, ICAR, CIFA, Kolong-Kopili
Purpose/reason	Promote modern fish farming, aquaculture innovation, and entrepreneurship
Feature details	Technologies in biofloc, aquaponics, ornamental fish breeding, advanced fish production
Validity or status	Operational from July 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens Assam's fisheries sector, supports Atmanirbhar Assam, reduces dependence on other states



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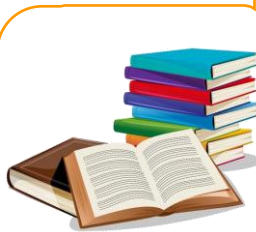
- President Droupadi Murmu graced the birth anniversary celebrations of Adikabi Sarala Das in Cuttack, Odisha, on 15 July 2025.
- World Snake Day 2025 was observed globally on July 16 to promote awareness about the importance of snakes in ecosystems.
- Delhi has been ranked as the world's most affordable student city in the QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2026.
- South Asia achieved its highest-ever child immunisation coverage in 2024, reaching 92% DTP3 coverage, surpassing pre-pandemic levels.
- NPCI International will expand the UPI-PayNow remittance service to include 19 Indian banks from July 17, 2025.
- The government approved 24 appointments at the National Medical Commission (NMC) and its four autonomous boards to strengthen India's apex medical education regulator.
- The Government of India appointed Puneet Kumar Goel, a 1991 batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer, as Manipur's new Chief Secretary on 16 July 2025.
- Manish Chopra has been appointed as the new CEO of Sabyasachi Couture, part of the Aditya Birla Group.
- IAS officer Sanjay Kaul has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of GIFT City, Gandhinagar on 15 July 2025.



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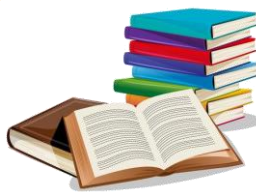
- **SpaceX Falcon 9 successfully launched Israel's Dror-1 communications satellite on July 13, 2025 from Cape Canaveral, Florida.**
- **GE Aerospace delivered the second GE F404 engine to HAL for integration into India's indigenous Tejas Mk 1 A fighter jets.**
- **The Tamil Nadu - Taiwan Technical Textile Partnership Summit 2025 will be held in Coimbatore on July 21.**
- **The Modi government will propose extending President's Rule in Manipur during the Monsoon Session starting July 21, 2025.**
- **The Union Cabinet approved the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) with an annual outlay of ₹24,000 crore to improve agriculture and allied sectors.**
- **Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah launched a DigiLocker-based technology for the digital registration of nurses in the state.**
- **GVMC launched Project SARTHI, an AI-based traffic system pilot in Visakhapatnam, on 15 July 2025.**
- **The Behdeinkhlam Festival 2025 was celebrated in Jowai, Meghalaya, blending ancient rituals with modern social messages.**



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- **Goa launched India's first RoRo ferry service on the Mandovi River between Chorao and Ribandar on 15 July 2025.**
- **India's second-longest cable-stayed bridge, the 6-km-long Sharavathi Bridge, was inaugurated in Shivamogga, Karnataka on 15 July 2025.**
- **Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the "My Deed" NGDRS pilot to enable single-visit land registration.**
- **Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated India's first Aqua Tech Park at Bagibari, Sonapur on 12 July 2025.**



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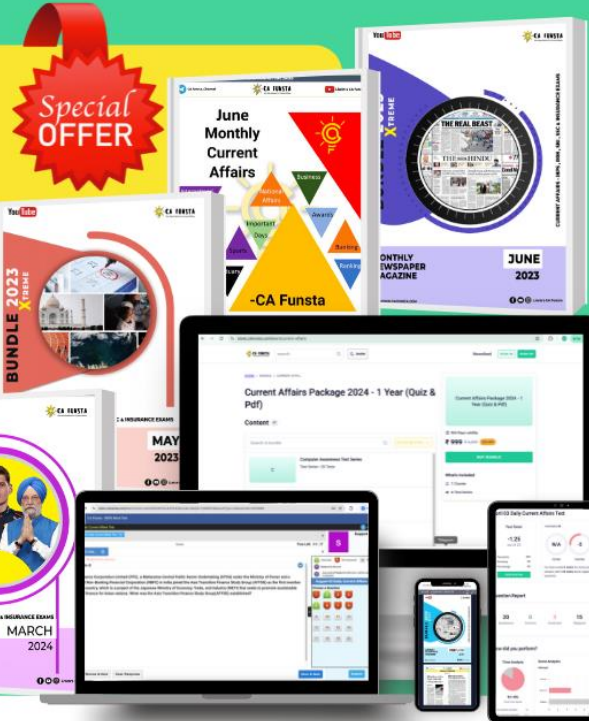


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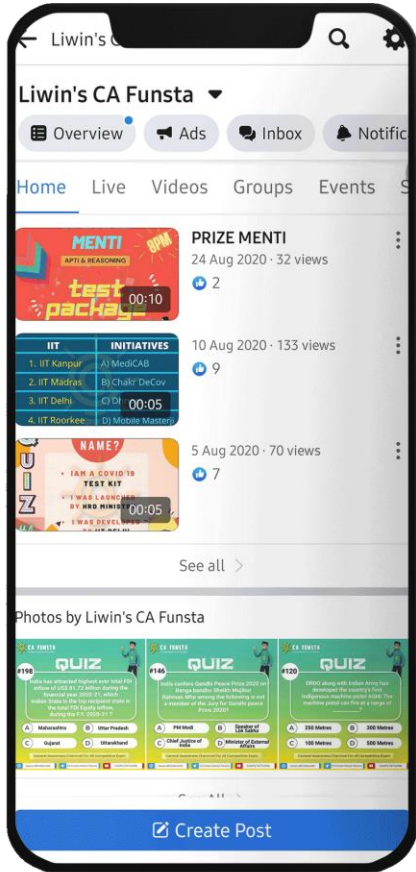
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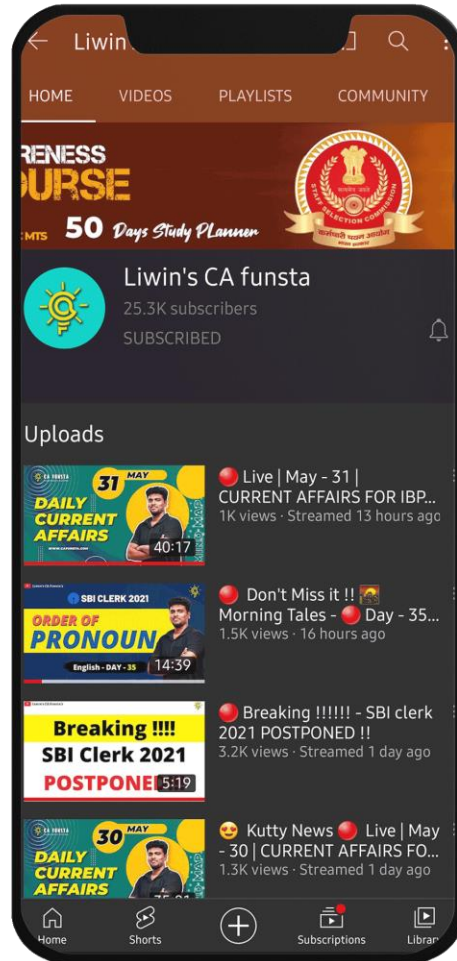


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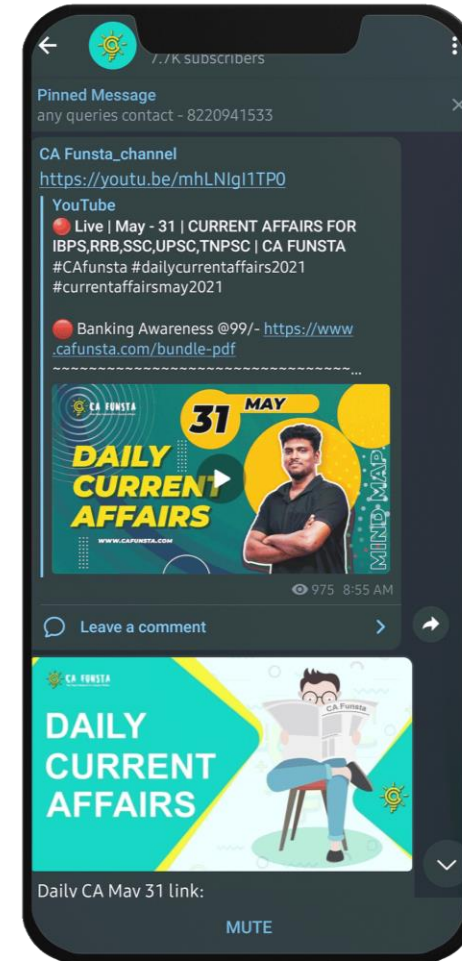
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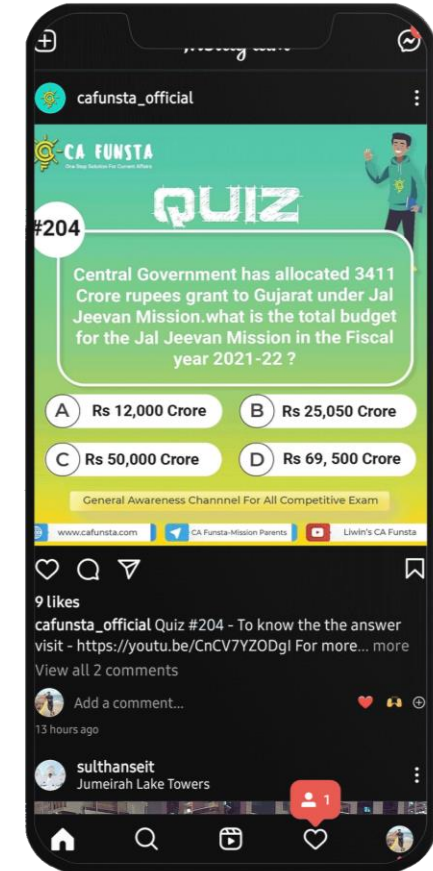
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