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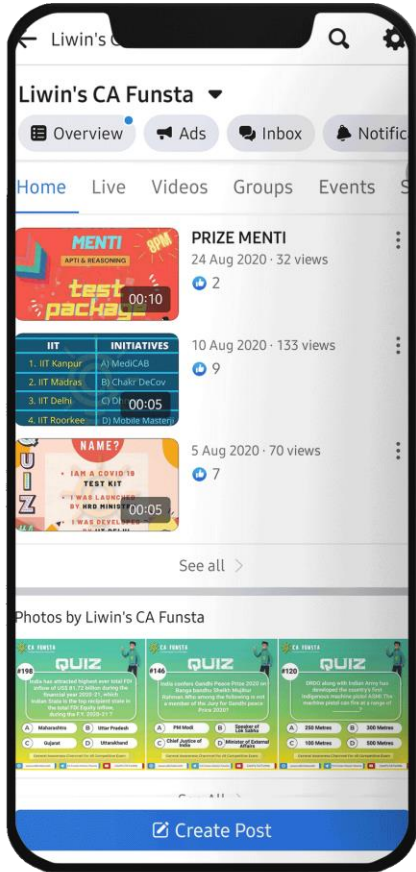
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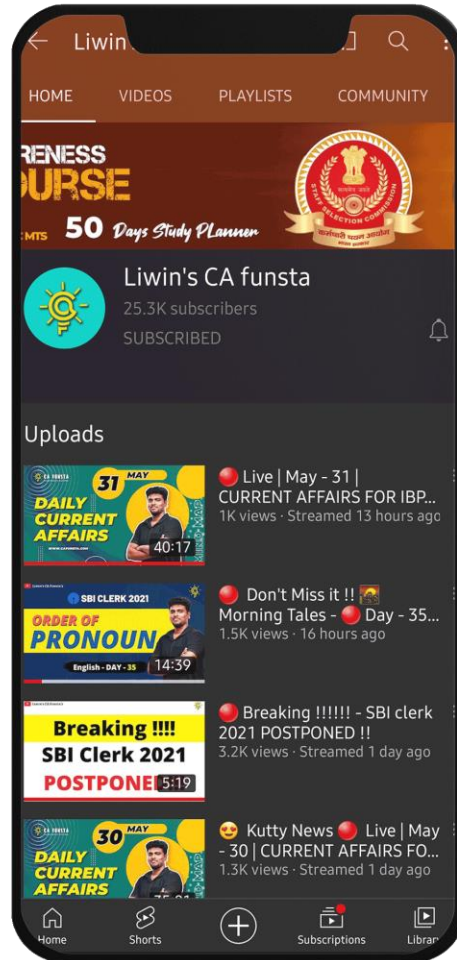
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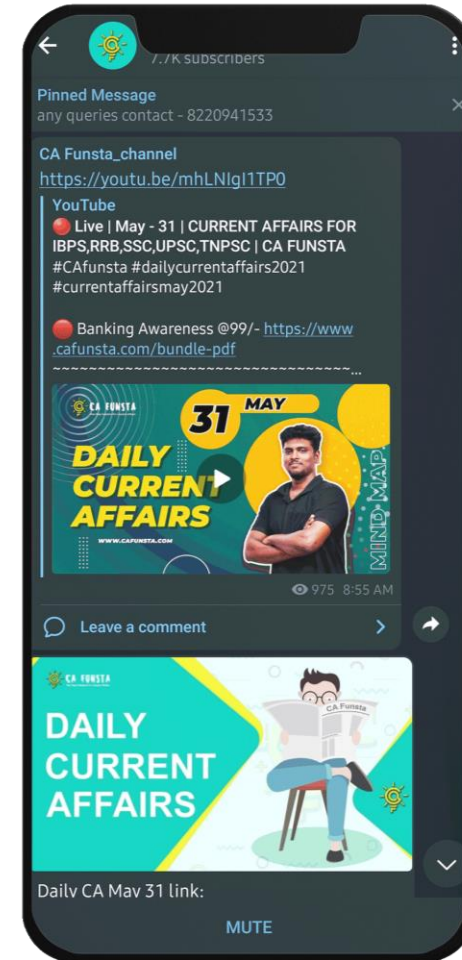
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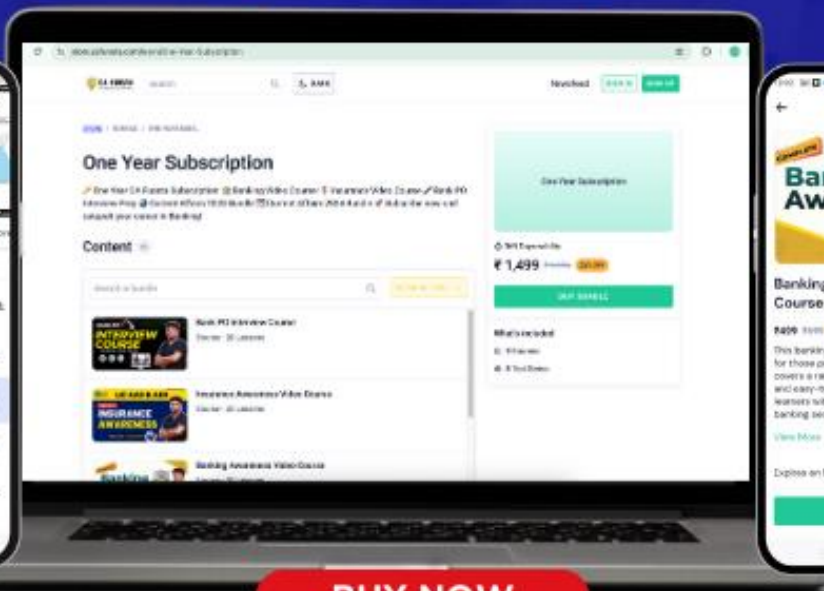


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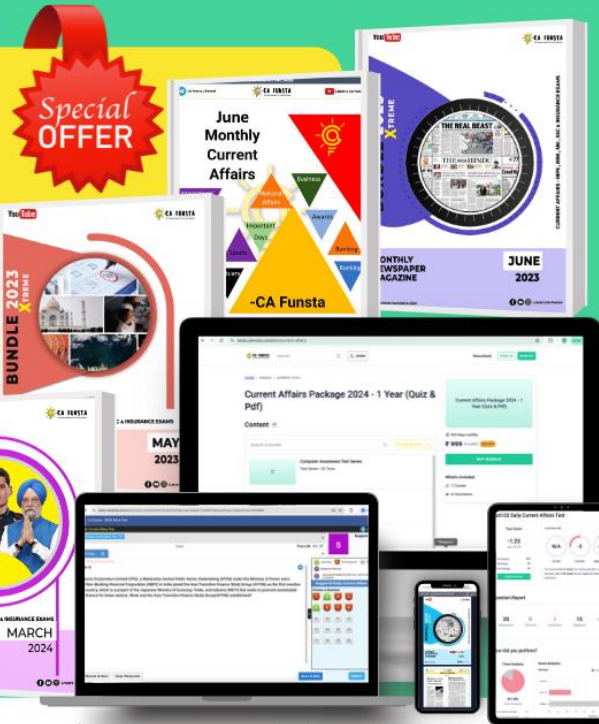


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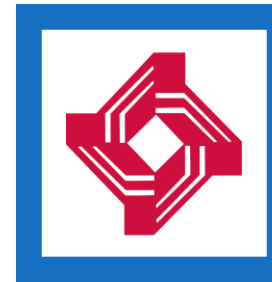
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➤ Who founded the Central Bank of India, the country's first Swadeshi Bank, in 1911?

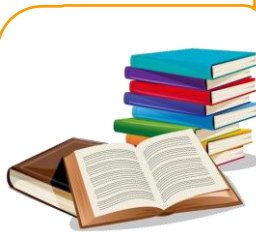
- A) Dadabhai Naoroji
- B) Sorabji Pochkhanawala
- C) Lala Lajpat Rai
- D) Pherozeshah Mehta
- E) Jamsetji Tata



सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया
Central Bank of India

Answer

B) Sorabji Pochkhanawala



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 144th Founder's Day celebration of the Central Bank of India.
- **Location:** Multiple locations including New Delhi, Visakhapatnam, and Bengaluru.
- **Date:** August 9–10, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Commemorate the 144th birth anniversary of Sorabji Pochkhanawala, founder of the Central Bank of India, and reaffirm the bank's commitment to growth and nation-building.
- **Objectives:** Celebrate the bank's legacy as India's first Swadeshi Bank, showcase recent financial performance, and announce upcoming initiatives like the Property Expo, MSME Outreach Campaign, and "Each One Fetch One 6.0" customer expansion drive.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Swadeshi Bank:** A bank founded, owned, and managed entirely by Indians during the colonial era to promote self-reliance and economic independence.
- **ROA (Return on Assets):** A profitability ratio that measures how effectively a bank uses its assets to generate net income.
- **ROE (Return on Equity):** A measure of a bank's profitability that calculates how much profit is generated from shareholders' equity.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	144th Founder's Day of Central Bank of India
Announcement date	August 9–10, 2025
Location	New Delhi, Visakhapatnam, Bengaluru
Issuing authority	Central Bank of India
Policy/series name	Founder's Day Celebration
Key figures	Sorabji Pochkhanawala (Founder), Shishram Tundwal, AVR Murty, M V Murali Krishna
Purpose/reason	Honor the legacy of the founder and highlight ongoing growth initiatives
Feature details	Net profit growth 32.84%, ROA 1.02%, ROE 14.17%, launch of Property Expo & MSME Outreach
Validity or status	Annual commemoration, with ongoing campaigns in August 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces bank's historical and present role in India's financial inclusion and growth



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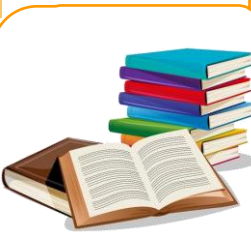
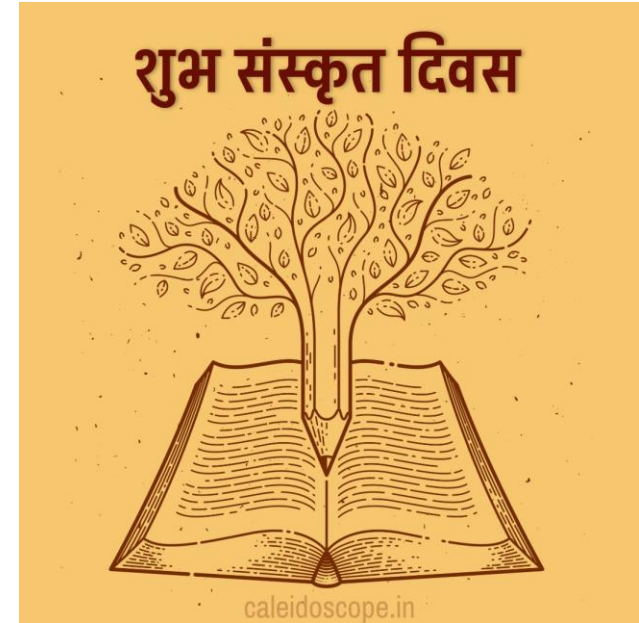


➤ On which day is World Sanskrit Day 2025 observed?

- A) August 5
- B) Shravan Purnima
- C) January 12
- D) August 15
- E) Kartik Purnima

Answer

B) Shravan Purnima

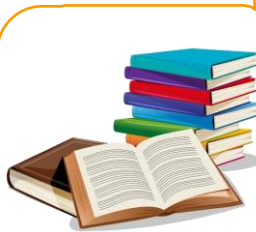


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of World Sanskrit Day 2025 (Vishva-Sanskrita-Dinam) to promote Sanskrit learning and cultural heritage.
- **Location:** India (observed nationally and in various global academic and cultural institutions).
- **Date:** August 9, 2025 (Shravan Purnima as per Hindu lunar calendar)

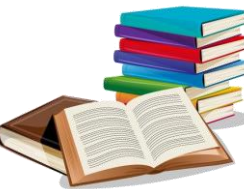


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Observe World Sanskrit Day annually on Shravan Purnima to honour and promote the Sanskrit language.
 - Organize academic and cultural activities to spread awareness of Sanskrit's heritage and relevance.

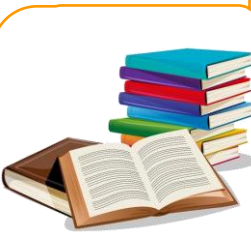


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Revive interest in learning Sanskrit in schools, colleges, and research institutions.
 - Highlight Sanskrit's contributions to literature, philosophy, mathematics, astronomy, and linguistics.
 - Reconnect the younger generation with India's cultural and intellectual roots.

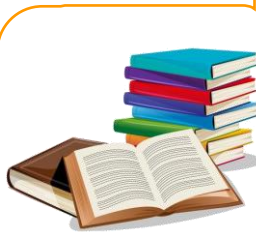


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Shravan Purnima:** A full moon day in the Hindu month of Shravan, often coinciding with festivals like Raksha Bandhan and Upakarma.
- **Upakarma:** A traditional ritual performed by followers of the Vedic tradition to renew their commitment to Vedic studies.
- **Vedic Period:** An ancient era of Indian history (around 1500 BCE) when Sanskrit was the primary language of scriptures and scholarly works.

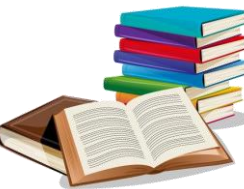


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Event name	World Sanskrit Day (Vishva-Sanskrita-Dinam) 2025
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	India and global Sanskrit-promoting institutions
Issuing authority	Government of India (celebrations initiated in 1969)
Policy/series name	Annual World Sanskrit Day observance
Key figures	Sanskrit scholars, educators, cultural bodies
Purpose/reason	Promote Sanskrit learning and preserve its cultural heritage
Feature details	Competitions, seminars, shloka recitations, online courses
Validity or status	Annual observance on Shravan Purnima
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's linguistic heritage, cultural identity, and academic research relevance



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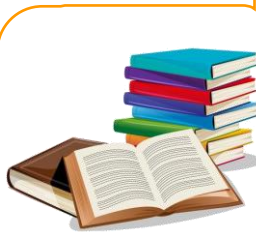
➤ Which programme was launched in 2024 as India's largest tribal village development initiative with a budget of ₹79,156 crore?

- A) PM Janjatiya Vikas Mission
- B) Van Dhan Vikas Yojana
- C) PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan
- D) National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission
- E) Aadi Karmayogi Programme



Answer

C) PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan

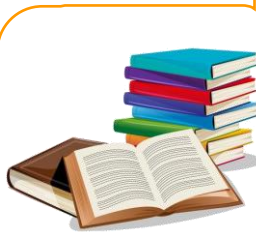


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of World Tribal Day 2025 and review of major tribal empowerment programmes in India
- **Location:** Nationwide (India)
- **Date:** 9 August 2025

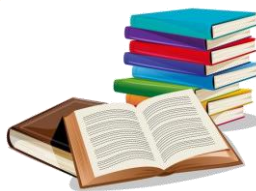


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch and implementation of multiple flagship schemes including PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM JUGA) and PM Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN), expansion of Eklavya Model Residential Schools, livelihood support through TRIFED and VDVVs, and health initiatives like the National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission.

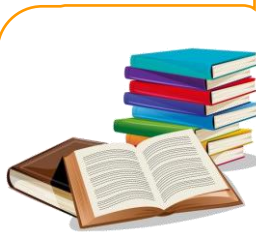


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To empower Scheduled Tribes through infrastructure, education, healthcare, livelihood promotion, rights protection, and cultural preservation; ensure inclusion of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups; and align development with the UN's indigenous peoples' goals.

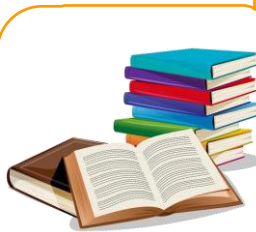


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST):** An annual plan mandating ministries to allocate a fixed percentage of their budget for tribal welfare, covering over 200 schemes across multiple sectors.
- **PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM JUGA):** India's largest tribal village development programme targeting 63,843 tribal-majority villages and 112 Aspirational Districts, launched with a ₹79,156 crore budget.

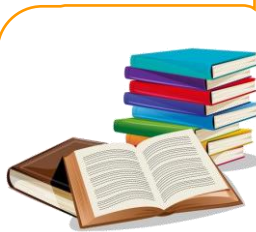


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs):** Cluster-based entrepreneurship support units for tribal self-help groups, promoting value addition and marketing of forest produce with central funding.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Tribal Day 2025 – Tribal Empowerment Review
Announcement date	9 August 2025
Location	Nationwide (India)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
Policy/series name	PM JUGA, PM JANMAN, PM JVM, EMRS Expansion
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Purpose/reason	Inclusive development of Scheduled Tribes and PVTGs through multi-sectoral interventions
Feature details	Infrastructure creation, livelihood schemes, educational institutions, healthcare projects, rights protection
Validity or status	Ongoing implementation with targets up to 2029
Strategic/significant value	Aligns with UN goals for indigenous peoples, strengthens social equity, and boosts economic empowerment



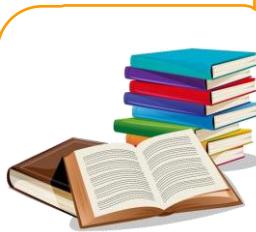
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➤ **What was the codename of the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945?**

- A) Fat Man
- B) Little Boy
- C) Trinity
- D) Enola Gay
- E) Tsar Bomba

Answer
B) Little Boy

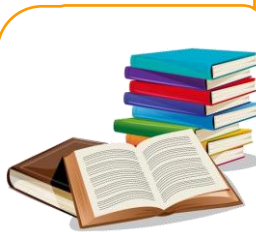


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 80th anniversary of the first use of a nuclear weapon (Hiroshima Day)
- **Location:** Hiroshima, Japan
- **Date:** 6 August 2025

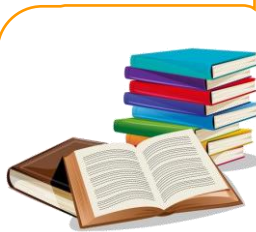


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Commemoration ceremonies held at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park to honor victims of the atomic bombing and promote global nuclear disarmament.
- **Objectives:** To remember the devastation caused by nuclear weapons, reaffirm Japan's commitment to a world without nuclear arms, and encourage policymakers to witness the impact of atomic warfare.

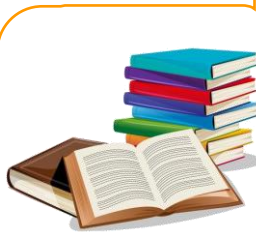


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Hiroshima Day:** Observed annually on 6 August to mark the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945.
- **Little Boy:** Codename for the first atomic bomb used in warfare, dropped on Hiroshima by the United States on 6 August 1945.
- **SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute):** An independent institute that researches armaments, disarmament, and international security, providing data on global nuclear stockpiles.

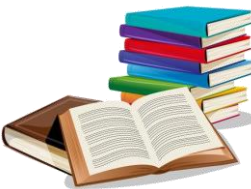


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Event name	Hiroshima Day – 80th Anniversary of the First Atomic Bombing
Announcement date	6 August 2025
Location	Hiroshima, Japan
Issuing authority	Government of Japan
Policy/series name	Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony
Key figures	PM Ishiba Shigeru, Hiroshima Mayor Matsui Kazumi
Purpose/reason	To honor atomic bombing victims and promote nuclear disarmament
Feature details	Peace declaration, survivor remembrance, calls to policymakers to visit Hiroshima
Validity or status	Annual observance
Strategic/significant value	Raises global awareness about nuclear weapon consequences and fosters disarmament dialogue



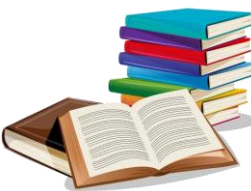
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➤ **When was the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples first declared by the United Nations?**

- A) 1984
- B) 1994
- C) 2004
- D) 2014
- E) 2024

Answer
B) 1994

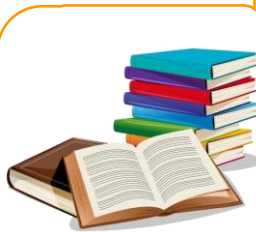


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples with focus on India's Scheduled Tribes
- **Location:** Global; observed in tribal regions across India
- **Date:** 9 August 2025

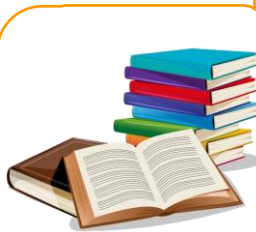


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To honor the histories, cultures, and rights of indigenous peoples globally, and highlight India's tribal communities' role in linking local struggles with global indigenous movements.
- **Objectives:** To reclaim dignity, assert political agency, connect tribal struggles in India to global solidarity, and advocate for indigenous rights including control over ancestral territories and protection from militarisation and exploitative development.

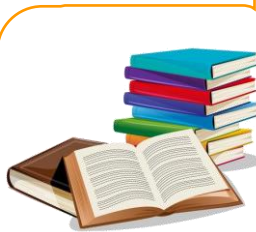


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Important Terms Explained:

- **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples:** A UN-declared observance (since 1994) to honor indigenous peoples and raise awareness of their rights.
- **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP):** A 2007 UN instrument outlining global standards for the rights of indigenous peoples, including land rights and free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).
- **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs):** Subset of Scheduled Tribes in India with declining populations, low literacy, and pre-agricultural livelihoods, facing high marginalization.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2025
Announcement date	9 August 2025
Location	Global (India: various tribal regions)
Issuing authority	United Nations
Policy/series name	World Indigenous Peoples' Day Observance
Key figures	Tribal leaders, ICITP, Ram Dayal Munda
Purpose/reason	Promote recognition and rights of indigenous peoples; connect India's tribal struggles to global movements
Feature details	Public rallies, cultural performances, political declarations, international advocacy
Validity or status	Annual observance
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global indigenous solidarity, highlights rights over ancestral lands, resists displacement and militarisation



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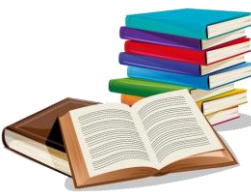


➤ **Where is the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, which houses the Asiatic lion pair Kumari and Patwad, located?**

- A) Jaipur
- B) Visakhapatnam
- C) Gandhinagar
- D) Mysuru
- E) Hyderabad

Answer

B) Visakhapatnam

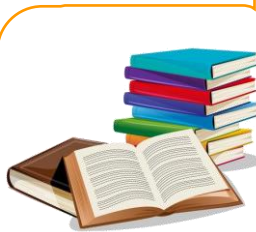


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of World Lion Day with update on Asiatic lion breeding program
- **Location:** Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 10 August 2025

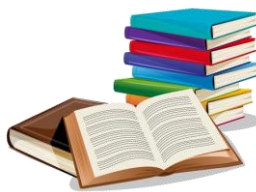


Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Breeding and conservation of Asiatic lions through specialized zoo-based programs.
- **Objectives:** To increase the Asiatic lion population, ensure species survival, and promote wildlife conservation awareness.

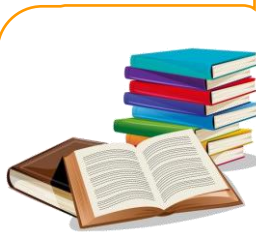


Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Lion Day:** Observed annually on August 10 to raise awareness about lion conservation.
- **Asiatic Lion:** Endangered subspecies of lion (*Panthera leo persica*) found mainly in Gujarat's Gir Forest, smaller than African lions with a distinct abdominal skin fold.
- **Animal Adoption Program:** Initiative by zoos allowing individuals or organizations to sponsor the care and feeding of animals, promoting public participation in wildlife conservation.

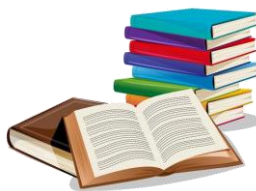


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Lion Day – Vizag Zoo Lion Pair Update
Announcement date	10 August 2025
Location	Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	IGZP Zoo Management
Policy/series name	Asiatic Lion Conservation Breeding Program
Key figures	Kumari (female, 4.5 years), Patwad (male, 12 years)
Purpose/reason	To promote breeding readiness for increasing the endangered Asiatic lion population
Feature details	Daily nutritional diet, veterinary checks, compatible pairing for breeding
Validity or status	Ongoing breeding program
Strategic/significant value	Supports species survival and global conservation awareness



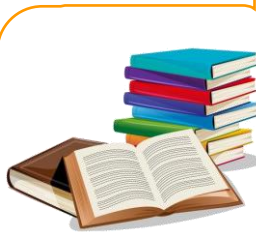
Important Days



➤ **World Biofuel Day is observed on August 10 in remembrance of which inventor's achievement?**

- A) Nikolaus Otto
- B) Rudolf Diesel
- C) James Watt
- D) Robert Stephenson
- E) Charles Parsons

Answer
B) Rudolf Diesel

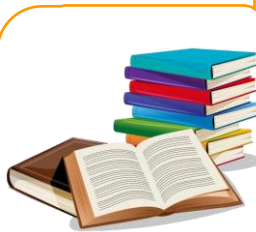


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Biofuel Day observed to promote non-fossil fuel awareness
- **Location:** Global observance with active participation in India
- **Date:** 10 August 2025

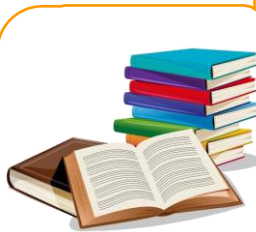


Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Raise awareness on biofuels as sustainable alternatives to fossil fuels.
- **Objectives:** Reduce carbon emissions, enhance energy security, and promote cleaner energy in rural and agricultural economies.

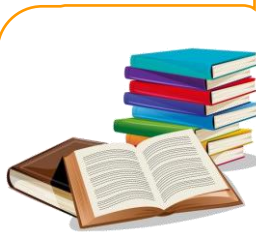


Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Biofuel Day:** Annual observance on August 10 marking Rudolf Diesel's 1893 successful use of peanut oil in a diesel engine.
- **Biofuel:** Fuel produced from biomass such as plants, crop residues, and animal waste; examples include bioethanol, biodiesel, and biogas.
- **Biomass:** Renewable organic material used as feedstock for producing biofuels and other forms of energy.

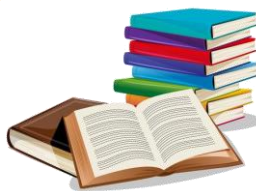


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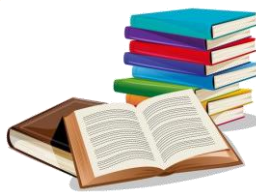
Parameter	Details
Event name	World Biofuel Day
Announcement date	10 August 2025
Location	Global (India's major observance by MoPNG)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
Policy/series name	National Biofuel Promotion Initiatives
Key figures	Sir Rudolf Diesel (Inventor)
Purpose/reason	Promote biofuels as a cleaner, renewable energy alternative
Feature details	Seminars, exhibitions, awareness campaigns, industry collaborations
Validity or status	Annual global observance
Strategic/significant value	Supports energy diversification, reduces oil import dependency, mitigates climate change



➤ **What was Annu Rani's winning throw distance in the women's javelin event at the International Wiesław Maniak Memorial 2025?**

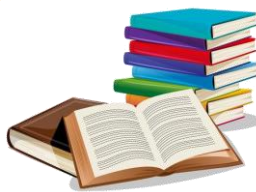
- A) 60.07 m
- B) 60.96 m
- C) 62.59 m
- D) 64.00 m
- E) 58.36 m

Answer
C) 62.59 m



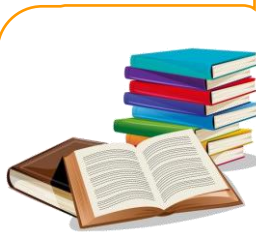
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Annu Rani wins gold in women's javelin throw at the International Wiesław Maniak Memorial.
- **Location:** Poland.
- **Date:** August 2025



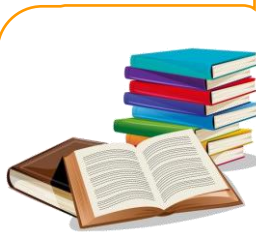
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Compete in the women's javelin throw event at the International Wiesław Maniak Memorial.
 - Achieve season-best performance for ranking improvement and qualification readiness.
- **Objectives:**
 - Strengthen international athletics standing ahead of the 2025 World Athletics Championships.
 - Achieve the 64m qualification mark for the upcoming championships in Tokyo.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Season-best:** The best performance achieved by an athlete in a specific event during the ongoing competitive season.
- **World Athletics Championships Qualification Mark:** The minimum performance standard required for an athlete to participate in the World Athletics Championships in a given event.
- **Javelin Throw:** A track and field event where an athlete throws a spear-like implement as far as possible, following specific technique rules.

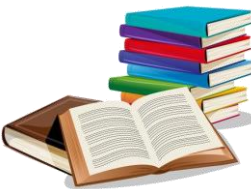


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Wiesław Maniak Memorial – Women's Javelin Throw
Announcement date	August 2025
Location	Poland
Issuing authority	Event organisers – International Wiesław Maniak Memorial
Policy/series name	Athletics International Tournament
Key figures	Annu Rani (Gold – India), Eda Tugsuz (Silver – Turkey), Lianna Davidson (Bronze – Australia)
Purpose/reason	Compete in international athletics and improve seasonal best performance
Feature details	Winning throw 62.59 m (season-best), silver at 58.36 m, bronze at 58.24 m
Validity or status	Event completed; athlete preparing for 2025 World Athletics Championships
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's athletics profile and strengthens athlete's international ranking



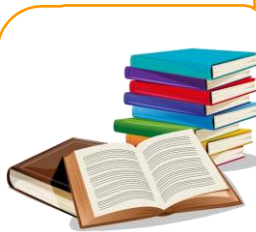
RANKING



➤ Which city topped the Top 10 Safest Cities in India 2025 list according to the Numbeo Safety Index?

- A) Vadodara
- B) Mangalore
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Jaipur
- E) Navi Mumbai

Answer
B) Mangalore

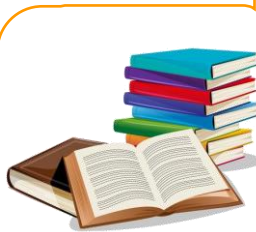


RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Numbeo Safety Index mid-2025 rankings for safest Indian cities.
- **Location:** India (city-wise safety rankings with global comparison).
- **Date:** August 7, 2025

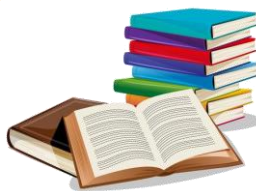


RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Assess and rank cities based on public perceptions of safety, crime rates, and overall security in daily life.
- **Objectives:** Provide a comparative framework for measuring urban safety, highlight areas of concern, and encourage civic authorities to address security challenges.



RANKING



Top 10 Safest Cities in India – Mid-2025 (Numbeo)

India Rank	Global Rank	City, State	Safety Index	Crime Index
1	49	Mangalore, Karnataka	74.2	25.8
2	52	Vadodara, Gujarat	69.2	30.8
3	53	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	68.2	31.8
4	106	Surat, Gujarat	66.6	33.4
5	118	Jaipur, Rajasthan	65.2	34.8
6	128	Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra	63.5	36.5
7	149	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	61.1	38.9
8	158	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	60.3	39.7
9	167	Pune, Maharashtra	58.7	41.3
10	175	Chandigarh	57.4	42.6



RANKING



Top 10 Safest Cities in the World – Mid-2025 (Numbeo)

Global Rank	City, Country	Safety Index
1	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	88.8
2	Doha, Qatar	84.3
3	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	83.9
4	Sharjah, United Arab Emirates	83.7
5	Taipei, Taiwan	83.6
6	Manama, Bahrain	81.3
7	Muscat, Oman	81.1
8	The Hague, Netherlands	80.0
9	Trondheim, Norway	79.3
10	Eindhoven, Netherlands	79.1

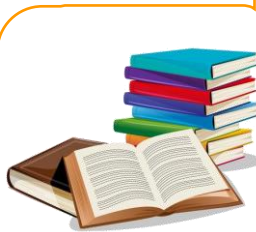


RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Safety Index:** A measure reflecting the perceived safety level in a city, with higher scores indicating lower crime rates and greater public confidence in security.
- **Crime Index:** An inverse measure of safety indicating the prevalence of crimes like theft, assault, harassment, and property damage.
- **Numbeo:** An online global database providing user-contributed data on cities and countries, including cost of living, crime rates, healthcare, and quality of life.



RANKING



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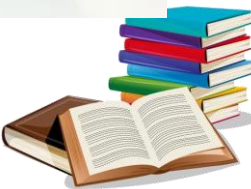
Parameter	Details
Event name	Top 10 Safest Cities in India 2025 – Numbeo Safety Index
Announcement date	August 7, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Numbeo
Policy/series name	Safety Index by City (Mid-2025)
Key figures	Mangalore (India Rank #1, Global Rank #49)
Purpose/reason	Rank Indian cities by perceived safety and crime levels
Feature details	Top 3 safest cities: Mangalore (74.2), Vadodara (69.2), Ahmedabad (68.2)
Validity or status	Current mid-2025 rankings
Strategic/significant value	Identifies safest urban areas; encourages better civic planning and security measures



➤ In which of the following cities was Zepto Pharmacy NOT launched during its initial rollout?

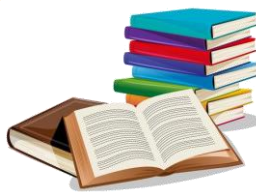
- A) Mumbai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Delhi-NCR
- E) Chennai

Answer
E) Chennai



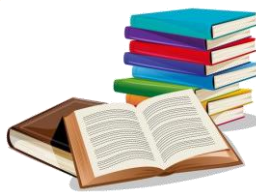
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Zepto Pharmacy offering 10-minute medicine delivery.
- **Location:** Select areas of Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR, and Hyderabad.
- **Date:** August 8, 2025



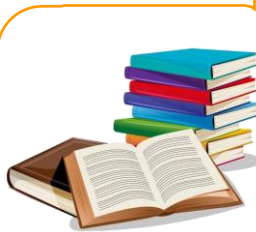
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of a dedicated online pharmacy service by Zepto following a 12-month pilot phase to test operations, supply chain efficiency, and compliance.
- **Objectives:** To provide faster access to essential medicines while maintaining high operational standards and ensuring regulatory compliance.



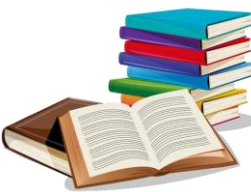
Important Terms Explained:

- **Quick Commerce:** A retail business model focused on delivering goods within an extremely short time frame, often under 20 minutes, by using localized warehouses and optimized delivery networks.
- **Pilot Phase:** A controlled trial period to test and refine services before a full-scale launch.
- **Compliance:** Adhering to all legal, safety, and quality regulations applicable to the sale and delivery of pharmaceutical products.



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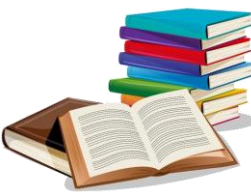
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Zepto Pharmacy
Announcement date	August 8, 2025
Location	Select areas of Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR, Hyderabad
Issuing authority	Zepto
Policy/series name	Zepto Pharmacy
Key figures	Aadit Palicha – Co-Founder & CEO
Purpose/reason	To provide ultra-fast access to essential medicines
Feature details	10-minute medicine delivery service after a 12-month pilot phase
Validity or status	Service launched in select metro areas, expansion planned gradually
Strategic/significant value	Competes with major online pharmacies like Tata 1mg, PharmEasy, Apollo 24/7



➤ Which Indian online travel agency has upgraded its AI assistant Myra with generative AI features, enabling multimodal inputs and multi-language support?

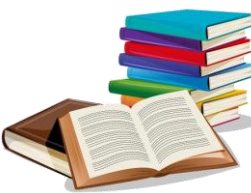
- A) Yatra
- B) Cleartrip
- C) EaseMyTrip
- D) MakeMyTrip
- E) Goibibo

Answer
D) MakeMyTrip



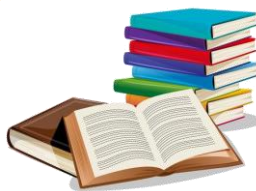
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of upgraded GenAI-powered Myra Trip Planning Assistant with multimodal input and multi-language support.
- **Location:** India (nationwide digital rollout during beta phase).
- **Date:** August 8, 2025



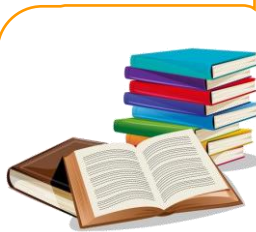
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Enhance the existing Myra AI assistant into a GenAI-powered Trip Planning Assistant supporting text, voice, image, and video inputs, along with real-time booking across multiple travel categories.
- **Objectives:** To make travel discovery, booking, and post-sales support seamless, conversational, and accessible in multiple Indian languages, expanding reach to non-English-speaking users across India.



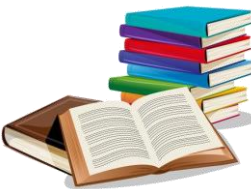
Important Terms Explained:

- **Generative AI (GenAI):** A type of artificial intelligence capable of creating content and responses based on user prompts, enabling natural, human-like conversations and dynamic suggestions.
- **Multimodal Input:** The ability of an AI system to accept and process different forms of input such as text, voice, images, and videos simultaneously.
- **Semantic Search:** An advanced search method that understands the intent and contextual meaning behind a user's query, enabling more accurate and relevant results beyond simple keyword matches.



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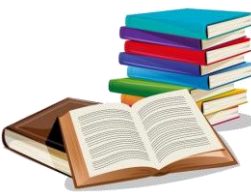
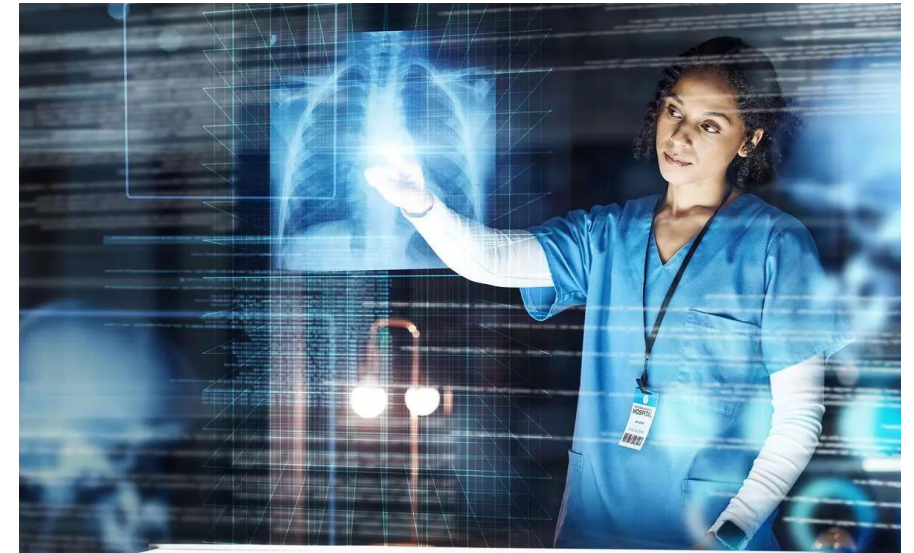
Parameter	Details
Event name	Upgrade of Myra AI Assistant to GenAI-powered Trip Planning Assistant
Announcement date	August 8, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	MakeMyTrip
Policy/series name	Myra – GenAI Trip Planning Assistant
Key figures	Rajesh Magow – Co-Founder & CEO; Sanjay Mohan – Group CTO
Purpose/reason	To provide an intelligent, conversational, multimodal travel booking experience
Feature details	Supports text, voice, image, video inputs; English & Hindi; multiple travel categories
Validity or status	Beta version live in English and Hindi; more Indian languages planned
Strategic/significant value	Expands accessibility to Bharat heartland; first-of-its-kind multi-agent AI in Indian travel industry



➤ What is the maximum funding amount offered per project under the newly launched CATCH Grant Program by IndiaAI and the National Cancer Grid?

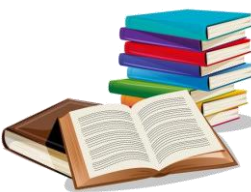
- A) ₹25 lakh
- B) ₹40 lakh
- C) ₹50 lakh
- D) ₹75 lakh
- E) ₹1 crore

Answer
C) ₹50 lakh



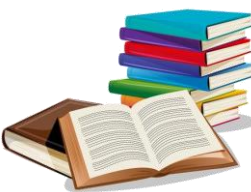
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Cancer AI & Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant Program to support AI innovations in cancer care.
- **Location:** India (nationwide initiative under NCG hospital network).
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



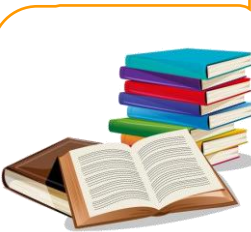
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Provide funding for the development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence solutions for cancer screening, diagnostics, treatment support, operational efficiency, and research.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen cancer care delivery in India by supporting pilot AI projects, ensuring clinical validation, and enabling scale-up of successful solutions for nationwide deployment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IndiaAI:** An Independent Business Division under the Digital India Corporation (Ministry of Electronics and IT) responsible for implementing the IndiaAI Mission to promote AI adoption, self-reliance, and ethical AI usage.
- **National Cancer Grid (NCG):** A network of cancer centers, research institutions, and patient groups across India working to standardize cancer care and facilitate collaborative research.
- **Responsible AI:** The practice of designing and deploying AI systems that are ethical, transparent, accountable, and safe for use, especially in sensitive areas like healthcare.



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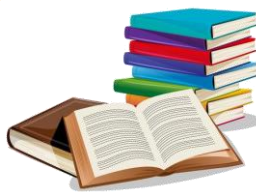
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Cancer AI & Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant Program
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	IndiaAI (Independent Business Division) & National Cancer Grid
Policy/series name	CATCH Grant Program
Key figures	Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) overseeing implementation via Digital India Corporation
Purpose/reason	To develop and deploy AI solutions for cancer care, from screening to operational efficiency
Feature details	Funding up to ₹50 lakh per pilot project; additional ₹1 crore scale-up grant for successful pilots
Validity or status	Applications open; last date September 2, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Boost AI integration in Indian healthcare and enhance cancer treatment accessibility



➤ Where was India's first Animal Stem Cell BioBank and Laboratory inaugurated in August 2025?

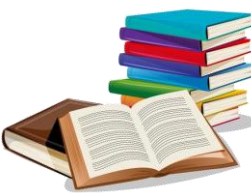
- A) Bengaluru
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- C) Pune
- D) New Delhi
- E) Chennai

Answer
B) Hyderabad



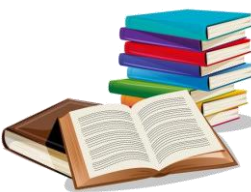
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of India's first State-of-the-Art Animal Stem Cell BioBank and Laboratory.
- **Location:** National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, Telangana.
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



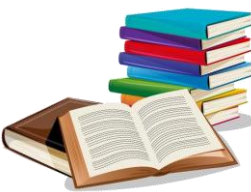
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Establish a 9,300 sq ft facility with advanced infrastructure for animal stem cell research, regenerative medicine, and cellular therapies for livestock.
 - Develop and deploy innovative veterinary diagnostic tools for early disease detection and responsible antimicrobial usage.



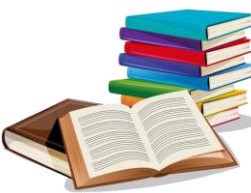
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance livestock productivity, animal health, and agricultural GDP contribution.
 - Support the One Health approach, integrating animal, human, and environmental health strategies.
 - Foster biotechnology-driven innovations in animal husbandry, disease control, and reproductive technologies.



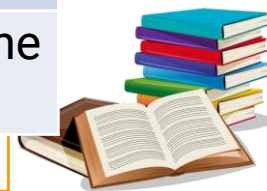
Important Terms Explained:

- **Animal Stem Cell BioBank:** A facility for collecting, storing, and preserving animal stem cells and their derivatives for research and therapeutic applications.
- **One Health:** An integrated, unifying approach to balance and optimize the health of people, animals, and the environment.
- **BioE3 Policy:** A Government of India biotechnology policy framework focusing on economic, environmental, and ethical aspects to position India as a leader in biotech innovation.



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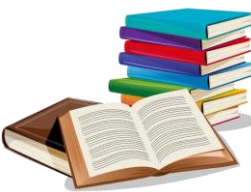
Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of India's First Animal Stem Cell BioBank & Laboratory
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	NIAB, Hyderabad, Telangana
Issuing authority	Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
Policy/series name	Biotechnology BioE3 Policy
Key figures	Dr. Jitendra Singh (Union Minister), Dr. Rajesh Gokhale (DBT Secretary), Dr. Taru Sharma (Director, NIAB)
Purpose/reason	Boost animal health research, diagnostics, and livestock productivity
Feature details	9,300 sq ft facility; ₹1.85 crore cost; 3D bioprinter, cryostorage, SAR unit; 5 new veterinary diagnostic tools launched
Validity or status	Facility operational; expansion planned under National Biopharma Mission
Strategic/significant value	Supports "Evergreen Revolution" in animal husbandry; strengthens One Health approach



➤ **Which NASA astronaut was part of the four-member crew that splashed down in the Pacific Ocean after a five-month ISS mission in August 2025?**

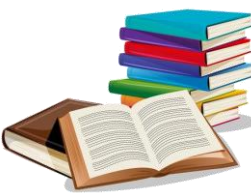
- A) Suni Williams
- B) Butch Wilmore
- C) Anne McClain
- D) Michael Lopez-Alegria
- E) Jessica Meir

Answer
C) Anne McClain



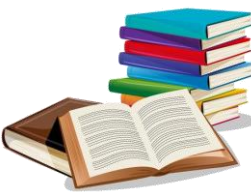
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Return of four astronauts from the International Space Station via SpaceX capsule splashdown.
- **Location:** Pacific Ocean off the Southern California coast.
- **Date:** August 9, 2025 (splashdown); mission launched in March 2025.



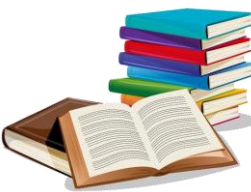
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Return of astronauts who replaced Boeing Starliner's stranded crew members at the ISS.
 - Conduct safe Pacific splashdown to complete the mission.
- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure crew rotation at ISS despite technical malfunctions in Boeing's Starliner.
 - Demonstrate continued operational capability of SpaceX for NASA crew transport.



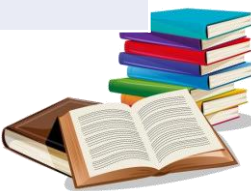
Important Terms Explained:

- **SpaceX Crew Dragon:** A reusable spacecraft developed by SpaceX for transporting astronauts to and from the ISS under NASA's Commercial Crew Program.
- **Boeing Starliner:** NASA's other commercial crew vehicle, which experienced malfunctions during a demo flight, leading to crew rotation delays.
- **Apollo-Soyuz Mission (1975):** A joint US-Soviet spaceflight marking Cold War cooperation, and the last NASA Pacific splashdown before 2025.



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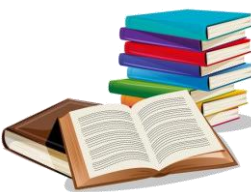
Parameter	Details
Event name	SpaceX splashdown of four astronauts after five-month ISS mission
Announcement date	August 9, 2025 (Pacific splashdown)
Location	Pacific Ocean off Southern California coast
Issuing authority	NASA & SpaceX
Policy/series name	NASA Commercial Crew Program
Key figures	Anne McClain (NASA), Nichole Ayers (NASA), Takuya Onishi (JAXA), Kirill Peskov (Roscosmos)
Purpose/reason	Replace and return astronauts due to Boeing Starliner malfunction
Feature details	Third SpaceX Pacific splashdown with crew; first NASA Pacific return in 50 years
Validity or status	Mission completed successfully
Strategic/significant value	Ensures continuous ISS staffing, boosts SpaceX's operational track record, marks historic Pacific return



➤ **On which country's National Day did INS Sandhayak enter Changi Naval Base during its three-day visit?**

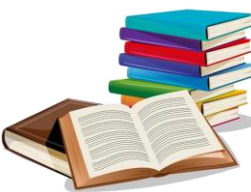
- A) Malaysia
- B) Indonesia
- C) Singapore
- D) Thailand
- E) Philippines

Answer
C) Singapore



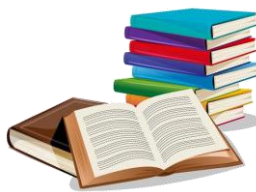
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Visit of INS Sandhayak to Changi Naval Base, Singapore, on the occasion of Singapore's National Day.
- **Location:** Changi Naval Base, Singapore.
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



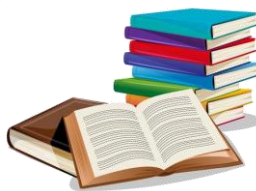
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Deploy the first indigenous Survey Vessel Large (SVL) of the Indian Navy for international hydrographic cooperation and maritime diplomacy.
 - Conduct professional exchanges and showcase India's hydrographic capabilities to the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).



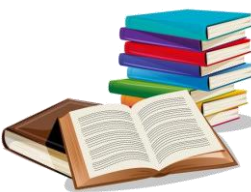
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Strengthen bilateral hydrographic ties between India and Singapore.
 - Facilitate technical collaboration and capacity building in regional maritime operations.
 - Demonstrate India's leadership in hydrography, SAR, and humanitarian maritime operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Survey Vessel Large (SVL):** A category of naval ship designed for coastal and deep-water hydrographic surveys, mapping, and maritime data collection.
- **Hydrography:** The science of surveying and charting bodies of water to support navigation, maritime safety, and coastal development.
- **SAR (Search and Rescue):** Maritime operations to assist ships or individuals in distress at sea.

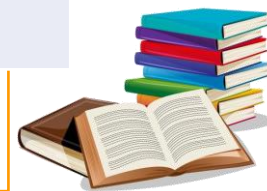


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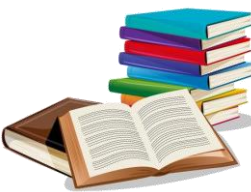
Parameter	Details
Event name	INS Sandhayak visit to Changi Naval Base, Singapore
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	Changi Naval Base, Singapore
Issuing authority	Indian Navy / PIB Delhi
Policy/series name	Bilateral Hydrographic Cooperation
Key figures	Cmdr. of INS Sandhayak; Mr Gary Chew (Singapore Hydrographer); Col Chauah Meng Soon (RSN)
Purpose/reason	Strengthen maritime cooperation and hydrographic capacity building
Feature details	Commissioned Feb 2024; capable of coastal & deep-water surveys, SAR, humanitarian ops, onboard helicopter & hospital
Validity or status	Ongoing 3-day official visit
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India–Singapore maritime ties; showcases indigenous naval capabilities



- **What is the name of the new transit corridor announced in the US-brokered Armenia–Azerbaijan peace agreement?**
- A) Caucasus Peaceway
 - B) Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity
 - C) South Caucasus Friendship Corridor
 - D) Caspian Unity Path
 - E) Eurasia Peace Express

Answer

B) Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity

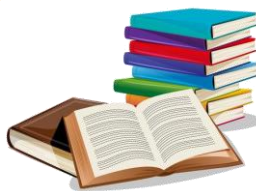


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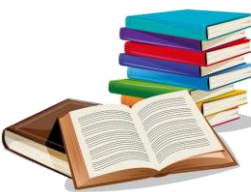
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a historic peace treaty between Armenia and Azerbaijan, brokered by the United States.
- **Location:** The White House, Washington, D.C., USA.
- **Date:** August 8, 2025



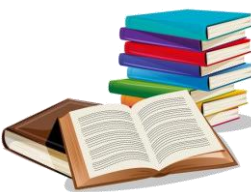
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - End decades of conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan.
 - Establish a new transit corridor connecting Azerbaijan to its Nakhchivan exclave through Armenian territory.
 - Sign separate cooperation deals with the US in energy, technology, and economic development.



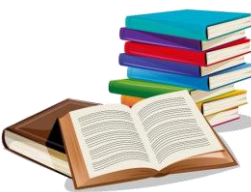
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Reopen key transportation routes in the South Caucasus.
 - Strengthen regional connectivity and economic ties.
 - Increase US influence in the region amid declining Russian mediation role.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity:**
A newly proposed major transit corridor connecting Azerbaijan to its Nakhchivan exclave through Armenia, designed for rail, oil, gas, and fiber optic connectivity.
- **Minsk Group:** An OSCE-mediated body that had overseen Armenia–Azerbaijan conflict negotiations since the 1990s, now deemed obsolete by the new peace deal.
- **Nakhchivan Exclave:** An autonomous territory of Azerbaijan separated from the mainland by a narrow strip of Armenian territory.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	US-brokered Armenia–Azerbaijan Peace Treaty
Announcement date	August 8, 2025
Location	The White House, Washington, D.C., USA
Issuing authority	Governments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and USA
Policy/series name	Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity
Key figures	Donald Trump (US President), Ilham Aliyev (Azerbaijan President), Nikol Pashinyan (Armenian PM)
Purpose/reason	End decades-long conflict, establish regional transit and trade routes
Feature details	Transit corridor linking Azerbaijan to Nakhchivan exclave; cooperation in energy, technology, economy
Validity or status	Peace treaty signed; development negotiations for the corridor to begin soon
Strategic/significant value	Reduces Russian influence, boosts US role in the South Caucasus, enhances connectivity



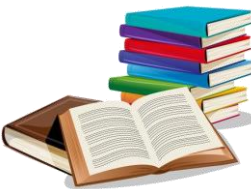
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➤ Under the third tranche of the Subhadra Yojana, how much was transferred to each eligible woman beneficiary?

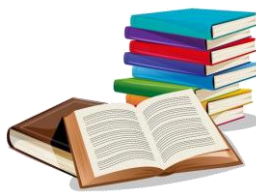
- A) ₹3,000
- B) ₹5,000
- C) ₹7,500
- D) ₹10,000
- E) ₹15,000

Answer
B) ₹5,000



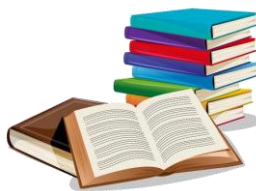
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Disbursement of the third installment of Subhadra Yojana to women beneficiaries.
- **Location:** Odisha, India (announcement made in Jeypore, Koraput district).
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



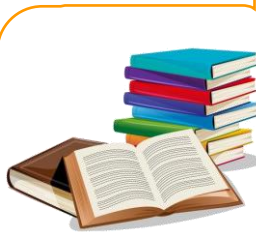
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Transfer of ₹5,000 each to over 1.24 crore eligible women beneficiaries via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under the third installment of Subhadra Yojana.
- **Objectives:** Provide direct financial support to economically weaker women, ensuring inclusion of those previously left out and enhancing rural women's financial empowerment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Subhadra Yojana:** Odisha state government welfare scheme providing financial assistance to women aged 21 and above with annual income below ₹2.5 lakh and no income tax liability, subject to eligibility criteria.
- **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT):** A mechanism for transferring subsidies or benefits directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts to ensure transparency and reduce leakages.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** Conditions such as annual income limit, landholding size (maximum 5 acres), and exclusion of recent vehicle owners to ensure the scheme benefits the truly needy.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Disbursement of 3rd installment under Subhadra Yojana
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	Jeypore, Koraput district, Odisha
Issuing authority	Government of Odisha
Policy/series name	Subhadra Yojana
Key figures	CM Mohan Charan Majhi, Deputy CM Pravati Parida
Purpose/reason	Provide financial assistance to eligible women to support economic empowerment
Feature details	₹5,000 per beneficiary in the third tranche; 246 women received ₹15,000 at once
Validity or status	Third installment released; applications reopening after August 9, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports rural women's financial inclusion and welfare



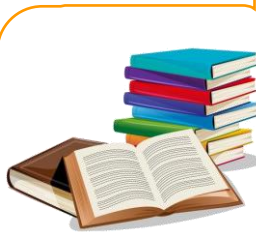
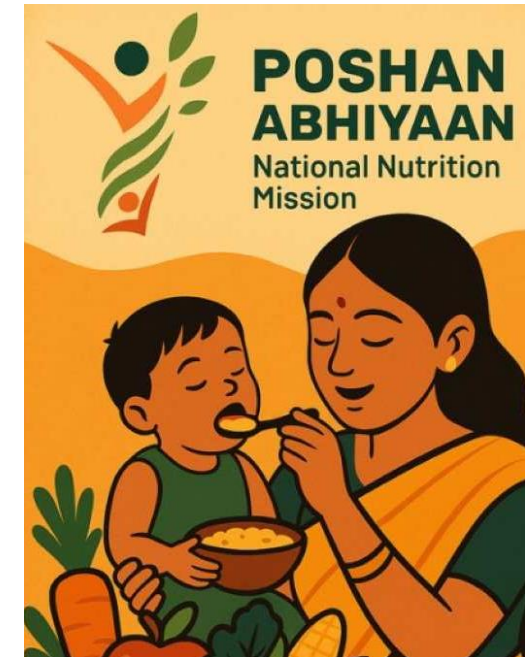
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➤ **As of July 2025, how many pregnant women have been registered as beneficiaries under Mission Poshan 2.0?**

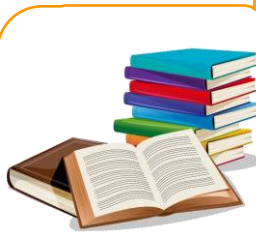
- A) 65.11 lakh
- B) 70.05 lakh
- C) 72.22 lakh
- D) 74.50 lakh
- E) 80.15 lakh

Answer
C) 72.22 lakh



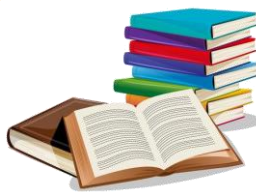
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Registration of over 72.22 lakh pregnant women under Mission Poshan 2.0.
- **Location:** India (nationwide).
- **Date:** Data as of July 31, 2025



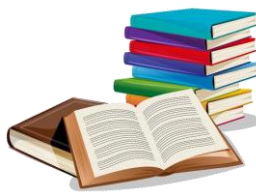
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Register and provide supplementary nutrition and health support to pregnant women under Mission Poshan 2.0.
 - Integrate multiple nutrition-related schemes under a single umbrella for effective implementation.



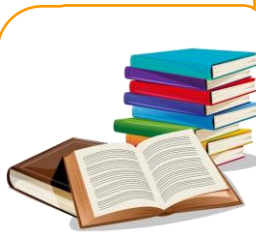
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Improve maternal health and nutrition, especially among vulnerable and tribal communities.
 - Reduce anaemia, low birth weight, and malnutrition through a life-cycle approach.
 - Ensure transparency and accountability in service delivery via digital monitoring.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission Poshan 2.0:** An umbrella scheme merging Anganwadi Services, Poshan Abhiyaan, and the Scheme for Adolescent Girls to break the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition.
- **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY):** A maternity benefit programme providing conditional cash transfers to pregnant and lactating women to improve health and nutrition.
- **Poshan Tracker:** A digital platform for real-time monitoring of Anganwadi services, nutrition delivery, and beneficiary tracking, available in 24 languages.

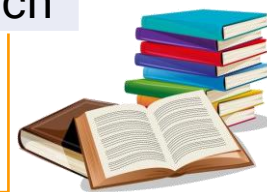


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Registration of 72.22 lakh pregnant women under Mission Poshan 2.0
Announcement date	July 31, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Women and Child Development
Policy/series name	Mission Poshan 2.0
Key figures	Savitri Thakur – MoS, Women & Child Development
Purpose/reason	Enhance maternal nutrition and health through integrated schemes
Feature details	Beneficiary registration via Poshan Tracker; mandatory Facial Recognition for THR delivery; PMMVY benefits extended to 4.05 crore women since 2017
Validity or status	Ongoing implementation nationwide
Strategic/significant value	Addresses maternal anaemia, malnutrition, and supports tribal outreach



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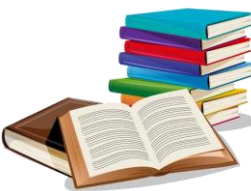
➤ **When will the online nomination process for the 23rd National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026 begin?**

- A) 15 August 2025
- B) 1 September 2025
- C) 30 September 2025
- D) 15 October 2025
- E) 1 November 2025



Answer

B) 1 September 2025

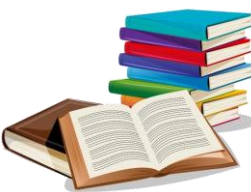


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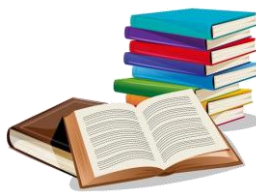
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Notification of the scheme for the 23rd National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



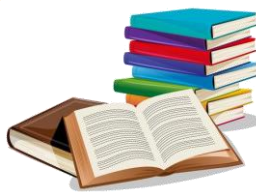
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Invite nominations under seven categories to promote excellence in implementing e-Governance initiatives.
 - Recognize and reward outstanding projects launched between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025, that are fully operational by August 1, 2025.



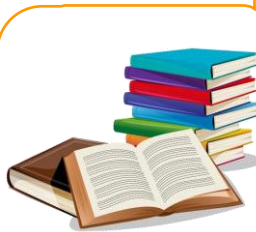
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Encourage innovation in public service delivery through technology.
 - Foster knowledge-sharing of best practices in e-Governance.
 - Incentivize successful digital transformation projects to improve citizen services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **e-Governance:** The application of information and communication technology (ICT) for delivering government services, exchange of information, and integration of various systems for efficient governance.
- **Government Process Re-engineering (GPR):** The analysis and redesign of workflows and processes within the government to optimize performance and service delivery through technology.
- **Digital Transformation:** The integration of digital technologies into government services to improve efficiency, accessibility, and citizen engagement.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	23rd National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Policy/series name	NAeG Awards
Key figures	Dr. Jitendra Singh – MoS, PMO; Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Purpose/reason	Promote excellence in e-Governance implementation
Feature details	7 categories; 16 awards (10 Gold, 6 Silver); ₹10 lakh for Gold, ₹5 lakh for Silver; project eligibility: launched 01.07.2023–30.06.2025, operational by 01.08.2025
Validity or status	Nominations open 01.09.2025; close 15.10.2025
Strategic/significant value	Recognizes innovation, fosters replication, and boosts public service efficiency



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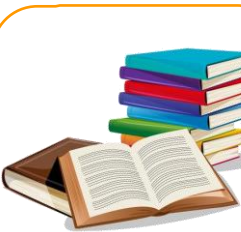


➤ **Under which scheme does the Telangana government plan to provide free solar-powered pumps to tribal communities?**

- A) Surya Shakti Yojana
- B) Indira Solar Girijana Vikasam
- C) Solar Grameen Mission
- D) Nallamala Solar Kisan Scheme
- E) Telangana Sun Power Programme

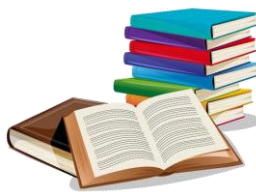
Answer

B) Indira Solar Girijana Vikasam



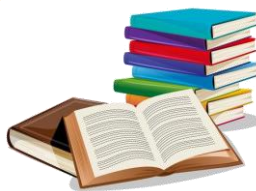
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Telangana Deputy CM orders installation of solar power plants on all government buildings.
- **Location:** Telangana, India.
- **Date:** August 9, 2025.



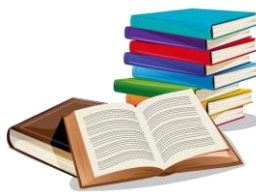
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Install solar power plants on all government structures, including Gram Panchayats, collectorates, and the Secretariat.
 - Extend solar installations to government schools, colleges, and higher education institutions.
 - Provide solar-powered pumps to tribal farmers under a targeted scheme.



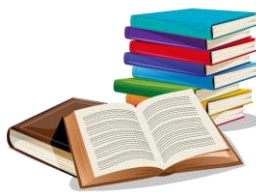
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Increase large-scale solar power production in the state.
 - Promote clean energy adoption in government infrastructure.
 - Support tribal livelihoods and sustainable agriculture through free solar-powered pumps.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indira Solar Girijana Vikasam:** A Telangana government scheme to provide free solar-powered pumps to tribal farmers cultivating lands distributed under the ROFR Act.
- **ROFR Act (Recognition of Forest Rights Act):** A 2006 law recognizing the rights of forest-dwelling communities over land and resources.
- **Nallamala Declaration:** A state government policy framework for tribal welfare and sustainable development in the Nallamala forest region.

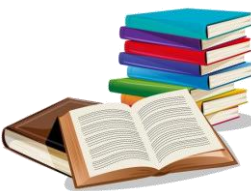


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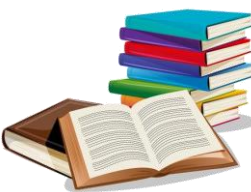
Parameter	Details
Event name	Telangana solar power installations on government buildings
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	Telangana, India
Issuing authority	Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka
Policy/series name	Indira Solar Girijana Vikasam
Key figures	Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka (Deputy CM)
Purpose/reason	Promote renewable energy and empower tribal farmers
Feature details	Solar plants on government offices, schools, colleges; free pumps for tribals
Validity or status	Policy decision in implementation phase
Strategic/significant value	Enhances renewable energy capacity, supports sustainability, reduces dependency on conventional power



➤ As of August 2025, what percentage of its seasonal kharif sowing target has Andhra Pradesh achieved?

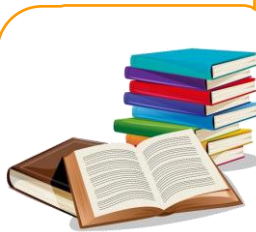
- A) 48%
- B) 52%
- C) 55%
- D) 60%
- E) 62%

Answer
B) 52%



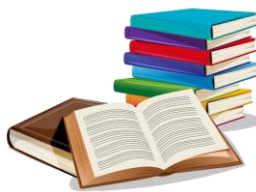
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Progress report on kharif 2025 sowing in Andhra Pradesh amid rainfall deficit.
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh, India.
- **Date:** August 8, 2025



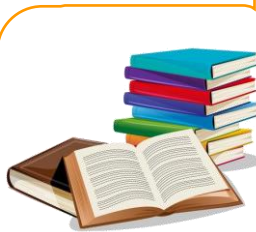
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Report sowing progress and crop coverage during the ongoing kharif season, highlighting major crops and district-level performance.
- **Objectives:** Assess agricultural output potential, monitor monsoon impact, and identify regions performing above or below sowing targets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kharif Season:** The cropping season in India that begins with the onset of the southwest monsoon in June and continues until October; crops are usually sown with the first rains and harvested from September to October.
- **Rainfall Deficit:** The percentage shortfall in actual rainfall received compared to the long-term average for a specific period, affecting crop growth and water availability.
- **Seasonal Target:** The planned sowing area for different crops set by the agriculture department for a particular cropping season.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Andhra Pradesh Kharif 2025 sowing progress report
Announcement date	August 8, 2025
Location	Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	State Agriculture Department
Policy/series name	Seasonal agricultural sowing targets
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu
Purpose/reason	Track crop sowing status amid rainfall deficit
Feature details	52% overall target achieved (16.19 lakh ha of 31.16 lakh ha); paddy 55%, maize 88%, ragi 89%, bajra 72%
Validity or status	Ongoing kharif sowing season, June–September
Strategic/significant value	Guides irrigation planning, crop diversification, and farmer advisories



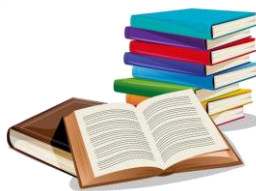
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➤ What is the length of Asia's longest freight train 'Rudrastra', recently trialed by Indian Railways?

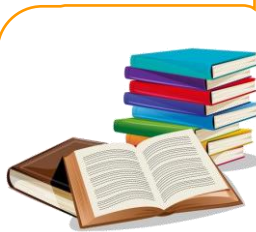
- A) 3.5 km
- B) 4 km
- C) 4.5 km
- D) 5 km
- E) 5.5 km

Answer
C) 4.5 km



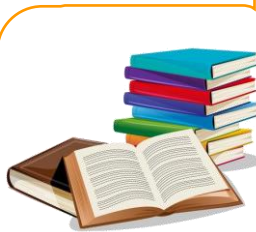
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Successful trial run of Asia's longest freight train 'Rudrastra'.
- **Location:** From Ganjkhwaja railway station in Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh to Garhwa, Jharkhand.
- **Date:** August 2025



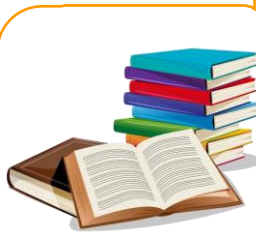
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conduct a trial run of a 4.5 km long freight train to improve loading and transportation efficiency.
- **Objectives:** Enhance freight movement capacity, reduce transportation time, and optimize resource usage in Indian Railways operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Long Haul Freight Train:** A train formation created by combining multiple freight train rakes into one extended train to increase cargo capacity and operational efficiency.
- **Wagon:** A freight carriage used for transporting goods; in Rudrastra, each wagon can carry 72 tonnes.
- **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya (DDU) Division:** A division of the East Central Railway zone, an important freight operations hub in India.

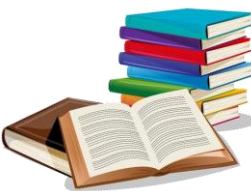


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Trial run of Asia's longest freight train 'Rudrastra'
Announcement date	August 2025
Location	Ganjkhwaja (UP) to Garhwa (Jharkhand)
Issuing authority	Indian Railways – East Central Railway
Policy/series name	Rudrastra Freight Train
Key figures	Ashwini Vaishnaw (Minister of Railways), Uday Singh Meena (DRM, DDU Division)
Purpose/reason	Improve freight efficiency and reduce time/resources in goods transportation
Feature details	Length 4.5 km; 345 wagons; 7 engines; total travel distance 209 km in 5 hrs 10 mins at 40.5 km/h
Validity or status	Successful trial completed; planned operational deployment
Strategic/significant value	Boosts Indian Railways freight handling capacity; fastest in Asia in terms of length



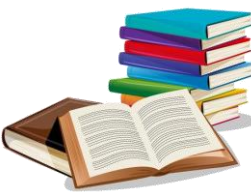
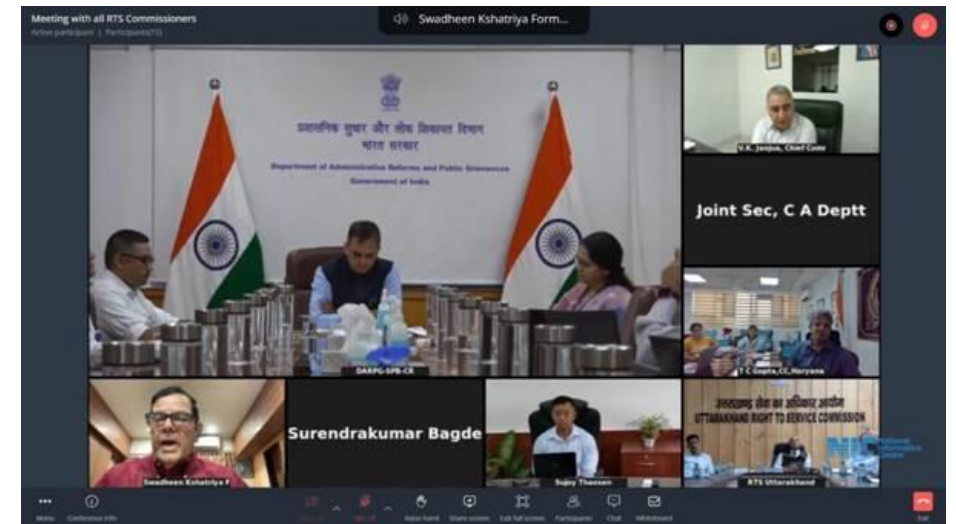
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➤ As of August 2025, how many e-Services are being reported under the NeSDA framework across States/UTs in India?

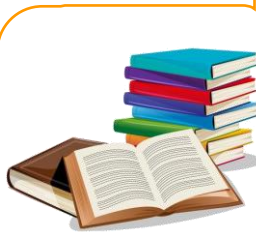
- A) 18,000
- B) 20,500
- C) 22,000+
- D) 25,000
- E) 30,000

Answer
C) 22,000+



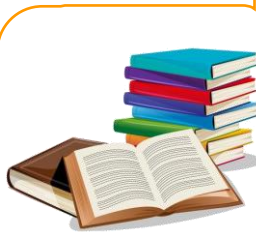
Event and Location:

- **Event:** DARPG collaboration with Right to Services (RTS) Commissioners to enhance e-Services and improve e-Service delivery under NeSDA Way Forward.
- **Location:** India (National-level meeting held on August 8, 2025).
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



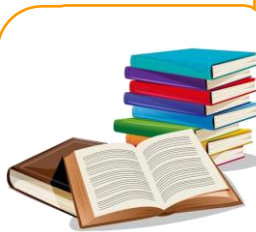
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Collaborate with RTS Commissions to expand and improve e-Services in four key sectors: land, labour, finance, and environment.
 - Integrate CPGRAMS portal with RTS Commissions' websites for real-time grievance data sharing.
 - Document the benefits and impact of RTS Commissions through a 9-month NCGG study.



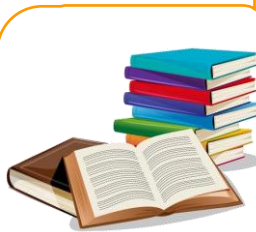
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Achieve saturation of e-Services across States/UTs for improved citizen service delivery.
 - Strengthen ease of living and ease of doing business through digital governance.
 - Benchmark service delivery performance using the AAKLAN tool.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NeSDA (National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment):** A DARPG initiative to assess States/UTs on their delivery of government e-Services.
- **Right to Services (RTS) Act:** State-level legislation ensuring time-bound delivery of notified public services to citizens.
- **CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System):** An online platform for receiving and tracking public grievances related to government services.

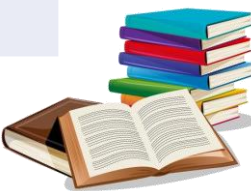


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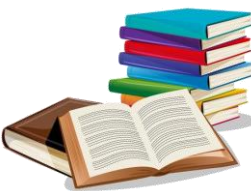
Parameter	Details
Event name	DARPG–RTS Commissioners collaboration for e-Service enhancement
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Policy/series name	NeSDA Way Forward
Key figures	V. Srinivas (Secretary, DARPG), Dr. Surendrakumar Bagde (DG, NCGG)
Purpose/reason	Improve e-Service delivery and grievance redress across States/UTs
Feature details	22,000+ e-Services; API integration of CPGRAMS with RTS; AAKLAN benchmarking tool; NCGG 9-month study
Validity or status	Ongoing; proposals invited under State Collaboration Initiative (SCI)
Strategic/significant value	Advances digital transformation, empowers citizens, and strengthens governance outcomes



- Which city was the departure point for one of the three Vande Bharat Express trains flagged off by PM Modi on August 10, 2025?

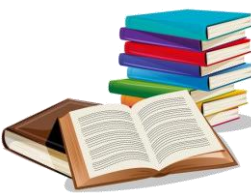
- A) Chennai
- B) Nagpur (Ajni)
- C) Mumbai
- D) Lucknow
- E) Jaipur

Answer
B) Nagpur (Ajni)



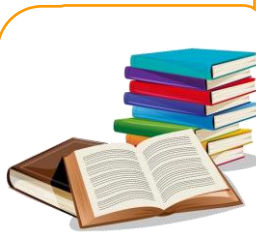
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Flagging off of three new Vande Bharat Express trains and inauguration of Bangalore Metro Yellow Line.
- **Location:** KSR Railway Station and various metro stations in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- **Date:** August 10, 2025



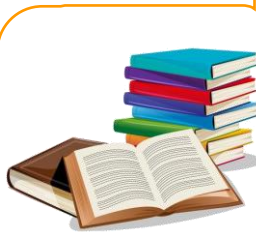
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Launch three new Vande Bharat Express services: Bengaluru–Belagavi, Amritsar–Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, and Nagpur (Ajni)–Pune.
 - Inaugurate the Yellow Line of Bangalore Metro and lay the foundation stone for Metro Phase-3.
- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance rail connectivity and provide faster, more comfortable travel options.
 - Expand Bengaluru's metro network to address urban transport challenges and support economic activity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vande Bharat Express:** India's semi-high-speed train service designed for comfort, speed, and efficiency, with modern amenities and aerodynamic design.
- **Metro Phase-2 Project (Bengaluru):** Expansion of Bengaluru Metro to improve connectivity, including the Yellow Line from RV Road to Bommasandra.
- **Metro Phase-3 Project (Bengaluru):** Planned metro extension with over 44 km of elevated routes to serve more residential, industrial, and commercial areas.



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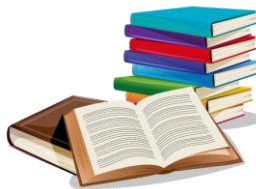
Parameter	Details
Event name	Flagging off of 3 Vande Bharat Express trains & inauguration of Bangalore Metro Yellow Line
Announcement date	August 10, 2025
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Indian Railways modernization & Namma Metro expansion
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, CM Siddaramaiah, BY Vijayendra (Karnataka BJP President)
Purpose/reason	Enhance intercity rail connectivity & improve urban transport in Bengaluru
Feature details	Vande Bharat routes: Bengaluru–Belagavi, Amritsar–Katra, Nagpur (Ajni)–Pune; Yellow Line: 19+ km, 16 stations, ₹7,160 crore cost; Metro Phase-3: 44+ km, ₹15,610 crore cost
Validity or status	Trains and Yellow Line operational; Phase-3 under construction
Strategic/significant value	Improves passenger convenience, reduces congestion, boosts economic growth



➤ Which Karnataka constituency received development projects worth ₹1,107.72 crore launched by CM Siddaramaiah in August 2025?

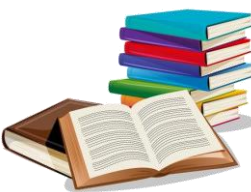
- A) Chamundeshwari
- B) Varuna
- C) Chamarajanagar
- D) Mandya
- E) Hassan

Answer
B) Varuna



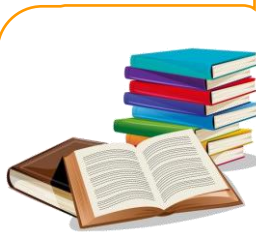
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of development projects worth ₹1,107.72 crore.
- **Location:** Varuna Assembly Constituency, Mysuru, Karnataka.
- **Date:** August 9, 2025.



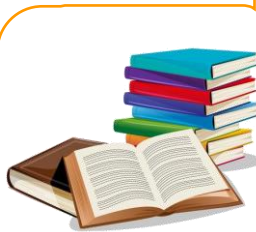
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Foundation laying for multiple developmental works across departments in Varuna constituency.
 - Execution of infrastructure and public welfare projects funded under the state government's development plan.
- **Objectives:**
 - Improve civic amenities and infrastructure in the CM's home constituency.
 - Promote socio-economic growth through targeted investments in local development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Varuna Assembly Constituency:** A legislative constituency in Mysuru district, Karnataka, currently represented by CM Siddaramaiah.
- **Foundation Stone Laying:** A ceremonial event marking the commencement of construction or development works.
- **Development Works:** Government-funded projects aimed at improving infrastructure, public services, and quality of life.



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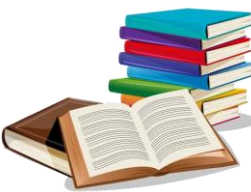
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of ₹1,107.72 crore development projects in Varuna
Announcement date	August 9, 2025
Location	Varuna Assembly Constituency, Mysuru, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah
Policy/series name	State government constituency development initiatives
Key figures	Siddaramaiah (CM of Karnataka)
Purpose/reason	Infrastructure and socio-economic development in Varuna
Feature details	Projects spanning multiple departments and civic infrastructure
Validity or status	Projects announced and foundation stone laid
Strategic/significant value	Enhances constituency-level development, strengthens political representation



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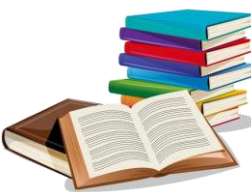
- The Central Bank of India marked its 144th Founder's Day, celebrating the legacy of Sorabji Pochkhanawala, founder of India's first Swadeshi Bank.
- World Sanskrit Day 2025 was celebrated on Shravan Purnima to promote the ancient language and its cultural heritage.
- India celebrated World Tribal Day 2025 by reviewing and expanding key programmes for tribal empowerment.
- The world marked 80 years since the first use of a nuclear weapon with Hiroshima Day observances in Japan.
- The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was first declared by the UN in 1994 and is observed annually on August 9.
- World Lion Day is celebrated annually on August 10 to promote lion conservation worldwide.
- World Biofuel Day is celebrated every year on August 10 to promote sustainable alternatives to fossil fuels.
- India's Annu Rani won gold in women's javelin throw at the International Wiesław Maniak Memorial in Poland with a 62.59 m throw.
- Mangalore has been ranked the safest city in India for 2025 with a safety index score of 74.2.



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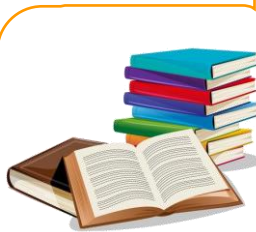
- Zepto has launched Zepto Pharmacy, a 10-minute online medicine delivery service in select Indian metros.
- MakeMyTrip has upgraded its AI assistant Myra into a GenAI-powered Trip Planning Assistant with multimodal capabilities.
- IndiaAI and the National Cancer Grid have launched the CATCH Grant Program to support AI innovations in cancer care.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first Animal Stem Cell BioBank and Laboratory at NIAB, Hyderabad.
- Four astronauts returned to Earth after a five-month ISS mission, splashing down in the Pacific Ocean on August 9, 2025.
- INS Sandhayak, India's first indigenous Survey Vessel Large, visited Singapore on August 9, 2025, coinciding with Singapore's National Day.
- The US brokered a historic peace treaty between Armenia and Azerbaijan, ending decades of hostility.
- The Odisha government has disbursed the third installment of Subhadra Yojana, providing ₹5,000 each to over 1.24 crore women.
- Over 72.22 lakh pregnant women have been registered under Mission Poshan 2.0 as of July 2025.



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- **DARPG has notified the scheme for the 23rd National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026.**
- **Telangana Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka ordered installation of solar power plants on all government buildings, from Gram Panchayats to the Secretariat.**
- **Andhra Pradesh has achieved 52% of its kharif 2025 sowing target despite a 24.8% rainfall deficit.**
- **Indian Railways successfully conducted the trial run of Rudrastra, Asia's longest freight train at 4.5 km length.**
- **DARPG has partnered with RTS Commissions to enhance e-Service delivery under the NeSDA Way Forward initiative.**
- **PM Narendra Modi flagged off three new Vande Bharat Express trains from Bengaluru, Amritsar, and Nagpur.**
- **Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah launched development works worth ₹1,107.72 crore in his home constituency Varuna.**





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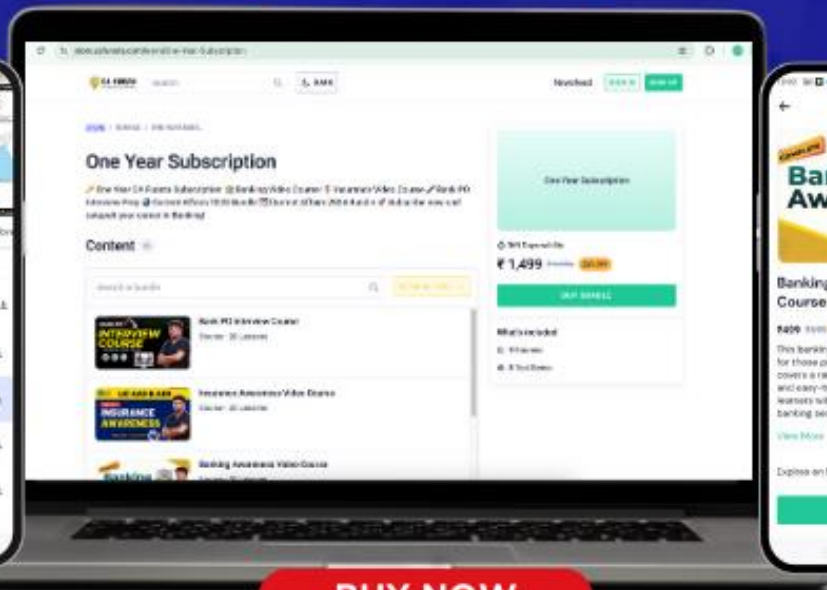
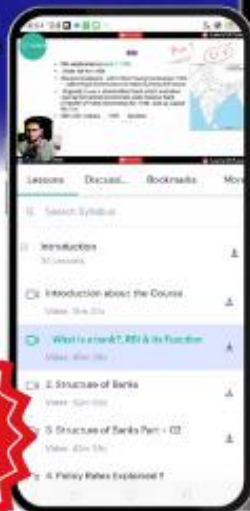
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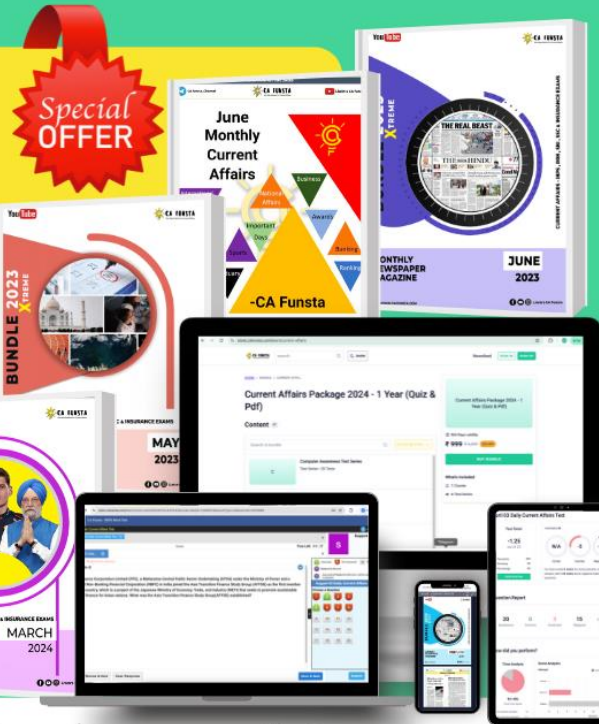


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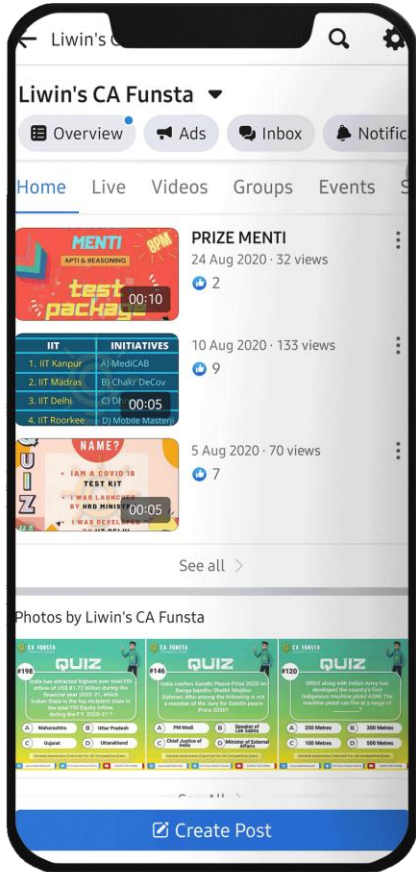
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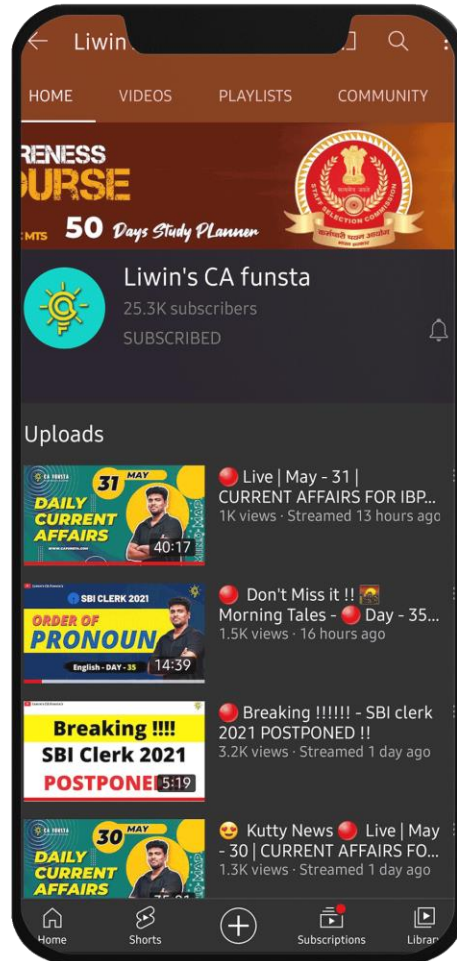


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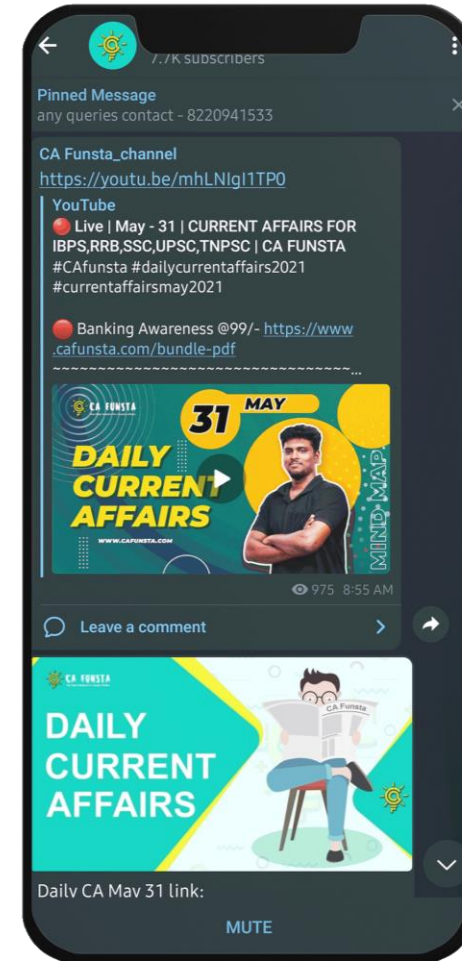
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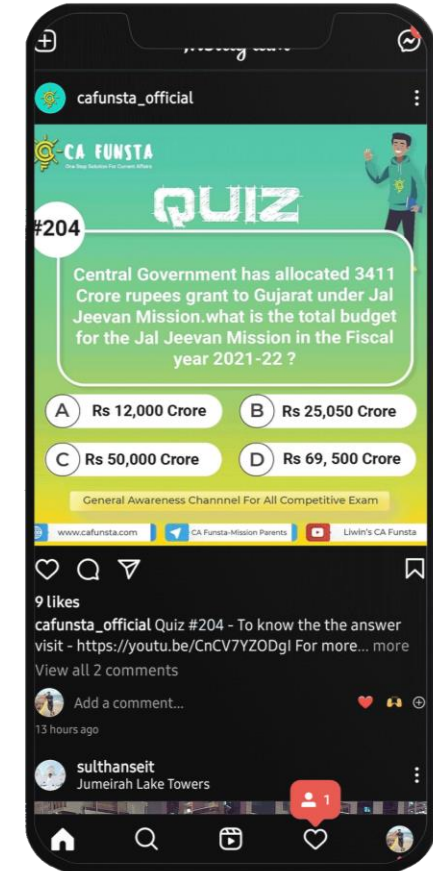
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