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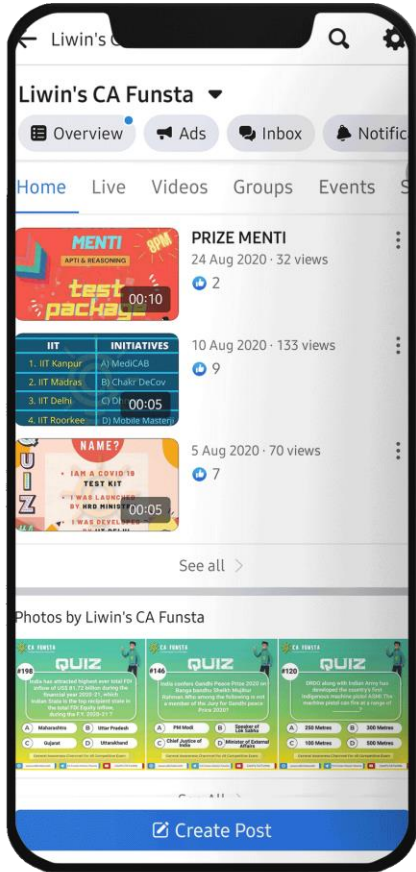
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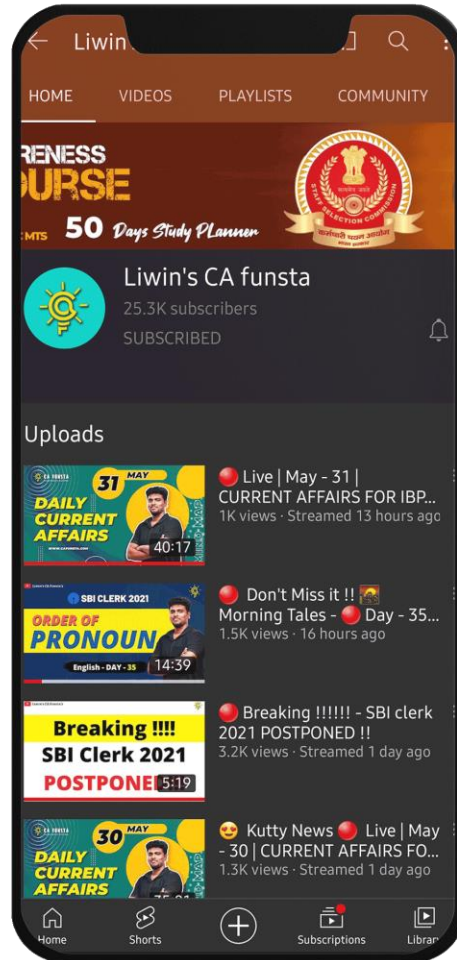
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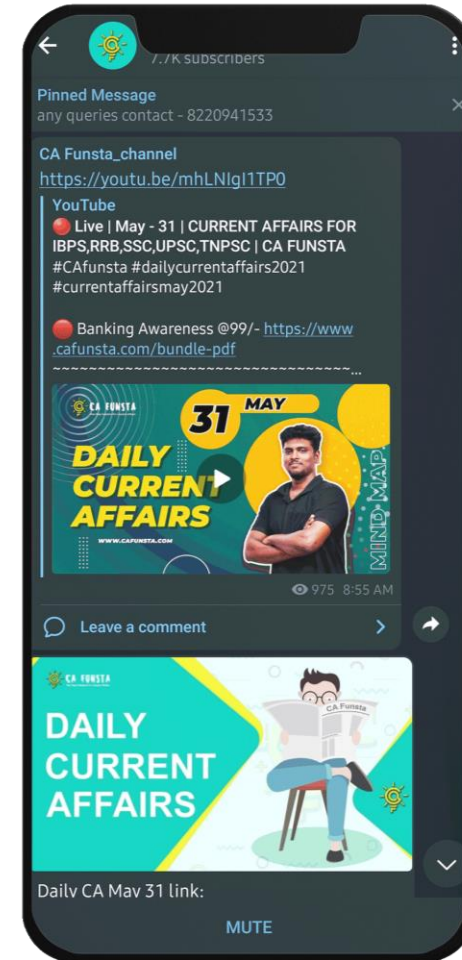
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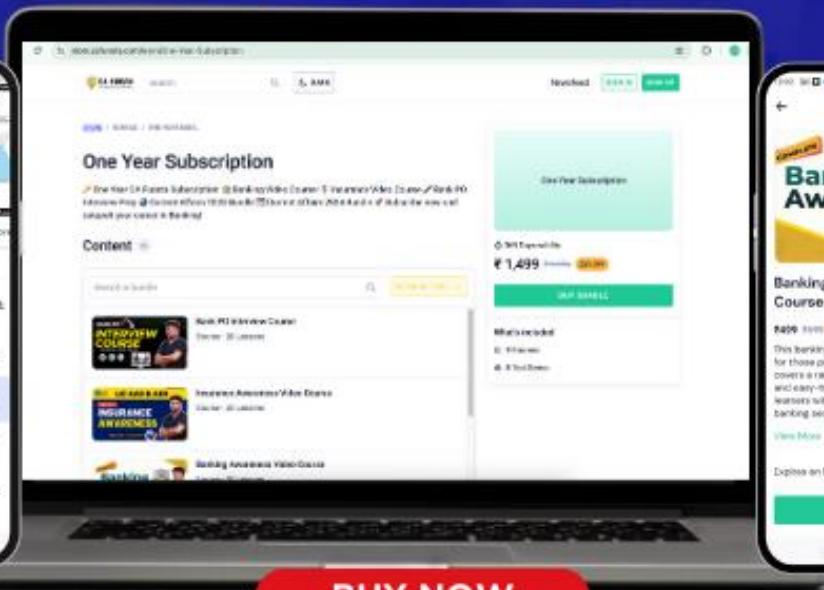


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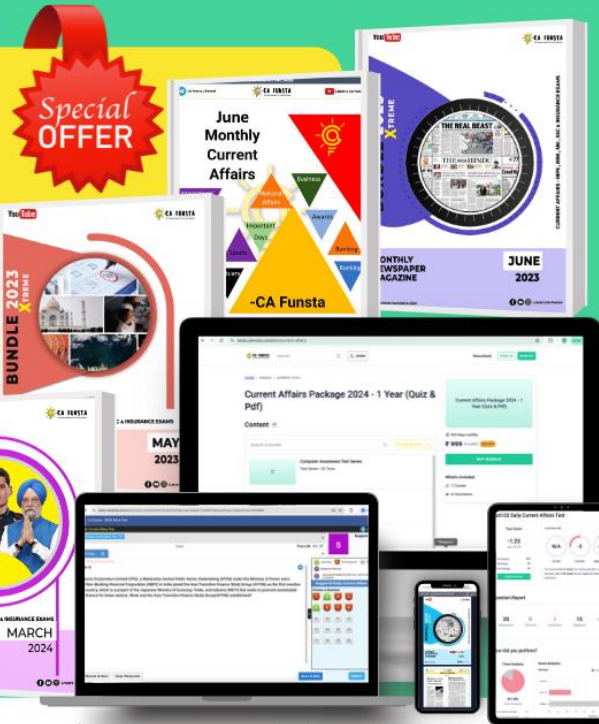
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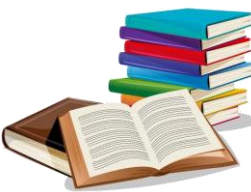
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➤ In 2025, Nagasaki's Immaculate Conception Cathedral rang its twin bells together for the first time since which year?

- A) 1939
- B) 1945
- C) 1959
- D) 1965
- E) 1980

Answer
B) 1945



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 80th anniversary of the US atomic bombing of Nagasaki, with restored cathedral bell ringing for the first time since 1945
- **Location:** Nagasaki, Japan
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Commemorate the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki with memorial ceremonies and the ringing of twin bells at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral.
- **Objectives:** Honour the victims of the atomic bombing, promote global peace, and symbolise reconciliation and humanity through the restoration of the second cathedral bell.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Immaculate Conception Cathedral (Urakami Cathedral):** A Catholic church in Nagasaki, destroyed by the atomic bombing in 1945 and rebuilt in 1959, located near the hypocentre of the explosion.
- **Manhattan Project:** The secret US-led World War II project that developed the world's first nuclear weapons, leading to the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- **PASSEX (Passage Exercise):** A planned naval manoeuvre between two or more ships, not relevant to this event but often part of international military cooperation (included here only if needed for cross-topic CA links).

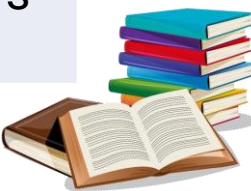


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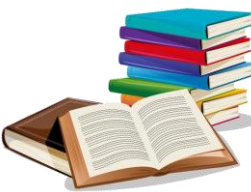
Parameter	Details
Event name	80th Anniversary of Nagasaki Atomic Bombing
Announcement date	9 August 2025
Location	Nagasaki, Japan
Issuing authority	Nagasaki City Government
Policy/series name	Nagasaki Peace Memorial Events
Key figures	PM Shigeru Ishiba, James Nolan, Kenichi Yamamura
Purpose/reason	To commemorate victims, promote peace, and restore the twin bells of Urakami Cathedral
Feature details	Twin bells rang for first time since 1945; new bell funded by US Catholics; attended by nearly 100 countries
Validity or status	Annual commemoration; special 80th anniversary observance
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global nuclear disarmament advocacy and fosters Japan's peace diplomacy



➤ What is India's bank credit growth so far in FY26, as per RBI's latest data?

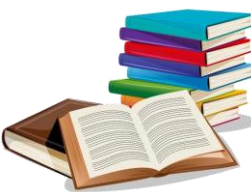
- A) 0.9%
- B) 1.4%
- C) 2.3%
- D) 3.4%
- E) 10%

Answer
B) 1.4%



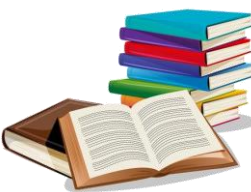
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Slowing of bank credit growth to 1.4% in FY26 so far, while deposit growth remains steady at 3.4%
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 11 August 2025



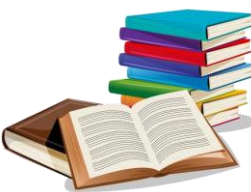
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Monitor and report credit and deposit growth trends through RBI's Weekly Statistical Supplement.
- **Objectives:** Assess the health of the banking sector, track lending activity, and identify shifts in funding sources for the commercial sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bank Credit Growth:** The rate at which loans and advances given by banks to individuals and businesses increase over a period.
- **Deposit Growth:** The percentage increase in the total deposits held by banks from customers over a given period.
- **Market-linked Instruments:** Financial instruments like corporate bonds and commercial papers used by companies to raise funds directly from markets rather than through bank loans.



BANKING AND FINANCE



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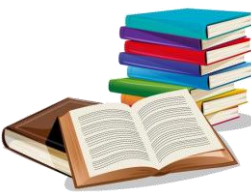
Parameter	Details
Event name	Bank credit growth slowdown in FY26
Announcement date	11 August 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Key figures	Shaktikanta Das
Purpose/reason	Track lending and deposit growth patterns in the banking sector
Feature details	Credit growth: 1.4% (vs 2.3% last year); Deposit growth: 3.4% (vs 3.5% last year)
Validity or status	Current financial year (FY26) data
Strategic/significant value	Indicates easing corporate credit demand and shift toward market-based financing



➤ Where is BSNL's apex telecom training institute BRBRAITT, which will host the new industry-led 5G and AI skilling programs, located?

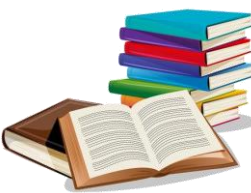
- A) Bengaluru
- B) Pune
- C) Jabalpur
- D) Hyderabad
- E) Ahmedabad

Answer
C) Jabalpur



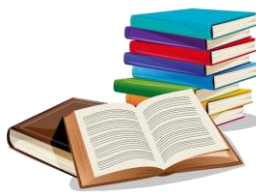
Event and Location:

- **Event:** BSNL partners with Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, and Nokia to launch industry-led digital skilling programs in telecom technologies
- **Location:** BRBRAITT, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India
- **Date:** August 11, 2025



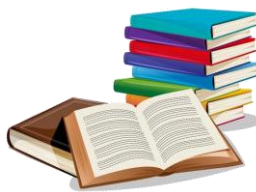
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** BSNL signed MoUs with Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, and Nokia to deliver advanced skilling programs in 5G, AI/ML, networking, cybersecurity, and digital technologies at BRBRAITT Jabalpur; to establish Centres of Excellence and specialized labs in collaboration with global technology companies.



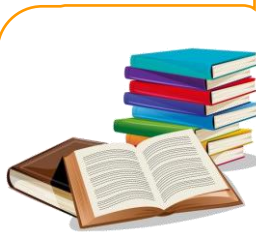
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To create industry-ready skilled manpower, position BRBRAITT as a national hub for telecom R&D and training, support flagship missions like Digital India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, strengthen India's global competitiveness in next-gen telecom, and train over 2,000 students annually through industry-certified courses.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BRBRAITT:** Bharat Ratna Bhim Rao Ambedkar Institute of Telecom Training – BSNL's apex telecom training institute located in Jabalpur, providing advanced telecom and digital skills training.
- **Centre of Excellence:** A specialized hub dedicated to advancing research, training, and innovation in a particular domain – in this case, 5G, AI/ML, and cybersecurity.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** Government of India's initiative promoting self-reliance in manufacturing, technology, and economic growth through indigenous capabilities.

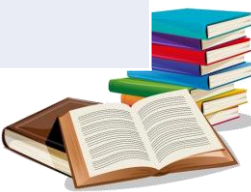


BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	BSNL partnerships with Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, and Nokia for digital skilling
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	BRBRAITT, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India
Issuing authority	BSNL in collaboration with global tech companies
Policy/series name	Telecom Innovation, Research and Training Centre (TIRTC) initiative
Key figures	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, A. Robert J. Ravi, Dr. Neeraj Mittal, partner company heads
Purpose/reason	Build skilled workforce for 5G, AI/ML, networking, and cybersecurity
Feature details	Establish 5G Centres of Excellence, AI/ML labs, networking and cybersecurity programs, industry-led certifications
Validity or status	MoUs signed, Phase 1 implementation with over ₹1 crore investment
Strategic/significant value	Supports Digital India, Skilling India, Make in India, Startup India, Atmanirbhar Bharat

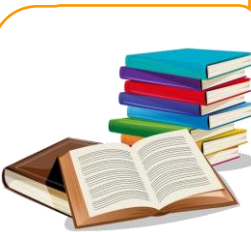


➤ **BEML Limited recently secured its first overseas rail and metro contract from which country?**

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

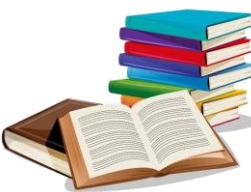


Answer
C) Malaysia



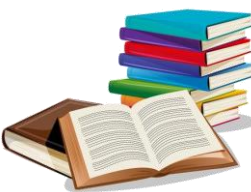
Event and Location:

- **Event:** BEML Limited bags first overseas contract in rail and metro sector
- **Location:** Malaysia
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



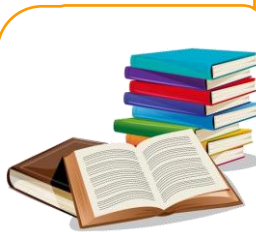
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Retrofit and reconditioning of Malaysia's Mass Rapid Transport System under a USD 1 million contract.
- **Objectives:** Expand BEML's presence in the global rail and metro market while showcasing India's engineering capabilities in international projects.



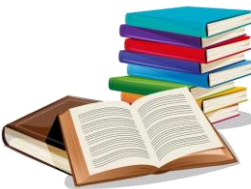
Important Terms Explained:

- **BEML Limited:** A Government of India 'Schedule A' company under the Ministry of Defence engaged in defence, aerospace, mining, construction, and rail/metro manufacturing.
- **Retrofit and Reconditioning:** Technical processes to upgrade, modernise, and restore equipment or systems to improve efficiency and extend operational life.
- **Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS):** A high-capacity urban public transport system designed for quick and efficient movement of passengers.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	First overseas rail-metro contract of BEML
Announcement date	9 August 2025
Location	Malaysia
Issuing authority	BEML Limited
Policy/series name	Retrofit & Reconditioning of MRTS
Key figures	Shantanu Roy (CMD, BEML)
Purpose/reason	Expand global footprint and modernise Malaysian MRTS
Feature details	USD 1 million project for upgrading and reconditioning rail systems
Validity or status	Active contract
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's export profile in high-tech rail and metro solutions

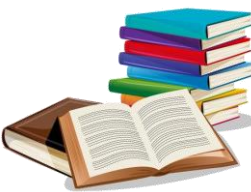


➤ Which is the first miscellaneous NBFC in India to cross ₹1 lakh crore in business turnover?

- A) Muthoot Finance
- B) Manappuram Finance
- C) Kerala State Financial Enterprises
- D) Bajaj Finance
- E) Shriram Finance

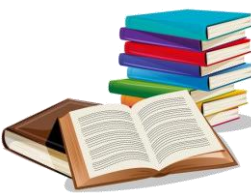
Answer

C) Kerala State Financial Enterprises



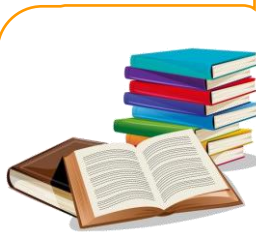
Event and Location:

- **Event:** KSFE becomes first miscellaneous NBFC in India to achieve ₹1 lakh crore business turnover
- **Location:** Kerala, India
- **Date:** 10 August 2025



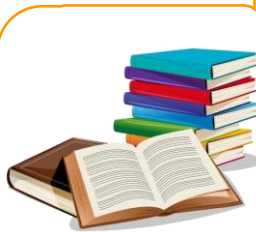
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Marking the record achievement with a public celebration, launch of KSFE Onam Samriddhi Gift Card, and unveiling of the new company tagline.
- **Objectives:** Showcase KSFE's growth, public trust, and contributions to Kerala's economy while promoting future brand visibility.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Miscellaneous NBFC:** A category of non-banking financial company engaged in various financial services, such as chitty schemes, loans, and deposits, outside core banking.
- **KSFE Onam Samriddhi Gift Card:** A newly launched festive financial product by KSFE for Onam celebrations, likely aimed at promoting savings and gifting.
- **Business Turnover:** The total value of all transactions and operations undertaken by a business within a specific period, here reaching ₹1 lakh crore for KSFE.

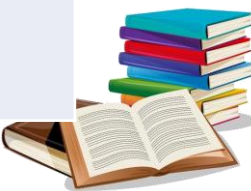


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	KSFE crosses ₹1 lakh crore business turnover
Announcement date	10 August 2025
Location	Kerala, India
Issuing authority	Kerala State Financial Enterprises
Policy/series name	KSFE growth and milestone celebration
Key figures	Pinarayi Vijayan, K N Balagopal, G R Anil, Suraj Venjaramoodu, K Varadarajan, S K Sanil
Purpose/reason	Celebrate milestone and highlight KSFE's economic contributions
Feature details	₹1 lakh crore turnover, ₹512 crore FY25 profit, ₹504 crore in interest waivers, ₹920 crore contributed to state, ₹8,925 crore in state treasury deposits
Validity or status	Ongoing profitable operations
Strategic/significant value	First miscellaneous NBFC in India to achieve ₹1 lakh crore turnover; reflects public trust and brand strength



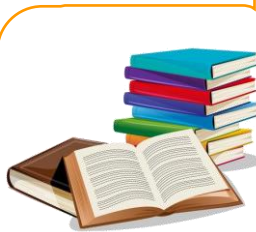
AWARDS



➤ In which year was the Anubhav portal launched to document memoirs of retiring government employees?

- A) 2013
- B) 2014
- C) 2015
- D) 2016
- E) 2017

Answer
C) 2015

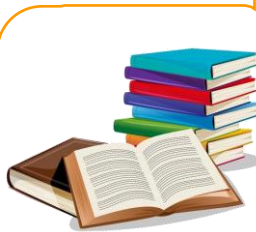


AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 10th anniversary celebration of National Anubhav Awards and upcoming 8th award ceremony
- **Location:** Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** August 18, 2025

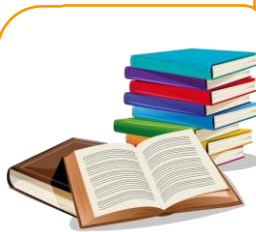


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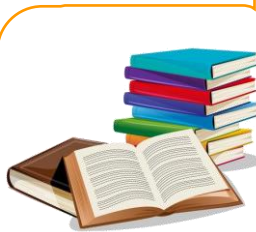
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Recognize and reward outstanding memoirs submitted by retiring or recently retired employees on the Anubhav portal; encourage documentation of administrative history through personal experiences; promote participation from diverse ministries, pay scales, and organizations.
- **Objectives:** Preserve institutional memory, inspire future government servants, acknowledge contributions of employees in governance and nation building, and expand inclusivity by involving women, lower pay scales, public sector banks, and CPSEs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Anubhav Portal:** An online platform launched in 2015 by DoPPW for retiring and retired employees to share memoirs of their service, aimed at preserving governance history.
- **Anubhav Awards:** Annual awards recognizing the best memoirs submitted on the Anubhav portal, selected through a structured evaluation process.
- **DoPPW (Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare):** A department under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions responsible for policies and programs for pensioners' welfare.

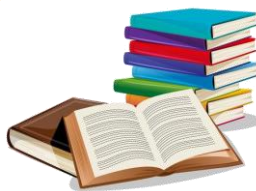


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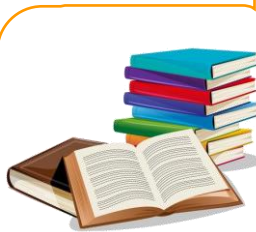
Parameter	Details
Event name	10th Anniversary of National Anubhav Awards & 8th Award Ceremony
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare
Policy/series name	National Anubhav Awards Scheme
Key figures	Dr. Jitendra Singh (MoS, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions)
Purpose/reason	Recognize memoirs of retired employees documenting governance experiences
Feature details	15 awardees from 11 ministries; one-third women; inclusion of SBI & BHEL employees for first time
Validity or status	8th ceremony scheduled for August 18, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens institutional memory, encourages citizen-centric governance culture



- **Which shipyards built the Indian Navy's soon-to-be commissioned stealth frigates Udaygiri and Himgiri?**
- A) Cochin Shipyard & Hindustan Shipyard
 - B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders & Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
 - C) Goa Shipyard & Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
 - D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Cochin Shipyard
 - E) Hindustan Shipyard & Goa Shipyard

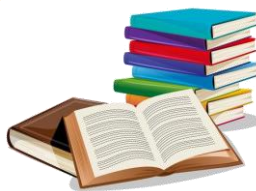
Answer

B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders & Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers



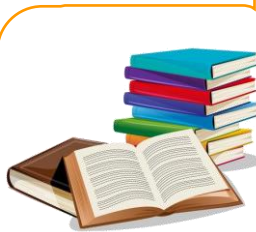
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Simultaneous commissioning of two Project 17A stealth frigates – Udaygiri (F35) and Himgiri (F34)
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India
- **Date:** August 26, 2025



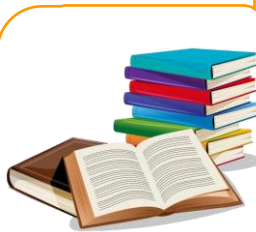
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Commission two advanced frontline frigates built indigenously under Project 17A – Udaygiri by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, and Himgiri by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen India's maritime security, enhance naval capabilities with stealth, multi-role platforms, and showcase Make in India & Aatmanirbhar Bharat success in defence shipbuilding.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Project 17A:** An Indian Navy stealth frigate program to build seven state-of-the-art guided-missile frigates with advanced stealth, weapons, and sensors.
- **CODOG (Combined Diesel or Gas):** A propulsion system where either diesel engines or gas turbines are used to drive a ship's propellers, optimizing efficiency and speed.
- **Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS):** An advanced computer-based system to control and monitor a ship's propulsion, power generation, and auxiliary machinery.



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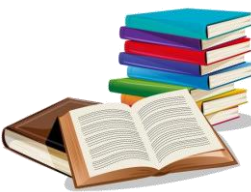
Parameter	Details
Event name	Commissioning of stealth frigates Udaygiri (F35) and Himgiri (F34)
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Indian Navy
Policy/series name	Project 17A Stealth Frigates
Key figures	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Warship Design Bureau
Purpose/reason	Enhance maritime defence, self-reliance in warship building, boost naval modernization
Feature details	6,700-ton displacement, stealth design, CODOG propulsion, advanced missile & gun systems, indigenous design
Validity or status	Scheduled for commissioning on August 26, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens naval fleet, supports 200+ MSMEs, creates ~14,000 jobs, boosts Make in India



➤ When was the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Coast Guard and Sri Lanka Coast Guard signed?

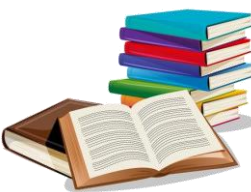
- A) 2015
- B) 2016
- C) 2017
- D) 2018
- E) 2019

Answer
D) 2018



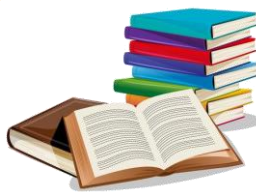
Event and Location:

- **Event:** 8th High-Level Meeting between Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG)
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** August 11, 2025



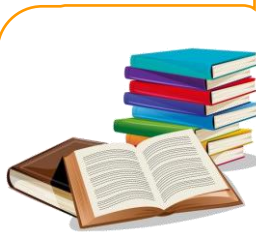
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To review and enhance cooperation between ICG and SLCG in areas such as marine pollution response, maritime search & rescue, maritime law enforcement, capacity building, and technical assistance.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen bilateral maritime partnership, promote regional maritime stability, share best practices, improve operational coordination, and address contemporary maritime challenges in the shared maritime domain.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Marine Pollution Response:** Actions and protocols to prevent, control, and clean up pollution in marine environments, often caused by oil spills or hazardous cargo discharge.
- **Search & Rescue (SAR):** Coordinated operations to locate and assist people or vessels in distress at sea.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A formal agreement between parties outlining mutual commitments; here, signed in 2018 between ICG and SLCG for maritime cooperation.

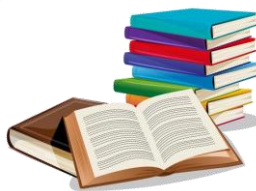


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Parameter	Details
Event name	8th High-Level Meeting between ICG and SLCG
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Indian Coast Guard
Policy/series name	ICG–SLCG Bilateral Maritime Cooperation Framework
Key figures	Paramesh Sivamani (DG, ICG), Rear Admiral Y.R. Serasinghe (DG, SLCG)
Purpose/reason	Enhance bilateral maritime cooperation and operational coordination
Feature details	Focus on marine pollution response, SAR, law enforcement, capacity building, and technical assistance
Validity or status	8th meeting under 2018 MoU, ongoing cooperation
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens maritime security, environmental protection, and regional stability



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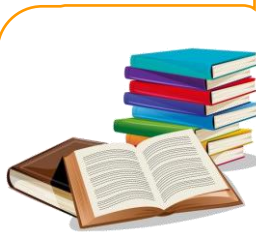


➤ What was India's total defence production value in FY 2024–25, marking an all-time high?

- A) ₹1.27 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.50 lakh crore
- C) ₹1.51 lakh crore
- D) ₹79,071 crore
- E) ₹1.45 lakh crore

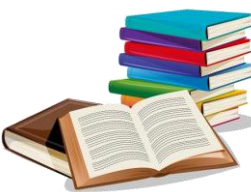
Answer

C) ₹1.51 lakh crore



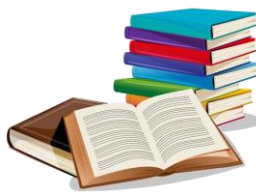
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's annual defence production reaches an all-time high of ₹1.50,590 crore in FY 2024–25
- **Location:** Nationwide (India)
- **Date:** August 9, 2025



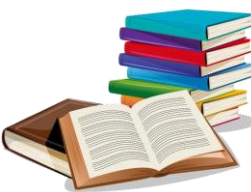
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Achieve record-high defence manufacturing output through combined efforts of Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), other PSUs, and private sector players under policy reforms.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen India's defence industrial base, reduce import dependency, boost exports, and promote self-reliance under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.



Important Terms Explained:

- **DPSUs:** Defence Public Sector Undertakings – government-owned companies engaged in defence equipment and systems manufacturing.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** Government of India's self-reliance initiative aimed at reducing imports and boosting indigenous manufacturing in key sectors.
- **Defence Exports:** Sale of defence-related products, technology, or equipment from India to other countries, contributing to foreign exchange earnings and global strategic partnerships.



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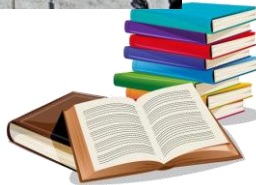
Parameter	Details
Event name	Record-high defence production in FY 2024–25
Announcement date	9 August 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	Aatmanirbhar Bharat
Key figures	Rajnath Singh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	Strengthen indigenous defence manufacturing and reduce import dependency
Feature details	Output of ₹1,50,590 crore; 77% DPSUs & PSUs share, 23% private sector share; defence exports at ₹23,622 crore
Validity or status	Achieved in FY 2024–25
Strategic/significant value	Boosts self-reliance, export capacity, and private sector role in defence



➤ Which Indian Navy ship recently concluded a port visit to Casablanca, Morocco, to strengthen bilateral naval ties?

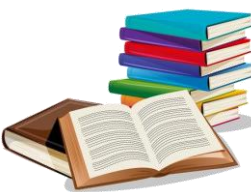
- A) INS Nilgiri
- B) INS Surat
- C) INS Tamal
- D) INS Kolkata
- E) INS Tabar

Answer
C) INS Tamal



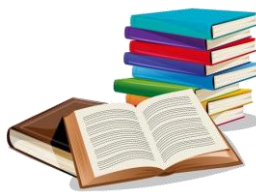
Event and Location:

- **Event:** INS Tamal concludes a three-day port visit to Casablanca, Morocco, enhancing India–Morocco naval cooperation
- **Location:** Casablanca, Morocco
- **Date:** August 6–9, 2025 (visit period)



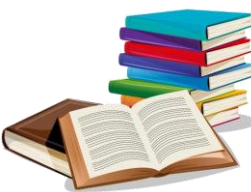
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conduct bilateral engagements, cultural exchanges, and a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Royal Moroccan Navy during a port call.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen maritime diplomacy, improve operational coordination, and deepen strategic defence cooperation between India and Morocco.



Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Tamal:** The Indian Navy's newest stealth frigate, commissioned on July 1, 2025, in Russia.
- **PASSEX (Passage Exercise):** A naval drill conducted between two or more ships to enhance interoperability, communication, and operational understanding while transiting together.
- **Maritime Diplomacy:** The use of naval visits, joint exercises, and cooperative activities to strengthen bilateral or multilateral relations between nations.



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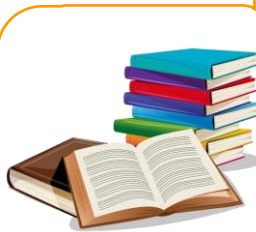
Parameter	Details
Event name	INS Tamal port visit to Casablanca
Announcement date	10 August 2025
Location	Casablanca, Morocco
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, India
Policy/series name	India–Morocco Naval Cooperation
Key figures	Capt. Rachid Sadrhazi, Capt.-Maj. Hasan Akouli, Brig. Gen. Jamal Kaztouf, Rear Adm. Mohamed Tahin, Sanjay Rana
Purpose/reason	Strengthen strategic and operational cooperation between the navies of India and Morocco
Feature details	Bilateral talks, cross-deck visits, yoga sessions, cultural exchanges, PASSEX with Royal Moroccan Navy Ship Mohammed VI
Validity or status	Visit completed (Aug 6–9, 2025)
Strategic/significant value	Enhances interoperability, builds trust, and promotes regional maritime security



➤ According to DRDO's Secretary Dr. Sameer Kamat, India's defence exports are expected to double within how many years?

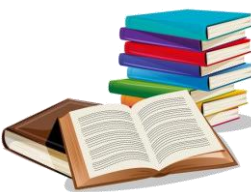
- A) 1 year
- B) 2–3 years
- C) 4 years
- D) 5 years
- E) 6–7 years

Answer
B) 2–3 years



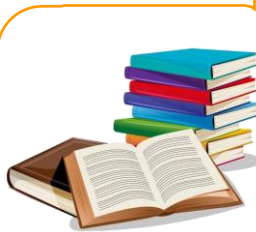
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's defence exports reach ₹23,000 crore, expected to double in the next 2–3 years
- **Location:** Pune, Maharashtra
- **Date:** August 9, 2025 (statement date)



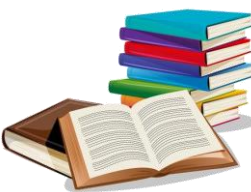
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Increase India's defence exports and develop advanced indigenous defence technologies like the smaller BrahMos missile and Zorawar light tank.
- **Objectives:** Achieve self-reliance in defence production, expand India's market in global defence exports, and strengthen indigenous R&D capabilities through industry–academia partnerships.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BrahMos Missile:** A supersonic cruise missile developed jointly by India and Russia, capable of being launched from land, sea, and air platforms; now being developed in a smaller version for wider operational use.
- **Zorawar Light Tank:** An indigenously developed light tank designed for high-altitude warfare and rapid deployment, enhancing mobility and firepower in challenging terrains.
- **Centres of Excellence:** Specialized facilities being established to boost innovation and research in defence technology through collaboration between DRDO, industry, and academia.

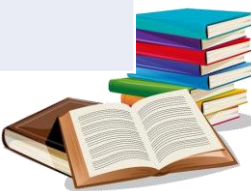


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Parameter	Details
Event name	India's Defence Exports Growth Projection
Announcement date	9 August 2025
Location	Pune, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	DRDO / DIAT
Policy/series name	Defence Export Expansion Initiative
Key figures	Dr. Sameer V. Kamat
Purpose/reason	Double India's defence exports and strengthen indigenous defence manufacturing
Feature details	₹23,000 crore in exports in FY 2024–25; target to double in 2–3 years; new BrahMos variant; Zorawar light tank development
Validity or status	Ongoing
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's position as a global defence exporter and advances Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence



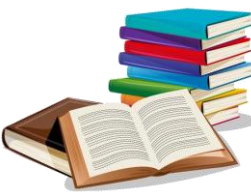
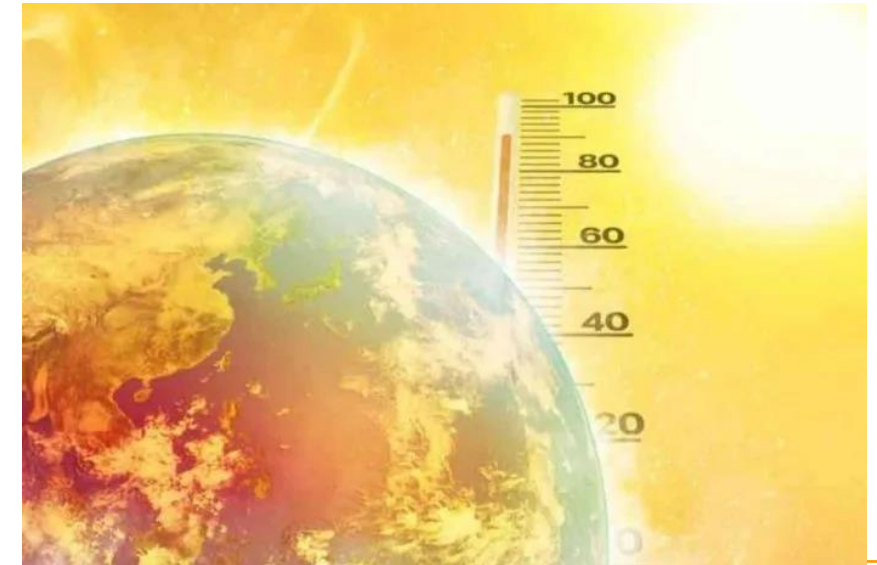
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- Which organization recently warned that extreme heat is affecting millions worldwide and emphasized the need for heat-health action plans?

- A) UNDP
- B) WHO
- C) WMO
- D) UNEP
- E) IMF

Answer
C) WMO

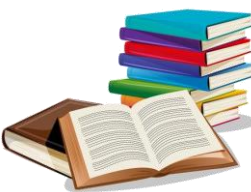


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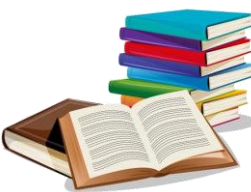
Event and Location:

- **Event:** WMO issues global warning on extreme heat impacts
- **Location:** Worldwide
- **Date:** August 2025



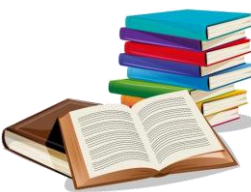
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Highlight the increasing frequency and severity of global heatwaves and their impacts on human health, ecosystems, and air quality.
- **Objectives:** Urge nations to implement early warning systems and heat-health action plans to reduce casualties and manage climate-related risks.



Important Terms Explained:

- **WMO (World Meteorological Organization):** A UN specialized agency responsible for promoting international cooperation in atmospheric science, climatology, hydrology, and geophysics.
- **Heatwave:** A prolonged period of excessively hot weather, often accompanied by high humidity, that can cause significant health and environmental impacts.
- **Heat-Health Action Plan:** A coordinated set of measures aimed at reducing the health impacts of extreme heat through early warnings, public advisories, and emergency responses.

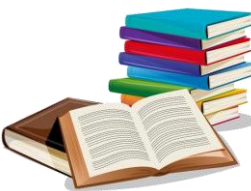


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Parameter	Details
Event name	WMO Global Heat Warning
Announcement date	August 2025
Location	Worldwide
Issuing authority	World Meteorological Organization
Policy/series name	Heat-Health Action Plans
Key figures	Celeste Saulo (WMO Secretary-General)
Purpose/reason	Address increasing global heatwaves and reduce health risks
Feature details	Reports on high temperatures in Europe, West Asia, North Africa, Pakistan, USA; record sea surface temperatures
Validity or status	Ongoing global climate monitoring
Strategic/significant value	Supports climate resilience, public health protection, and disaster preparedness



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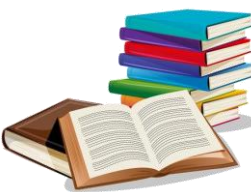


➤ **Under the JATAN initiative, which Archaeological Site Museums' artefacts have been fully digitized?**

- A) Velha Goa and Nagarjunakonda
- B) Sarnath and Hampi
- C) Aurangabad and Patna
- D) Kolkata and Lucknow
- E) Jaipur and Jodhpur

Answer

A) Velha Goa and Nagarjunakonda

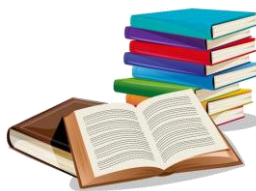


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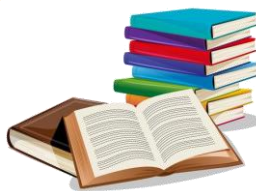
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Digitization of artefacts under the JATAN scheme for Archaeological Site Museums in Goa and Nagarjunakonda
- **Location:** Velha Goa (Goa) and Nagarjunakonda (Andhra Pradesh), India
- **Date:** August 11, 2025



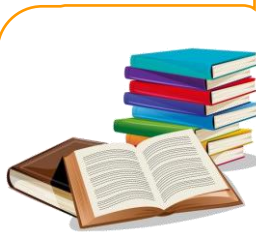
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To digitize and document artefacts from Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected museums using standardized metadata for public access through the Museums of India portal.
- **Objectives:** To preserve cultural heritage, improve public access to museum collections, create a digital record for conservation and research, and promote cultural awareness in line with the Ministry of Culture's vision.



Important Terms Explained:

- **JATAN:** A software tool developed for virtual museum creation to digitally catalogue and manage artefacts in Indian museums under the Ministry of Culture.
- **ASI (Archaeological Survey of India):** A Government of India organization responsible for archaeological research and conservation of cultural monuments.
- **Dublin Core:** An internationally recognized metadata standard for describing digital resources, used in the JATAN initiative for uniform cataloguing.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Digitization of artefacts under JATAN scheme
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	Velha Goa (Goa) and Nagarjunakonda (Andhra Pradesh)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Policy/series name	JATAN – Virtual Museum Software Initiative
Key figures	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Union Minister for Culture and Tourism)
Purpose/reason	Digital preservation and public accessibility of cultural artefacts
Feature details	Digitized 726 artefacts from Velha Goa, 7,941 artefacts from Nagarjunakonda; metadata using Dublin Core; access via Museums of India portal
Validity or status	Implemented and collections accessible online
Strategic/significant value	Enhances heritage preservation, public engagement, and research capability



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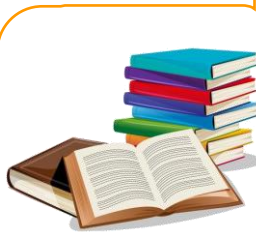


➤ Which institute partnered with EPFO's PDUNASS to introduce "Design Thinking" in officer training?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- B) Indian School of Business Hyderabad
- C) National Institute of Design Ahmedabad
- D) Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
- E) National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

Answer

C) National Institute of Design Ahmedabad

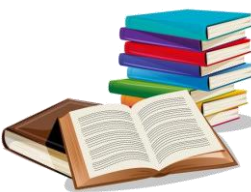


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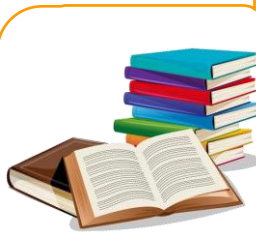
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Introduction of Design Thinking training in PDUNASS's young officers' program
- **Location:** Manthan Hall, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS), India
- **Date:** August 11, 2025



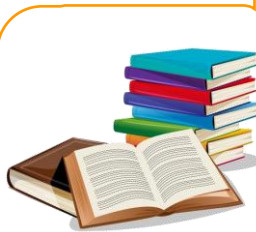
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Organize a one-day training programme on Design Thinking in collaboration with NID Ahmedabad for EPFO officer trainees, with emphasis on future-centric and human-centric governance approaches.
- **Objectives:** Equip officers with empathy-led, user-centric problem-solving skills; reimagine public service delivery; resolve the dichotomy between facilitative stakeholder service and strict regulatory enforcement; and embed design-led innovation in governance training.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PDUNASS:** Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security — EPFO's premier training institution for capacity building and officer development in social security administration.
- **Design Thinking:** A problem-solving methodology that prioritizes understanding user needs, redefining problems, and developing innovative, human-centric solutions.
- **EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation):** India's statutory body under the Ministry of Labour & Employment responsible for managing provident fund, pension, and insurance schemes for organized sector employees.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PDUNASS–NID Design Thinking Training Initiative
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	Manthan Hall, PDUNASS
Issuing authority	Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
Policy/series name	Design Thinking in Governance Training
Key figures	Ramesh Krishnamurthy (CEO & CPFC, EPFO), Dr. Ashok Mondal (Director, NID), Kumar Rohit (Director, PDUNASS)
Purpose/reason	Introduce design-led, empathetic problem-solving in governance
Feature details	One-day training, 65 in-person + ~100 online participants, sessions by NID faculty on empathy-led service design and social innovation
Validity or status	Conducted successfully on August 11, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Embeds creative, user-focused approaches in government officer training



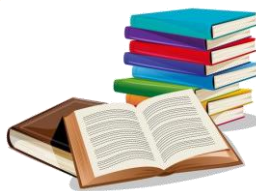
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➤ Under the recently enhanced pension scheme in Bihar, what is the new monthly pension amount for the elderly, disabled, and widows?

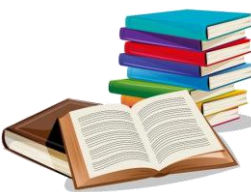
- A) ₹400
- B) ₹1,100
- C) ₹1,500
- D) ₹2,000
- E) ₹2,500

Answer
B) ₹1,100



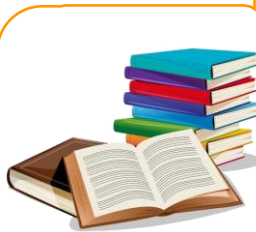
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of ₹1,247.34 crore via DBT for six social security pension schemes
- **Location:** Patna, Bihar, India
- **Date:** August 10, 2025
- **CM:** Nitish Kumar



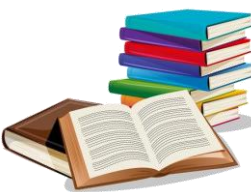
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Disbursement of first instalment (after hike from ₹400 to ₹1,100) began on July 11, 2025.
 - Benefit covers 1.12 crore beneficiaries, up from 1.11 crore last month.
 - ₹1,247.34 crore allocated for six pension schemes.
- **Objectives:**
 - Provide direct financial assistance to elderly, disabled, and widows.
 - Link all schemes to the Right to Public Service (RTPS) at the panchayat level for easy access.
 - Ensure no eligible person is left out.



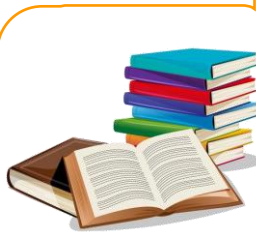
Important Terms Explained:

- **DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer):** System where subsidies or benefits are directly transferred to citizens' bank accounts to reduce leakages.
- **RTPS (Right to Public Service):** State mechanism ensuring timely delivery of government services to citizens, often with grievance redressal provisions.



Social Security Pension Schemes Covered:

1. Mukhyamantri Vridhjan Pension Yojana
2. Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension
3. Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension
4. Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension
5. Laxmi Bai Social Security Pension
6. Bihar State Disability Pension



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Disbursement of increased pension under Bihar Social Security Schemes
Announcement date of hike	June 25, 2025
New pension amount	₹1,100/month (earlier ₹400)
Number of beneficiaries	1.12 crore
Funds released (Aug 10)	₹1,247.34 crore
First instalment release	July 11, 2025
Schemes covered	6 (listed above)
Linkage plan	All schemes to be linked with RTPS at panchayat level
Supplementary budget for dept	₹10,169 crore (total dept budget now ₹18,837 crore)
Political context	Election promises from RJD, Congress, Jan Suraj Party for higher pensions

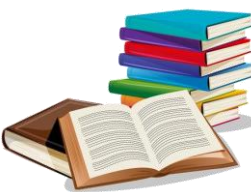


➤ **What is the primary benefit provided under the Seva Bhoj Yojana?**

- A) Free meals to BPL families by government-run canteens
- B) Subsidy on construction of religious institutions
- C) Reimbursement of CGST and Central Government's share of IGST on raw food items for free distribution
- D) Direct cash transfer to beneficiaries for temple visits
- E) Tax exemption on donations to charitable trusts

Answer

C) Reimbursement of CGST and Central Government's share of IGST on raw food items for free distribution

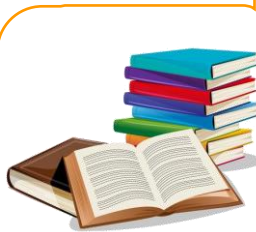


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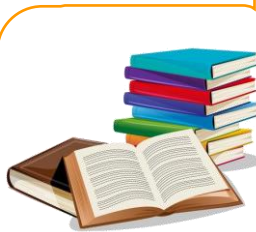
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Financial assistance under Seva Bhoj Yojana for charitable and religious institutions distributing free food
- **Location:** India (beneficiaries across multiple states, including Punjab and Andhra Pradesh)
- **Date:** August 11, 2025



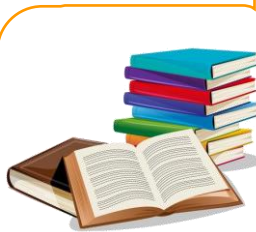
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To reimburse the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and the Central Government's share of Integrated GST (IGST) paid on purchase of specific raw food items by eligible charitable/religious institutions serving free food to the public.
- **Objectives:** To support institutions involved in community kitchens, langars, and prasad distribution, enabling them to continue large-scale free food services without financial strain from indirect taxes, thereby promoting inclusivity and philanthropy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Seva Bhoj Yojana:** A Central Sector Scheme by the Ministry of Culture that reimburses CGST and Central share of IGST paid by eligible charitable/religious institutions for raw food items used in free public meals.
- **CGST (Central Goods and Services Tax):** Tax levied by the Central Government on intra-state supply of goods and services under the GST regime.
- **IGST (Integrated Goods and Services Tax):** Tax levied on inter-state supply of goods and services, with the Central Government's share reimbursable under this scheme.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Financial assistance under Seva Bhoj Yojana
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	Pan-India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Policy/series name	Seva Bhoj Yojana
Key figures	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Union Minister for Culture and Tourism)
Purpose/reason	Reimbursement of CGST and Central share of IGST on raw food items for free food distribution
Feature details	Applicable to eligible trusts/societies; must serve free food to $\geq 5,000$ people/month; no double government funding
Validity or status	Ongoing scheme with multiple institutions benefitted since inception
Strategic/significant value	Supports religious and charitable community kitchens, promotes inclusive service

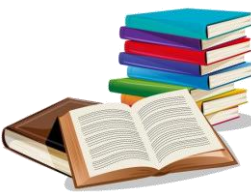


➤ **The tenure of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme has been extended from 31 March 2026 to which date?**

- A) 31 March 2027
- B) 31 March 2028
- C) 31 December 2028
- D) 30 June 2028
- E) 31 March 2029

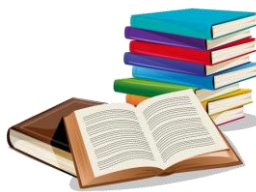
Answer

B) 31 March 2028



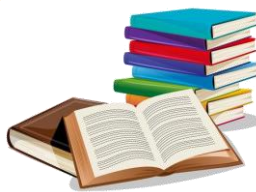
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Extension of PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme tenure
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 8 August 2025



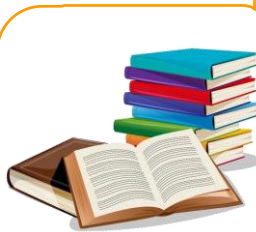
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Extend the PM E-DRIVE Scheme duration from two years to four years, maintaining the original ₹10,900 crore outlay, to promote electric mobility in India.
- **Objectives:** Accelerate EV adoption, develop charging infrastructure, strengthen EV manufacturing, and support nascent markets like e-trucks and e-buses through phased manufacturing and milestone-based grants.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM E-DRIVE Scheme:** A government initiative launched in September 2024 to promote electric vehicle adoption, charging infrastructure, and local manufacturing under Make in India.
- **Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP):** A policy framework encouraging gradual localisation of manufacturing components to boost domestic production capacity.
- **Fund-limited Scheme:** A scheme where the maximum expenditure is capped at the sanctioned budget, and operations cease once funds are exhausted.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Extension of PM E-DRIVE Scheme tenure
Announcement date	8 August 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Heavy Industries
Policy/series name	PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme
Key figures	H. D. Kumaraswamy (Minister), Narendra Modi (PM)
Purpose/reason	To allow more time for e-truck, e-bus, and testing agency readiness
Feature details	₹10,900 crore outlay, PMP support, milestone-based grant for e-buses, quality and safety procurement for testing agencies
Validity or status	Now valid till 31 March 2028; certain vehicle categories still end on 31 March 2026
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens EV ecosystem, aligns with Make in India and self-reliance goals

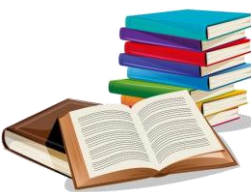


➤ Under the latest release of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, how much is the first installment being given to 30 lakh farmers?

- A) ₹1,500 crore
- B) ₹3,200 crore
- C) ₹5,000 crore
- D) ₹8,000 crore
- E) ₹69,515.71 crore

Answer

B) ₹3,200 crore

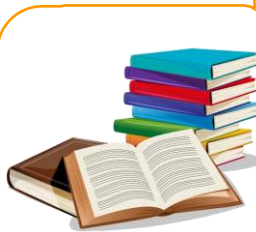


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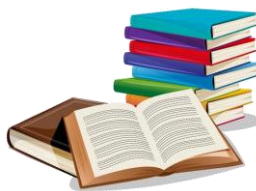
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of first installment of crop insurance to farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 11 August 2025



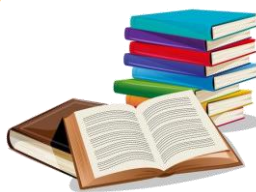
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Provide financial assistance to farmers affected by natural disasters through direct benefit transfer under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.
- **Objectives:** Mitigate income loss from crop damage, ensure timely compensation to farmers, and promote agricultural resilience against natural calamities.



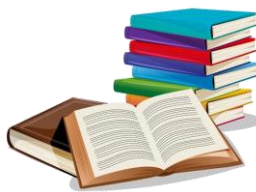
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):** A central government crop insurance scheme launched in 2016 to provide financial support to farmers in case of crop loss/damage due to natural calamities, pests, or diseases.
- **Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS):** An insurance program that provides payouts based on weather parameters such as rainfall, temperature, and humidity, reducing the need for field-level crop loss assessment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Interest Penalty Clause:** Under the current guidelines, insurance companies delaying farmer payouts must pay a 12% annual interest directly to the farmer for the delay period.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of first installment under PMFBY for disaster-affected farmers
Announcement date	11 August 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Policy/series name	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
Key figures	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Minister)
Purpose/reason	Provide financial relief for crop losses due to natural disasters
Feature details	₹3,200 crore to 30 lakh farmers; ₹8,000 crore to be released later
Validity or status	Scheme continued till 2025–26
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens farmer income stability, increases resilience to climate shocks

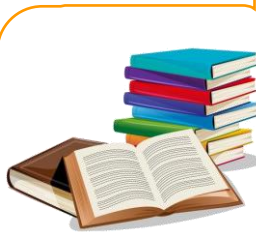


➤ **Which bill seeks to reserve seats for Scheduled Tribes in the Goa Legislative Assembly?**

- A) Goa Tribal Representation Bill 2025
- B) Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Tribes in Assembly Constituencies of the State of Goa Bill 2024
- C) Goa Social Justice Bill 2024
- D) Goa Assembly Reservation Amendment Bill 2025
- E) Goa Tribal Rights and Empowerment Bill 2024

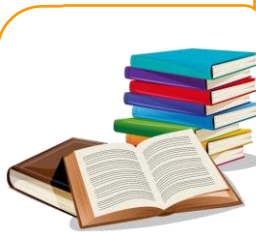
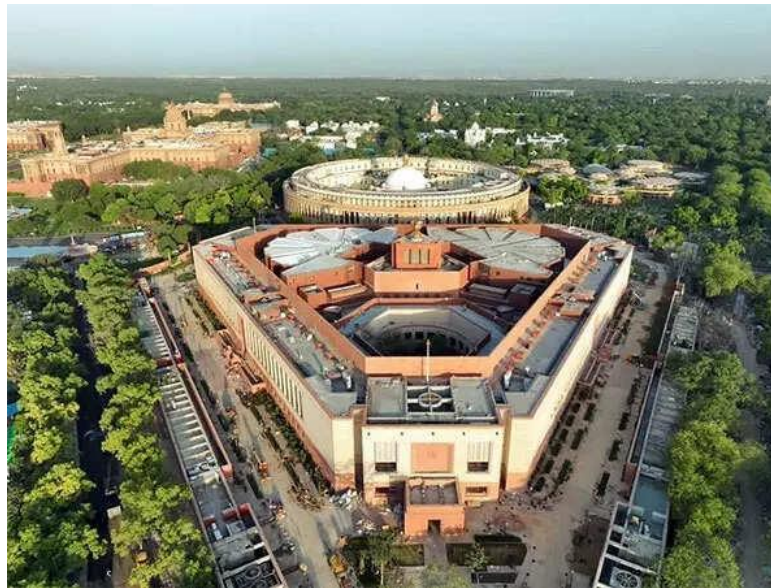
Answer

B) Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Tribes in Assembly Constituencies of the State of Goa Bill 2024



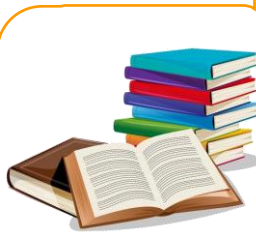
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Parliamentary approval of a bill to reserve seats for Scheduled Tribes in the Goa Legislative Assembly
- **Location:** Goa, India
- **Date:** August 11, 2025



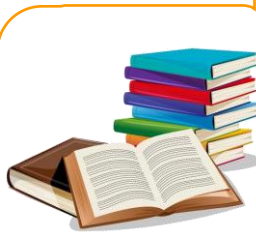
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The bill mandates the reservation of seats for Scheduled Tribes in the Goa Legislative Assembly by amending the Delimitation Order based on population estimates provided by the Census Commissioner.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to ensure representation for Scheduled Tribes in the Goa Assembly, addressing the lack of reservation despite the significant increase in ST population following the recognition of certain communities in 2003.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Scheduled Tribes (STs):** Communities recognized under Article 366(25) of the Constitution of India, entitled to affirmative action in education, employment, and political representation.
- **Article 332:** Constitutional provision that mandates the reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in State Legislative Assemblies in proportion to their population.
- **Delimitation Order:** A legal order defining constituency boundaries and representation quotas, which is amended periodically to reflect demographic changes.

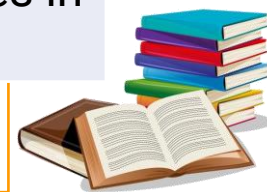


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Parliamentary approval for ST reservation in Goa Assembly
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	Goa, India
Issuing authority	Parliament of India
Policy/series name	Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Tribes in Assembly Constituencies of the State of Goa Bill, 2024
Key figures	Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha, Election Commission of India
Purpose/reason	To provide constitutional reservation for Scheduled Tribes in Goa Assembly
Feature details	Reservation based on 2001 census estimates; Delimitation Order amendment; public consultation process
Validity or status	Awaiting President's assent before becoming law
Strategic/significant value	Enhances political representation and empowerment of ST communities in Goa

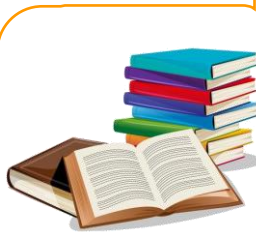


➤ Which legislation replaces Part XIV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 with a new framework for coastal shipping in India?

- A) Merchant Shipping Bill 2025
- B) Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill 2025
- C) Coastal Shipping Bill 2025
- D) National Maritime Development Bill 2025
- E) Inland Waterways Reform Bill 2025

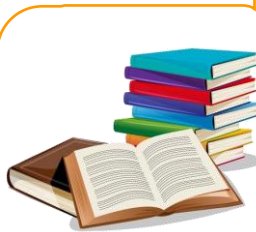
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C) Coastal Shipping Bill 2025



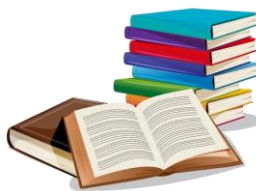
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Parliamentary approval of the Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025 to boost India's coastal economy
- **Location:** India (covering nine coastal states and four union territories)
- **Date:** August 7, 2025



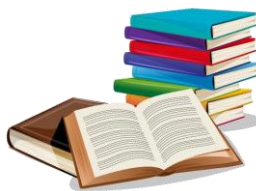
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025 replaces Part XIV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, simplifies the licensing system for coastal shipping, regulates foreign vessels in coasting trade, establishes a National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan, and creates a National Database for Coastal Shipping.



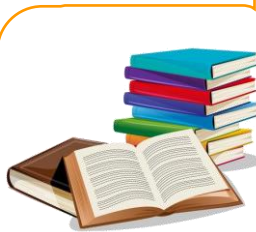
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To increase India's coastal cargo share to 230 million metric tonnes by 2030, strengthen maritime sector contribution to Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat, enhance competitiveness of Indian vessels, reduce dependence on foreign vessels, improve supply chain security, generate coastal employment, and modernize the maritime legal framework in line with global norms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Coastal Shipping:** The transportation of goods and passengers between ports within the same country along its coast, using sea routes.
- **Cabotage Norms:** International maritime rules governing the right of a country to control transport of goods or passengers between its ports.
- **National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan:** A government policy framework to guide infrastructure development, policy direction, and investment for coastal and inland shipping.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Passage of the Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025
Announcement date	August 7, 2025
Location	India (nine coastal states, four union territories)
Issuing authority	Parliament of India
Policy/series name	Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025
Key figures	Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways)
Purpose/reason	Boost coastal economy, modernize legal framework, enhance Indian shipping competitiveness
Feature details	Replaces Part XIV of Merchant Shipping Act, simplified licensing, regulation of foreign vessels, creation of strategic plan and database
Validity or status	Approved by Parliament, awaiting implementation as law
Strategic/significant value	Expected to increase coastal cargo to 230 MMT by 2030, reduce foreign vessel dependency, generate coastal jobs

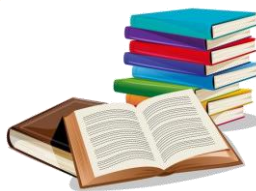


➤ **Which newly passed bill in 2025 creates a National Sports Board (NSB) to regulate and ensure accountability in National Sports Federations?**

- A) National Sports Development Bill 2025
- B) National Sports Governance Bill 2025
- C) National Sports Excellence Bill 2025
- D) National Games Oversight Bill 2025
- E) National Sports Tribunal Bill 2025

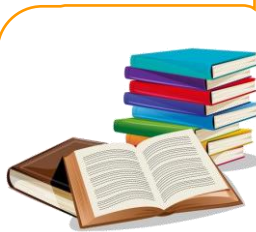
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B) National Sports Governance Bill 2025



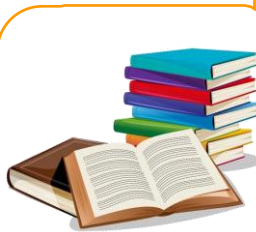
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Passage of the National Sports Governance Bill 2025 and National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill 2025 in the Lok Sabha
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** August 11, 2025



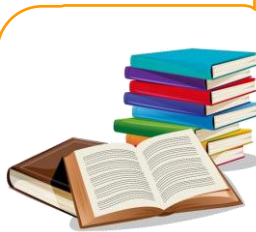
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Establish a National Sports Board (NSB) for stringent accountability in National Sports Federations (NSFs).
 - Bring all recognised sports bodies under RTI Act if they receive government funding/support.
 - Create a National Sports Tribunal with civil court powers for resolving disputes in sports governance.
 - Amend the National Anti-Doping Act to align with World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) requirements, ensuring operational independence of NADA.



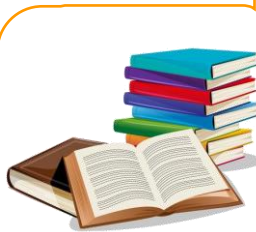
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Build a transparent, accountable, and world-class sports governance system.
 - Prepare India's sports ecosystem for hosting major global events, including the 2036 Olympics bid.
 - Ensure fair play, financial transparency, and athlete welfare through structural reforms in governance and anti-doping.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Sports Board (NSB):** A central regulatory authority to monitor NSFs, ensure elections, financial transparency, and the adherence to governance norms for continued access to government funding.
- **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA):** India's independent agency responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring doping control in sports, aligned with WADA standards.
- **Right to Information (RTI) Act:** An Indian law enabling citizens to access information from public authorities to ensure transparency and accountability.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Passage of National Sports Governance Bill 2025 & National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill 2025
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Policy/series name	National Sports Governance Framework & Anti-Doping Compliance Reform
Key figures	Mansukh Mandaviya (Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports)
Purpose/reason	Ensure accountability, transparency, and global compliance in Indian sports governance
Feature details	NSB creation, RTI coverage for funded bodies, National Sports Tribunal setup, NADA operational independence
Validity or status	Bills passed in Lok Sabha, awaiting further legislative process
Strategic/significant value	Positions India as a candidate for 2036 Olympics, strengthens sports ecosystem integrity

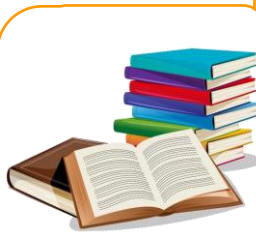


➤ **When is the first-ever International Manuscript Heritage Conference scheduled to be held?**

- A) August 2025
- B) September 2025
- C) October 2025
- D) November 2025
- E) December 2025

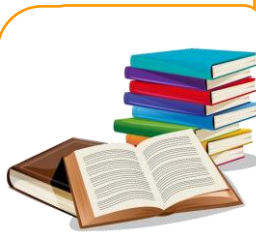
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B) September 2025



Event and Location:

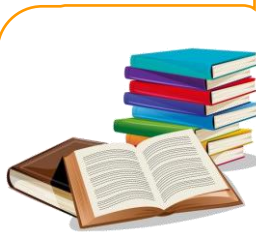
- **Event:** Hosting of the first-ever International Manuscript Heritage Conference titled Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy Through Manuscript Heritage
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** September 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

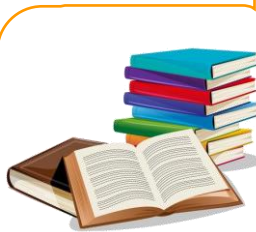
Mandates: To organize a global conference bringing together manuscript scholars, historians, and cultural practitioners to discuss preservation, digitization, decipherment, and promotion of India's manuscript heritage.

Objectives: To safeguard, document, and promote India's manuscript legacy; to strengthen India's cultural diplomacy; to advance research and technology-driven preservation methods; and to commemorate the 132nd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's 1893 Chicago address.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Manuscriptology:** The scientific study of manuscripts, including their writing, materials, and historical context.
- **Codicology:** The study of books as physical objects, focusing on the structure, binding, and production of manuscripts.
- **IIIF (International Image Interoperability Framework):** A set of standards for delivering high-quality digital images online, used in manuscript digitization projects.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Manuscript Heritage Conference – Reclaiming India’s Knowledge Legacy Through Manuscript Heritage
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	India (venue to be announced)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Policy/series name	Manuscript Heritage Preservation and Promotion Initiative
Key figures	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Union Minister for Culture and Tourism)
Purpose/reason	To preserve, digitize, and promote India’s manuscript heritage; commemorate Swami Vivekananda’s Chicago speech
Feature details	Themes: decipherment of ancient scripts, digitization protocols, conservation, cultural diplomacy, legal frameworks
Validity or status	Scheduled for September 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens cultural diplomacy, promotes heritage preservation, boosts India’s knowledge systems



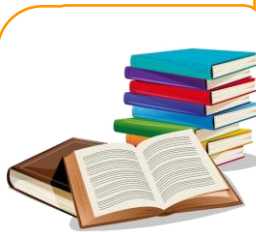
➤ Which organization is organizing the Har Ghar Tiranga – Patriotic Film Festival across India from 11–13 August 2025?

- A) Central Board of Film Certification
- B) Ministry of Culture
- C) National Film Development Corporation of India
- D) Directorate of Film Festivals
- E) Sangeet Natak Akademi



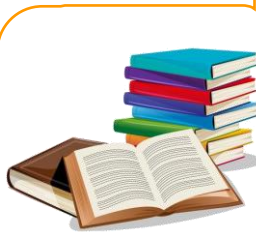
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C) National Film Development Corporation of India



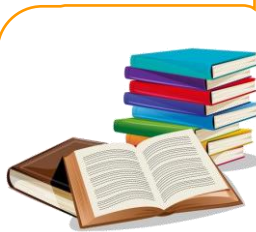
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nationwide Har Ghar Tiranga – Patriotic Film Festival showcasing patriotic classics and contemporary films
- **Location:** Multiple cities across India – New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Pune
- **Date:** August 11–13, 2025



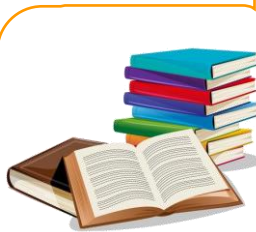
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Organize a three-day national film festival under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign to screen restored classics, contemporary patriotic films, and documentaries in multiple cities.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen citizens' emotional connection with the National Flag, celebrate India's freedom struggle, honor sacrifices of national heroes, and promote unity through the medium of cinema.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Har Ghar Tiranga:** A nationwide campaign launched by the Government of India to encourage citizens to hoist or display the Indian National Flag at their homes, fostering patriotism and national unity.
- **National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC):** The government's premier film body responsible for producing, promoting, and preserving Indian cinema, including managing the National Film Archive of India (NFAI).
- **Film Restoration:** The process of digitally repairing and preserving old films to near-original quality for future screenings and archiving.



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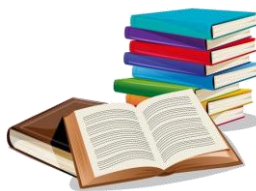
Parameter	Details
Event name	Har Ghar Tiranga – Patriotic Film Festival
Announcement date	August 11, 2025
Location	New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Pune
Issuing authority	NFDC under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
Policy/series name	Har Ghar Tiranga campaign
Key figures	Sanjay Jaju (Secretary, MIB), Kapil Mishra (Minister, NCT Delhi), Shriya Pilgaonkar (Actress)
Purpose/reason	Promote unity and patriotism through screenings of films on India's freedom and heritage
Feature details	Screenings of classics like Shaheed, Kranti, Haqeeqat; recent films like Swatantrya Veer Savarkar, Uri, RRR, Tanhaji; educational documentaries; NFAI restored prints
Validity or status	Conducted from August 11–13, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Uses cinema as a medium for cultural preservation, patriotic awareness, and inter-generational engagement



➤ Which city is being used as the starting point for the Andhra Pradesh Red Cross Society's statewide campaign against single-use plastics?

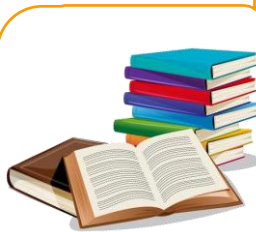
- A) Vijayawada
- B) Tirupati
- C) Guntur
- D) Visakhapatnam
- E) Kurnool

Answer
C) Guntur



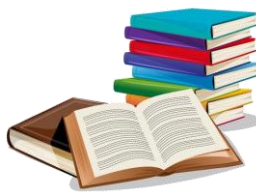
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of a statewide anti-single-use plastic campaign by Andhra Pradesh Red Cross Society
- **Location:** Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India
- **Date:** August 2025 (Governor S Abdul Nazeer to inaugurate)



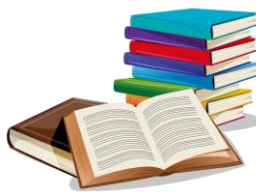
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Mobilise 50,000+ students from 540 schools under the Junior Red Cross banner as “green warriors.”
 - Equip students with reusable alternatives, structured awareness modules, and behaviour-change training.
 - Implement a six-step execution model: student enrollment, education, habit tracking, waste collection, recognition, systematic review.



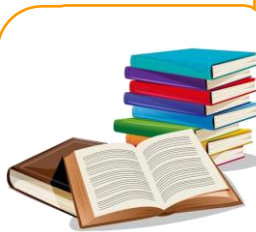
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Achieve a measurable reduction in single-use plastic use in schools and public spaces.
 - Promote sustained civic engagement that results in visible, trackable environmental improvements.
 - Position Guntur as India's first plastic-conscious city and replicate the model statewide.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Single-use Plastic:** Plastic items designed to be used once and discarded, such as carry bags, bottles, and food containers, contributing to environmental pollution.
- **Junior Red Cross:** The youth wing of the Red Cross movement, engaging school students in humanitarian and civic initiatives.
- **Behavioural Change Model:** A long-term approach that focuses on altering daily habits rather than just providing information.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	AP Red Cross Statewide Anti-Single-Use Plastic Drive
Announcement date	August 2025
Location	Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Andhra Pradesh Red Cross Society
Campaign model	Multi-year, student-led, behaviour-change driven
Key figures	P Ramachandra Raju (Treasurer, AP Red Cross), S Abdul Nazeer (Governor)
Strategic partners	Magsmen Brand Consultants, SayWhat NGO, Atoms Digital Solutions, Women's College Guntur
Funding	₹75 lakh via CSR contributions & donations (no govt. grants)
Purpose/reason	Reduce single-use plastic usage, promote sustainable civic habits
Execution model	6 steps – enrollment, education, habit tracking, waste collection, recognition, review
Replication plan	Model to be scaled to other AP districts after Guntur pilot phase



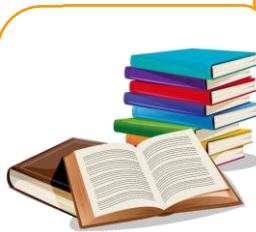
➤ Which district recorded the highest growth in Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) connections as of August 2025?

- A) Ernakulam
- B) Kozhikode
- C) Thiruvananthapuram
- D) Kannur
- E) Alappuzha



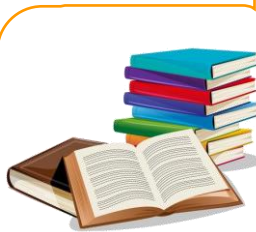
Answer

C) Thiruvananthapuram



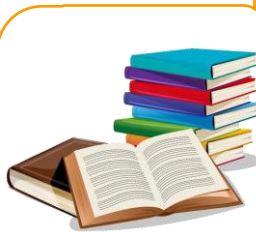
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) records highest subscriber growth in Thiruvananthapuram district
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India
- **Date:** August 10, 2025



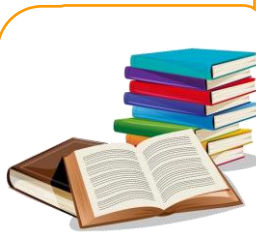
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Provide high-speed internet connectivity across households, government offices, and enterprises, with free access to BPL households and priority for tribal areas under Connecting the Unconnected project.
- **Objectives:** Bridge Kerala's digital divide, enhance digital governance, improve educational and entrepreneurial access, and ensure inclusion of remote and underprivileged communities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **KFON:** Kerala Fibre Optic Network – A state-run broadband project delivering affordable, reliable internet to homes, institutions, and enterprises.
- **BPL Households:** Below Poverty Line families receiving free internet connections under KFON.
- **Internet Leased Line (ILL):** Dedicated, high-speed internet connection provided to enterprises and institutions for secure and uninterrupted connectivity.

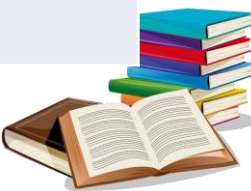


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Parameter	Details
Event name	KFON records highest growth in Thiruvananthapuram district
Announcement date	10 August 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON)
Policy/series name	Connecting the Unconnected
Key figures	State Government of Kerala
Purpose/reason	Expand internet connectivity and ensure digital inclusion in Kerala
Feature details	7,367 total connections in Thiruvananthapuram including 3,961 commercial, 2,702 government offices, 867 BPL homes, 103 tribal homes, 53 ILL and 41 SME connections
Validity or status	Ongoing implementation
Strategic/significant value	Supports e-governance, education, entrepreneurship, and inclusion in remote and tribal areas

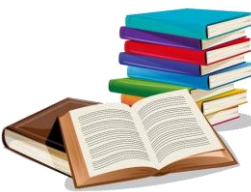


➤ **Which newly launched Vande Bharat Express covers the longest route among all Vande Bharat trains in India?**

- A) Delhi–Varanasi Vande Bharat
- B) Mumbai–Gandhinagar Vande Bharat
- C) Nagpur–Pune Vande Bharat
- D) Chennai–Mysuru Vande Bharat
- E) Secunderabad–Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat

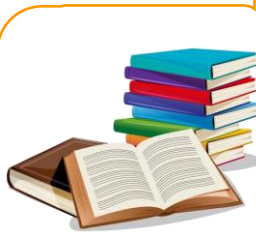
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C) Nagpur–Pune Vande Bharat



Event and Location:

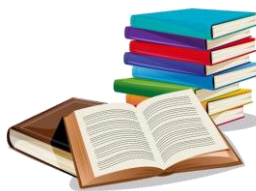
- **Event:** Launch of India's longest-route Vande Bharat Express on the Nagpur–Pune corridor
- **Location:** Maharashtra, India
- **Date:** August 12, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

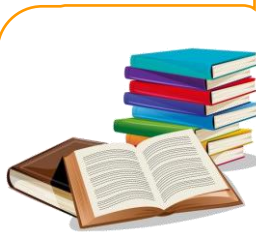
Mandates: Flagging off the Nagpur–Pune Vande Bharat Express along with two other trains via video conferencing by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Objectives: Provide a faster, comfortable, and cost-effective travel option for high passenger traffic between Vidarbha and Pune, reducing travel time and reliance on expensive private transport.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vande Bharat Express:** India's semi-high-speed, fully air-conditioned train with modern amenities, designed for faster intercity travel.
- **Daund Chord Line:** A rail link that allows trains to bypass Pune Junction from the east, reducing travel time.
- **Ajni Railway Station:** A suburban railway station in Nagpur, functioning as the starting point for certain express train services.



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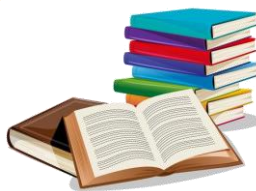
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Nagpur–Pune Vande Bharat Express
Announcement date	12 August 2025
Location	Maharashtra, India
Issuing authority	Indian Railways
Policy/series name	Vande Bharat Express initiative
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Nitin Gadkari, Devendra Fadnavis
Purpose/reason	Provide faster, economical travel for passengers on the Nagpur–Pune route
Feature details	Covers distance in ~12 hours, halts at Wardha, Badnera, Akola, Bhusawal, Jalgaon, Manmad, Kopergaon, Ahilyanagar, Daund
Validity or status	Operational from August 2025
Strategic/significant value	Longest Vande Bharat route, improves connectivity within Maharashtra



➤ Which state has become the first in India to implement the Disha Abhiyan curriculum for uniform education of students with intellectual disabilities?

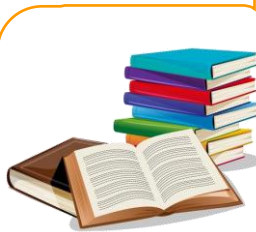
- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Kerala
- E) Rajasthan

Answer
B) Maharashtra



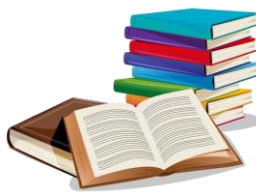
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Implementation of Disha Abhiyan curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities
- **Location:** Maharashtra, India
- **Date:** August 2025



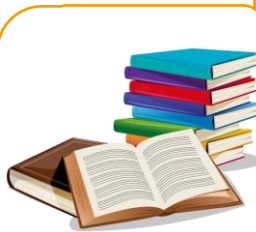
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Introduce a uniform and quality curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities across special schools in Maharashtra.
- **Objectives:** Ensure inclusive, research-based education to empower students with intellectual disabilities, aligning with the vision of an inclusive and self-reliant Developed India 2047.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Disha Abhiyan:** An educational initiative aimed at providing uniform, quality education for students with intellectual disabilities, developed by Jai Vakil Foundation.
- **Jai Vakil Foundation:** Established in 1944, this organization has 80 years of expertise in special education and has created a research-based, universally applicable curriculum.
- **NIEPID (National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities):** A government body that certifies educational programs and initiatives for persons with intellectual disabilities.



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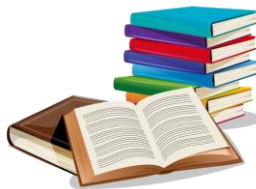
Parameter	Details
Event name	Implementation of Disha Abhiyan
Announcement date	August 2025
Location	Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Government of Maharashtra
Policy/series name	Disha Abhiyan
Key figures	Devendra Fadnavis (CM of Maharashtra)
Purpose/reason	Provide uniform, quality education for students with intellectual disabilities
Feature details	Curriculum implemented in 453 special schools; developed by Jai Vakil Foundation; certified by NIEPID
Validity or status	Currently active in Maharashtra
Strategic/significant value	First state-level initiative for special education uniformity, promoting inclusivity under Developed India 2047



- On the occasion of the first Amma Samman Diwas, which state launched the 'Nari Adalat' initiative?

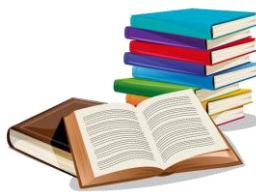
- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Nagaland
- E) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer
B) Sikkim



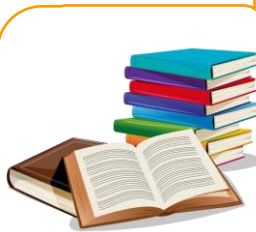
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Nari Adalat community-based women's forum
- **Location:** Sikkim (Rongpo)
- **Date:** August 2025



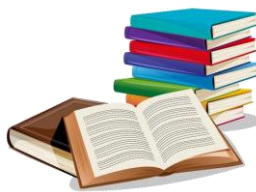
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Establish a women-led, community-based forum to resolve local disputes and social issues in rural and semi-urban Sikkim.
- **Objectives:** Empower women to address minor disputes locally in a supportive, non-intimidating setting, reducing reliance on the formal legal system.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nari Adalat:** A community forum run by women to resolve minor disputes and social issues through dialogue-based, informal methods instead of lengthy court processes.
- **Amma Samman Diwas:** A state observance in Sikkim to honor and recognize the contributions of women, especially mothers, to society.
- **Community-Based Justice:** A localized approach to dispute resolution that prioritizes accessibility, inclusivity, and dialogue over formal legal proceedings.



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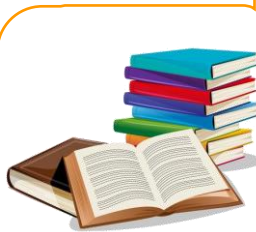
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Nari Adalat
Announcement date	August 2025
Location	Rongpo, Sikkim
Issuing authority	Government of Sikkim
Policy/series name	Nari Adalat under Amma Samman Diwas
Key figures	Prem Singh Tamang (CM of Sikkim)
Purpose/reason	Empower women to address disputes locally
Feature details	Informal, dialogue-based dispute resolution; handles minor family, domestic, and marital issues
Validity or status	Active in rural and semi-urban Sikkim
Strategic/significant value	Enhances women's participation in justice delivery and reduces dependency on formal courts



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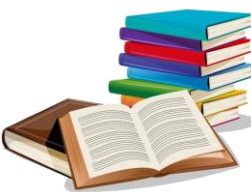
- Nagasaki marked the 80th anniversary of the 1945 atomic bombing with the restored twin bells of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral ringing together for the first time in eight decades.
- Bank credit growth in India has slowed to 1.4% in FY26 so far, compared to 2.3% in the same period last year.
- BSNL signed MoUs with Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, and Nokia to launch advanced telecom skilling programs at BRBRAITT Jabalpur.
- BEML Limited has secured its maiden overseas contract in the rail and metro sector from Malaysia.
- Kerala State Financial Enterprises has become the first miscellaneous NBFC in India to cross ₹1 lakh crore in business turnover.
- The Anubhav portal, launched in 2015, has published over 12,500 memoirs from retiring and retired government employees.
- The Indian Navy will commission stealth frigates Udaygiri and Himgiri together for the first time on August 26, 2025.
- The Indian Coast Guard and Sri Lanka Coast Guard held their 8th High-Level Meeting in New Delhi on August 11, 2025.
- India's defence production reached a record ₹1,50,590 crore in FY 2024–25, marking an 18% growth from the previous year.



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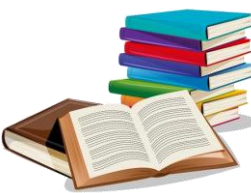
- **INS Tamal, the Indian Navy's newest stealth frigate, completed a three-day port visit to Casablanca, Morocco, from August 6 to 9, 2025.**
- **India's defence exports touched ₹23,000 crore in FY 2024–25, with expectations to double in the next two to three years.**
- **The World Meteorological Organization has warned that extreme heat is affecting millions worldwide.**
- **The Ministry of Culture announced full digitization of artefacts from Archaeological Site Museums in Velha Goa and Nagarjunakonda under the JATAN scheme.**
- **EPFO's PDUNASS and NID Ahmedabad jointly introduced Design Thinking in officer training on August 11, 2025.**
- **Bihar CM Nitish Kumar released ₹1,247.34 crore for 1.12 crore pension beneficiaries via DBT.**
- **The PM E-DRIVE Scheme tenure has been extended from 31 March 2026 to 31 March 2028 without increasing its ₹10,900 crore outlay.**
- **The Centre has released ₹3,200 crore as the first installment of crop insurance under PMFBY to 30 lakh farmers affected by natural disasters.**
- **The Rajya Sabha approved the Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Tribes in Assembly Constituencies of the State of Goa Bill, 2024, on August 11, 2025.**



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- The Rajya Sabha passed the Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025 on August 7, 2025, marking a major maritime sector reform.
- The Seva Bhoj Yojana reimburses CGST and the Central share of IGST on raw food items purchased by eligible charitable and religious institutions.
- The Lok Sabha passed the National Sports Governance Bill and National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill on August 11, 2025.
- The Ministry of Culture will host the first-ever International Manuscript Heritage Conference in September 2025.
- The Har Ghar Tiranga – Patriotic Film Festival opened nationwide on August 11, 2025, in four cities.
- AP Red Cross launched a statewide drive from Guntur to make Andhra Pradesh India's first plastic-conscious region.
- Kerala Fibre Optic Network has achieved its highest growth in Thiruvananthapuram district with 7,367 total connections as of August 2025.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Nagpur–Pune Vande Bharat Express, the longest-route Vande Bharat train in India.
- Maharashtra has implemented the Disha Abhiyan curriculum for uniform education of students with intellectual disabilities.
- Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang launched Nari Adalat on the first Amma Samman Diwas in Rongpo.



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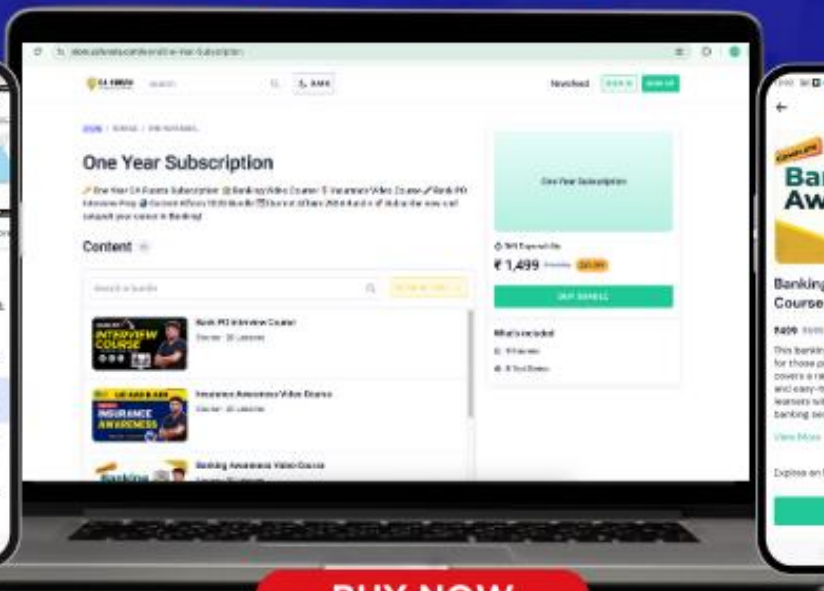
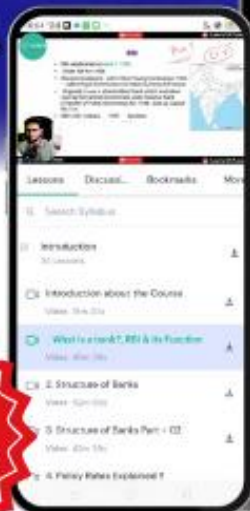


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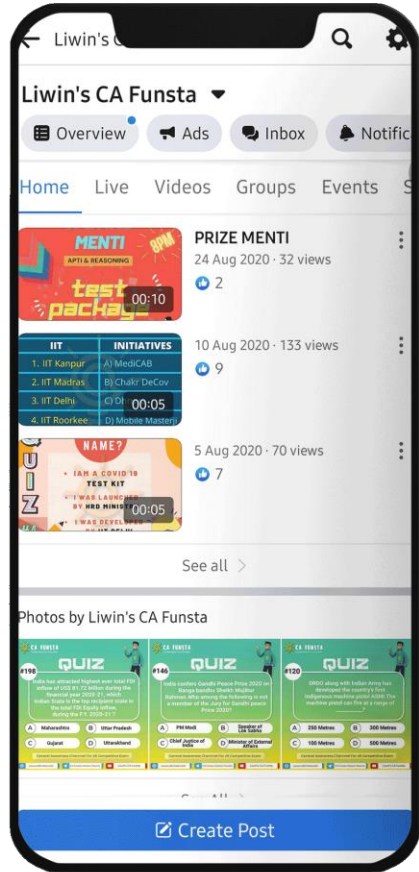
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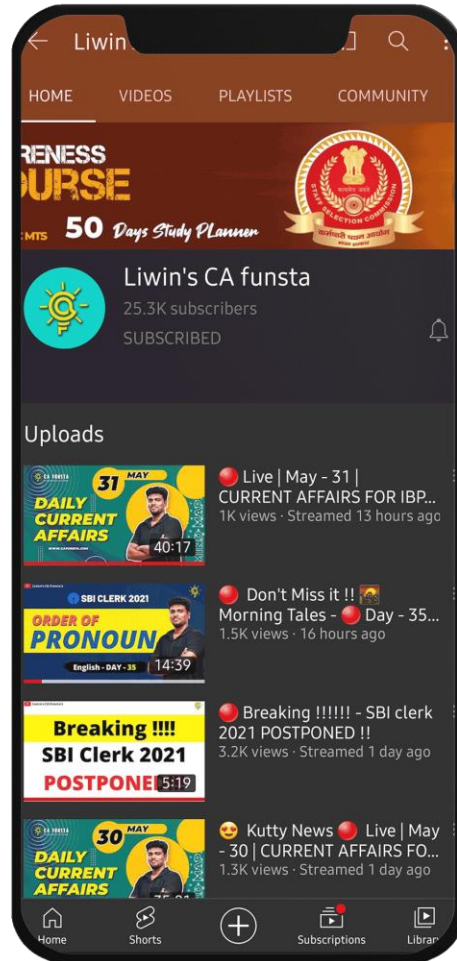


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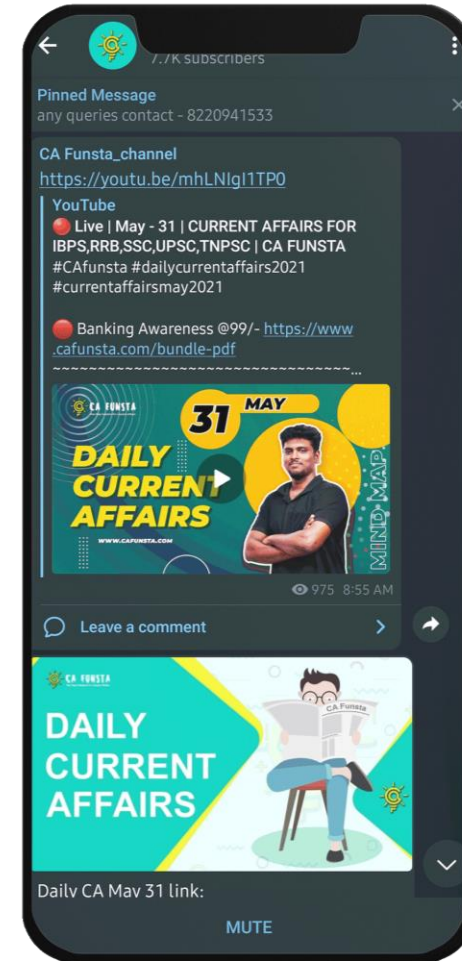
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