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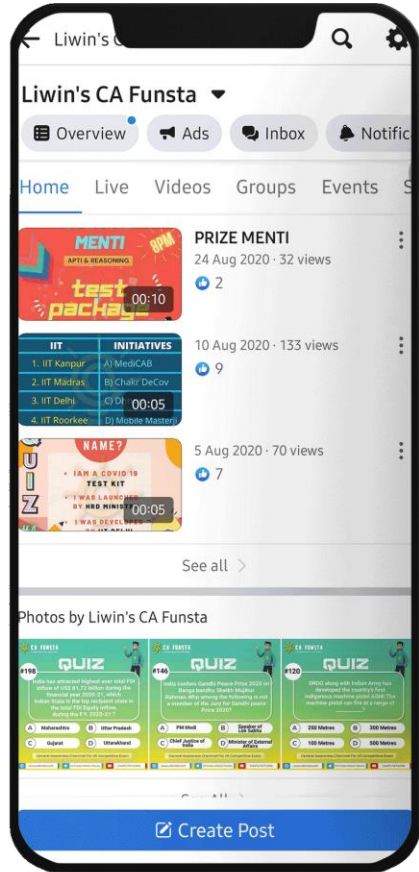
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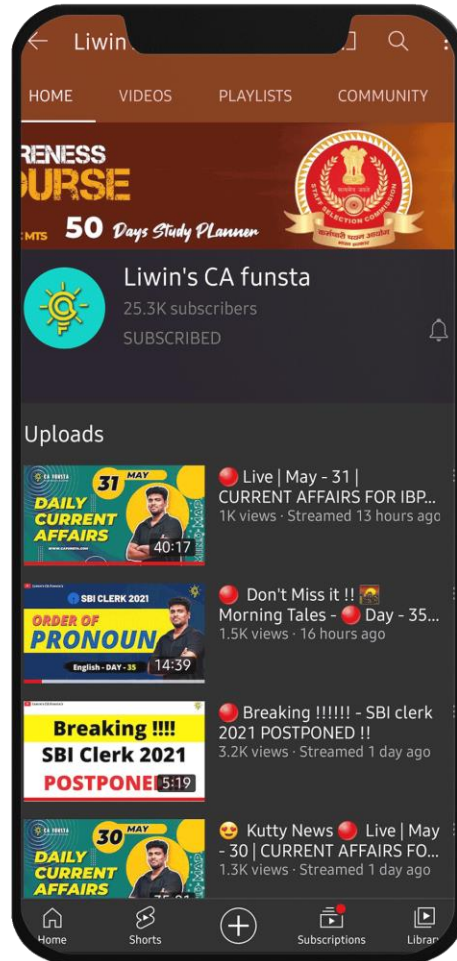
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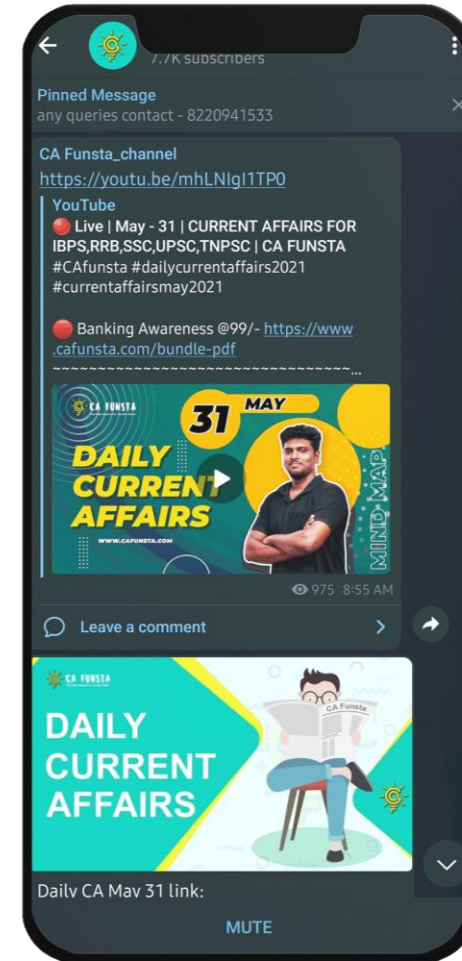
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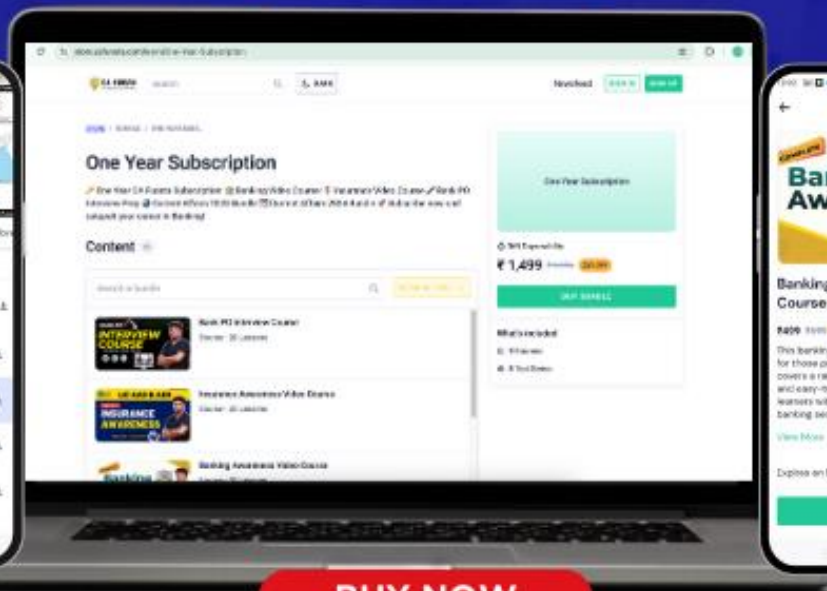
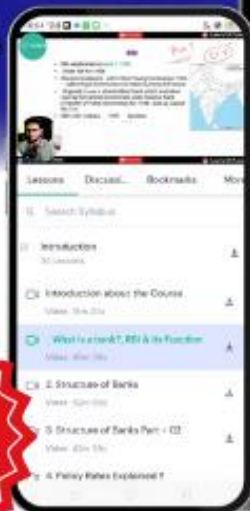
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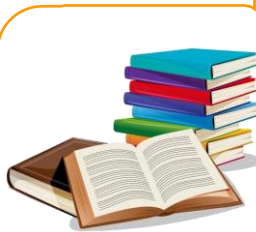


➤ **Madras Day 2025 commemorates which key historical event?**

- A) Founding of Tamil Nadu state
- B) Formation of Madras Presidency
- C) Renaming of Madras to Chennai
- D) East India Company's purchase of Madrasapatnam
- E) Establishment of Chennai Corporation

Answer

D) East India Company's purchase of Madrasapatnam

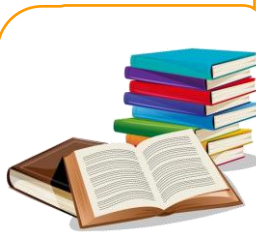
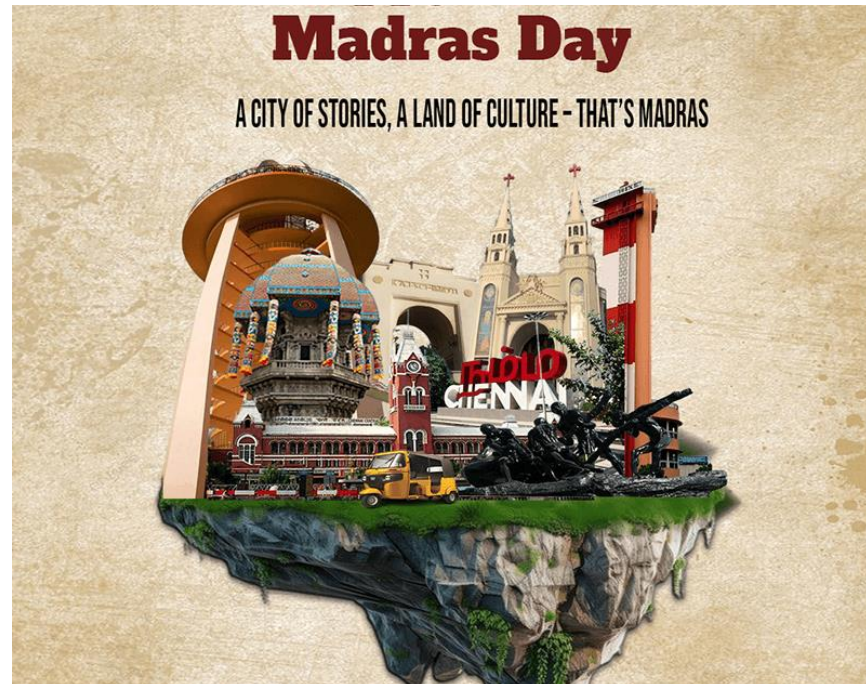


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Madras Day 2025 celebrations
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** August 22, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Observing Madras Day to mark the founding of the city of Madras (now Chennai) in 1639
- **Objectives:** To celebrate the cultural legacy, colonial history, and urban evolution of Chennai through educational and cultural events



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Madrasapatnam:** The original name of the area purchased by the East India Company in 1639, marking the foundation of Madras
- **East India Company (EIC):** A British trading company that established commercial and colonial interests in India
- **Madras Presidency:** A former administrative subdivision of British India, comprising present-day Tamil Nadu and parts of neighbouring states

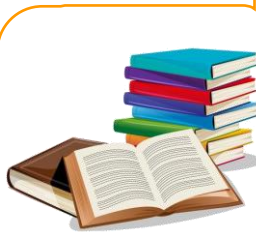


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Madras Day 2025
Announcement date	August 22, 2025
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Citizens, historians, and local media (unofficial civic event)
Policy/series name	Madras Day (first suggested in 2004)
Key figures	Vincent D'Souza, Sashi Nair, S. Muthiah
Purpose/reason	To commemorate the founding of Madras (now Chennai) in 1639
Feature details	Heritage walks, exhibitions, public talks, poetry readings, etc.
Validity or status	Annual civic celebration, since 2004
Strategic/significant value	Preserves and promotes local history, architecture, and identity



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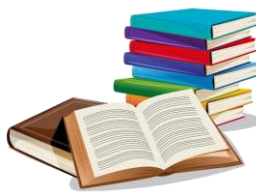


➤ **Who won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle event at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship 2025?**

- A) Manu Bhaker
- B) Mehul Ghosh
- C) Elavenil Valarivan
- D) Eunji Kwon
- E) Xinlu Peng

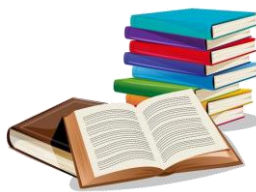
Answer

C) Elavenil Valarivan



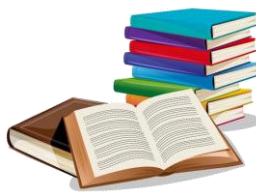
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Elavenil Valarivan wins gold in women's 10m air rifle at Asian Shooting Championship
- **Location:** New Delhi (event coverage), held under Asian Shooting Confederation
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



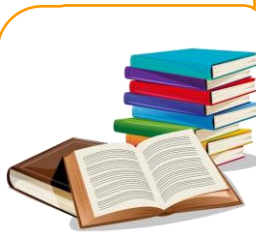
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle event at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship, scoring 253.6 points.
- **Objectives:** To secure India's second senior individual gold in the continental championship and enhance India's medal tally in shooting events.



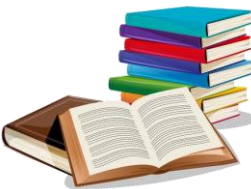
Important Terms Explained:

- **10m Air Rifle:** An Olympic shooting event where competitors fire air rifles from a distance of 10 meters at a stationary target.
- **Asian Shooting Championship:** A major continental competition organized by the Asian Shooting Confederation, held every four years to determine Asia's top shooters.
- **Podium Finish:** A term used in sports to describe finishing in the top three positions—gold, silver, or bronze—in a competitive event.



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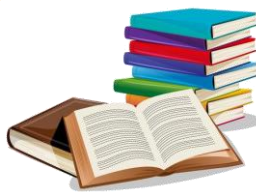
Parameter	Details
Event name	16th Asian Shooting Championship – Women’s 10m Air Rifle Final
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Covered in New Delhi (international event under ASC)
Issuing authority	Asian Shooting Confederation
Policy/series name	Asian Shooting Championship 2025
Key figures	Elavenil Valarivan, Xinlu Peng, Eunji Kwon, Mehuli Ghosh
Purpose/reason	To determine continental champions and Olympic hopefuls in shooting sports
Feature details	Gold: Elavenil (253.6), Silver: Xinlu Peng (253), Bronze: Eunji Kwon (231.2)
Validity or status	Medal officially awarded and recorded
Strategic/significant value	India’s second senior individual title in the championship; boosts India’s shooting reputation



➤ **Who set a new national record of 45.12 seconds in the men's 400m at the National Interstate Athletics in August 2025?**

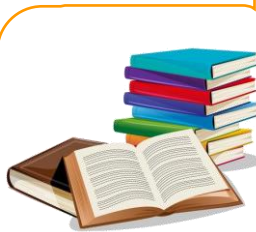
- A) Muhammed Anas
- B) Yoonus Shah
- C) Vishal T.K.
- D) Amoj Jacob
- E) Noah Nirmal Tom

Answer
C) Vishal T.K.



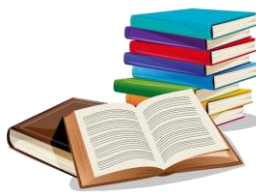
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Vishal T.K. sets new national record in men's 400m at National Interstate Athletics
- **Location:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



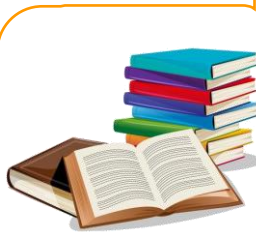
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Vishal T.K. from Tamil Nadu clocked 45.12 seconds, setting a new Indian national record in the men's 400m event during the National Interstate Athletics Championships.
- **Objectives:** To showcase emerging athletic talent in India and provide athletes with a platform to qualify for international events like the World Championships through world rankings.



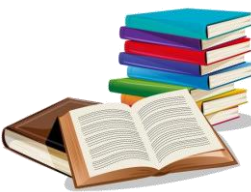
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Record (NR):** The best performance recorded by an athlete representing a country in a particular sport; Vishal T.K.'s 45.12s in 400m becomes India's new NR.
- **National Interstate Athletics Championships:** A key domestic athletics competition in India, where athletes represent their respective states.
- **Pole Vault:** An athletics event in which an athlete uses a long pole to vault over a high bar; Baranica Elangovan equalled the meet record of 4.10m.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	National Interstate Athletics Championships 2025
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Issuing authority	Athletics Federation of India (AFI)
Policy/series name	National Record in 400m
Key figures	Vishal T.K. (TN), Baranica Elangovan (TN), Pavithra Venkatesh (2023 record)
Purpose/reason	To provide competitive national-level exposure and enable global qualification
Feature details	Men's 400m: Vishal T.K. – 45.12s (NR); Women's Pole Vault: Baranica – 4.10m
Validity or status	Record officially updated
Strategic/significant value	Indicates rising athletic talent; potential for future international medal prospects

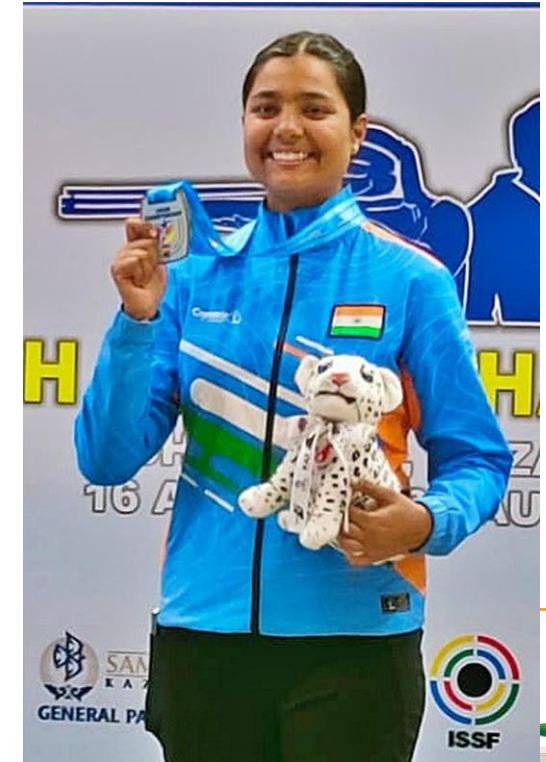


➤ **Who won the gold medal in the women's junior skeet event at the 2025 Asian Shooting Championship?**

- A) Yashasvi Rathore
- B) Lidiya Basharova
- C) Agrima Kanwar
- D) Mansi Raghuwanshi
- E) Jyotiraditya Singh Sisodiya

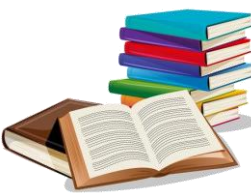
Answer

D) Mansi Raghuwanshi



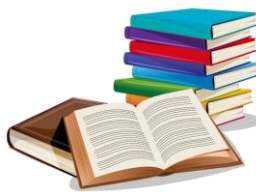
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India secures gold and silver in women's junior skeet at Asian Shooting Championship
- **Location:** Astana, Kazakhstan
- **Date:** 21 August 2025



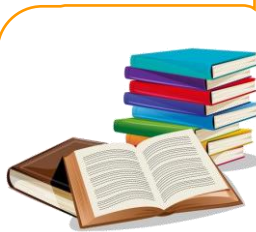
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Mansi Raghuwanshi and Yashasvi Rathore secured the gold and silver medals, respectively, in the women's junior skeet event at the Asian Shooting Championship, with Mansi shooting 53 and Yashasvi 52 in the final.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's position in junior shooting categories and demonstrate the rising talent in skeet shooting at continental championships.



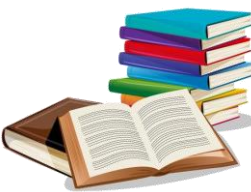
Important Terms Explained:

- **Skeet Shooting:** A competitive sport where participants shoot clay targets launched from two fixed stations at high speed, using shotguns.
- **Asian Shooting Championship:** A continental-level shooting competition featuring senior and junior categories across pistol, rifle, and shotgun disciplines.
- **Qualification Round:** A preliminary stage where shooters compete across multiple rounds to enter the final based on their cumulative score.



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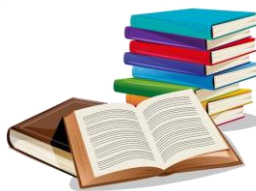
Parameter	Details
Event name	Women's Junior Skeet – Asian Shooting Championship 2025
Announcement date	21 August 2025
Location	Astana, Kazakhstan
Issuing authority	Asian Shooting Confederation
Policy/series name	Junior Skeet Shooting – Asian Level
Key figures	Mansi Raghuwanshi (Gold), Yashasvi Rathore (Silver), Lidiya Basharova (Bronze)
Purpose/reason	Continental recognition of junior-level shooting talent
Feature details	Mansi – 53, Yashasvi – 52, Basharova – 40 in final; Agrima – 6th place
Validity or status	Final results confirmed
Strategic/significant value	1-2 finish reinforces India's growing dominance in junior shotgun events



➤ What is the maximum number of fee plaza crossings allowed under the FASTag Annual Pass Scheme introduced in August 2025?

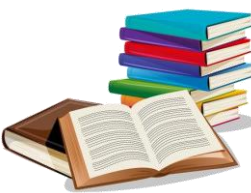
- A) 100 crossings
- B) 365 crossings
- C) 300 crossings
- D) 200 crossings
- E) Unlimited crossings

Answer
D) 200 crossings



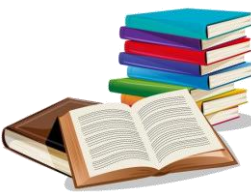
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of FASTag-based Annual Pass Scheme for non-commercial vehicles
- **Location:** Nationwide (applicable on National Highways and Expressways)
- **Date:** Effective from 15 August 2025



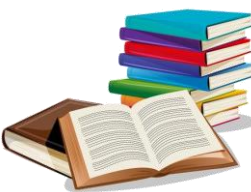
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways introduced a FASTag Annual Pass for non-commercial cars, jeeps, and vans through an amendment to the National Highways Fee Rules, 2008 via Gazette Notification G.S.R. 388(E).
 - A second notification (G.S.R. 437(E)) rationalized fee calculation for highway sections with structures.



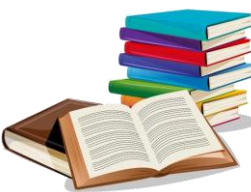
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To ease toll payments for frequent highway users.
 - To reduce the burden of multiple FASTag recharges.
 - To promote digital toll payments and encourage highway usage efficiency.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FASTag:** A prepaid electronic toll collection system in India, allowing automatic toll deduction on National Highways using RFID technology.
- **Annual Pass Scheme:** A fixed-price toll system where non-commercial vehicles can use National Highway toll plazas up to 200 times or for 1 year (whichever is earlier) on payment of ₹3,000.
- **Gazette Notification:** An official government publication used to communicate new laws, rules, and regulations, such as G.S.R. 388(E) (for FASTag) and G.S.R. 437(E) (for toll fee structure rationalization).



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of FASTag Annual Pass Scheme for Non-commercial Vehicles
Announcement date	17 June 2025 (Gazette published)
Effective date	15 August 2025
Location	Applicable on National Highways and Expressways (not on State Highways)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India
Policy/series name	National Highways Fee Rules (2008) – Amended
Key figures	Nitin Jairam Gadkari (Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways)
Purpose/reason	Reduce FASTag recharge frequency and toll cost burden on private vehicle owners
Feature details	₹3,000 for 200 NH toll crossings or 1-year validity, whichever is earlier
Validity or status	Active from 15 August 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes digital toll payment, boosts transport efficiency, and enhances user convenience

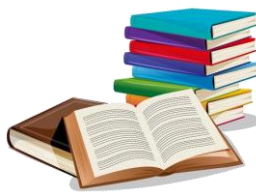


- Which bank conducted a Financial Inclusion Saturation Program in Tiruvallur for Re-KYC and enrolment under schemes like PMJJBY and PMSBY?



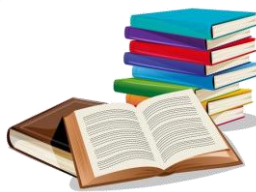
- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Canara Bank
- C) Indian Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Union Bank of India

Answer
C) Indian Bank



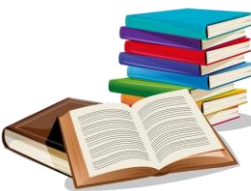
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Financial Inclusion Saturation Programme focused on Re-KYC and scheme enrolment
- **Location:** Tiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** 9 August 2025



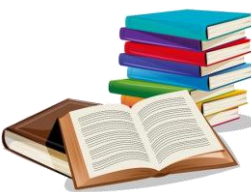
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Indian Bank organized a financial inclusion camp under the RBI's Nationwide Financial Awareness Saturation Campaign.
 - The event facilitated Re-KYC for PMJDY account holders and enrolment under PMJJBY and PMSBY schemes.
 - Used BC devices and TAB banking for on-the-spot processing.



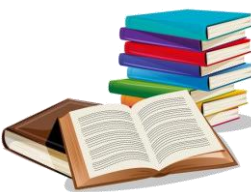
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure compliance with KYC norms for financial accounts.
 - To extend financial inclusion by enrolling citizens in social security schemes.
 - To reach rural and semi-urban populations, ensuring broader scheme saturation.



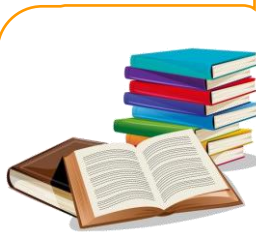
Important Terms Explained:

- **PMJDY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana):**
 - A financial inclusion scheme launched in 2014 aimed at providing universal access to banking services including savings, credit, insurance, and pension.
- **PMJJBY (Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana):**
 - Life insurance scheme offering ₹2 lakh cover for death due to any cause, at ₹436 annual premium for people aged 18–50 with a bank account.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PMSBY (Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana):**
 - Accidental insurance scheme providing ₹2 lakh cover for death or full disability and ₹1 lakh for partial disability at ₹20 annual premium.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Financial Inclusion Saturation Program
Announcement date	9 August 2025
Location	Tiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Indian Bank, under RBI campaign
Policy/series name	Nationwide Financial Awareness Saturation Campaign
Key figures	Shanti Lal Jain (MD & CEO, Indian Bank)
Purpose/reason	To promote Re-KYC and enrolment in financial inclusion schemes
Feature details	Over 2,000 attended; Re-KYC for 350+ users; enrolments in PMJJBY & PMSBY
Validity or status	Campaign ongoing (July 1 – Sept 30, 2025)
Strategic/significant value	Boosts financial literacy, compliance, and scheme saturation in rural India



- As per NCH data for July 2025, which sector recorded the highest number of refund-related grievances?

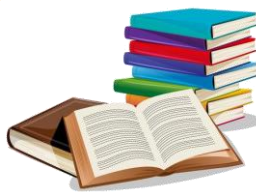
- A) Banking
- B) Insurance
- C) E-commerce
- D) Travel & Tourism
- E) Telecom

Answer
C) E-commerce



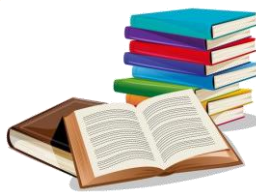
Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Consumer Helpline (NCH) reports highest refund grievances in e-commerce sector
- **Location:** New Delhi (Pan-India data)
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



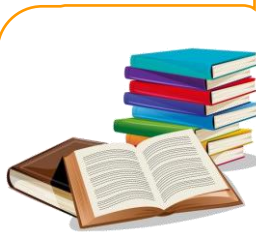
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution announced that the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) facilitated refunds worth ₹2.72 crore in July 2025, addressing 7,256 grievances across 27 sectors, with e-commerce leading with 3,594 cases and ₹1.34 crore in refunds.
- **Objectives:** To safeguard consumer rights, promote fair trade practices, enhance grievance redressal efficiency, and improve accessibility through digital platforms like WhatsApp and the toll-free number 1915.



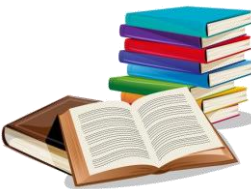
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Consumer Helpline (NCH):** A government-supported platform under the Department of Consumer Affairs that provides a mechanism for consumers to lodge complaints and seek redressal across sectors.
- **Refund Grievance:** A consumer complaint regarding non-receipt or delay of payment refunds, especially common in sectors like e-commerce and travel.
- **Digital Grievance Mode:** Use of platforms like WhatsApp to register consumer complaints, improving convenience and access during peak traffic hours.



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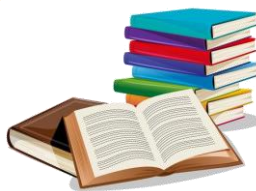
Parameter	Details
Event name	July 2025 Consumer Grievance and Refund Report by NCH
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Policy/series name	National Consumer Grievance Redressal Initiative
Key figures	E-commerce: ₹1.34 crore refund; Travel & Tourism: ₹31 lakh refund
Purpose/reason	To monitor and resolve consumer complaints, especially refund-related issues
Feature details	Total 7,256 grievances; ₹2.72 crore total refund facilitated
Validity or status	July 2025 data officially released
Strategic/significant value	Indicates improved consumer grievance redressal, higher digital adoption (20% via WhatsApp)



➤ What is the fixed price per share for Globtier Infotech's IPO opening on August 25, 2025?

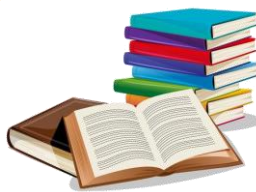
- A) ₹70
- B) ₹72
- C) ₹68
- D) ₹75
- E) ₹80

Answer
B) ₹72



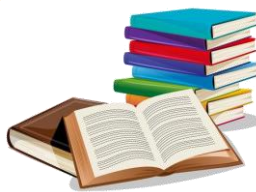
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Globtier Infotech sets IPO price at ₹72 per share for ₹31 crore public issue
- **Location:** Mumbai, India
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



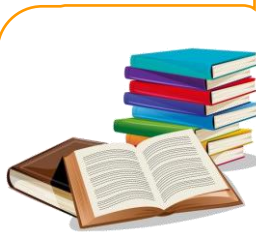
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Globtierre Infotech Limited announced its ₹31.02 crore IPO, comprising a fresh issue of 38.11 lakh equity shares (including 2.24 lakh shares for market maker) and an offer for sale of 5 lakh shares, to be listed on the BSE SME platform.
- **Objectives:** To utilize the net proceeds for working capital needs, debt repayment, and general corporate purposes.



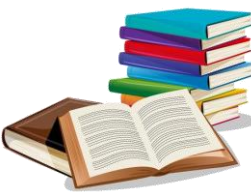
Important Terms Explained:

- **IPO (Initial Public Offering):** The first sale of shares by a company to the public, allowing it to raise capital from investors in exchange for equity ownership.
- **Fixed Price Issue:** A type of IPO where the company fixes the price per share before the offer opens for subscription.
- **BSE SME Platform:** A dedicated platform by the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to raise capital via public listing with relaxed compliance requirements.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Globtier Infotech IPO launch
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	Globtier Infotech Limited
Policy/series name	Initial Public Offering (IPO)
Key figures	₹72/share, ₹31.02 crore issue, 43.11 lakh total equity shares
Purpose/reason	Working capital, debt repayment, and general corporate expenses
Feature details	Fresh issue of 38.11 lakh shares + Offer for sale of 5 lakh shares
Validity or status	IPO opens on 25 August, closes on 28 August 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enables SME fundraising and capital market participation on BSE SME platform

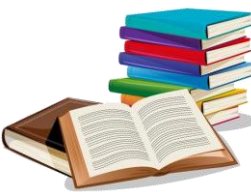


- Which Tata Group company has partnered with the Assam government for a ₹600-crore skill education project approved in August 2025?

- A) Tata Communications
- B) Tata Power
- C) Nelco
- D) Tata Consultancy Services
- E) Tata Projects

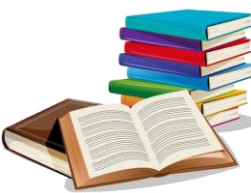


Answer
C) Nelco



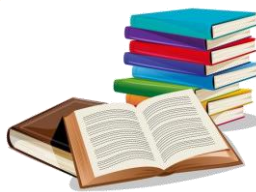
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Assam Cabinet approves ₹600-crore skill education project with Tata Group's Nelco
- **Location:** Assam
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



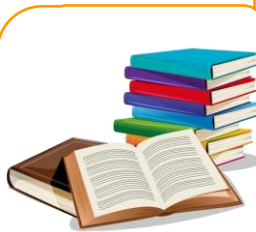
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Assam Cabinet approved a ₹600-crore skill development project in partnership with Nelco, a Tata Group company, under a hub-and-spoke model to be implemented in secondary and higher secondary schools across the state.
- **Objectives:** To equip youth with futuristic trade skills, strengthen skill-based education, foster innovation, and create employment opportunities across Assam, especially in rural and underserved regions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hub-and-Spoke Model:** A decentralized education system where central hubs offer full-fledged training, and spokes (smaller centers) connect to hubs for resource sharing and access to quality instruction.
- **Sarba Siksha Abhiyan (SSA):** A flagship program by the Government of India aimed at achieving universal elementary education, here extended for secondary and higher secondary-level skill integration.
- **Nelco:** A Tata Group company providing satellite communication services, supporting the connectivity between skill hubs and spokes in this project.

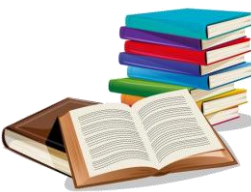


BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



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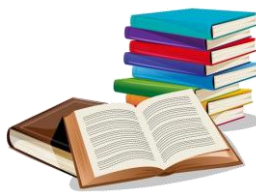
Parameter	Details
Event name	Assam Cabinet approves ₹600-crore skill project and other decisions
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Assam
Issuing authority	Government of Assam
Policy/series name	Skill Education Initiative under SSA
Key figures	CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, Nelco (Tata Group)
Purpose/reason	Empower youth with skill-based education and boost innovation
Feature details	50 hubs, 500 spokes; satellite-enabled; each hub offers 10 trades, spoke 2 trades
Validity or status	Approved by Assam Cabinet, implementation to begin with Phase 1
Strategic/significant value	Promotes industry-ready skills, tech integration, rural empowerment, and youth employment



➤ Which IIT-incubated startup launched MakeGPT, a prompt-based tool to build IoT systems?

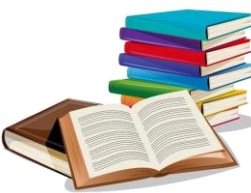
- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) IIT Kanpur
- E) IIT Hyderabad

Answer
B) IIT Madras



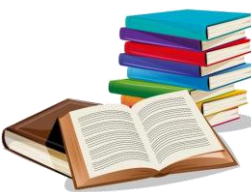
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of MakeGPT by Kochadai Technologies to build IoT systems using prompts
- **Location:** IIT Madras Research Park, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



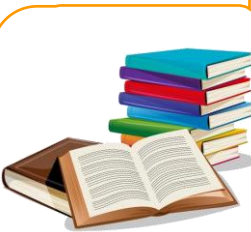
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** IIT Madras-incubated startup Kochadai Technologies launched MakeGPT, a product that allows users to build IoT system prototypes using natural language prompts.
- **Objectives:** To simplify the creation of IoT-based prototypes and promote Generative AI (GenAI) applications in hardware product development through intuitive prompt-based interaction.



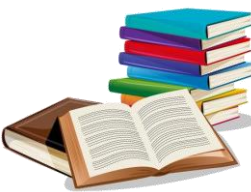
Important Terms Explained:

- **MakeGPT:** A generative AI tool that enables the development of Internet of Things (IoT) systems through natural language prompts, helping users build hardware prototypes without coding.
- **IoT (Internet of Things):** A network of interconnected devices that collect and exchange data using embedded sensors and software, typically used in smart homes, industries, and cities.
- **ZeroToOne: GenAI Product Day:** A product launch and demo event focused on Generative AI innovations, where MakeGPT was unveiled by the Tamil Nadu IT Minister.



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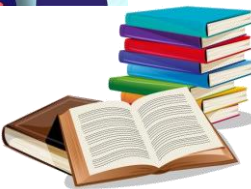
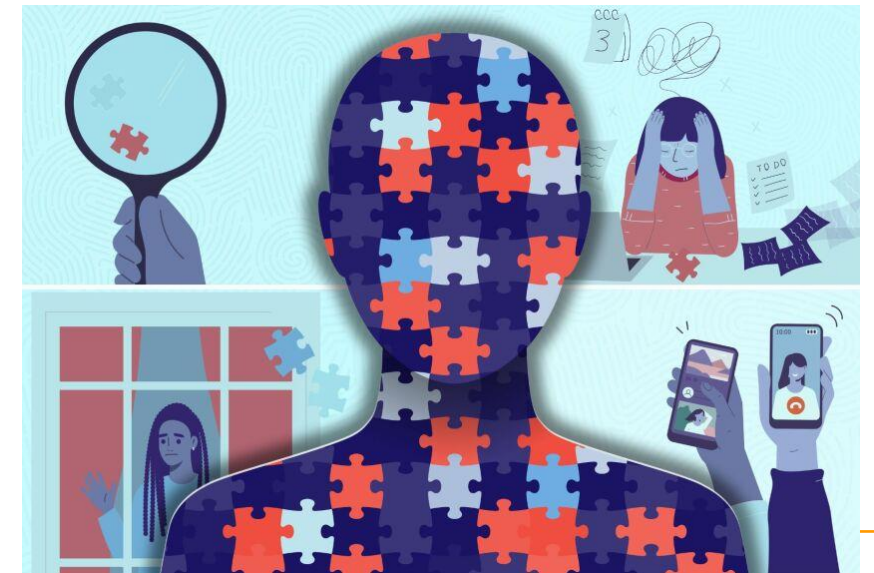
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of MakeGPT by Kochadai Technologies
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Kochadai Technologies (incubated at IIT Madras)
Policy/series name	ZeroToOne: GenAI Product Day
Key figures	Dr. Palanivel Thiagarajan (IT Minister, Tamil Nadu)
Purpose/reason	To simplify the creation of IoT prototypes using natural language
Feature details	Uses GenAI to convert prompts into working IoT system prototypes
Validity or status	Officially launched and operational
Strategic/significant value	Encourages AI-based innovation in IoT development for non-technical users



- Which organization launched a nationwide mental health helpline for doctors, residents, and medical students in India in August 2025?

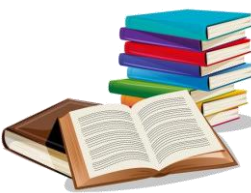
- A) IMA
- B) AIIMS
- C) FAIMA
- D) MCI
- E) NMC

Answer
C) FAIMA



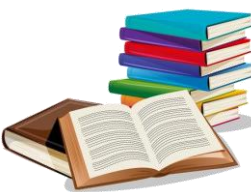
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of nationwide mental health helpline for doctors and medical students
- **Location:** India (initiative coordinated from Nagpur)
- **Date:** 21 August 2025



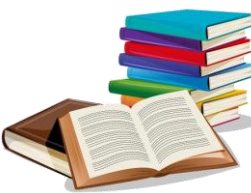
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA) launched the Mental Health Redressal Helpline, offering access to nearly 50 psychiatrists across India for doctors, residents, and medical students.
- **Objectives:** To provide confidential mental health support to medical professionals amid rising cases of burnout, stress, and suicides, and ensure timely access to psychological assistance through mobile communication.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FAIMA:** Federation of All India Medical Association, a prominent doctors' body involved in representing and supporting medical professionals across India.
- **Mental Health Redressal Helpline:** A new initiative by FAIMA offering mobile access to psychiatrists, free for medicos, aimed at combating mental health challenges in the medical field.
- **Mental Healthcare Act, 2017:** A landmark legislation ensuring mental health care and services for individuals and protecting their rights, emphasizing confidentiality and dignity.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of FAIMA Mental Health Redressal Helpline
Announcement date	21 August 2025
Location	India (initiative coordinated from Nagpur, Maharashtra)
Issuing authority	Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA)
Policy/series name	FAIMA Mental Health Initiative
Key figures	Dr Manish Jangra, Dr Sajal Bansal, Dr Akshay Dongardive, Dr Srinath, others
Purpose/reason	To offer psychological support to medicos facing stress, burnout, and crisis
Feature details	50 psychiatrists involved; mobile numbers for 20-hour access; free of charge
Validity or status	Launched and active
Strategic/significant value	Promotes mental health awareness, reduces stigma, ensures timely support in medical sector

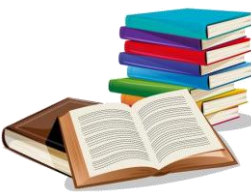
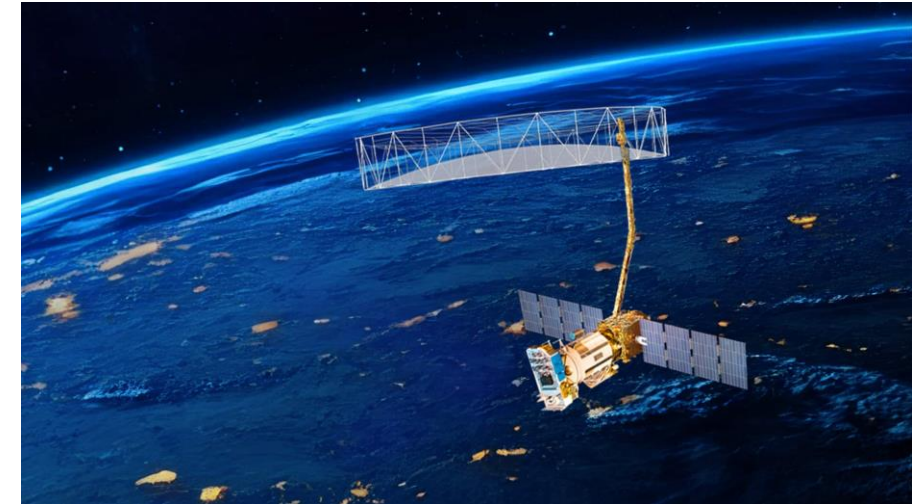


- Which US-based semiconductor company partnered with ISRO to supply radiation-tolerant products for the NISAR satellite?

- A) Intel
- B) AMD
- C) Texas Instruments
- D) Micron
- E) Qualcomm

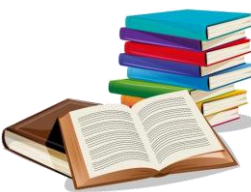
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C) Texas Instruments



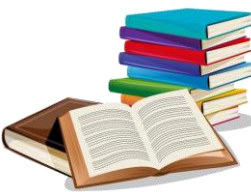
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Texas Instruments and ISRO collaborate for NISAR satellite mission
- **Location:** India (ISRO), USA (TI headquarters)
- **Date:** 21 August 2025



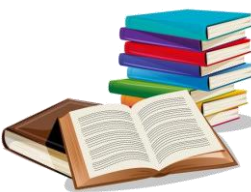
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Texas Instruments (TI) supplied radiation-tolerant semiconductors, power modules, high-speed data converters, precision timing systems, and interface technology to ISRO for the successful launch and operation of the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite.
- **Objectives:** To enhance satellite performance, including power management, data precision, and communication reliability, enabling advanced radar imaging from low Earth orbit using S-band synthetic aperture radar technology.



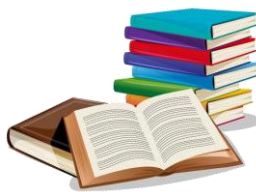
Important Terms Explained:

- **NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar):** A joint Earth-observing satellite mission between NASA and ISRO, designed to track changes in Earth's surface with high accuracy using dual-band SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar).
- **Radiation-Tolerant Semiconductors:** Electronics specifically engineered to function reliably in the high-radiation environment of space. These components prevent performance degradation and system failures in satellites.



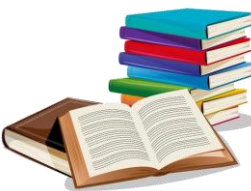
Important Terms Explained:

- **Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR):** A form of radar used to create high-resolution images of landscapes, capable of working in all weather and lighting conditions, even through clouds or at night.



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Parameter	Details
Event name	Texas Instruments delivers tech for ISRO's NISAR mission
Announcement date	21 August 2025
Location	ISRO (India), TI (USA)
Issuing authority	ISRO and Texas Instruments
Policy/series name	NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) mission
Key figures	Elizabeth Jansen (TI), Nilesh Desai (ISRO SAC Director)
Purpose/reason	Equip satellite with high-precision, space-grade semiconductors
Feature details	Radiation-tolerant power modules, timing systems, data converters, interface tech
Validity or status	NISAR satellite launched successfully in 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enables high-resolution radar imaging, strengthens Indo-US space collaboration

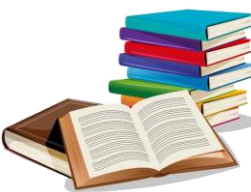


➤ **What is the name of the military exercise conducted by Iran's navy after its 12-day war with Israel in August 2025?**

- A) Operation Hormuz Shield
- B) Naval Strength 1400
- C) Sustainable Power 1404
- D) Operation Persian Storm
- E) Silent Wave 1444

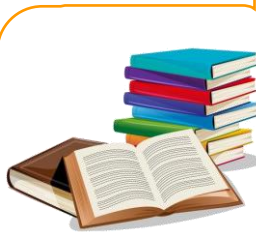
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C) Sustainable Power 1404



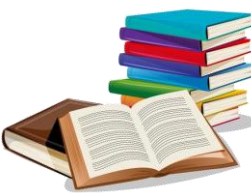
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Iran conducts “Sustainable Power 1404” naval military exercise after war with Israel
- **Location:** Gulf of Oman and Indian Ocean
- **Date:** 21 August 2025



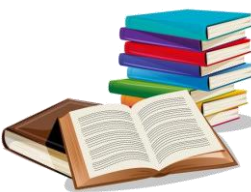
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Iran's navy launched the “Sustainable Power 1404” naval drill involving missile launches from the frigate IRIS Sabalan, IRIS Ganaveh, and coastal batteries, marking its first military exercise since the war with Israel.
- **Objectives:** To project naval strength, test new Nasir and Qadir cruise missiles, and respond to post-war threats, particularly from Israel, while showcasing enhanced military readiness.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sustainable Power 1404:** Iran's naval military drill held post-war, intended to signal strength and readiness, involving missile launches and live-fire exercises in strategic waters.
- **IRIS Sabalan and IRIS Ganaveh:** Iranian navy vessels that participated in the exercise, launching cruise missiles at sea targets.
- **Nasir and Qadir Cruise Missiles:** Indigenous Iranian cruise missiles launched during the exercise, designed for precision strikes against naval targets.

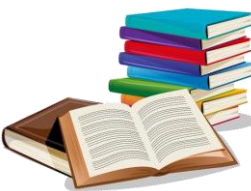


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Iran's "Sustainable Power 1404" Naval Exercise
Announcement date	21 August 2025
Location	Gulf of Oman and Indian Ocean
Issuing authority	Iranian Navy and Defense Ministry
Policy/series name	Post-war military readiness drills
Key figures	Brig. Gen. Aziz Nasirzadeh, naval commanders
Purpose/reason	To test missile capabilities and show readiness after conflict with Israel
Feature details	Nasir and Qadir missile launches, coastal battery fire, naval ship drills
Validity or status	Completed as of 21 August 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces Iran's deterrence message to Israel; signals military preparedness to region

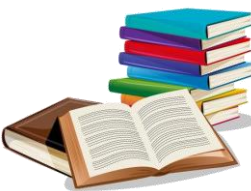


➤ **Who is leading India's diplomatic outreach in the US amid heightened trade tensions due to new tariffs by the Trump administration in 2025?**

- A) S. Jaishankar
- B) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- C) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- D) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- E) Ajit Doval

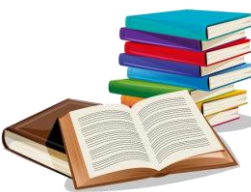
Answer

C) Vinay Mohan Kwatra



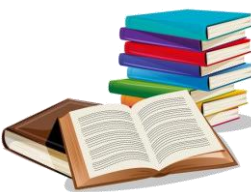
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India intensifies diplomatic talks with US lawmakers amid tariff tensions
- **Location:** United States – Capitol Hill (Washington D.C.)
- **Date:** August 2025



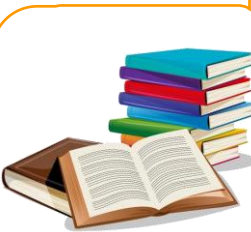
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra held a series of high-level meetings with US senators and representatives to advocate for energy cooperation, fair trade practices, and India's stance on security issues.
- **Objectives:** To counter the impact of the 25% additional tariffs imposed by the US, advocate for India's energy needs, promote a balanced trade relationship, and sustain long-term strategic convergence despite current trade frictions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA):** A proposed trade deal between India and the United States aimed at promoting free and fair trade by reducing tariffs and regulatory barriers.
- **The Resistance Front (TRF):** A Pakistan-based terror outfit, recently designated as a terrorist organization by India, with mentions during US briefings on security cooperation.
- **Hydrocarbon Trade:** Trade of fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas; a key focus area in India–US energy collaboration, especially with energy-rich states like Texas.



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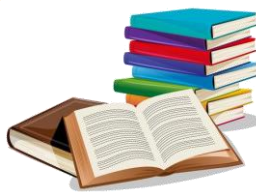
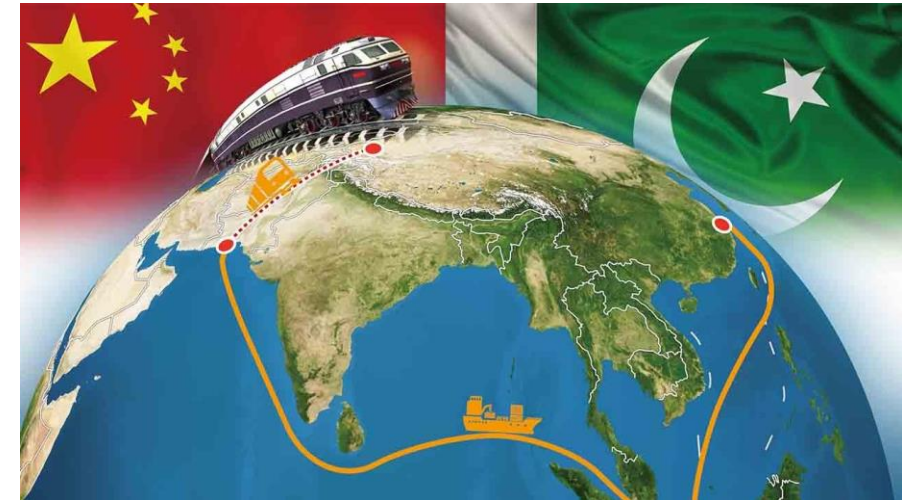
Parameter	Details
Event name	Diplomatic outreach by India in response to US tariffs
Announcement date	August 2025
Location	Washington D.C., United States
Issuing authority	Embassy of India in Washington D.C.
Policy/series name	India–US Strategic and Trade Engagement
Key figures	Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Senators Richard Blumenthal, Lindsey Graham, Mark Warner
Purpose/reason	To manage tensions from new US tariffs and promote cooperation in trade and energy
Feature details	Meetings with US lawmakers across parties; push for energy and fair trade
Validity or status	Ongoing diplomatic engagement as of August 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces long-term India–US partnership despite trade conflicts



➤ What is the name of the next phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) launched in August 2025?

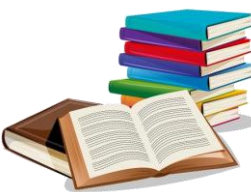
- A) CPEC Pro
- B) CPEC Vision 2050
- C) CPEC 2.0
- D) CPEC Expansion Plan
- E) CPEC Plus

Answer
C) CPEC 2.0



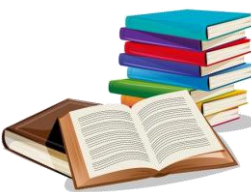
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Pakistan and China announce new phase of CPEC projects under Belt and Road Initiative
- **Location:** Islamabad, Pakistan
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



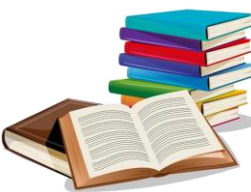
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Pakistan and China agreed to launch CPEC 2.0 during the sixth round of the Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue held in Islamabad.
- **Objectives:** To deepen cooperation in economic development, infrastructure, trade, and regional security, and to strengthen the All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership as part of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).



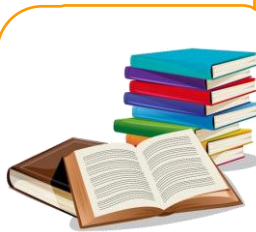
Important Terms Explained:

- **CPEC 2.0:** The next phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, aimed at launching new infrastructure and investment projects across Pakistan to expand regional connectivity and economic integration.
- **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI):** China's global infrastructure strategy to build connectivity and economic partnerships across Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America, also known as One Belt, One Road.



Important Terms Explained:

- **All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership:** A term used to describe the close, enduring, and multifaceted diplomatic and economic relationship between China and Pakistan, emphasizing mutual trust and support.

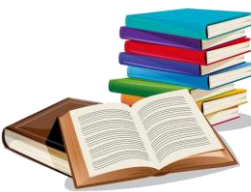


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of CPEC 2.0 under China-Pakistan Economic Cooperation
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Islamabad, Pakistan
Issuing authority	Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Policy/series name	Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), CPEC 2.0
Key figures	Wang Yi (China), Ishaq Dar (Pakistan)
Purpose/reason	To expand economic, trade, infrastructure, and security cooperation
Feature details	New phase of CPEC projects announced; specific ventures yet to be detailed
Validity or status	Agreement reached; project implementation expected soon
Strategic/significant value	Enhances China's influence in South Asia and supports Pakistan's economic development

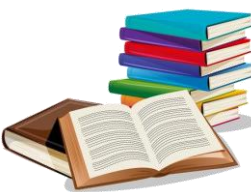


➤ **At which international event was India elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board of AIBD in August 2025?**

- A) 21st ASEAN Broadcast Summit
- B) SAARC Media Dialogue
- C) 23rd AIBD General Conference
- D) UNESCO Global Broadcasting Meet
- E) Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Roundtable

Answer

C) 23rd AIBD General Conference

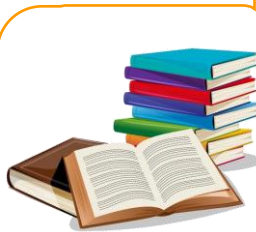


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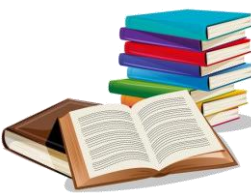
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India elected Chairman of AIBD Executive Board
- **Location:** Phuket, Thailand
- **Date:** 21 August 2025 (event concluded)



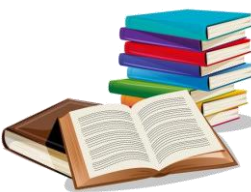
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India has been elected Chairman of the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) during the 23rd AIBD General Conference.
- **Objectives:** To further India's leadership in regional broadcasting cooperation, enhance collaborative media development, and promote people-centric, peaceful, and prosperous media ecosystems in the Asia-Pacific region.



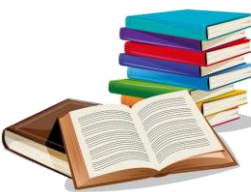
Important Terms Explained:

- **AIBD (Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development):** An inter-governmental organization established in 1977 under UNESCO, aimed at promoting media cooperation, training, and development among broadcasters across the Asia-Pacific and beyond.
- **Prasar Bharati:** India's public service broadcaster, which represents the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in AIBD and other global media forums.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Executive Board:** The decision-making body of AIBD responsible for setting policies and overseeing organizational functioning and cooperation strategies.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India elected as Chairman of AIBD Executive Board
Announcement date	21 August 2025 (end of conference)
Location	Phuket, Thailand
Issuing authority	AIBD, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India
Policy/series name	23rd AIBD General Conference
Key figures	Shri Gaurav Dwivedi (CEO, Prasar Bharati and AIBD GC President)
Purpose/reason	Strengthen India's leadership in collaborative media development
Feature details	India elected with highest votes; represented by Prasar Bharati
Validity or status	India's term continues till August 2025 as AIBD GC President
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's role in shaping regional and global broadcasting strategies



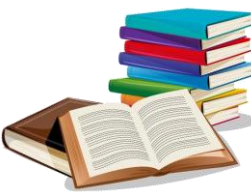
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➤ What is the monthly financial aid provided under the 'Shramshree' scheme launched by the West Bengal government for returning migrant workers?

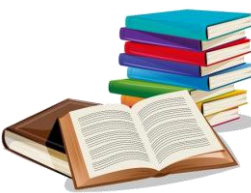
- A) ₹3,000
- B) ₹4,000
- C) ₹5,000
- D) ₹6,000
- E) ₹7,000

Answer
C) ₹5,000



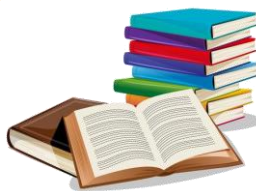
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Shramshree' scheme for returning migrant workers
- **Location:** West Bengal, India
- **Date:** 19 August 2025



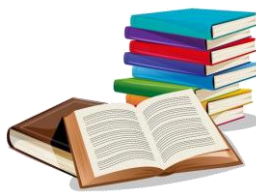
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The West Bengal government has launched the 'Shramshree' scheme under the Labour Department to provide monthly financial aid to Bengali migrant workers returning to the state.
 - Workers will receive ₹5,000 per month for one year or until they secure new employment.



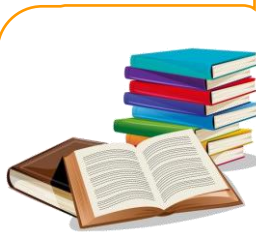
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To rehabilitate and support migrant workers allegedly facing discrimination in other states.
 - To incentivize the return and reintegration of Bengali workers into the local economy.
 - To promote economic self-reliance and safeguard cultural identity.



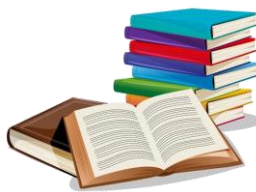
Important Terms Explained:

- **Shramshree Scheme:**
 - A state-funded initiative by West Bengal to offer financial assistance of ₹5,000/month to returning migrant workers for one year or until reemployment.
 - The scheme aims at social protection and economic reintegration of those affected by inter-state migration issues.
- **West Bengal Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1954:**
 - A state act regulating cinema operations in West Bengal. It now mandates one Bengali film screening daily in every cinema/multiplex, between 3 PM to 9 PM.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mini-Cinema Hall Scheme:**
 - A government initiative to simplify infrastructure requirements for mini-theatres focused on regional (Bengali) cinema, supporting local businesses and cultural outreach.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Shramshree Scheme
Announcement date	19 August 2025
Location	West Bengal
Issuing authority	Government of West Bengal, Labour Department
Policy/series name	Shramshree Scheme
Key figures	Mamata Banerjee (Chief Minister of West Bengal)
Purpose/reason	To financially support returning migrant workers facing regional discrimination
Feature details	₹5,000/month for one year or until re-employment
Validity or status	Active, with implementation through Labour Department
Strategic/significant value	Enhances migrant welfare, preserves regional culture, and strengthens labour security



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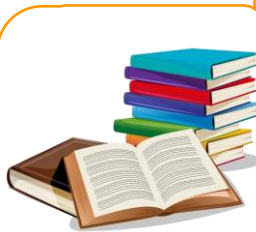


➤ How much financial assistance has the Ministry of Home Affairs released under the CCPWC Scheme for cyber crime prevention?

- A) ₹98.24 crores
- B) ₹145.60 crores
- C) ₹132.93 crores
- D) ₹120.00 crores
- E) ₹110.45 crores

Answer

C) ₹132.93 crores

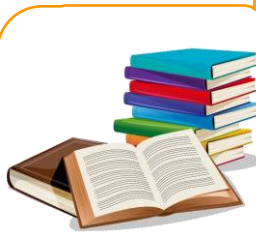


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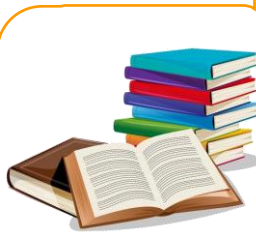
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Implementation of Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) Scheme
- **Location:** Pan-India (33 States/UTs + Central initiatives)
- **Date:** As per latest update, 5 August 2025



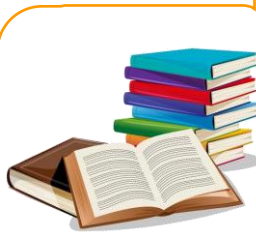
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Strengthening cyber crime prevention mechanisms, particularly for crimes against women and children
 - Setting up Cyber Forensic-cum-Training Laboratories
 - Providing training to LEA personnel, public prosecutors and judicial officers
 - Launching and upgrading a National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal



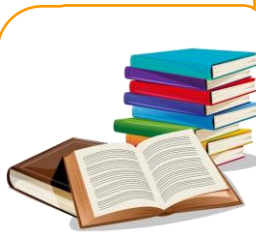
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance capacity of State/UT Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs)
 - To ensure quick and expert investigation and prosecution of cyber crimes
 - To enable citizens to report all types of cyber crimes, with special focus on CP, CSAM and RGR content
 - To ensure strategic coordination via I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre)



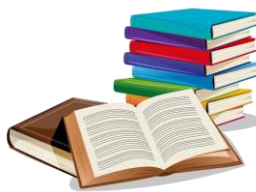
Important Terms Explained:

- **CCPWC Scheme:**
 - Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children – A government initiative aimed at enhancing cybercrime investigation infrastructure and training, focusing on vulnerable groups.
- **I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre):**
 - An attached office under the Ministry of Home Affairs established in July 2024 for comprehensive coordination and strategic action on all types of cyber crimes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cybercrime Reporting Portal:**
 - (<https://cybercrime.gov.in>) – A centralized online portal launched in 2018 and revamped in 2019 to allow public reporting of cyber crimes, especially those involving children and women.



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Parameter	Details
Event name	Performance of Cyber Crime Prevention Scheme
Announcement date	5 August 2025
Location	Pan-India (across 33 States/UTs)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India
Policy/series name	CCPWC Scheme and Cybercrime Prevention Measures
Key figures	Bandi Sanjay Kumar (MoS, MHA)
Purpose/reason	To prevent, investigate, and prosecute cyber crimes effectively
Feature details	Labs in 33 States/UTs; ₹132.93 crore aid; training 24,600+ officials
Validity or status	Active, with ongoing implementation and monitoring
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's digital crime prevention infrastructure and global partnerships



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➤ What is the total subsidy amount disbursed under the FAME-II scheme as of March 31, 2025?

- A) ₹5,912 crore
- B) ₹6,559 crore
- C) ₹7,210 crore
- D) ₹4,872 crore
- E) ₹6,310 crore

Answer
B) ₹6,559 crore

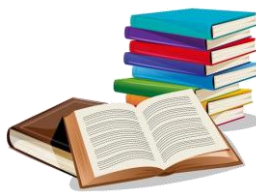


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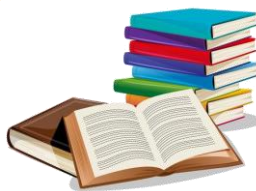
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Review of FAME-II Subsidy Disbursement and Launch of Successor Scheme PM E-DRIVE
- **Location:** Pan-India
- **Date:** 5 August 2025



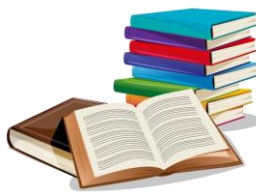
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Disbursement of demand incentives for adoption of electric vehicles under FAME-II
 - Implementation of EMPS 2024 and PM E-DRIVE Scheme for continued EV promotion
 - Addressing safety regulations through updated Automotive Industry Standards (AIS)



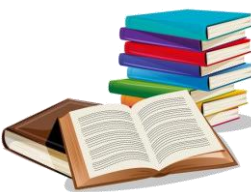
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Promote faster adoption of electric mobility in India
 - Enhance consumer safety, improve battery testing standards, and ensure manufacturer accountability
 - Build public EV charging infrastructure and support e-mobility ecosystem development



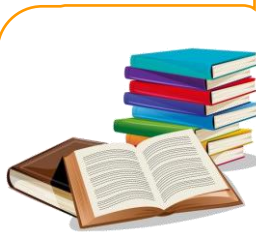
Important Terms Explained:

- **FAME-II Scheme:**
 - Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India Phase II – Launched in April 2019, aimed at promoting the adoption of EVs through financial incentives.
- **EMPS 2024:**
 - Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 – A six-month interim scheme (April–Sept 2024) with an outlay of ₹778 crore to continue incentives for e-2Ws and e-3Ws post-FAME-II.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM E-DRIVE Scheme:**
 - PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement – A comprehensive EV promotion scheme launched on 29 Sept 2024 with a budget of ₹10,900 crore, valid till 31 March 2026.
- **AIS Standards (AIS-038, AIS-156, AIS-174):**
 - Automotive Industry Standards notified by MoRTH to improve battery safety, powertrain safety, and construction vehicle EV compliance.
- **COP (Conformity of Production):**
 - A certification process to ensure that mass-produced vehicles comply with approved safety and environmental standards.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Status and Future of FAME Scheme for EVs
Announcement date	5 August 2025
Location	Pan-India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
Policy/series name	FAME-II, EMPS 2024, PM E-DRIVE Scheme
Key figures	Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma, Nitin Gadkari
Purpose/reason	Promote EV adoption, ensure battery safety, extend subsidies
Feature details	₹6,559 crore disbursed; New scheme PM E-DRIVE launched with ₹10,900 crore
Validity or status	FAME-II ended March 2024; PM E-DRIVE valid till March 2026
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's climate goals and energy transition via electric mobility

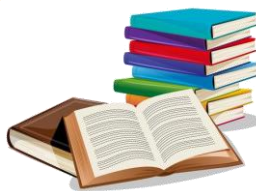


➤ Which of the following schemes provides insurance coverage and one-time incentives for aquaculture farmers under the fisheries sector?

- A) National Livestock Mission
- B) Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- C) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- D) Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund
- E) National Programme for Dairy Development

Answer

C) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

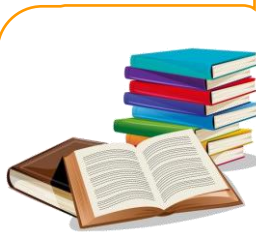


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Government support through schemes for livestock farmers, dairy producers, and fishermen
- **Location:** Pan-India
- **Date:** August 5, 2025

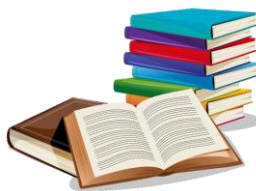


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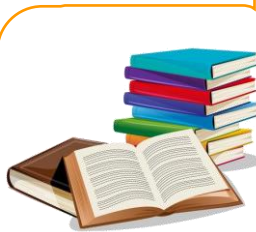
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Implementation of multiple central sector and centrally sponsored schemes to support the livestock, dairy, and fisheries sectors
- **Objectives:** Boost productivity, improve livelihoods, promote indigenous breeds, ensure food security, enhance infrastructure, and provide insurance and financial incentives



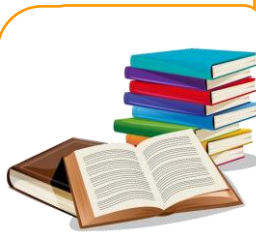
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Livestock Mission (NLM):** A mission focused on breed development, feed and fodder, and innovation to promote entrepreneurship and per-animal productivity.
- **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF):** A financial scheme to support private investment in dairy, meat processing, veterinary vaccines, feed plants, etc., with credit guarantee and 3% interest subvention.
- **Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM):** A program for conservation and genetic upgradation of indigenous cattle breeds through AI, IVF, and other breeding technologies.



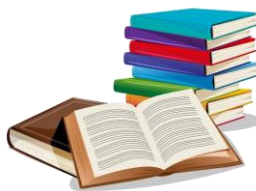
Important Terms Explained:

- **Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP):** Focuses on disease control, veterinary infrastructure, vaccinations, and animal health through schemes like NADCP and CADCP.
- **National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD):** Provides infrastructure for milk testing and chilling, and enhances organized market access through dairy cooperatives.
- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY):** A flagship fisheries scheme with components like PM-MKSSY for aquaculture insurance and financial incentives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM-MKSSY:** Sub-scheme offering incentives for aquaculture insurance covering farm sizes up to 4 hectares and intensive aquaculture units.
- **Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF):** Provides concessional finance with interest subvention for infrastructure in fisheries sector.

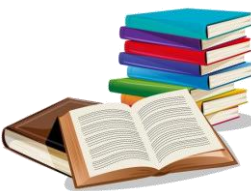


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Central Government Support Schemes for Livestock, Dairy & Fisheries Sector
Announcement date	August 5, 2025
Location	Nationwide
Issuing authority	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
Policy/series name	NLM, AHIDF, RGM, NPDD, LHDCP, PMMSY, PM-MKSSY, FIDF, SDCFPO
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, MoS Parshottam Rupala
Purpose/reason	Boost productivity and livelihood in livestock, dairy, and fisheries sectors
Feature details	Subsidies, interest subvention, AI/IVF tech, insurance, fodder support
Validity or status	Ongoing (2021–2026 various schemes)
Strategic/significant value	Enhances rural economy, food security, employment, and sustainable growth



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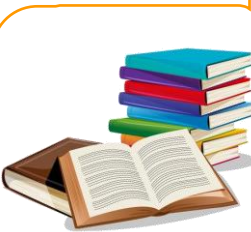


➤ Under which scheme has the Government extended the universal distribution of fortified rice until December 2028?

- A) PM POSHAN
- B) Anemia Mukht Bharat
- C) Fortified Rice Scheme
- D) PM Kisan SAMPADA Yojana
- E) NFN Gift Milk Programme

Answer

C) Fortified Rice Scheme

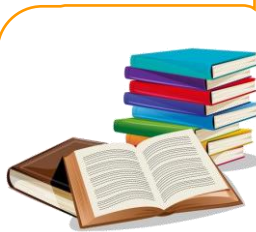


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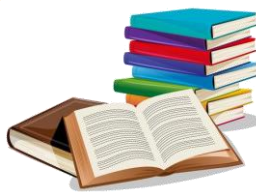
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Extension of Fortified Rice Scheme till 2028
- **Location:** Pan-India
- **Date:** August 21, 2025



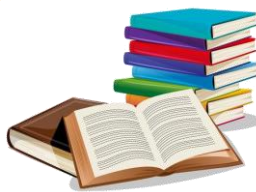
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Government of India extends universal distribution of fortified rice in all food safety net schemes till December 2028 with ₹17,082 crore backing
- **Objectives:** To combat micronutrient deficiencies, reduce anaemia, and improve nutrition levels among vulnerable populations through rice fortified with Iron, Folic Acid, and Vitamin B12



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fortified Rice:** Rice enhanced with essential micronutrients like Iron, Folic Acid, and Vitamin B12 to tackle malnutrition and anaemia
- **PM POSHAN Scheme:** Central government initiative providing hot cooked meals to school children, formerly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme
- **Anemia Mukh Bharat (AMB):** Launched in 2018 to combat anaemia through fortified food and public awareness initiatives



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Extension of Fortified Rice Scheme
Announcement date	August 21, 2025
Location	India-wide
Issuing authority	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Policy/series name	Fortified Rice Distribution under all government schemes
Key figures	Departments of Food & Public Distribution, Education, NDDDB, FSSAI
Purpose/reason	Combat anaemia and micronutrient deficiencies in vulnerable populations
Feature details	Rice fortified with Iron, Folic Acid, Vitamin B12; used in PM POSHAN meals
Validity or status	Extended till December 2028
Strategic/significant value	Enhances school nutrition, combats child anaemia, supports food security

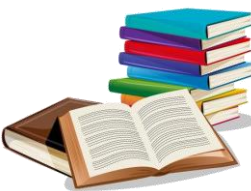


➤ Which three Kolkata Metro lines were inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in August 2025 to boost connectivity and reduce travel time in the city?

- A) Blue Red Violet
- B) Yellow Purple Green
- C) Green Yellow Orange
- D) Orange Blue Pink
- E) Yellow Magenta Red

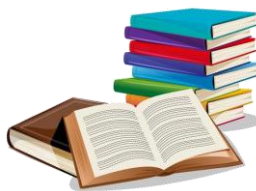
Answer

C) Green Yellow Orange



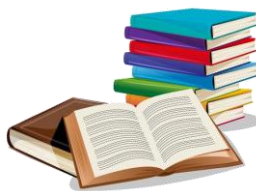
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of three new Kolkata Metro stretches
- **Location:** Kolkata, West Bengal
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



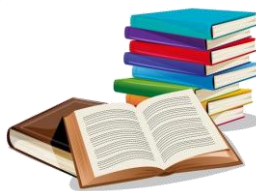
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated three new corridors of the Kolkata Metro—the Green Line, Yellow Line, and Orange Line.
- **Objectives:** To drastically cut travel times, directly link the airport to the city, improve connectivity between key railway and commercial hubs, and enhance the daily carrying capacity of metro commuters.



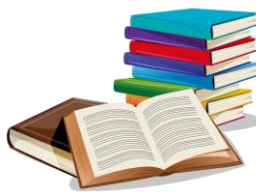
Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Line:** A 2.45 km metro extension connecting Sealdah to Esplanade, providing the first-ever seamless link between the Howrah and Sealdah railway stations.
- **Yellow Line:** A 6.77 km metro corridor connecting Noapara to Jai Hind Airport, giving Kolkata its first direct metro link to the international airport, including stations like Dum Dum Cantonment, Jessore Road, and Jai Hind Bimanbandar.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Orange Line:** A 4.4 km stretch from Hemanta Mukhopadhyay (Ruby) to Belegghata (Metropolis), connecting areas like Science City and several hospitals and schools, thus boosting east-south city connectivity.

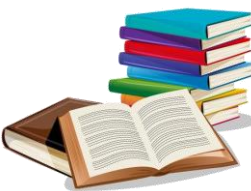


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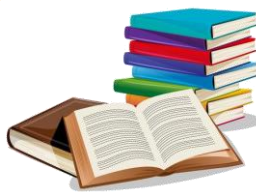
Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of three new Kolkata Metro stretches
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Kolkata, West Bengal
Issuing authority	Ministry of Railways, Government of India
Policy/series name	Kolkata Metro Expansion Project
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, CM Mamata Banerjee (absent from event)
Purpose/reason	To reduce congestion, improve transit times, and connect major city hubs
Feature details	Green Line (2.45 km), Yellow Line (6.77 km), Orange Line (4.4 km)
Validity or status	Operational from 22 August 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enables airport connectivity, boosts daily metro ridership to 9.15 lakh, eases traffic



➤ Which state has announced the recruitment of 45,000 teachers and free textbooks till Class X as part of school education reforms by 2036?

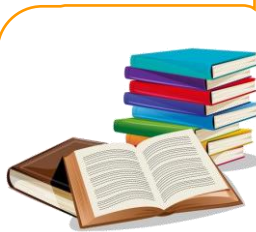
- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Karnataka
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Rajasthan

Answer
B) Odisha



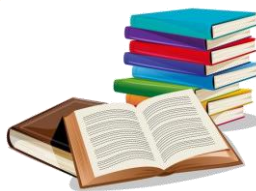
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Odisha government announces recruitment of 45,000 teachers and free textbooks till Class X
- **Location:** Odisha
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



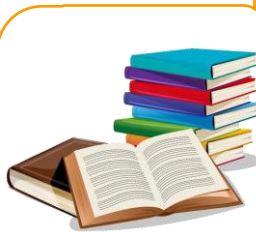
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Odisha government announced the recruitment of 45,000 primary school teachers over the next three years, provision of free textbooks till Class X, and merger of BSE and CHSE boards into a single entity.
- **Objectives:** To ensure quality education, fill vacancies in primary schools, promote uniformity and efficiency in school governance, and align with the National Education Policy 2020 in pursuit of a prosperous Odisha by 2036.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Education Policy 2020:** A policy launched by the Government of India aiming to overhaul the Indian educational system through universal access, early childhood education, teacher training, and emphasis on multilingualism and skill development.
- **BSE and CHSE Merger:** A structural reform combining the Board of Secondary Education and the Council of Higher Secondary Education into a single school board to streamline administration.
- **SCERT:** State Council of Educational Research and Training, responsible for academic research, curriculum design, and teacher training in line with the NCERT framework.

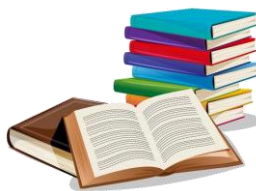


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Odisha school education reforms: 45k teachers, free textbooks till Class X
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Odisha
Issuing authority	Government of Odisha, School and Mass Education Department
Policy/series name	National Education Policy 2020-aligned reforms
Key figures	CM Mohan Charan Majhi
Purpose/reason	To ensure quality education and prepare for a prosperous Odisha by 2036
Feature details	45,000 teachers in 3 years, free textbooks till Class X, merged school board
Validity or status	Announced, implementation from 2025 onwards
Strategic/significant value	Supports educational equity, tribal education, and digital reforms in school governance

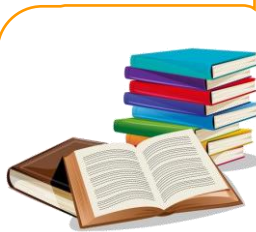


➤ **Andhra Pradesh signed a Rs 9,000-crore port development MoU with which global port management company in August 2025?**

- A) Adani Ports
- B) APM Terminals
- C) DP World
- D) CMA CGM
- E) Hutchison Ports

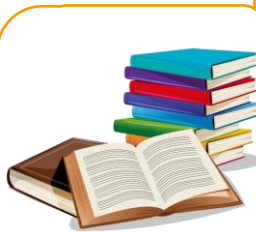
Answer

B) APM Terminals



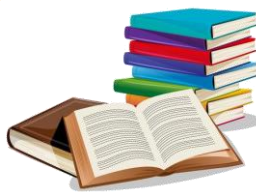
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board signs Rs 9,000-crore port development MoU with APM Terminals
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



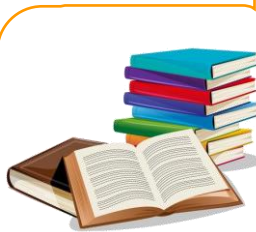
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with APM Terminals, a subsidiary of AP Moller-Maersk, to develop three major ports with an investment of Rs 9,000 crore.
- **Objectives:** To position Andhra Pradesh as the eastern gateway for maritime trade, create a modern logistics hub, boost port infrastructure, and enhance multi-modal cargo connectivity in the region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **APM Terminals:** A global port and terminal operations company, part of AP Moller-Maersk, focused on logistics and infrastructure development across seaports worldwide.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A formal agreement between two or more parties outlining a joint intention to carry out a project; in this case, port development in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Logistics Hub:** A centralized location where freight is received, distributed, and transshipped, typically offering multi-modal transport infrastructure to support trade and economic growth.

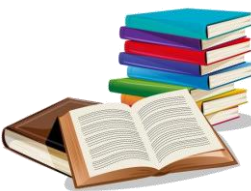


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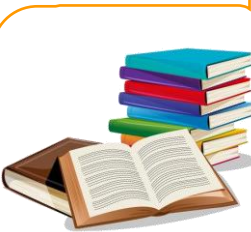
Parameter	Details
Event name	Andhra Pradesh–APM Terminals Rs 9,000-crore port development MoU
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board
Policy/series name	Port-led development strategy of Andhra Pradesh
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, APM Terminals executives
Purpose/reason	To develop world-class port infrastructure and strengthen logistics ecosystem
Feature details	Development of Ramayapatnam, Machilipatnam, and Mulapeta ports
Validity or status	MoU signed; project initiation expected soon
Strategic/significant value	Will generate 10,000 direct jobs and enhance cargo handling, trade efficiency



- How many films will be screened during the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK) in 2025?

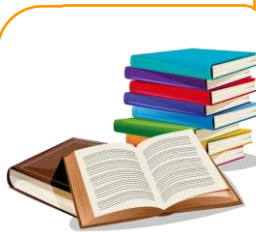
- A) 200
- B) 277
- C) 331
- D) 365
- E) 417

Answer
C) 331



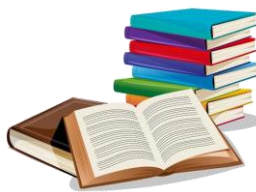
Event and Location:

- **Event:** 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK)
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** 22–27 August 2025



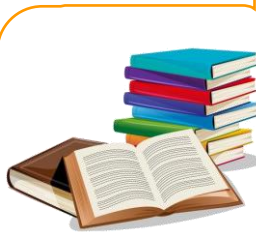
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Kerala State Chalachitra Academy is organizing the 17th IDSFFK, screening 331 films from 52 countries across 29 categories, with Saji Cherian, Minister for Cultural Affairs, inaugurating the event.
- **Objectives:** To promote documentary and short filmmaking, encourage global and regional narratives, honor contributors to cinema, and foster dialogue between filmmakers and audiences through workshops, discussions, and tributes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IDSFFK:** International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala, an annual film festival dedicated to non-feature films including documentaries, short fiction, and animation.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** A recognition for outstanding contribution to documentary filmmaking, awarded this year to Rakesh Sharma along with a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh, a sculpture, and a citation.
- **From Ground Zero:** The opening film, a collaboration of 22 Palestinian directors, highlighting stories from Gaza and was Palestine's official entry at the 97th Academy Awards.



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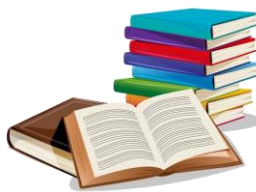
Parameter	Details
Event name	17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK)
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Kerala State Chalachitra Academy
Policy/series name	IDSFFK Film Festival
Key figures	Saji Cherian (Cultural Affairs Minister), Rakesh Sharma (Awardee), Ranjit Ray, Gurvinder Singh
Purpose/reason	Promote documentary and short film culture and recognize contributions
Feature details	331 films from 52 countries, 29 categories, 6-day screenings, workshops, tributes
Validity or status	Ongoing from 22–27 August 2025
Strategic/significant value	Encourages global film dialogue, honors excellence in documentary filmmaking



➤ The proposed greenfield airport to improve connectivity to Sabarimala will be located in which district of Kerala?

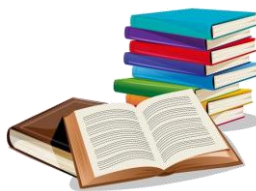
- A) Alappuzha
- B) Pathanamthitta
- C) Kottayam
- D) Thiruvananthapuram
- E) Idukki

Answer
C) Kottayam



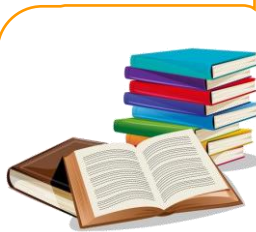
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Centre likely to grant 'in-principle' approval for Kottayam Greenfield Airport project
- **Location:** Cheruvally Estate, near Erumeli, Kottayam district, Kerala
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



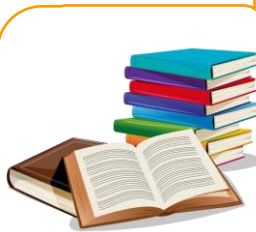
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) is considering granting 'in-principle' approval for the proposed Sabarimala Greenfield Airport in Kottayam, Kerala. The project has already received site and defence clearance and Terms of Reference for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
- **Objectives:** To enhance pilgrim connectivity to Sabarimala, accommodate large international aircraft, and facilitate cargo movement, thereby supporting regional economic development and tourism.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Greenfield Airport:** A new airport built from scratch on an undeveloped site, adhering to environmental and regulatory approvals; not replacing or expanding an existing airport.
- **In-Principle Approval:** The second stage of clearance under the Greenfield Airports Policy, allowing the project to begin land acquisition and construction-related processes.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** A formal study conducted to predict the environmental consequences of a proposed project and suggest mitigation measures.

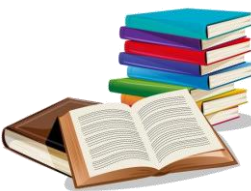


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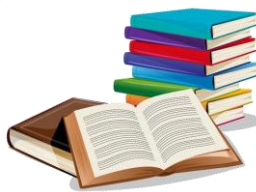
Parameter	Details
Event name	Likely approval of Kottayam Greenfield Airport for Sabarimala connectivity
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Cheruvally Estate, near Erumeli, Kottayam, Kerala
Issuing authority	Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Government of India
Policy/series name	Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy
Key figures	MoCA officials, Kerala State Government
Purpose/reason	Improve connectivity to Sabarimala, promote tourism and economic growth
Feature details	3,000-metre runway, terminal capacity of 7 million passengers, cargo facility
Validity or status	Awaiting final in-principle approval (second stage of GFA clearance)
Strategic/significant value	Expected to handle large aircraft like Boeing 777; major infrastructure for pilgrim transit



➤ Which state saw the inauguration of the ₹6,880-crore Buxar thermal power plant and multiple infrastructure projects by PM Modi in August 2025?

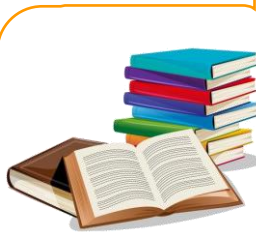
- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Bihar
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Chhattisgarh

Answer
C) Bihar



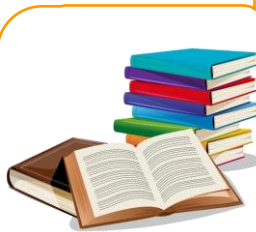
Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi launches ₹6,880-crore Buxar power plant and other major projects
- **Location:** Gayaji, Muzaffarpur, Munger, Aurangabad, Jehanabad, and other regions of Bihar
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



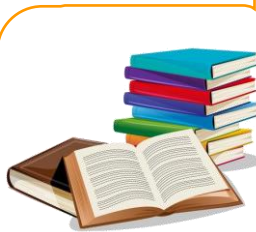
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Buxar thermal power plant, flagged off two trains, and unveiled projects related to urban infrastructure, sanitation, healthcare, road development, and housing in Bihar.
- **Objectives:** To enhance power generation, improve connectivity, boost tourism, provide cancer care, promote sanitation under Namami Gange, and advance housing and urban infrastructure for regional development.



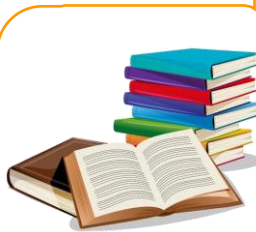
Important Terms Explained:

- **Buxar Thermal Power Plant:** A ₹6,880-crore power project aimed at improving energy availability and demand-supply balance in Bihar.
- **Amrit Bharat Express:** A new category of semi-high-speed trains for enhanced regional and intercity rail connectivity.
- **Namami Gange:** A central government program focused on cleaning and conserving the Ganga River through infrastructure like sewerage treatment plants.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana):** A flagship housing scheme under which beneficiaries in rural and urban areas receive affordable housing.
- **AMRUT 2.0:** Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, targeting water supply, sewerage, and infrastructure upgrades in urban areas.

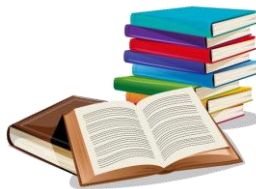


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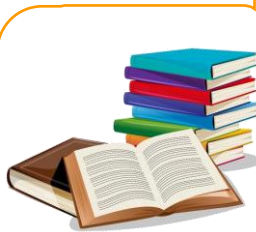
Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi launches ₹6,880-crore Buxar power plant and key infrastructure projects
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	Bihar (Gayaji, Muzaffarpur, Munger, Aurangabad, Jehanabad, etc.)
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Namami Gange, PMAY, AMRUT 2.0, Power & Connectivity Development
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, CM Nitish Kumar, Governor Rajendra Arlekar
Purpose/reason	Boost infrastructure, power, healthcare, housing, and regional connectivity
Feature details	Buxar power plant, STPs, cancer hospital, new trains, PMAY homes, NH-31 road
Validity or status	Projects inaugurated or foundation stones laid
Strategic/significant value	Supports sustainable development, improves quality of life, and enhances regional economy



➤ In which district will the 250 MW solar power plant approved by the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet in August 2025 be set up?

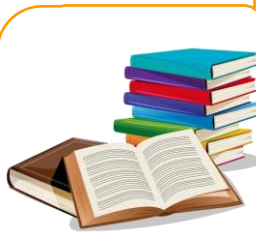
- A) Chittoor
- B) Visakhapatnam
- C) Anantapur
- D) Kadapa
- E) Nellore

Answer
D) Kadapa



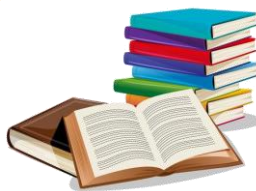
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approves 250 MW solar plant and other major policy decisions
- **Location:** Amaravati (Kadapa for project site)
- **Date:** 21 August 2025



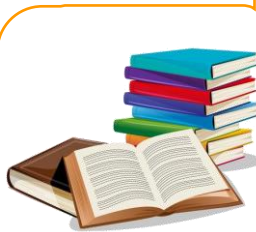
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approved the setting up of a 250 MW solar energy plant at Mylavaram in Kadapa district and allotted 200 acres of land to Adani Solar Energy. The Cabinet also passed the AP Circular Economy and Waste Recycling Policy 4.0 (2025–2030).
- **Objectives:** To enhance renewable energy capacity, promote sustainable economic practices, improve waste recycling, and boost infrastructure development in the Amaravati Capital region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Solar Power Plant:** A renewable energy installation that generates electricity using solar panels or photovoltaic cells; the one at Kadapa will have 250 MW capacity.
- **Circular Economy:** An economic system aimed at eliminating waste and reusing resources, part of AP's Waste Recycling Policy 4.0 to promote sustainable development.
- **CRDA (Capital Regional Development Authority):** A planning body responsible for infrastructure and capital development in the Amaravati Capital Region.

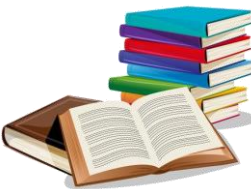


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approves 250 MW solar project and key policies
Announcement date	21 August 2025
Location	Mylavaram (Kadapa), Amaravati (Cabinet decisions)
Issuing authority	Government of Andhra Pradesh
Policy/series name	AP Waste Recycling Policy 4.0 (2025–2030), CRDA Infrastructure Plan
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, Adani Solar Energy
Purpose/reason	To boost renewable energy, promote circular economy, and strengthen capital region infrastructure
Feature details	250 MW solar plant, 200 acres to Adani, ₹904 crore for Amaravati infrastructure
Validity or status	Approved by state cabinet
Strategic/significant value	Supports green energy transition, urban development, and sustainable waste practices

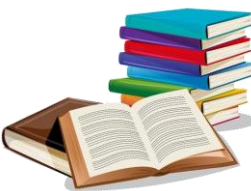


➤ **Which Indian organization co-hosted the WHO-SEARO Regional Workshop on Herbal GMP held in Mumbai in August 2025?**

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission
- C) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences
- D) Department of Biotechnology
- E) National Medicinal Plants Board

Answer

C) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences

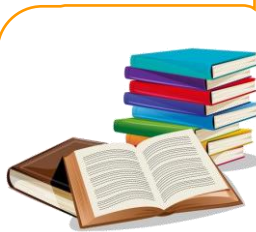


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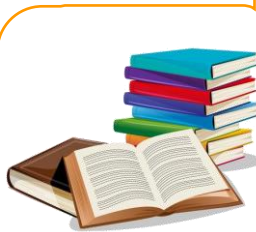
Event and Location:

- **Event:** WHO-SEARO Regional Workshop on Herbal GMP hosted by India
- **Location:** RRAP-Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** 22 August 2025 (concluding date)



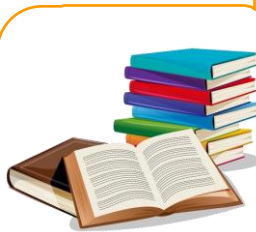
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Ayush through CCRAS, in collaboration with WHO-SEARO, conducted a four-day regional workshop on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for Herbal Medicines, involving 19 international delegates from South-East Asia.
- **Objectives:** To promote harmonized herbal drug quality standards, train participants in WHO-GMP, GHPP, and GACP guidelines, and strengthen regional collaboration in herbal medicine safety, quality, and efficacy.



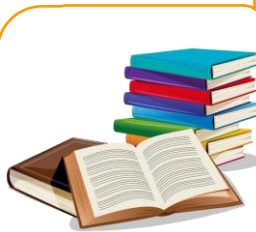
Important Terms Explained:

- **WHO-GMP (World Health Organization - Good Manufacturing Practices):** A global standard ensuring pharmaceutical products, including herbal drugs, are consistently produced and controlled to quality standards.
- **CCRAS (Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences):** An autonomous body under the Ministry of Ayush, engaged in Ayurvedic research and development, including global standardization initiatives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GHPP (Good Herbal Processing Practices):**
Guidelines focusing on post-harvest handling, drying, storage, and packaging of herbal raw materials to maintain their quality.
- **GACP (Good Agricultural and Collection Practices):**
WHO-recommended protocols for the cultivation and collection of medicinal plants to ensure safety, efficacy, and traceability.

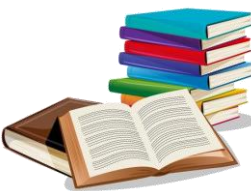


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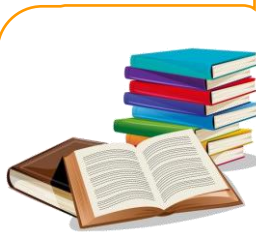
Parameter	Details
Event name	WHO-SEARO Regional Workshop on WHO-GMP for Herbal Medicines
Announcement date	22 August 2025 (Workshop concluded)
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	CCRAS, Ministry of Ayush, WHO-SEARO
Policy/series name	WHO-GMP, GHPP, GACP Guidelines
Key figures	Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya (DG, CCRAS); Dr. Pavan Godatwar (WHO-SEARO)
Purpose/reason	Promote standardization and global credibility of Indian herbal products
Feature details	11 technical sessions, site visits to WHO-GMP-certified facilities, live demos
Validity or status	Workshop concluded; aligns with ongoing global quality efforts
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's leadership in herbal medicine quality and regulatory standards



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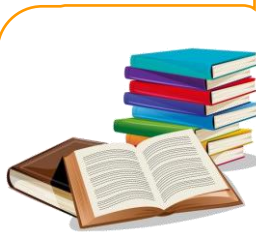
- **Madras Day is celebrated every year on August 22 to mark the founding of the city of Madras in 1639.**
- **Elavenil Valarivan won gold in the women's 10m air rifle event at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship with a score of 253.6.**
- **Tamil Nadu's Vishal T.K. set a new Indian national record of 45.12 seconds in the men's 400m event.**
- **Mansi Raghuwanshi won the gold medal in women's junior skeet at the 2025 Asian Shooting Championship in Astana.**
- **The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched the FASTag Annual Pass Scheme effective from 15 August 2025.**
- **Indian Bank conducted a Financial Inclusion Saturation Program in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvallur district under RBI's national campaign.**
- **The National Consumer Helpline addressed 7,256 grievances and enabled ₹2.72 crore in refunds in July 2025.**
- **Globtier Infotech has fixed the IPO price at ₹72 per share for its ₹31.02 crore public issue.**
- **The Assam Cabinet has approved a ₹600-crore skill development project in partnership with Tata Group's Nelco.**



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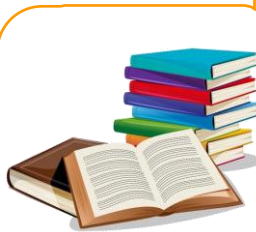
- IIT Madras-incubated startup Kochadai Technologies launched MakeGPT, a tool to build IoT systems using language prompts.
- FAIMA has launched a nationwide mental health helpline for doctors, residents, and medical students.
- Texas Instruments supplied key radiation-tolerant semiconductor systems for ISRO's NISAR satellite launched in 2025.
- Iran launched its first military exercise, "Sustainable Power 1404," after the end of its 12-day war with Israel.
- India's Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra met with key US lawmakers to address tensions arising from new tariffs imposed by the Trump administration.
- China and Pakistan announced CPEC 2.0 under the Belt and Road Initiative during high-level talks in Islamabad.
- India has been elected Chairman of the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development at its 23rd General Conference in Phuket.
- The West Bengal government has launched the Shramshree scheme offering ₹5,000 per month to returning Bengali migrant workers.



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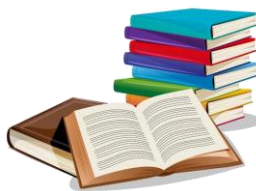
- The Ministry of Home Affairs has released ₹132.93 crore under the CCPWC Scheme for cyber crime prevention across India.
- A total subsidy of ₹6,559 crore was disbursed under the FAME-II scheme for over 16 lakh electric vehicles till March 2025.
- The Central Government is implementing multiple schemes such as NLM, AHIDF, and PMMSY to support farmers in animal husbandry, dairy, and fisheries sectors.
- The Government of India has extended the Fortified Rice Scheme under all food security programs until December 2028 with ₹17,082 crore in funding.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated three new metro lines in Kolkata on 22 August 2025.
- Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced the recruitment of 45,000 teachers over the next three years to fill vacancies in primary schools.
- The Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board signed an MoU with APM Terminals for a Rs 9,000-crore investment in port development.
- The 17th IDSFFK will screen 331 films from 52 countries over six days in Thiruvananthapuram.



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- **The proposed Sabarimala Greenfield Airport in Kottayam has received site and defence clearance and awaits in-principle approval.**
- **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the ₹6,880-crore Buxar thermal power plant to enhance Bihar's electricity supply.**
- **The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approved a 250 MW solar power project at Mylavaram in Kadapa with land allotment to Adani Solar Energy.**
- **India hosted a four-day WHO-SEARO regional workshop on Good Manufacturing Practices for Herbal Medicines in Mumbai.**



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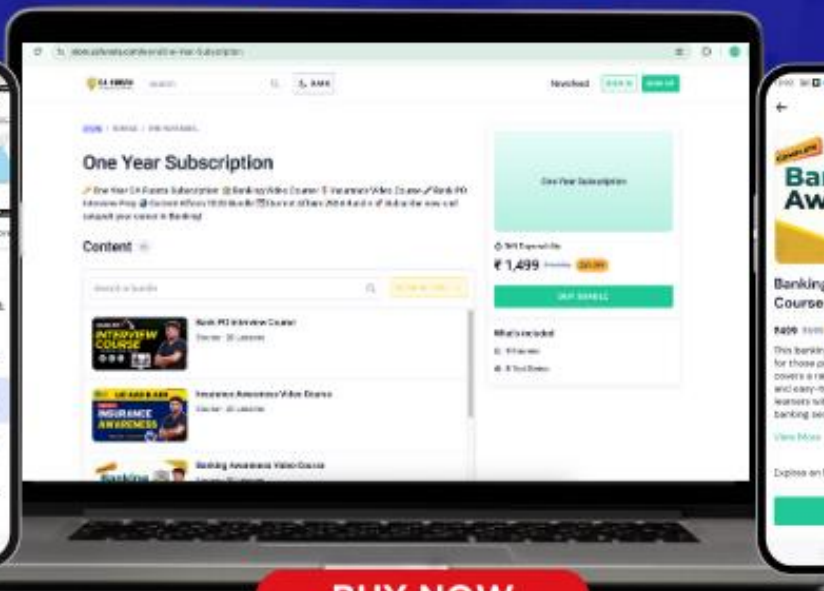
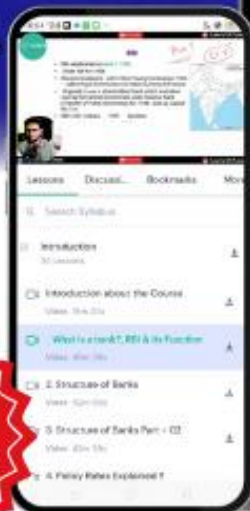


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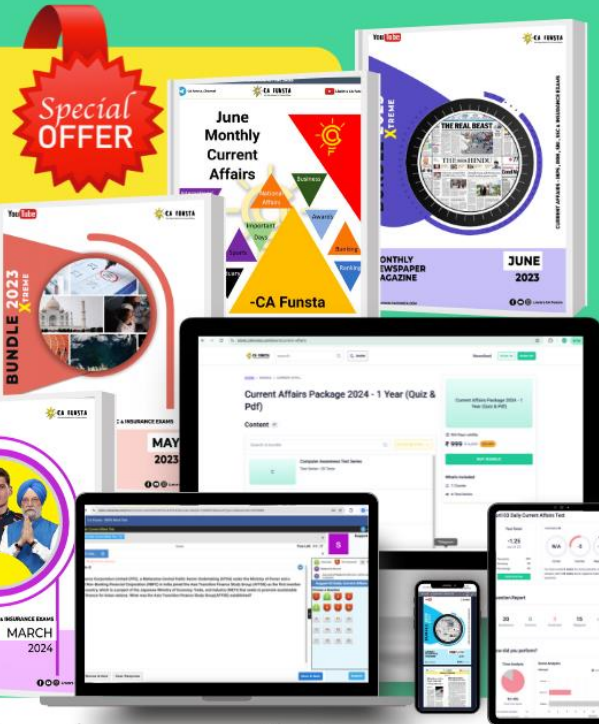
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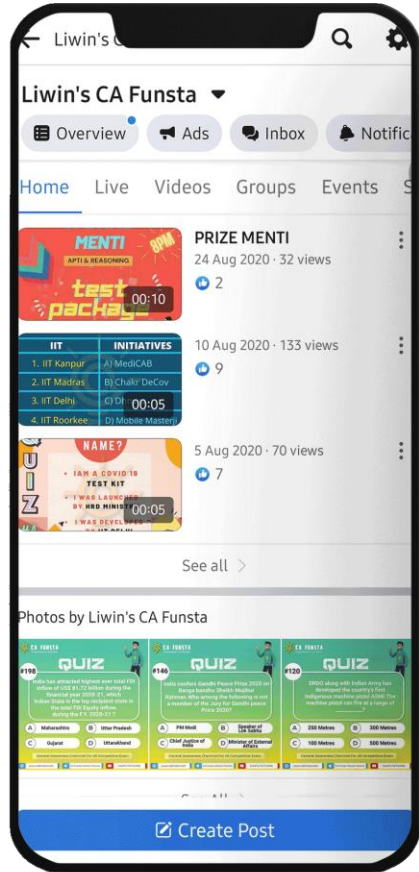
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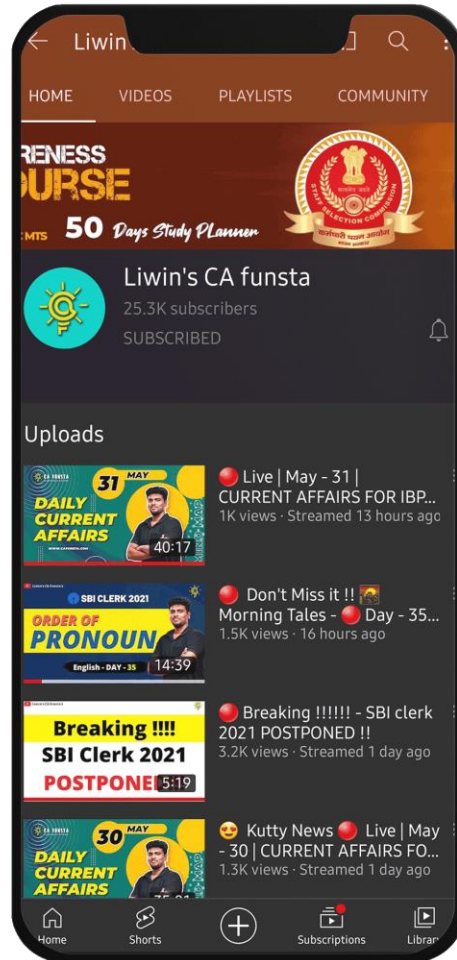


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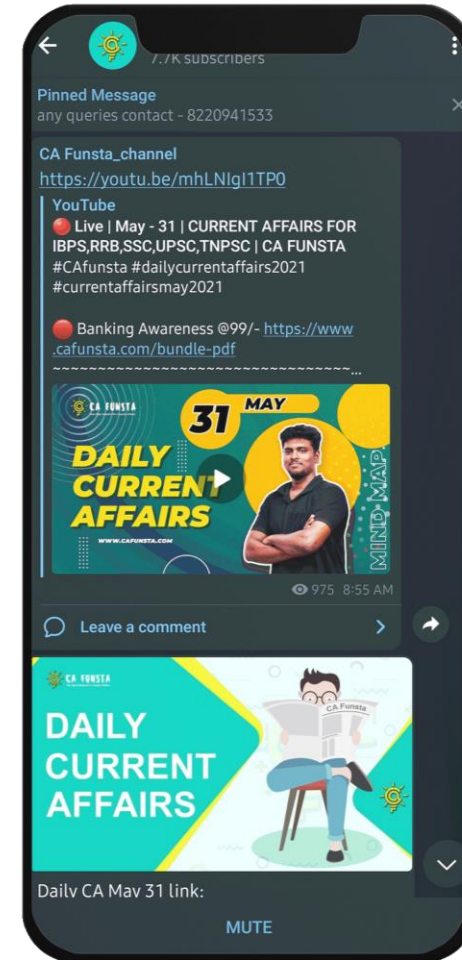
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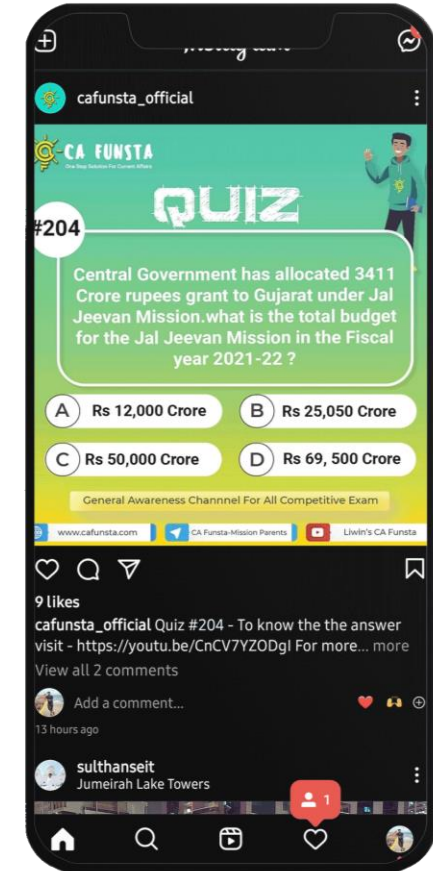
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