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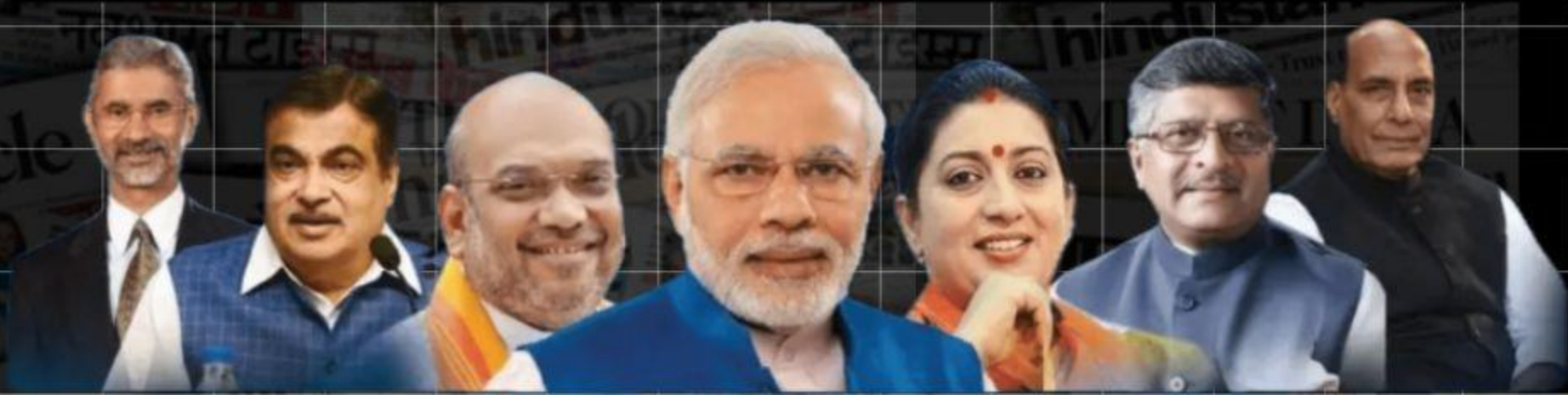
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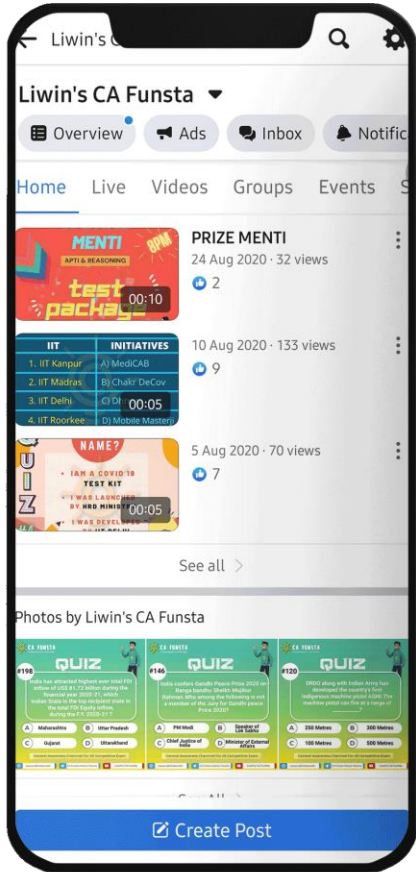
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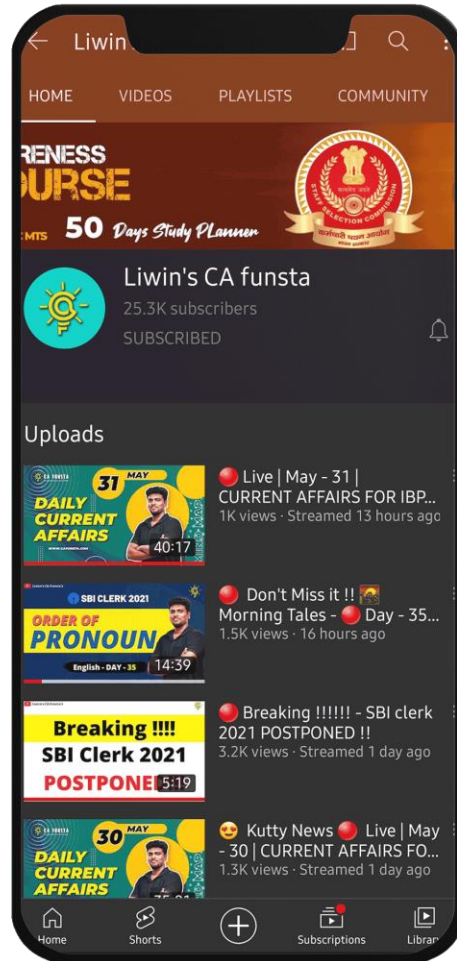
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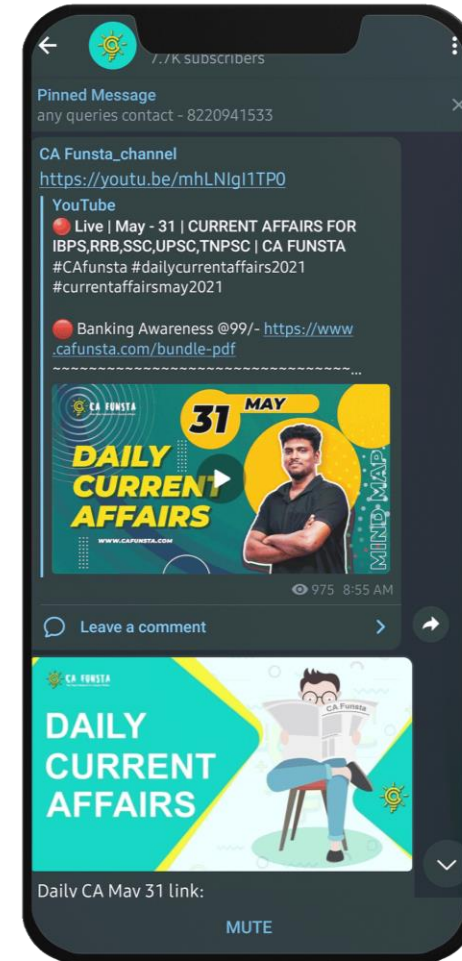
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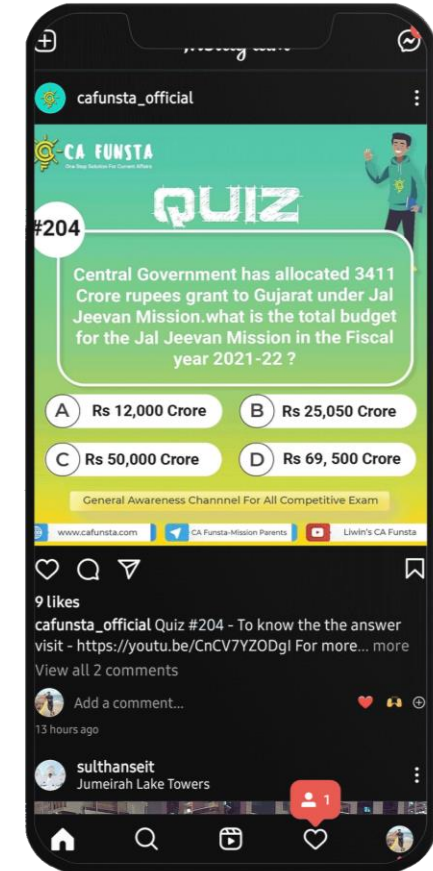
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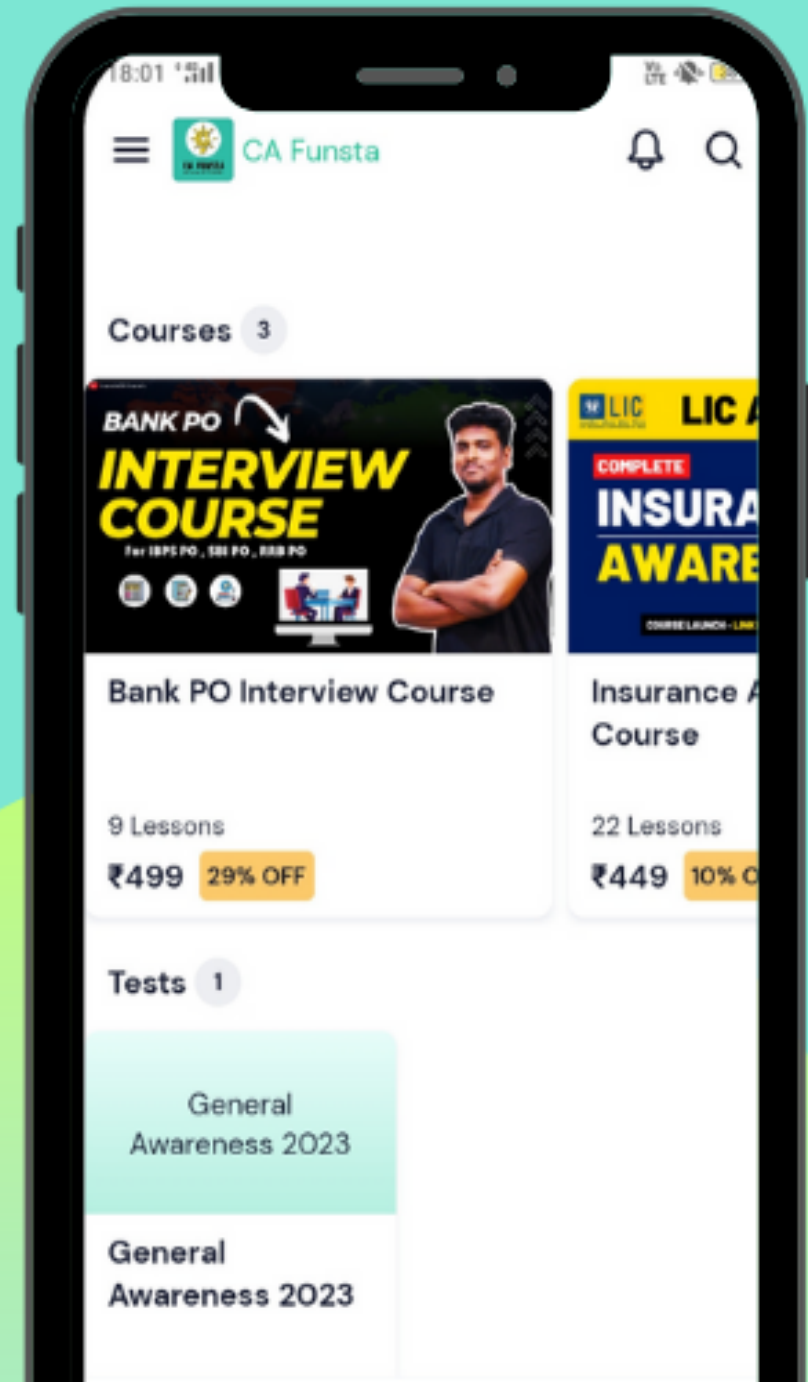
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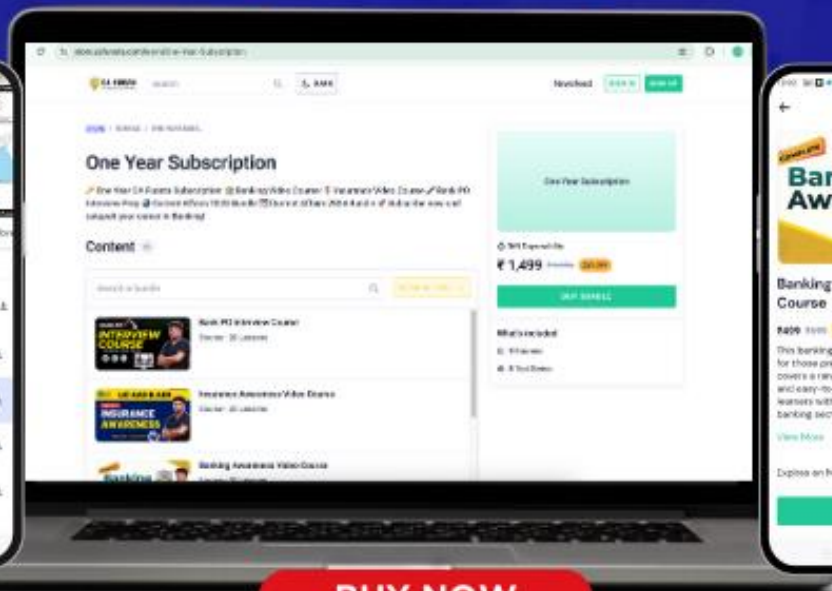
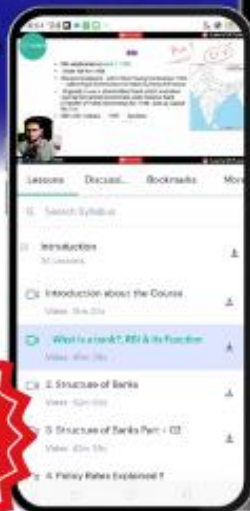
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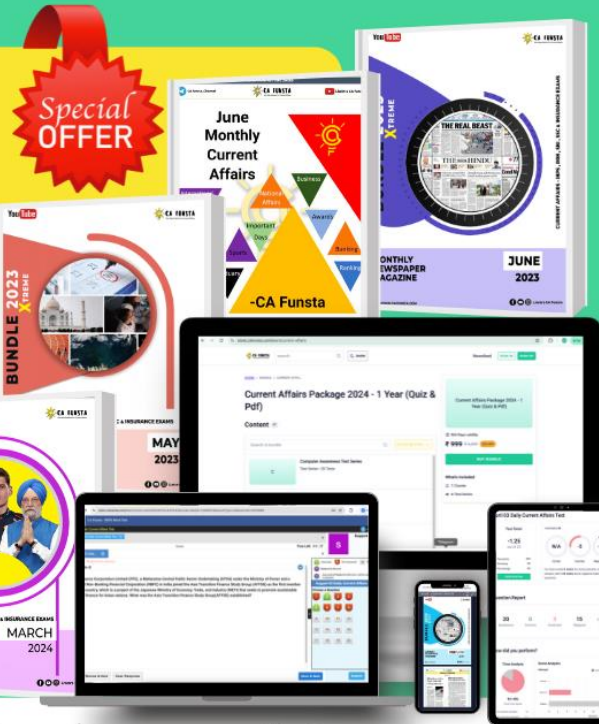


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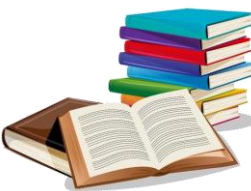


➤ **What does India commemorate on National Space Day observed on August 23?**

- A) Launch of India's first satellite Aryabhata
- B) Inauguration of ISRO
- C) Soft landing of Vikram Lander on the Moon
- D) Launch of Gaganyaan Mission
- E) Formation of the Department of Space

Answer

C) Soft landing of Vikram Lander on the Moon

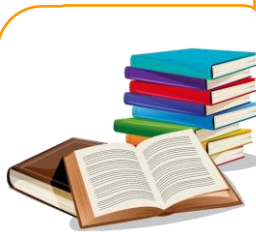


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 2nd National Space Day celebrations across India
- **Location:** Nationwide, key events in New Delhi and ISRO centres
- **Date:** August 23, 2025

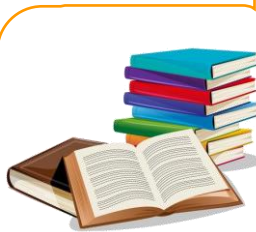


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of India declared August 23 as National Space Day to commemorate the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram Lander and deployment of the Pragyan Rover on the Moon in 2023.
- **Objectives:** To honour India's space achievements, especially the Chandrayaan-3 mission; engage and inspire the youth in space science; and promote deeper private-sector and multi-stakeholder collaboration in space-based applications.

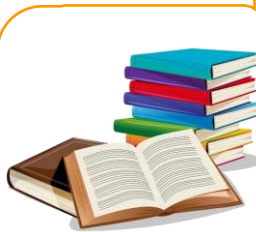


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Chandrayaan-3:** India's third lunar mission, which successfully landed Vikram Lander near the Moon's south pole on August 23, 2023, followed by the deployment of Pragyan Rover.
- **Vikram Lander and Pragyan Rover:** Components of Chandrayaan-3; Vikram performed the landing while Pragyan explored the lunar surface. The landing site was named Shiv Shakti Point.
- **National Space Day:** An annual observance on August 23 to commemorate the Chandrayaan-3 success and promote awareness and interest in India's space programs.

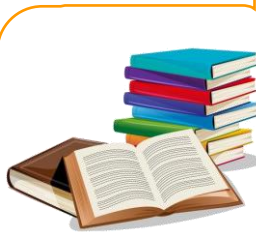


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Important Terms Explained:

- **ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation):** India's national space agency responsible for satellite launches, space exploration, and research.
- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** A vision-driven national agenda aiming to transform India into a developed nation by 2047, the centenary of independence.
- **National Space Meet 2.0:** A conference organized by ISRO bringing together multiple stakeholders to create a roadmap for space applications across sectors.
- **PRL (Physical Research Laboratory):** A premier scientific institution under the Department of Space engaged in advanced space and physics research.

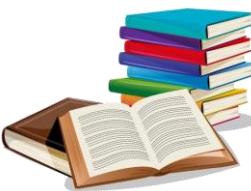


Important Days



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Parameter	Details
Event name	National Space Day
Announcement date	August 23, 2023 (declared)
Location	Celebrated across India; key event in New Delhi
Issuing authority	Government of India / ISRO
Policy/series name	Chandrayaan-3 Success Commemoration
Key figures	Dr. V. Narayanan (ISRO Chairman), P.K. Mishra (Principal Secretary to PM)
Purpose/reason	To commemorate the Vikram Lander's lunar landing and promote space awareness
Feature details	Theme: "Aryabhatta to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities"
Validity or status	Second National Space Day celebrated; ongoing events by ISRO and PRL
Strategic/significant value	Inspires youth, strengthens space sector vision, aligns with Viksit Bharat 2047

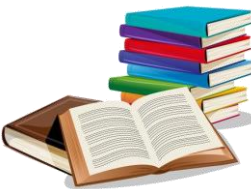


➤ **Why has NITI Aayog called a meeting with major two-wheeler manufacturers?**

- A) To regulate helmet manufacturing
- B) To launch a new fuel subsidy scheme
- C) To push the electrification of motorcycles
- D) To ban petrol scooters in metros
- E) To increase customs duties on bikes

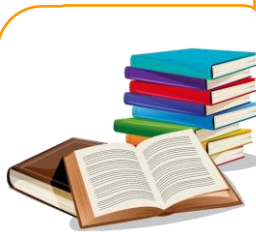
Answer

C) To push the electrification of motorcycles



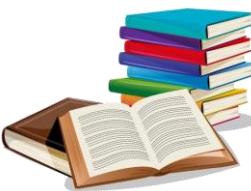
Event and Location:

- **Event:** NITI Aayog's meeting with two-wheeler manufacturers to discuss electric motorcycles
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** August 26, 2025 (Monday following the article's publication)



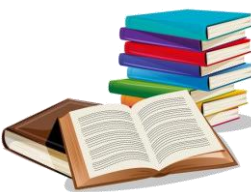
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** NITI Aayog has called a meeting with top two-wheeler companies including Hero MotoCorp, Bajaj Auto, TVS Motor, Ola Electric, Ather, and Revolt to discuss ways to boost the adoption of electric motorcycles.
- **Objectives:** The primary goal is to accelerate the consumer shift from internal combustion engine (ICE) motorcycles to electric motorcycles and ensure India meets its 2030 electric mobility targets.



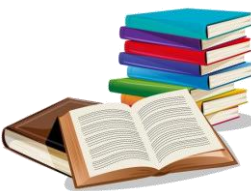
Important Terms Explained:

- **NITI Aayog:** It is the Government of India's policy think tank responsible for providing strategic and technical advice across sectors, especially in areas of sustainable development and digital transformation.
- **Electric Two-Wheelers (EV 2W):** These include battery-operated scooters and motorcycles, seen as crucial for reducing emissions in the transport sector.
- **Battery Swapping:** A model that allows users to replace discharged batteries with fully charged ones at swap stations, offering faster turnaround and reducing vehicle downtime.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NITI Aayog's meeting with 2W manufacturers on EV motorcycles
Announcement date	August 24, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	NITI Aayog
Policy/series name	National Electric Mobility targets (2030 Vision)
Key figures	Hero MotoCorp, Bajaj Auto, TVS, Ola Electric, Ather, Revolt
Purpose/reason	Slow pace of EV motorcycle adoption impeding 2030 targets
Feature details	Industry meet to address barriers like cost, tech, and demand
Validity or status	Meeting scheduled; strategies under discussion
Strategic/significant value	Aims to boost EV motorcycle segment for sustainable transport

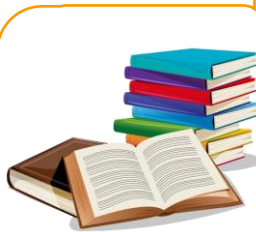


➤ What is the current stake held by LIC in IDBI Bank as per SEBI's reclassification approval?



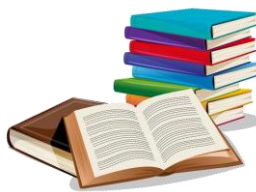
- A) 10%
- B) 15%
- C) 49%
- D) 25%
- E) 51%

Answer
C) 49%



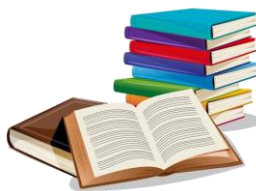
Event and Location:

- **Event:** SEBI approves reclassification of LIC as public shareholder in IDBI Bank
- **Location:** India (SEBI & IDBI Bank – national regulatory and financial institutions)
- **Date:** August 24, 2025



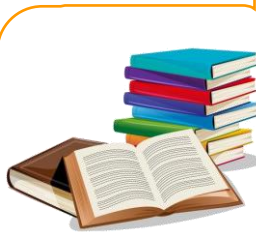
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the reclassification of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) from a promoter category to a public shareholder in IDBI Bank.
- **Objectives:** The move is part of the strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank. LIC is restricted from exercising management control, must reduce its stake to 15% or below within two years, and will no longer have board representation or special rights.



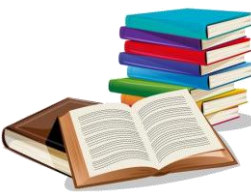
Important Terms Explained:

- **SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India):** The capital markets regulator in India that oversees and regulates securities transactions to protect investors' interests and ensure market transparency.
- **Public Shareholder:** A shareholder that does not have controlling interest or influence in the management of a company. LIC will now be treated as such in IDBI Bank.
- **Strategic Disinvestment:** The process by which the government sells a significant portion (or its entire stake) in public sector enterprises to strategic private sector buyers, often with transfer of management control.



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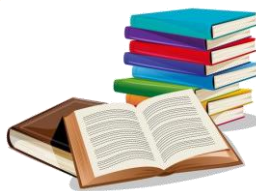
Parameter	Details
Event name	SEBI approval for LIC's reclassification in IDBI Bank
Announcement date	August 24, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)
Policy/series name	Strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank
Key figures	LIC, SEBI, RBI, IDBI Bank
Purpose/reason	To complete LIC's transition from promoter to public shareholder
Feature details	LIC holds 49% stake, limited to 10% voting rights, no board representation
Validity or status	Reclassification approved, divestment process ongoing
Strategic/significant value	Enables further disinvestment of IDBI Bank and limits LIC's control role



➤ What was India's Flash Composite PMI Output Index in August 2025, marking the highest level since 2005?

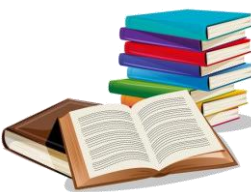
- A) 59.1
- B) 61.1
- C) 63.7
- D) 65.2
- E) 67.0

Answer
D) 65.2



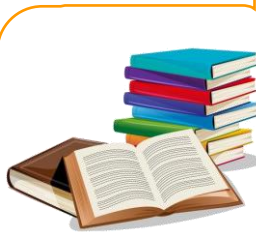
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Record-high Flash Composite PMI Output Index reported
- **Location:** India (national economic indicator)
- **Date:** August 2025



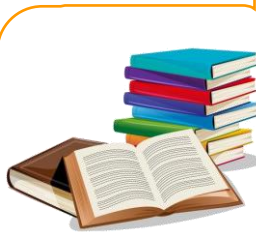
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Release of HSBC Flash India PMI data for August 2025 by S&P Global
- **Objectives:** To measure economic activity in the services and manufacturing sectors through forward-looking indicators of output, orders, employment, and pricing



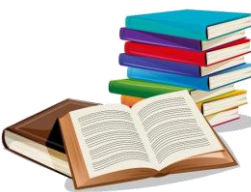
Important Terms Explained:

- **Flash PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index):** A leading economic indicator based on a survey of private-sector companies to measure the health of the manufacturing and services sectors, released ahead of final PMI data
- **Composite PMI:** A combined indicator of the manufacturing and services PMI, offering a broad view of private sector performance
- **HSBC Flash PMI:** A preliminary estimate of India's monthly PMI data compiled by S&P Global in association with HSBC, offering early insights into economic trends



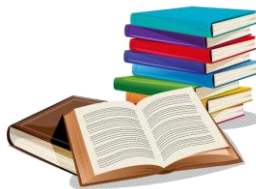
Important Terms Explained:

- **Output Charges:** Prices charged by companies for finished goods or services, indicating inflationary trends
- **Business Confidence:** An index of private firms' expectations about future output, hiring, and demand conditions



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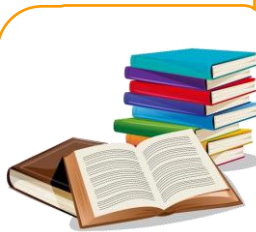
Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of HSBC Flash India Composite PMI for August 2025
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	S&P Global, in association with HSBC
Policy/series name	HSBC Flash India Composite PMI Output Index
Key figures	Pranjul Bhandari (Chief India Economist, HSBC)
Purpose/reason	Gauge India's private sector performance and growth momentum
Feature details	Record-high Composite PMI (65.2), Services PMI (65.6), Manufacturing PMI (59.8)
Validity or status	August 2025 data – monthly survey
Strategic significance	Indicates fastest private sector growth since 2005; signals economic resilience and robust demand



➤ **By how much did India's forex reserves increase in the week ending August 15, 2025, according to RBI data?**

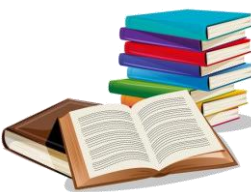
- A) \$2.16 billion
- B) \$53 billion
- C) \$1.48 billion
- D) \$4.75 billion
- E) \$1.92 billion

Answer
C) \$1.48 billion



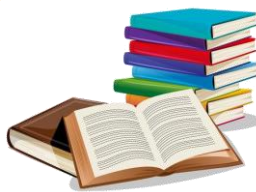
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rise in India's foreign exchange reserves
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** August 15, 2025 (week ending)



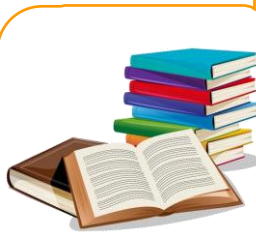
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** RBI released weekly forex data reporting a \$1.48 billion rise in India's foreign exchange reserves
- **Objectives:** To maintain adequate reserve levels to ensure external sector stability, manage currency volatility, and support imports



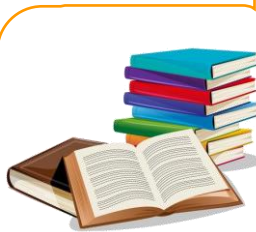
Important Terms Explained:

- **Forex Reserves:** Assets held by a central bank in foreign currencies, including bonds, treasury bills, and gold, used to back liabilities and influence monetary policy
- **Foreign Currency Assets (FCA):** The largest component of forex reserves, these include investments in foreign currencies like the US Dollar, Euro, Pound, and Yen



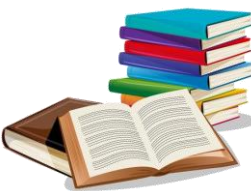
Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs):** An international reserve asset created by the IMF that supplements member countries' official reserves
- **Reserve Position with IMF:** A nation's quota and reserve holdings at the International Monetary Fund, reflecting its financial relationship and voting power



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Rise in India's forex reserves
Announcement date	23 August 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Weekly Statistical Supplement
Key figures	RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
Purpose/reason	Ensure external stability and import adequacy
Feature details	\$1.92B rise in FCA, \$2.16B fall in gold, increase in SDRs and IMF reserves
Validity or status	Current data for week ending 15 August 2025
Strategic significance	Signals robust capital inflows and macroeconomic resilience



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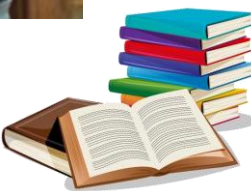
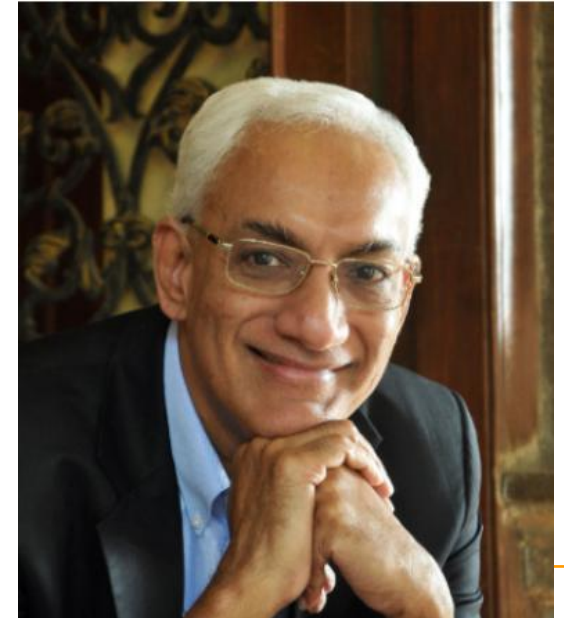


➤ **Who has been re-elected as the President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for 2025–26?**

- A) Sam Balsara
- B) Jaideep Gandhi
- C) Anupriya Acharya
- D) Srinivasan K Swamy
- E) Shashi Sinha

Answer

D) Srinivasan K Swamy

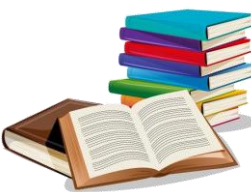


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Re-election of Srinivasan K Swamy as AAI President
- **Location:** India (Headquarters of AAI - Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- **Date:** August 23, 2025

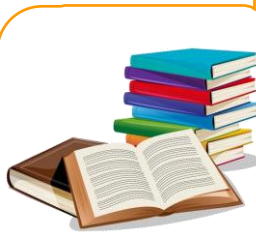


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Re-election of Srinivasan K Swamy as President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for the year 2025–26
 - Appointment of new office-bearers and board members of AAAI
- **Objectives:**
 - To strengthen industry representation, collaboration, and advocacy in Indian advertising
 - Drive innovation and ethical standards amid evolving digital media landscapes
 - Celebrate 80 years of AAAI and strategize for future growth of the advertising sector

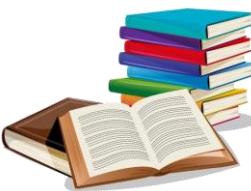


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Important Terms Explained:

- **AAAI (Advertising Agencies Association of India):**
 - Apex body of advertising agencies in India, founded in 1945, representing collective interests, policy advocacy, and ethical practices in the ad industry.
- **Srinivasan K Swamy:**
 - Veteran advertising professional, Executive Group Chairman of R K Swamy Ltd, previously served as AAAI President (2004–2007); re-elected for his fourth term in 2025–26.

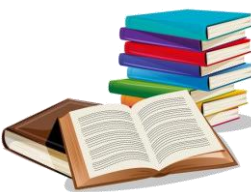


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Industry Advocacy:**
 - Efforts by industry leaders and associations to represent the needs of advertising agencies in front of the government, media, and regulatory bodies for favorable policies.

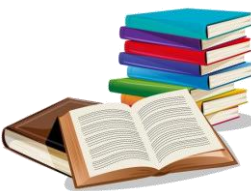


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Re-election of AAI President
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	India (AAI HQ: Mumbai)
Issuing authority	Advertising Agencies Association of India
Policy/series name	AAI Annual Leadership Appointment
Key figures	Srinivasan K Swamy, Jaideep Gandhi, Prasanth Kumar
Purpose/reason	Lead AAI through 2025–26 and shape advertising industry's future
Feature details	Appointment of President, VP, Board Members
Validity or status	Active from August 2025 to August 2026
Strategic/significant value	Boosts policy advocacy, collaboration, and digital innovation in advertising



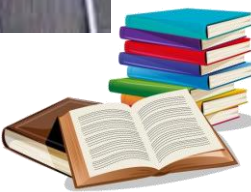
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- Who has been appointed to lead the high-powered panels for next-generation reforms and Viksit Bharat goals?

- A) Amitabh Kant
- B) TVS Swaminathan
- C) Pawan Goenka
- D) Rajiv Gauba
- E) Janmejay Sinha

Answer
D) Rajiv Gauba

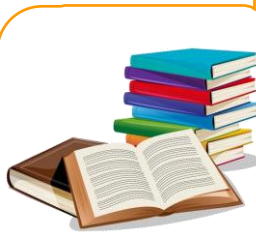


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Formation of two Rajiv Gauba-led panels for reforms and Viksit Bharat
- **Location:** India (National Scope)
- **Date:** Announced on August 22, 2025

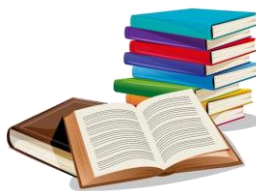


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Formation of two high-powered committees under Rajiv Gauba—one for achieving Viksit Bharat goals and another for non-financial regulatory reforms
- **Objectives:** To accelerate India's transformation into a developed economy by 2047 through policy reforms, deregulation, and improved governance at both central and state levels

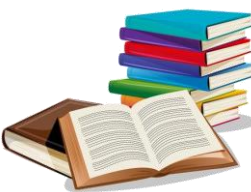


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat:** A national vision to transform India into a developed country by 2047, focusing on infrastructure, industrial growth, digital innovation, and inclusive governance
- **Next-Generation Reforms:** Structural, strategic reforms that address regulatory, administrative, and institutional inefficiencies across sectors
- **Non-Financial Regulatory Reforms:** Reforms aimed at simplifying and improving regulatory mechanisms outside of the financial sector (e.g. power, MSME, trade)

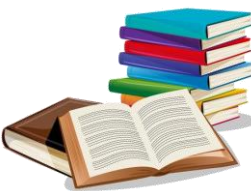


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Formation of Rajiv Gauba-led panels for reforms
Announcement date	August 22, 2025
Location	India (Central and State level)
Issuing authority	Government of India, coordinated through NITI Aayog
Policy/series name	Viksit Bharat 2047 Vision, Next-Gen Reforms Initiative
Key figures	Rajiv Gauba, TVS Swaminathan, Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh
Purpose/reason	Drive next-generation reforms and streamline regulatory frameworks
Feature details	Policy coordination, deregulation, economic competitiveness, federal support
Validity or status	Panels formed and first meeting held
Strategic significance	Crucial step towards India's economic transformation and \$5 trillion goal

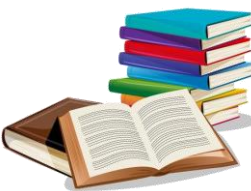


➤ **According to Dr. Jitendra Singh, what symbolic milestone does India aim to achieve on the Moon by 2040?**

- A) Establish India's first Moon base
- B) Launch Chandrayaan-5
- C) Send an astronaut to plant the national flag
- D) Announce "Viksit Bharat 2047" from the lunar surface
- E) Deploy a Mars rover from the Moon

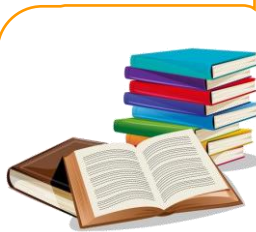
Answer

D) Announce "Viksit Bharat 2047" from the lunar surface



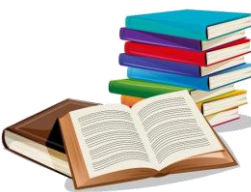
Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Space Day celebrations and announcement of India's 15-year space roadmap
- **Location:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- **Date:** August 23, 2025



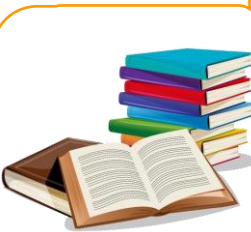
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh presented India's 15-year space development roadmap, outlining over 100 satellite launches, extensive private sector involvement, and a long-term goal of placing an Indian astronaut on the Moon by 2040.
- **Objectives:** To highlight India's transition from symbolic space achievements to transformative applications in governance, science, and innovation, while inspiring national pride and global recognition through lunar and interplanetary missions.



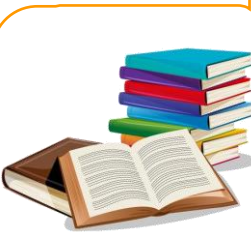
Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** A national vision to make India a fully developed country by its 100th year of independence in 2047. The proposed Moon mission aims to symbolically announce this milestone from lunar soil.
- **Gaganyaan Mission:** India's first human spaceflight program, with the first crewed mission expected in 2027. Four astronauts are currently under training.
- **Bharatiya Antariksh Hackathon:** A national innovation challenge engaging over 61,000 students in AI, geospatial tech, and satellite imaging to build future-ready space solutions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ISRO Robotics Challenge – URSC 2025 (IRoC-U):** A student competition aimed at designing autonomous aerial robots for Mars-like environments, encouraging indigenous interplanetary tech.
- **Vayumitra:** India's planned human-robot mission, acting as a precursor to crewed flights, expected to launch in late 2025.
- **Bharat Antariksh Station:** India's proposed space station, targeted for deployment by 2035, marking a permanent Indian presence in space.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	National Space Day 2025
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Science & Technology, ISRO
Policy/series name	India's 15-Year Space Roadmap (2025–2040)
Key figures	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Dr. V. Narayanan, Gaganyaan astronauts
Purpose/reason	To outline India's next-gen space missions and reinforce its global leadership
Feature details	100+ satellites, human-robot mission (Vayumitra), Moon mission by 2040
Validity or status	Roadmap announced; key missions underway
Strategic/significant value	Positions India as a global space leader; supports national development goals

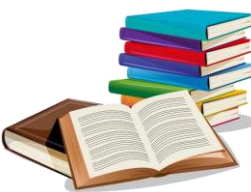


➤ **What is the theme of SEMICON India 2025, to be inaugurated by PM Modi in New Delhi?**

- A) Next Gen Electronics for Bharat
- B) Building the Next Semiconductor Powerhouse
- C) Semiconductors for Atmanirbhar Bharat
- D) Tech Bharat: A Silicon Leap
- E) AI and Semiconductors for Growth

Answer

B) Building the Next Semiconductor Powerhouse

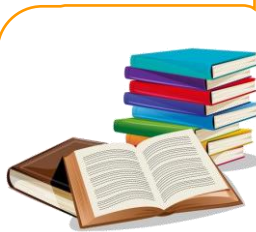


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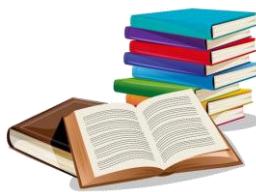
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of SEMICON India 2025
- **Location:** Yashobhoomi (IICC), New Delhi
- **Date:** September 2–4, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To organize India's largest semiconductor and electronics exposition with global participation and showcase ecosystem development
- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's semiconductor value chain, promote domestic manufacturing and innovation, and foster international collaboration towards Atmanirbhar Bharat



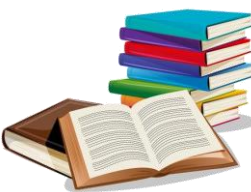
Important Terms Explained:

- **Semicon India Programme:** A government initiative to build a sustainable semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem in India, enabling domestic capability across the value chain
- **Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme:** A scheme that supports domestic companies and startups in semiconductor design with financial and infrastructure incentives
- **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM):** The nodal body under MeitY tasked with evaluating proposals, disbursing incentives, and guiding policy for India's semiconductor ecosystem



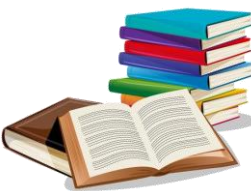
Important Terms Explained:

- **SEMI:** A global industry association that supports over 3,000 member companies in electronics design and manufacturing through advocacy, networking, and collaboration
- **Yashobhoomi (IICC):** India International Convention and Expo Centre, New Delhi — a world-class venue for hosting international exhibitions and conventions



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	SEMICON India 2025
Announcement date	August 22, 2025
Location	Yashobhoomi (IICC), New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) & ISM
Policy/series name	Semicon India Programme
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, S Krishnan (MeitY), Ajit Manocha (SEMI), Amitesh Sinha
Purpose/reason	Strengthen semiconductor ecosystem and global collaboration
Feature details	350 exhibitors, 50+ speakers, 33 nations, 6 roundtables, 9 states, 4 pavilions
Validity or status	Scheduled from 2–4 September 2025
Strategic significance	Positioning India as a global semiconductor and electronics hub

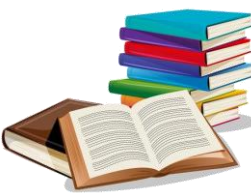


➤ Which of the following components is not part of India's newly tested Integrated Air Defence Weapon System?

- A) QRSAM
- B) VSHORADS
- C) Directed Energy Weapon
- D) Ballistic Missile Interceptor
- E) Centralised Command and Control Centre

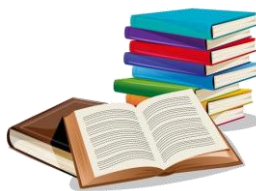
Answer

D) Ballistic Missile Interceptor



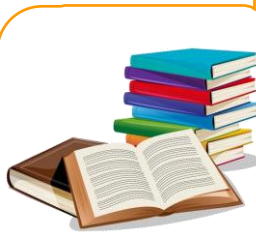
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maiden flight-tests of Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS)
- **Location:** Off the coast of Odisha, India (Integrated Test Range, Chandipur)
- **Date:** August 23, 2025



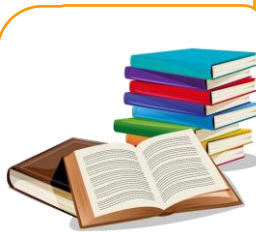
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the first successful flight-tests of the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS), integrating QRSAM, VSHORADS, and a Directed Energy Weapon (laser-based).
- **Objectives:** To validate the multi-layered air defence capability by engaging and destroying multiple aerial threats including UAVs and drones, ensuring the effectiveness of indigenously developed short and very short-range air defence systems.



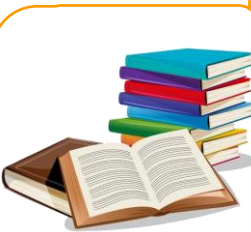
Important Terms Explained:

- **IADWS (Integrated Air Defence Weapon System):** A layered air defence architecture combining Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missiles (QRSAM), Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS), and Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) for protection against multiple aerial threats.
- **QRSAM:** Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile designed for short-range air defence against high-speed aerial targets, such as aircraft and drones.
- **VSHORADS:** A portable, very short-range air defence missile system designed to neutralize low-altitude aerial threats in quick-response situations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Directed Energy Weapon (DEW):** High-power laser weapon capable of disabling or destroying enemy drones and aerial vehicles using focused energy beams.
- **DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation):** India's premier R&D agency under the Ministry of Defence, responsible for military technology development.
- **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur:** A DRDO-operated missile testing facility in Odisha used for flight tests of defence systems.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Maiden flight-tests of Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS)
Announcement date	August 24, 2025
Location	Off Odisha Coast, ITR Chandipur
Issuing authority	DRDO (Ministry of Defence)
Policy/series name	Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS)
Key figures	Dr. Samir V. Kamat, Rajnath Singh, DRDO Scientists, Armed Forces
Purpose/reason	To validate performance of multi-layered indigenous air defence systems
Feature details	Integration of QRSAM, VSHORADS, DEW with central command and radar systems
Validity or status	Successfully tested; operational capabilities confirmed
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's defence preparedness against aerial threats

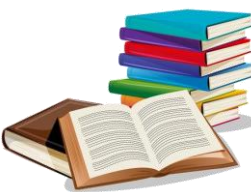


➤ **What was the primary objective of INS Kadmatt's port call at Surabaya, Indonesia?**

- A) Conduct a military exercise
- B) Deliver humanitarian aid
- C) Enhance naval cooperation and maritime ties
- D) Launch a submarine operation
- E) Conduct trade negotiations

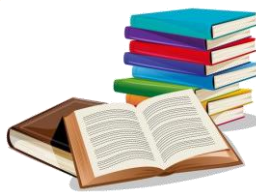
Answer

C) Enhance naval cooperation and maritime ties



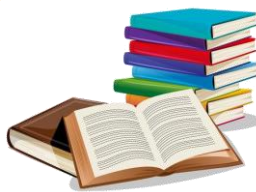
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Port call of INS Kadmatt at Surabaya, Indonesia
- **Location:** Surabaya Port, Indonesia
- **Date:** August 20–23, 2025



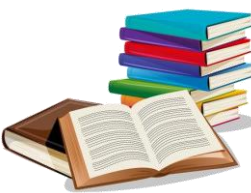
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian Naval Ship Kadmatt, an indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) corvette, completed a three-day port call at Surabaya, Indonesia, as part of enhancing bilateral naval cooperation.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen maritime partnership, promote operational synergy, and foster people-to-people ties through professional engagements, cross-deck visits, community outreach, and sports activities under the broader vision of 'Partnership Across Sea'.



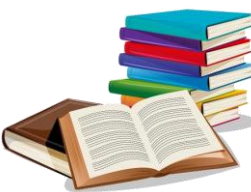
Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Kadmatt:** A second ship of the Kamorta-class ASW corvettes, indigenously built by India's Garden Reach Shipbuilders, focused on anti-submarine warfare capabilities.
- **ASW Corvette (Anti-Submarine Warfare):** A warship designed specifically to detect and combat submarines using sonar, torpedoes, and other technologies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cross-deck Visits:** Interchange visits between ships' crews to build familiarity, share operational practices, and enhance interoperability between navies.
- **Partnership Across Sea:** A shared Indo-Indonesian maritime vision that emphasizes cooperative security, maritime peace, and mutual development across the Indo-Pacific region.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	INS Kadmatt Port Call at Surabaya
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	Surabaya, Indonesia
Issuing authority	Indian Navy / Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	Partnership Across Sea
Key figures	Indian Naval personnel, TNI AL officers, Indian diaspora in Indonesia
Purpose/reason	Strengthen Indo-Indonesian naval cooperation and operational interoperability
Feature details	Cross-deck visits, yoga sessions, volleyball match, diaspora interaction
Validity or status	Completed; enhanced mutual naval ties
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces India's regional maritime presence and defense diplomacy efforts

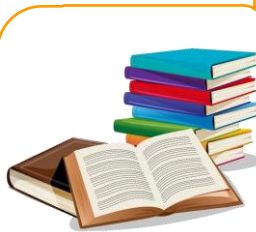


➤ **What was the purpose of INS Tamal's port call at Souda Bay, Greece?**

- A) Humanitarian relief operation
- B) To participate in a NATO war exercise
- C) Strengthening maritime cooperation with Greece and NATO
- D) Delivery of defence equipment
- E) Launching a joint submarine patrol mission

Answer

C) Strengthening maritime cooperation with Greece and NATO

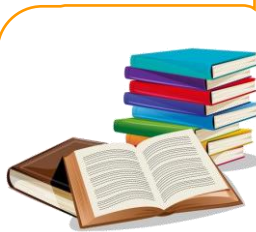


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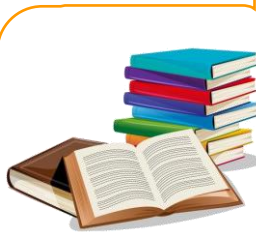
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Port call of INS Tamal at Souda Bay, Greece
- **Location:** Souda Bay Naval Base, Crete, Greece
- **Date:** August 19–22, 2025



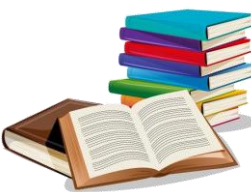
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** INS Tamal, the Indian Navy's newest stealth frigate, completed a port call at Souda Bay, engaging with Hellenic Navy, NATO officials, and Italian Navy personnel. The visit involved professional discussions, cross-deck visits, and a passage exercise.
- **Objectives:** To enhance naval interoperability, build strategic defence ties with Greece and NATO, and demonstrate India's commitment to maritime diplomacy in the Mediterranean and European region.



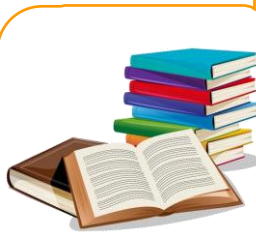
Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Tamal:** The Indian Navy's latest stealth frigate, equipped with advanced technology for multi-role operations, particularly designed for long-range maritime operations.
- **Souda Bay Naval Base:** A strategic naval facility in Crete, Greece, operated jointly by the Hellenic Navy and NATO, serving as a key hub for Mediterranean maritime operations.
- **NMIOTC (NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre):** A NATO facility focused on maritime security and interdiction training, based in Souda Bay.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Passage Exercise (PASSEX):** Naval drill conducted between ships of friendly nations to improve operational coordination and interoperability.
- **HS Ritsos:** A Roussen-class fast attack craft of the Hellenic Navy used in joint naval operations and defence exercises.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	INS Tamal Port Call at Souda Bay, Greece
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	Souda Bay, Crete, Greece
Issuing authority	Indian Navy / Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	Indo-Greek Maritime Defence Engagement
Key figures	Commodore Dionysios Mantadakis, Capt. Kouplakis, Capt. Stephen Steacy, Amb. Rudrendra Tandon
Purpose/reason	Strengthen defence ties and operational coordination with Greek and NATO navies
Feature details	Cross-deck visits, ceremonial events, PASSEX with HS Ritsos, museum visits
Validity or status	Port call concluded; ship en route to India with more diplomatic visits ahead
Strategic/significant value	Enhances maritime diplomacy, deepens Indo-Greek defence cooperation and NATO interoperability

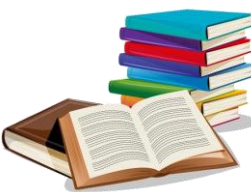


➤ **What was the focus of the 11th round of negotiations held between India and Australia in August 2025?**

- A) Defense Cooperation
- B) Technology Transfer Treaty
- C) Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
- D) Climate Change Pact
- E) Maritime Security Agreement

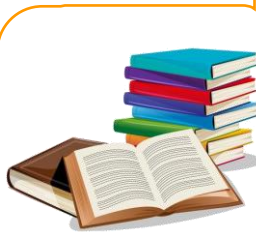
Answer

C) Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement



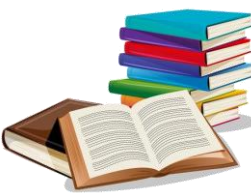
Event and Location:

- **Event:** 11th Round of CECA negotiations between India and Australia
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** August 18–23, 2025



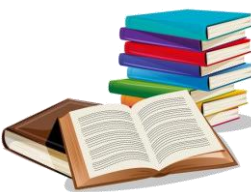
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India and Australia held the 11th round of Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) negotiations to further strengthen trade and economic ties.
- **Objectives:** To achieve convergence on key trade areas including Goods, Services and Mobility, Digital Trade, Rules of Origin, and socio-economic standards such as Labour, Environment, and Gender, aiming for a balanced and mutually beneficial agreement.



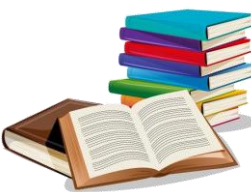
Important Terms Explained:

- **CECA (Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement):** A free trade agreement between two nations that includes not only trade in goods and services but also investment, mobility, and cooperation in socio-economic sectors.
- **Rules of Origin:** Criteria used to define the national source of a product, important for determining tariff applicability under trade agreements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Trade:** Trade in goods and services that is digitally ordered and/or delivered, including cross-border data flows, e-commerce, and intellectual property.
- **Intersessional Meetings:** Negotiation sessions held virtually or between formal rounds to maintain momentum and resolve pending issues.



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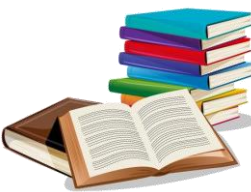
Parameter	Details
Event name	11th Round of India-Australia CECA Negotiations
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
Policy/series name	India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)
Key figures	Trade negotiators and officials from India and Australia
Purpose/reason	To advance bilateral trade and economic cooperation
Feature details	Covered Goods, Services, Digital Trade, Labour, Environment, Gender, etc.
Validity or status	11th round concluded; further talks via virtual intersessions planned
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's global trade aspirations and enhances Indo-Australian ties



➤ Which French company has partnered with India to co-develop jet engines for the AMCA fighter aircraft?

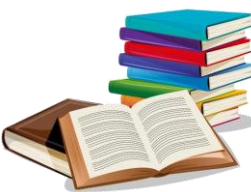
- A) Airbus
- B) Thales
- C) Dassault
- D) Safran
- E) MBDA

Answer
D) Safran



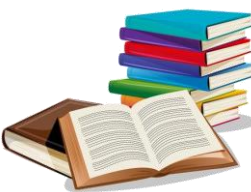
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India–France partnership to co-develop fighter jet engines for AMCA
- **Location:** India–France collaboration (Indian production)
- **Date:** Announced on August 23, 2025



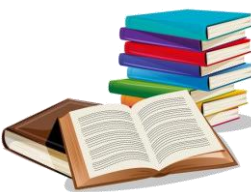
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Co-development and domestic manufacturing of high-thrust fighter jet engines by Safran (France), DRDO, and HAL for India's AMCA fighter jet
- **Objectives:** Enhance indigenous jet engine capabilities, reduce dependence on imports, strengthen strategic partnerships, and boost India's defence exports



Important Terms Explained:

- **AMCA (Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft):** India's fifth-generation stealth fighter jet under development by DRDO and HAL, designed to be manufactured in two variants—Mark 1 (existing engines) and Mark 2 (new co-developed engine)
- **Safran:** A leading French aerospace and defence company specializing in aircraft engines and propulsion systems
- **110 kN Jet Engine:** A next-gen high-thrust engine being co-developed, expected to power AMCA Mk-2 with global export and combat capabilities



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India–France Jet Engine Partnership for AMCA
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	India and France
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, Government of India
Policy/series name	AMCA Project, Make in India, India–France Defence Cooperation
Key figures	Rajnath Singh, Safran CEO Olivier Andriès, DRDO, HAL
Purpose/reason	To develop high-thrust jet engines indigenously for 5th-gen fighter aircraft
Feature details	110 kN engine thrust, technology transfer, full-scale local production
Validity or status	Partnership confirmed; development to take 10 years
Strategic significance	Enhances defence self-reliance and global export capability



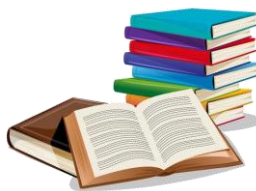
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- Under the NAMASTE scheme, how many sanitation workers have been provided PPE Kits as of August 2025?

- A) 85,819
- B) 60,586
- C) 76,736
- D) 25,000
- E) 90,000

Answer
C) 76,736

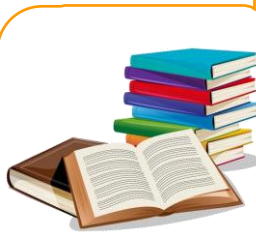


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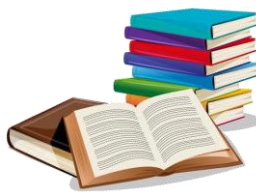
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Awareness and welfare distribution program under the NAMASTE Scheme
- **Location:** Shri Krishna Memorial Hall, Gandhi Maidan Road, Patna, Bihar
- **Date:** August 23, 2025



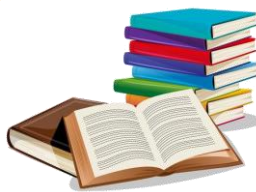
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Profiling and welfare support for Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) across India under the NAMASTE scheme.
 - Distribution of PPE Kits, Ayushman Cards, and safety equipment for Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs).
 - Conducted an awareness program including Rang Paridhan (fashion show) to highlight PPE utility.



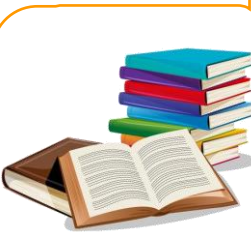
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure dignity, safety, and social-economic empowerment of sanitation workers.
 - Provide health insurance, protective gear, and skill development through targeted interventions.
 - Promote inclusion and welfare of marginalized communities in sanitation work.



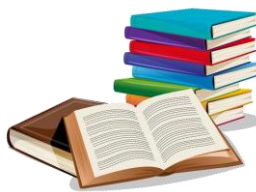
Important Terms Explained:

- **NAMASTE Scheme:**
 - Stands for National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem.
 - Launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to eliminate hazardous manual cleaning and ensure welfare of sanitation workers through health, safety, and livelihood support.
- **Ayushman Cards:**
 - Issued under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).
 - Provides free health insurance cover of ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PPE Kits (Personal Protective Equipment):**
 - Safety gear like gloves, masks, boots, and suits distributed to sanitation workers to prevent occupational hazards.
- **ERSU (Emergency Response Sanitation Unit):**
 - Equipped teams to handle emergency sanitation operations in a mechanized, safe, and dignified manner.



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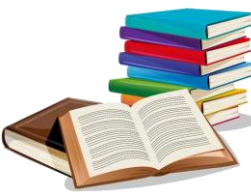
Parameter	Details
Event name	NAMASTE Scheme Implementation Awareness Program
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	Patna, Bihar
Issuing authority	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Policy/series name	NAMASTE (National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem) Scheme
Key figures	Dr. Virendra Kumar, Shri Madan Sahni, Shri Jivesh Kumar, Smt. Sita Sahu
Purpose/reason	Empower sanitation workers via profiling, health cover, and PPE distribution
Feature details	PPE Kits, Ayushman Cards, FFPO formation, ERSU safety kits, Rang Paridhan
Validity or status	Ongoing, with continued profiling and distribution
Strategic/significant value	Supports inclusive development and occupational safety in sanitation sector



➤ What is the total amount allocated by the Tamil Nadu government for crop and livestock loans in 2025–26?

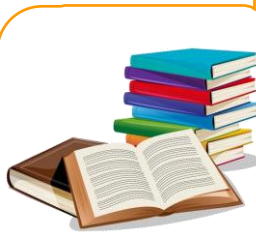
- A) ₹15,000 crore
- B) ₹17,000 crore
- C) ₹20,000 crore
- D) ₹19,000 crore
- E) ₹21,000 crore

Answer
D) ₹20,000 crore



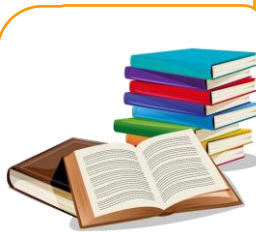
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch and state-wide expansion of Tamil Nadu's instant crop loan scheme
- **Location:** Tamil Nadu, India
- **Date:** August 17, 2025 (initial launch); August 23, 2025 (announcement of expansion)



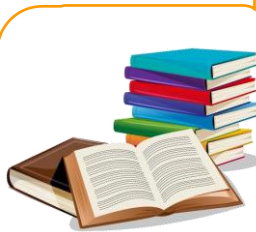
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Tamil Nadu government announced the disbursement of ₹17,000 crore in crop loans and ₹3,000 crore in livestock loans for the financial year 2025–26. The instant crop loan scheme enables farmers to apply online and receive credit on the same day via Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS).
- **Objectives:** To provide immediate financial assistance to farmers and streamline the loan disbursement process through digitization, reducing physical visits and paperwork, and increasing agricultural productivity and rural development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Instant Crop Loan Scheme:** A flagship scheme by the Tamil Nadu government where farmers can apply online and receive credit through PACS on the same day without physically visiting the society.
- **Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS):** Grassroots-level cooperative institutions that provide financial services, credit, and support to farmers, particularly for agriculture-related needs.
- **e-Service Centres:** Government-facilitated digital service kiosks or centres that help citizens access government services, including loan applications, online.



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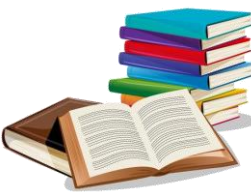
Parameter	Details
Event name	Expansion of instant crop loan scheme in Tamil Nadu
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Tamil Nadu State Government
Policy/series name	Instant Crop Loan Scheme
Key figures	Chief Minister M. K. Stalin
Purpose/reason	To provide fast and accessible credit to farmers and livestock owners
Feature details	Online loan application, same-day credit via PACS, max ₹5 lakh per farmer
Validity or status	Implemented; expanded state-wide from Dharmapuri pilot
Strategic/significant value	Promotes digitization, reduces bureaucracy, boosts rural credit



➤ What is the life insurance amount announced by the Andhra Pradesh Government for regular municipal workers?

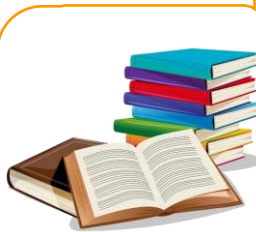
- A) ₹20 lakh
- B) ₹50 lakh
- C) ₹1 crore
- D) ₹80 lakh
- E) ₹5 crore

Answer
C) ₹1 crore



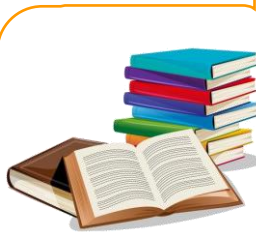
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh government's announcement of life insurance cover for municipal and outsourced workers
- **Location:** Peddapuram, Kakinada district, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** August 23, 2025



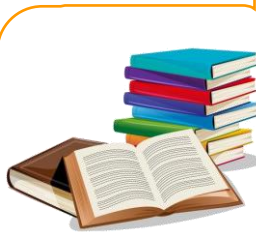
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Andhra Pradesh government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, has announced a ₹1 crore life insurance cover for regular municipal workers and ₹20 lakh for outsourced workers. Education support of up to ₹8 lakh for their children is also included.
- **Objectives:** To provide social security, financial assistance, and welfare benefits to frontline municipal staff and outsourced workers as part of the broader Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra campaign, promoting civic responsibility and cleanliness.



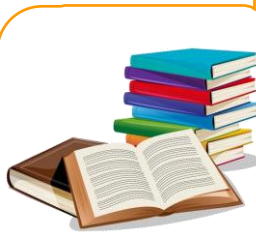
Important Terms Explained:

- **Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra Campaign:** A state-level initiative combining the objectives of cleanliness (Swachh) and golden development (Swarna) in Andhra Pradesh through active civic participation and infrastructure development.
- **Life Insurance Cover:** A government-funded financial support policy offering ₹1 crore to regular municipal workers' families and ₹20 lakh to outsourced workers' families in case of death or permanent disability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Outsourced Workers:** Individuals employed through third-party contracts, not directly under government payroll but involved in municipal services such as sanitation and waste management.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Announcement of life cover for AP municipal and outsourced workers
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	Peddapuram, Kakinada district, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Andhra Pradesh State Government
Policy/series name	Part of Swachh Andhra – Swarna Andhra campaign
Key figures	Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu
Purpose/reason	To enhance worker welfare and ensure financial protection
Feature details	₹1 crore cover for municipal staff, ₹20 lakh for outsourced workers, ₹8 lakh education aid
Validity or status	Announced and applicable to municipal and outsourced workers
Strategic/significant value	Supports frontline civic workers, strengthens cleanliness mission

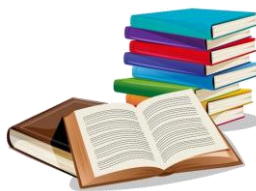


➤ **What facility's foundation stone was laid by the Prime Minister at Sardardham Phase-II in Ahmedabad?**

- A) Skill Development Centre
- B) Women's Police Academy
- C) Kanya Chhatralaya (Girls' Hostel)
- D) Rural Health Centre
- E) PM Solar Park

Answer

C) Kanya Chhatralaya (Girls' Hostel)

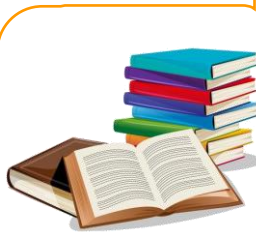


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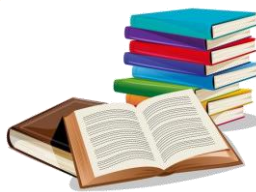
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Foundation stone laying ceremony of Sardardham Phase-II, Kanya Chhatralaya
- **Location:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- **Date:** August 24, 2025



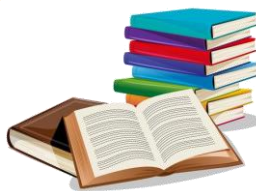
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for Kanya Chhatralaya, a girls' hostel under Sardardham Phase-II, with capacity for 3,000 girls, and lauded ongoing hostel projects across Baroda, Surat, Rajkot, and Mehsana.
- **Objectives:** To promote girls' education, empowerment, and social upliftment by providing safe residential infrastructure and equal opportunities to girls, contributing to nation-building through women's development.



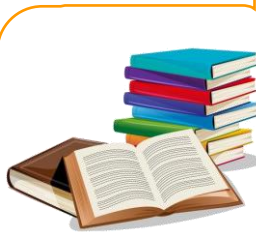
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kanya Chhatralaya:** A dedicated girls' hostel aimed at supporting higher education for daughters in a safe, secure, and equipped environment.
- **Sardardham:** A socio-cultural and educational organization in Gujarat working for youth development, particularly in education, skills, and employment.
- **Skill India Mission:** A national mission launched to train over 40 crore Indians in different industry-relevant skills to improve employability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Education Policy (NEP):** India's reformed education framework focusing on holistic development, skill integration, flexibility in curriculum, and better learning outcomes.
- **MUDRA Yojana:** A government scheme offering collateral-free loans to micro and small businesses under the PMMY (Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana), especially for youth and women entrepreneurs.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Foundation stone laying of Sardardham Phase-II Kanya Chhatralaya
Announcement date	August 24, 2025
Location	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Issuing authority	Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Government of India
Policy/series name	Kanya Chhatralaya under Sardardham Phase-II
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Sardardham trustees including Gagji Bhai, V. K. Patel
Purpose/reason	To provide quality hostel facilities and promote higher education for girls
Feature details	Hostel for 3,000 girls, other hostels in Vadodara, Surat, Rajkot, Mehsana
Validity or status	Foundation stone laid; construction and expansion in progress
Strategic/significant value	Supports girls' education, gender equality, and long-term empowerment goals

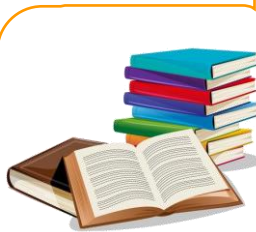


➤ **What was the main purpose of the “AI for Good Governance” workshop conducted in Manipur?**

- A) To launch an AI startup scheme
- B) To train teachers on digital education
- C) To build AI capacity among government officials
- D) To implement AI robots in schools
- E) To create AI-based video games

Answer

C) To build AI capacity among government officials

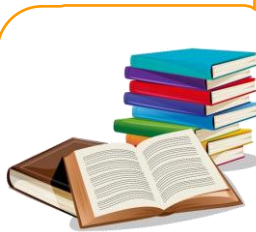


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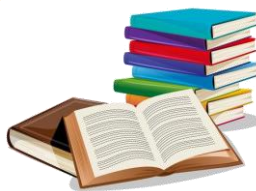
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Two-day workshop on “AI for Good Governance”
- **Location:** State Academy of Training (SAT), Imphal, Manipur
- **Date:** August 21–22, 2025



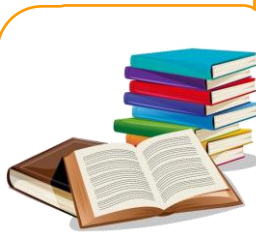
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Department of Information Technology (DIT), Manipur, in collaboration with NeGD under MeitY, organized a two-day sensitization and capacity building workshop to train senior officials in AI adoption for governance.
- **Objectives:** To promote the understanding, integration, and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in various sectors of state governance, such as legal case management and GIS-based habitation mapping, aiming to improve efficiency, transparency, and service delivery.



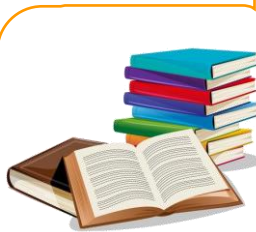
Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** A field of computer science focused on building systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as decision-making, pattern recognition, and predictive analysis.
- **NeGD (National e-Governance Division):** An autonomous body under MeitY responsible for supporting the implementation of e-Governance initiatives across India, especially through the Capacity Building Scheme.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Capacity Building Scheme:** A program by NeGD aimed at training and equipping government officials with digital and technological competencies to effectively implement e-Governance.
- **GIS-based Habitation Mapping:** Use of Geographic Information Systems to digitally map and analyze village habitation patterns for targeted planning and governance.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	AI for Good Governance Workshop
Announcement date	August 24, 2025
Location	Imphal, Manipur
Issuing authority	DIT Manipur in collaboration with NeGD, MeitY
Policy/series name	Capacity Building Scheme (NeGD)
Key figures	Shri Thokchom Kiran Kumar (Secretary IT), Shri Nambam Deben, SeMT officials
Purpose/reason	To train government officers in integrating AI into public administration
Feature details	Focus on legal case management, GIS mapping, citizen-centric delivery
Validity or status	Successfully conducted; over 50 officers participated
Strategic/significant value	Supports AI-enabled governance and builds digital capacity in Manipur

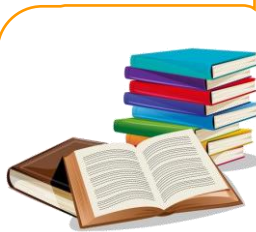


➤ **What was the occasion for organizing the All India Speakers' Conference at the Delhi Assembly in August 2025?**

- A) Celebration of Constitution Day
- B) Launch of the Digital Parliament Initiative
- C) Centenary of Vitthalbhai Patel becoming first elected Indian President of Central Legislative Assembly
- D) 75th Anniversary of Lok Sabha
- E) Launch of National Legislative Archives

Answer

C) Centenary of Vitthalbhai Patel becoming first elected Indian President of Central Legislative Assembly

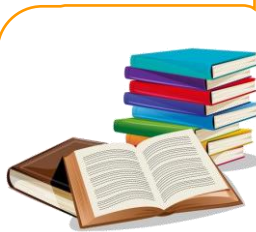


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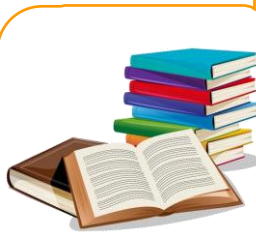
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the All India Speakers' Conference commemorating Vitthalbhai Patel's centenary
- **Location:** Delhi Legislative Assembly, Delhi
- **Date:** August 24, 2025



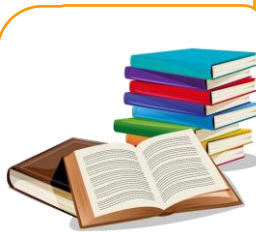
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the two-day All India Speakers' Conference organized at the Delhi Assembly to mark 100 years since Vitthalbhai Patel became the first elected Indian President of the Central Legislative Assembly.
- **Objectives:** To honor Vitthalbhai Patel's contributions to Indian legislative traditions, promote healthy debates and democratic decorum in assemblies, and call for the documentation and dissemination of historic speeches and legislative values to future generations.



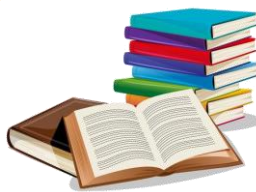
Important Terms Explained:

- **Vitthalbhai Patel:** A prominent freedom fighter and elder brother of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who became the first elected Indian President of the Central Legislative Assembly in 1925, establishing key legislative traditions.
- **Central Legislative Assembly:** The legislative body under British India's Government of India Act (1919), precursor to the modern Indian Parliament.



Important Terms Explained:

- **All India Speakers' Conference:** A national gathering of Speakers, Deputy Speakers, and legislative heads to deliberate on legislative practices, parliamentary conduct, and the role of Speakers in strengthening democracy.
- **Democratic Deliberation:** A cornerstone of legislative functioning, emphasizing debate, discussion, and consensus in the law-making process.

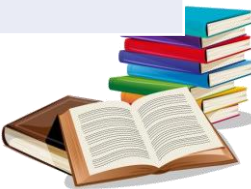


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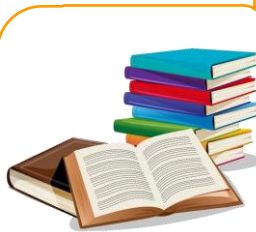
Parameter	Details
Event name	All India Speakers' Conference
Announcement date	August 24, 2025
Location	Delhi Legislative Assembly
Issuing authority	Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation
Policy/series name	100th Anniversary of Vitthalbhai Patel's Presidency
Key figures	Shri Amit Shah, Shri Vijender Gupta, Smt. Rekha Gupta, Shri Kiren Rijiju
Purpose/reason	To honor legislative traditions and promote democratic discourse
Feature details	Exhibition on Vitthalbhai Patel, speeches on democratic conduct, reflections on Speaker's role
Validity or status	Conference held; compilation of speeches and recommendations underway
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces the dignity of legislatures, promotes ethical lawmaking, preserves democratic heritage



➤ Which city has the Government of Assam received a land parcel in, as announced by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal?

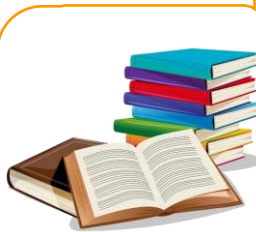
- A) Guwahati
- B) New Delhi
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Mumbai
- E) Hyderabad

Answer
D) Mumbai



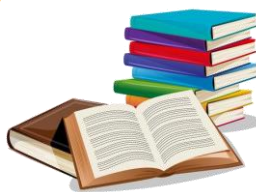
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Allotment of land parcel in Mumbai to the Government of Assam by Mumbai Port Authority
- **Location:** Colaba, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** August 24, 2025



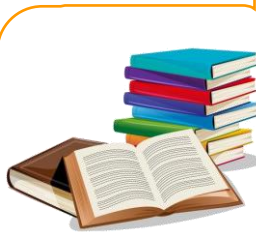
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Mumbai Port Authority (MPA) has allotted four bighas of land at Colaba, Mumbai, to the Government of Assam on a 60-year lease for infrastructure development. The allotment follows a formal request from the Assam Chief Secretary.
- **Objectives:** To develop people-centric infrastructure for the welfare of Assamese citizens in Mumbai, focusing on healthcare, education, social services, and entrepreneurial incubation, enabling better access to services and opportunities in India's financial capital.



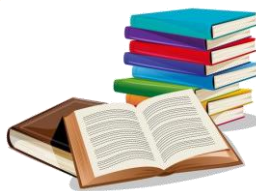
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mumbai Port Authority (MPA):** A statutory body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, responsible for managing one of India's oldest and most prominent ports – Mumbai Port.
- **People-Centric Infrastructure:** Infrastructure projects aimed at directly improving the quality of life and accessibility for citizens, including health, education, welfare, and support services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Lease (60 years):** A long-term agreement between the Mumbai Port Authority and Government of Assam allowing the use of the land for public development while retaining ownership with the Port Authority.
- **Atmanirbhar Northeast:** A vision aligned with the Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) initiative, focused on empowering the North-Eastern states economically and socially.

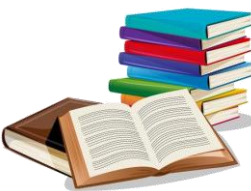


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Allotment of land parcel to Assam at Colaba, Mumbai
Announcement date	August 24, 2025
Location	Colaba, Mumbai, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Mumbai Port Authority under MoPSW
Policy/series name	Assam Development Infrastructure Initiative
Key figures	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Purpose/reason	To facilitate infrastructure for Assamese citizens in Mumbai
Feature details	Four bighas leased for 60 years for healthcare, education, incubation, etc.
Validity or status	Land allotted; project planning phase ongoing
Strategic/significant value	Supports Northeast integration, access to financial capital, social inclusion

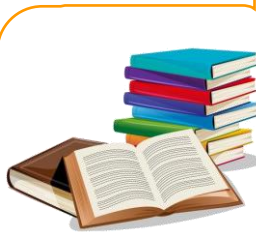


➤ **What is the primary objective of the Centre's new pilot project in Kuttanad, Kerala?**

- A) Launch marine tourism in Vembanad lake
- B) Build fishing harbours in all coastal districts
- C) Revive diversified fish farming and boost livelihoods
- D) Export ornamental fish from Kerala
- E) Launch deep-sea fishing vessels for inland use

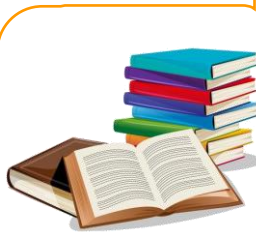
Answer

C) Revive diversified fish farming and boost livelihoods



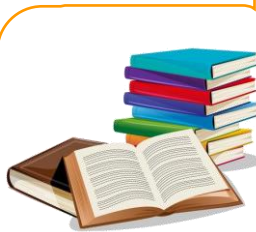
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of a pilot project to revive diversified fish farming
- **Location:** Kuttanad region, Kerala
- **Date:** Announced on August 23, 2025



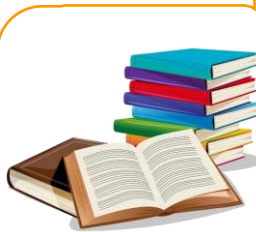
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Department of Fisheries, Government of India, announced a pilot project at a meeting held at ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi, to revive diversified aquaculture practices in Kuttanad, Kerala.
- **Objectives:** To boost livelihood opportunities for local fish farmers by promoting sustainable and integrated aquaculture models like "One Fish One Paddy", cage culture, biofloc systems, and by forming Fish Farmers Producers Organizations (FFPOs) for community empowerment.



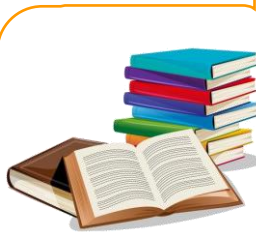
Important Terms Explained:

- **Integrated Fish Farming:** A system where fish farming is integrated with agriculture or livestock farming to maximize resource use and income.
- **Cage Fish Farming:** A method where fish are reared in cages placed in natural water bodies, allowing easy access and efficient water use.
- **One Fish One Paddy:** A traditional, eco-friendly farming model used in Kerala where fish are cultivated alongside paddy crops in the same field.
- **Biofloc Technology:** An advanced aquaculture technique using beneficial microbes to convert fish waste into feed, improving sustainability and reducing environmental impact.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fish Farmers Producers Organizations (FFPOs):** Collectives of fish farmers established to enhance bargaining power, improve market access, and streamline operations in the fisheries sector.
- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK):** Agricultural extension centers in India that provide training and knowledge transfer to farmers at the grassroots level.

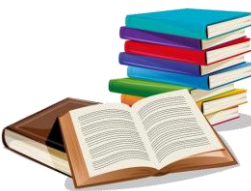


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of pilot project for diversified fish farming in Kuttanad
Announcement date	August 23, 2025
Location	Kuttanad, Kerala
Issuing authority	Department of Fisheries, Government of India
Policy/series name	Pilot Initiative for Aquaculture Development
Key figures	Shri George Kurian, Dr. Grinson George, Dr. Imelda Joseph, Dr. Mohammed Koya
Purpose/reason	To revive aquaculture practices and enhance livelihoods of fish farmers
Feature details	FFPOs, biofloc, cage farming, integrated farming, freshwater/brackish models
Validity or status	Project announced; Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation underway
Strategic/significant value	Empowers local communities, increases employment, supports sustainable fisheries

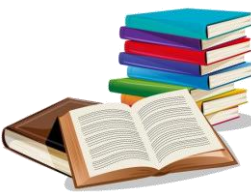


➤ Which expressway's foundation stone was recently laid by PM Modi to enhance connectivity in West Bengal?

- A) Eastern Expressway
- B) Kona Expressway
- C) Howrah Corridor
- D) Bengal Link Road
- E) Shyambazar Elevated Road

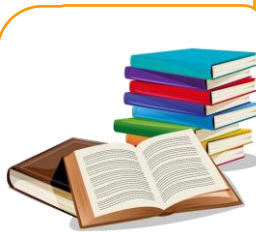
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B) Kona Expressway



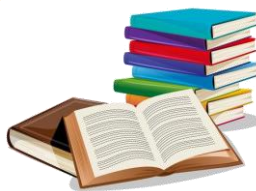
Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi inaugurates and lays foundation stones for ₹5,200 crore infrastructure projects
- **Location:** Kolkata, West Bengal
- **Date:** August 22, 2025



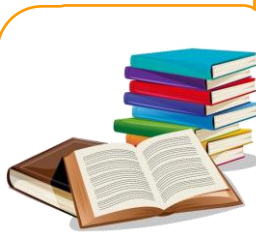
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Inauguration of metro lines, foundation stone for Kona Expressway, launch of MEMU train, and expansion of rail connectivity
- **Objectives:** To boost urban mobility, reduce travel time, improve airport and IT hub access, and enhance trade, commerce, and tourism in West Bengal



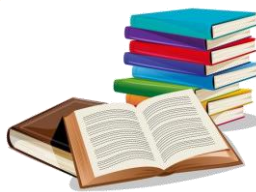
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kona Expressway:** A 6-lane, 7.2 km elevated road project aimed at improving port and regional connectivity in Kolkata and Howrah
- **Vande Bharat Trains:** High-speed, semi-bullet trains manufactured in India to improve passenger travel experience
- **MEMU Train:** Mainline Electric Multiple Unit, used for semi-urban and short-distance travel with improved efficiency



Important Terms Explained:

- **Metro Network Expansion:** Addition of 14 km of metro lines and 7 new stations to Kolkata Metro, enhancing daily commuter mobility
- **Howrah Metro Subway:** A multi-modal underground subway at Howrah Station for seamless interchange between major railway lines

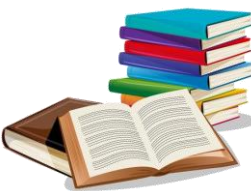


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration and foundation stone laying of Kolkata infrastructure projects
Announcement date	August 22, 2025
Location	Kolkata, West Bengal
Issuing authority	Government of India / Prime Minister's Office
Policy/series name	Urban Mobility & Infrastructure Modernisation Initiative
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, CM Mamata Banerjee
Purpose/reason	To boost urban transport, enhance connectivity and reduce commute time
Feature details	Metro expansions, Kona Expressway, MEMU train launch, new subway
Validity or status	Ongoing; metro sections operational, expressway construction pending
Strategic significance	Promotes ease of living, economic growth, and urban modernization

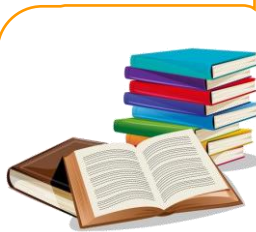


➤ Which major bridge project inaugurated by PM Modi aims to reduce the distance between North and South Bihar by 100 km?

- A) Bakhtiyarpur–Mokama Bridge
- B) Aunta–Simaria Bridge
- C) Bhagalpur River Link
- D) Ganga Express Bridge
- E) Dumraon–Bikramganj Bridge

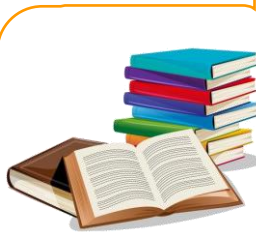
Answer

B) Aunta–Simaria Bridge



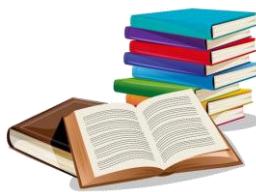
Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi inaugurates infrastructure projects worth ₹12,000 crore
- **Location:** Gaya, Bihar
- **Date:** August 22, 2025



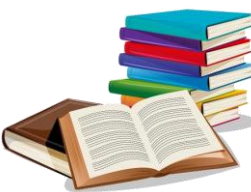
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Inauguration of projects across energy, transport, healthcare, housing, railways, and urban development
- **Objectives:** To boost connectivity, industrial capacity, job creation, healthcare access, energy supply, and religious tourism in Bihar ahead of state assembly elections



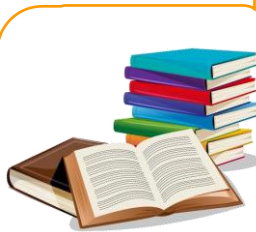
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aunta–Simaria Bridge:** An 8.15 km road project including a six-lane, 1.86 km bridge over the Ganga, significantly reducing travel distance between north and south Bihar
- **Namami Gange:** A central government initiative for river Ganga rejuvenation and clean-up through infrastructure like sewage treatment plants
- **PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana):** A housing scheme aimed at providing affordable housing to rural and urban poor with basic amenities



Important Terms Explained:

- **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:** An initiative to modernize railway stations with airport-like facilities, focusing on passenger experience and infrastructure
- **Amrit Bharat Express:** A new semi-high-speed train service offering modern amenities, connectivity, and enhanced passenger comfort

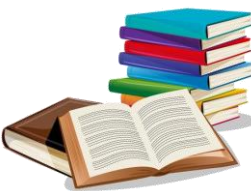


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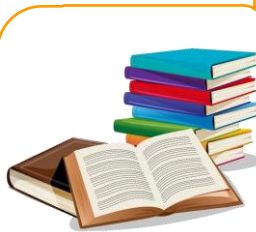
Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi inaugurates infrastructure projects in Bihar
Announcement date	August 22, 2025
Location	Gaya, Bihar
Issuing authority	Prime Minister's Office / Government of India
Policy/series name	Multi-sector infrastructure push ahead of Bihar elections
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, CM Nitish Kumar
Purpose/reason	To boost development, connectivity, jobs, and welfare
Feature details	Roads, bridges, power plants, STPs, housing, trains, hospitals
Validity or status	Some projects inaugurated; others in construction phase
Strategic significance	Enhances Bihar's industrial growth, healthcare access, and religious tourism



- Which organization collaborated with NITI Aayog to release the report titled "Rethinking Homestays: Navigating Policy Pathways"?

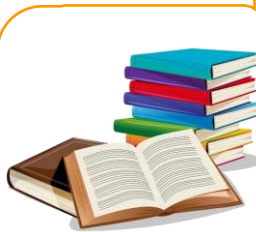
- A) FICCI
- B) IAMAI
- C) CII
- D) NASSCOM
- E) ASSOCHAM

Answer
B) IAMAI



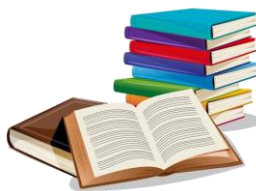
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of report titled Rethinking Homestays: Navigating Policy Pathways
- **Location:** New Delhi (national-level applicability)
- **Date:** 22 August 2025



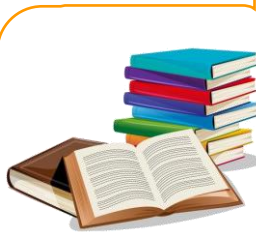
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Release of a strategic report co-developed by NITI Aayog and IAMAI outlining regulatory, policy, and digital strategies for India's homestay sector
- **Objectives:** To promote culturally immersive travel experiences, create rural employment, ensure safety and heritage conservation, and propose light regulatory frameworks for a vibrant homestay ecosystem



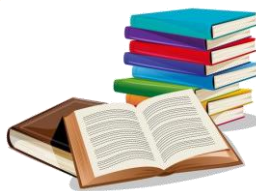
Important Terms Explained:

- **Homestays:** Private homes offering accommodation services to tourists, allowing cultural immersion and local interaction, distinct from commercial hotels
- **IAMAI (Internet and Mobile Association of India):** An industry body representing digital businesses in India, involved in promoting tech-enabled travel and tourism services
- **Light-touch regulation:** A policy approach advocating minimal but effective regulation, aimed at enabling innovation while ensuring basic standards of safety and accountability



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Empowerment of Hosts:** Use of platforms and tools to train homestay owners, ensure transparency, and build consumer trust
- **BnBs (Bed and Breakfasts):** Lodging facilities offering overnight stays and morning meals, usually in family-owned residences

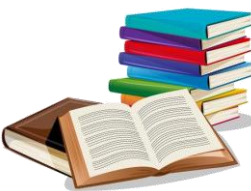


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Rethinking Homestays report
Announcement date	22 August 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	NITI Aayog in collaboration with IAMAI
Policy/series name	Rethinking Homestays: Navigating Policy Pathways
Key figures	Suman Bery (Vice Chairman), Yugal Kishore Joshi (Programme Director)
Purpose/reason	To provide strategic policy direction for strengthening India's homestay ecosystem
Feature details	Best practices, digital empowerment, flexible regulation, livelihood focus
Validity or status	Policy advisory – live for stakeholder reference and implementation
Strategic significance	Enhancing rural tourism, supporting cultural heritage, driving local jobs

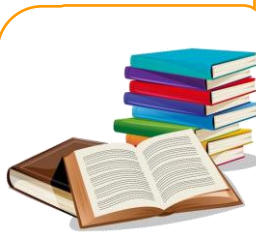


➤ Which three cities will host APEDA's newly announced regional offices to support agri-exporters?

- A) Lucknow, Jaipur, Ranchi
- B) Patna, Raipur, Dehradun
- C) Bhopal, Ahmedabad, Indore
- D) Varanasi, Kolkata, Surat
- E) Chennai, Guwahati, Kochi

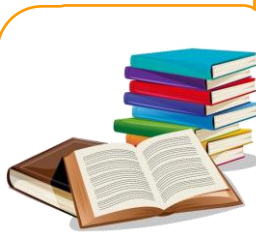
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B) Patna, Raipur, Dehradun



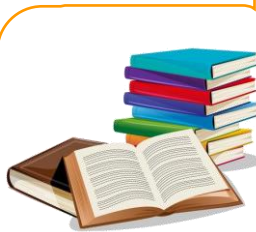
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Opening of new APEDA regional offices
- **Location:** Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Dehradun (Uttarakhand)
- **Date:** Announced on August 22, 2025



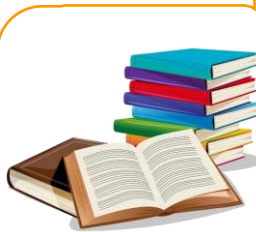
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** APEDA is launching new regional offices to facilitate agri-exports and strengthen exporter support across underserved regions
- **Objectives:** To boost agricultural exports, provide local institutional assistance, promote GI and organic products, and enhance exporter capabilities in line with national agri-export goals



Important Terms Explained:

- **APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority):** A statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry that promotes and facilitates exports of scheduled agri and food products
- **GI-tagged Products:** Geographical Indication products that denote goods associated with a specific region and quality, like Basmati rice or Litchi from Bihar
- **Sea Protocols for Perishables:** Guidelines and infrastructure enabling safe and cost-effective sea transportation for fruits, vegetables, and other perishable agri-products

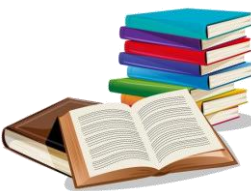


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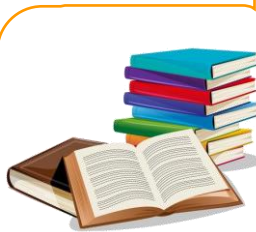
Parameter	Details
Event name	APEDA to open new regional offices
Announcement date	August 22, 2025
Location	Patna, Raipur, Dehradun
Issuing authority	APEDA (Ministry of Commerce and Industry)
Policy/series name	APEDA Expansion and Export Diversification Initiative
Key figures	M. Angamuthu (Chairman), Piyush Goyal (Minister)
Purpose/reason	To support agri-exporters and promote exports from underserved states
Feature details	Office setup, exporter registration, capacity building, packaging standards
Validity or status	Announced; office setup in progress
Strategic significance	Enhances reach, boosts rural economy, supports India's \$50B+ agri-exports



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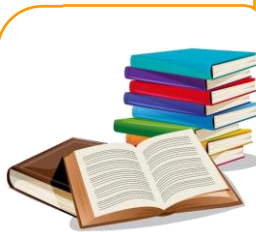
- India celebrated the 2nd National Space Day on August 23 to honour the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram Lander on the Moon.
- NITI Aayog has scheduled a high-level meeting with major two-wheeler manufacturers to boost the adoption of electric motorcycles.
- SEBI has approved the reclassification of LIC as a public shareholder in IDBI Bank.
- India's HSBC Flash Composite PMI Output Index surged to 65.2 in August 2025, marking the highest level since data collection began in 2005.
- India's forex reserves rose by \$1.48 billion to \$695.10 billion in the week ending August 15, 2025, according to the RBI.
- Srinivasan K Swamy has been re-elected as President of AAI for 2025–26, marking his fourth term.
- The Centre has formed two Rajiv Gauba-led high-level committees to implement next-generation reforms and achieve Viksit Bharat goals.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that an Indian astronaut will declare "Viksit Bharat 2047" from the Moon by 2040.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate SEMICON India 2025 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 2 September 2025.



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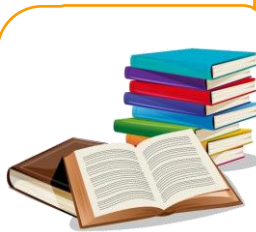
- DRDO has successfully conducted the maiden flight-tests of the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS) off the Odisha coast.
- Indian Naval Ship INS Kadmatt completed a successful three-day port call at Surabaya, Indonesia.
- INS Tamal concluded a successful port call at Souda Bay, Greece, from August 19 to 22, 2025.
- The 11th round of India-Australia CECA negotiations was held in New Delhi from August 18 to 23, 2025.
- India and France's Safran have partnered to co-develop jet engines for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA).
- Under the NAMASTE scheme, over 85,800 sewer and septic tank workers have been profiled nationwide.
- The Tamil Nadu government has announced ₹17,000 crore in crop loans and ₹3,000 crore in livestock loans for 2025–26.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced ₹1 crore life insurance cover for regular municipal staff.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Sardardham Phase-II Girls' Hostel in Ahmedabad.



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- Manipur conducted a two-day state-level workshop on “AI for Good Governance” on August 21–22, 2025.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the All India Speakers’ Conference at Delhi Assembly to commemorate 100 years of Vitthalbhai Patel’s historic election as the first Indian President of the Central Legislative Assembly.
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced the allotment of four bighas of land to Assam in Colaba, Mumbai, on a 60-year lease.
- The Centre has launched a pilot project to revive diversified fish farming in Kerala’s Kuttanad region.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for infrastructure projects worth ₹5,200 crore in Kolkata on August 22, 2025.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated infrastructure projects worth ₹12,000 crore in Gaya, Bihar, covering sectors like roads, railways, healthcare, and energy.
- NITI Aayog released the report Rethinking Homestays: Navigating Policy Pathways in collaboration with IAMAI on 22 August 2025.
- APEDA has announced the opening of three new regional offices in Patna, Raipur, and Dehradun to boost agri-export capacity in underserved regions.



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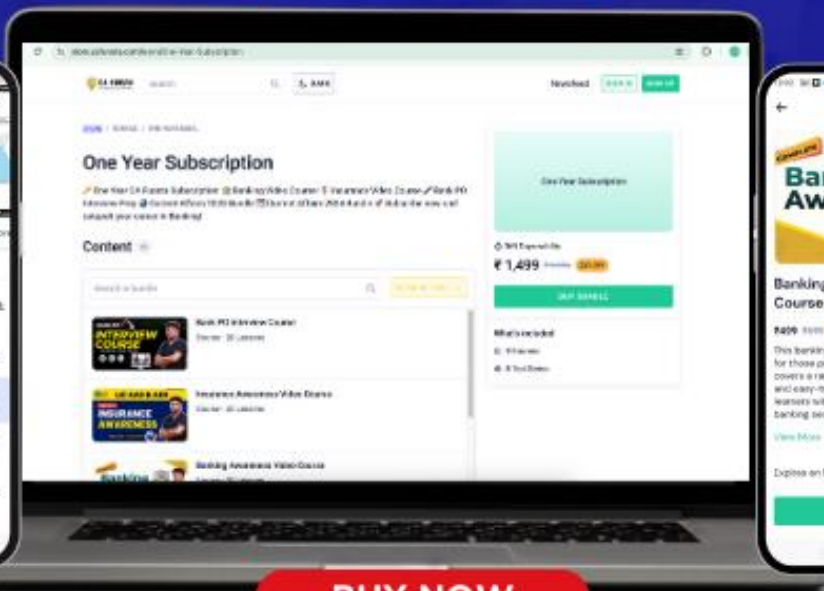
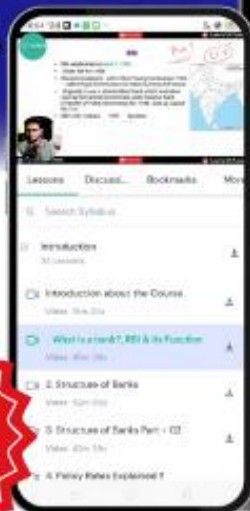


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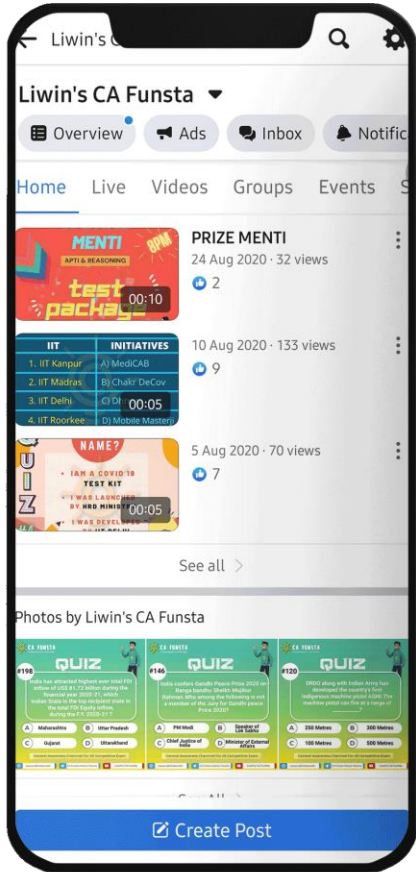
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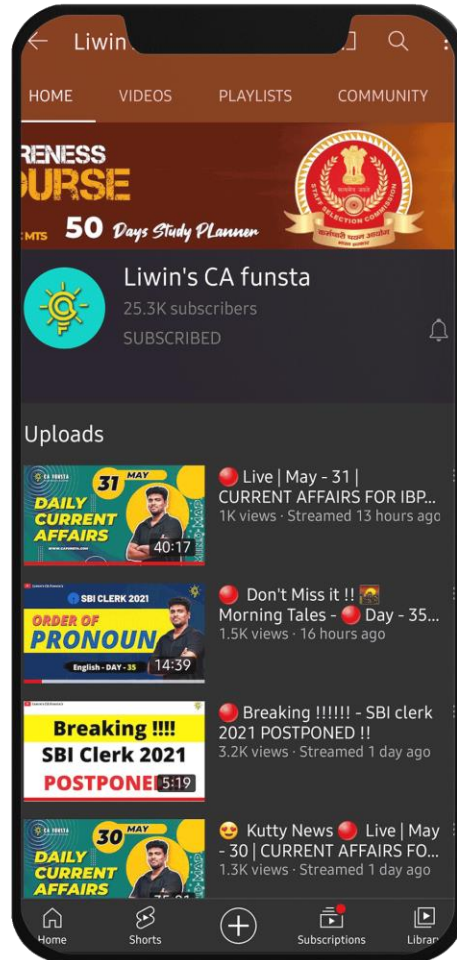


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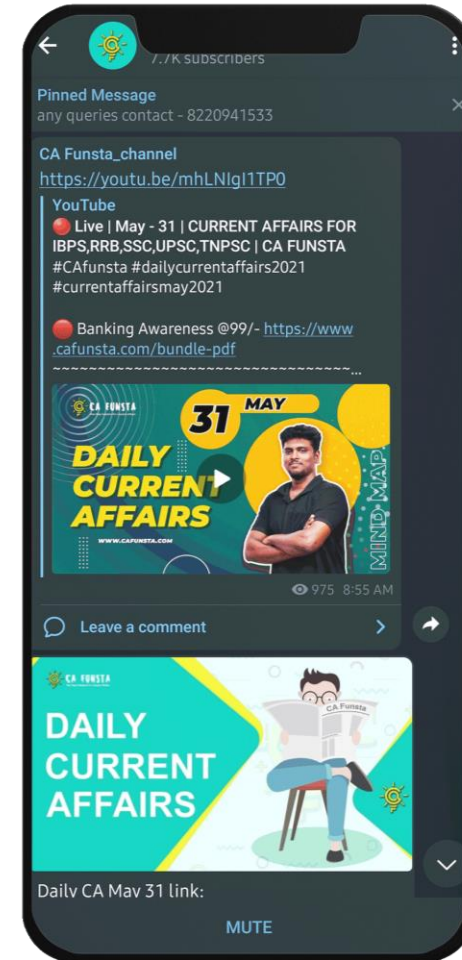
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