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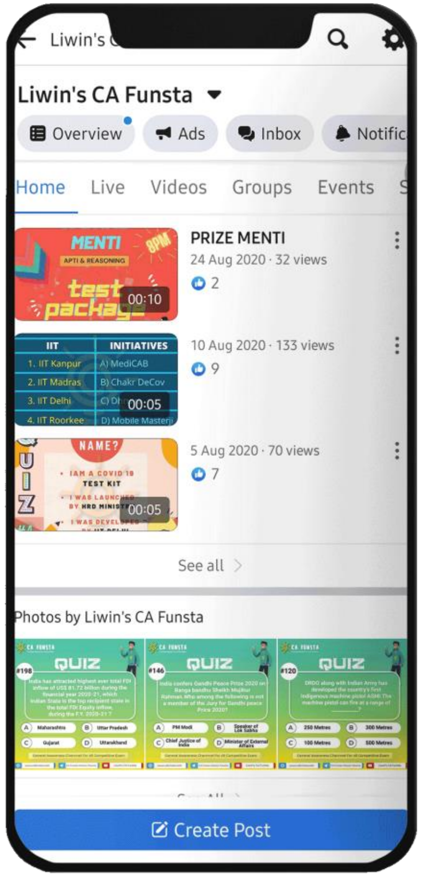

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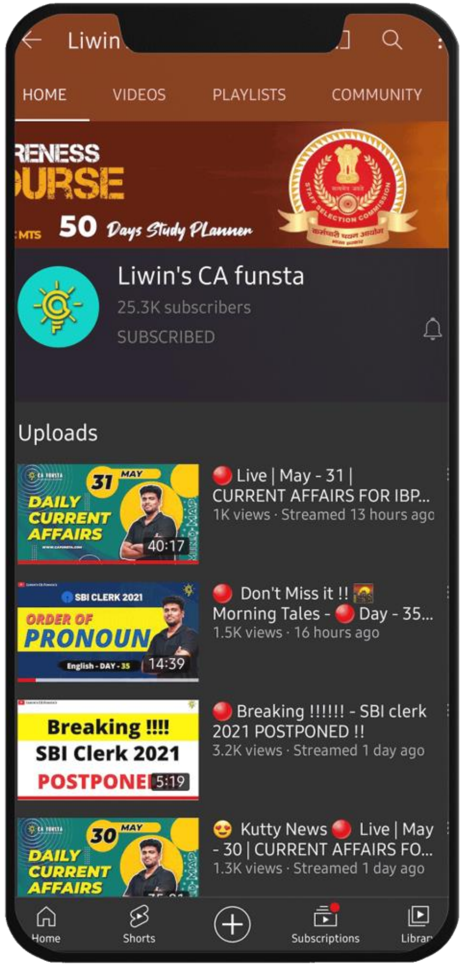

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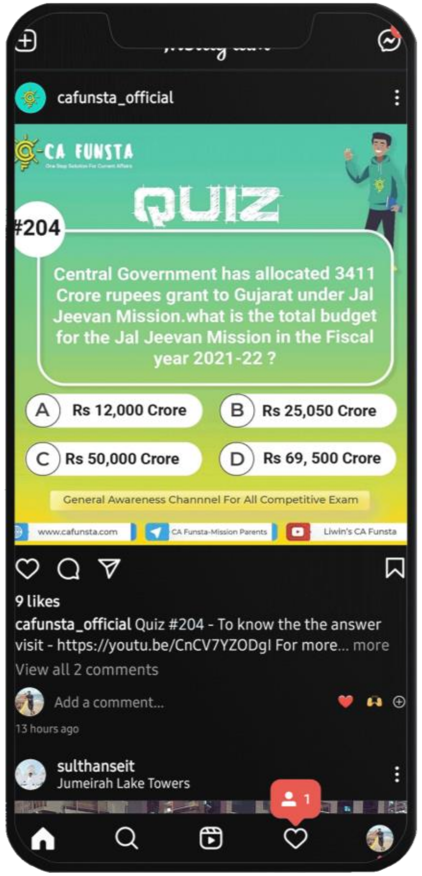

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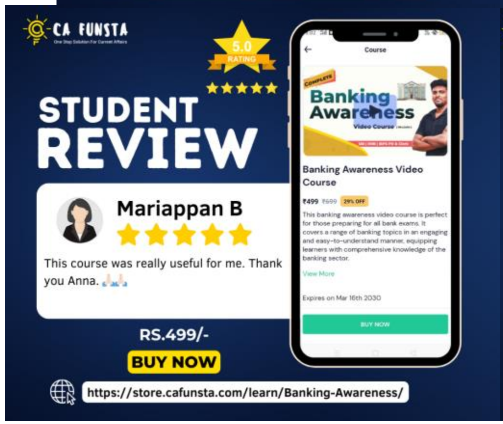
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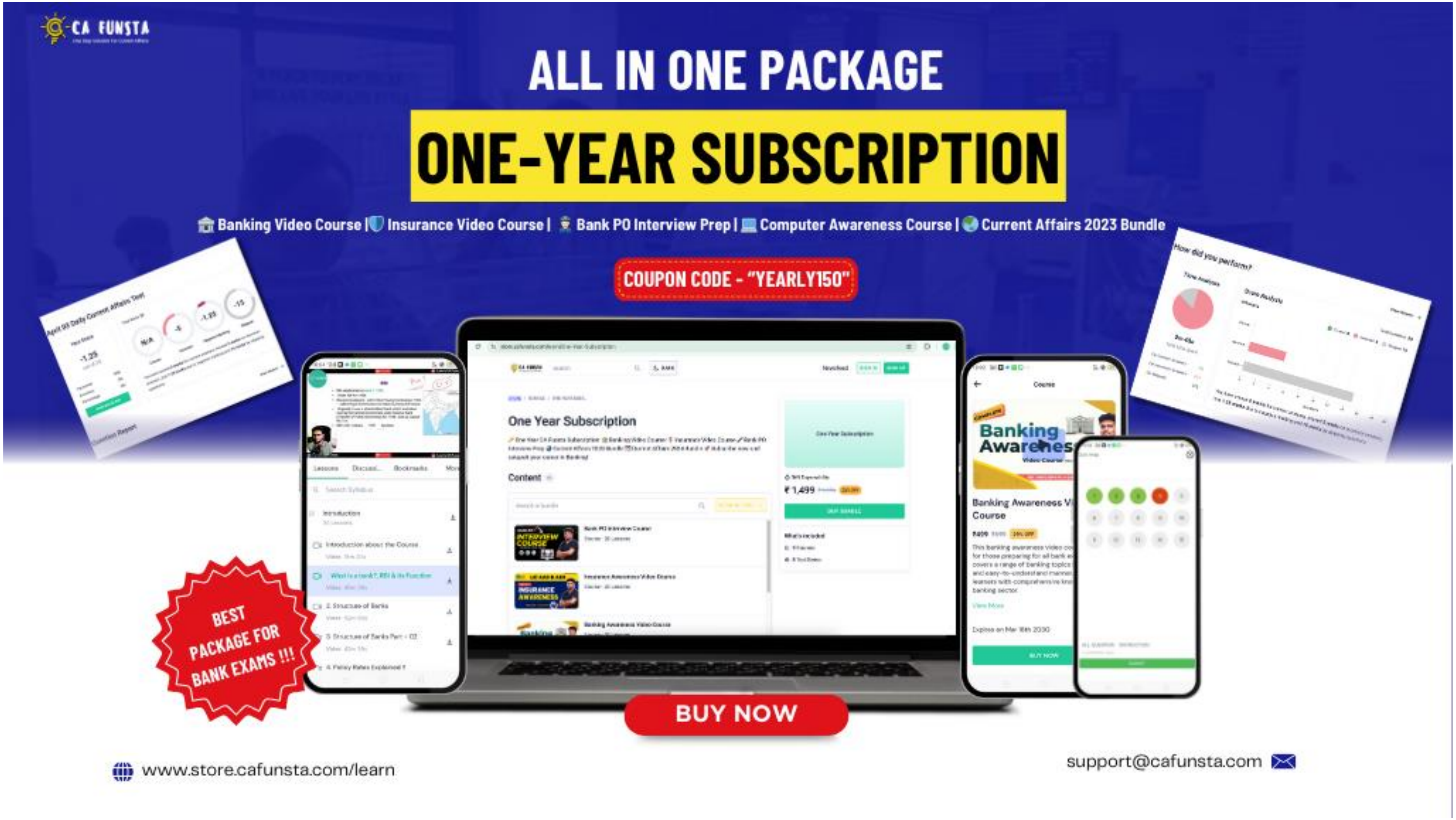
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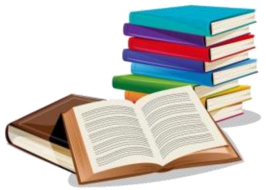
Important Days

➢ **What is the theme of National Nutrition Week 2025?**

A) Eat Smart, Live Well
B) Balanced Diet for a Healthy Future
C) Nutritious Food for All, From Children to the Elderly
D) Good Nutrition: A Right for All
E) Wellness Through Modern Nutrition

Answer

C) Nutritious Food for All, From Children to the Elderly



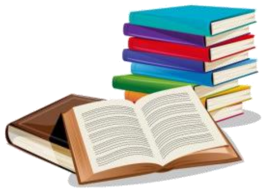
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of National Nutrition Week 2025.
- **Location:** Nationwide across India.
- **Date:** September 1 to September 7, 2025.

Important Days

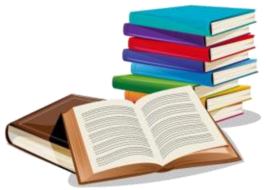
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is observing National Nutrition Week to raise awareness about the importance of nutrition, with a focus on Ayurvedic principles for all age groups.
- **Objectives:**
  - To promote nutritious food habits, especially using Ayurvedic concepts across children, working adults, and the elderly, and to educate people on diet choices that support overall well-being and disease prevention.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Nutrition Week:** An annual campaign held from September 1–7 in India to spread awareness about balanced nutrition and its role in health across all age groups.
- **Ayurveda:** An ancient Indian system of medicine that emphasizes diet, lifestyle, and natural remedies to maintain bodily balance among the three doshas — Vata, Pitta, and Kapha.
- **Chyawanprash:** A traditional Ayurvedic herbal formulation, rich in Vitamin C and antioxidants, used to boost immunity and rejuvenate the body, especially beneficial for senior citizens.



Important Days

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	National Nutrition Week 2025
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	India (Nationwide)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Policy/series name	National Nutrition Week Campaign
Key figures	Acharya Balkrishna (Patanjali), Ayurveda Experts, Health Officials
Purpose/reason	To promote nutrition awareness using Ayurveda for all age groups
Feature details	Tips for children, adults, and seniors using Ayurvedic food and supplements
Validity or status	Observed from September 1 to 7, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports long-term public health improvement through traditional nutrition.

SPORTS

➢ **Which tech company has partnered with the ICC to support the Women's ODI World Cup 2025?**

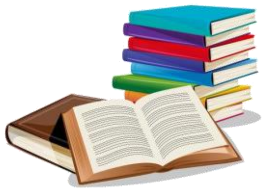
A) Meta
B) Microsoft
C) Google
D) Amazon
E) IBM

Answer
C) Google

SPORTS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Global partnership between Google and ICC for Women's ODI World Cup 2025.
- **Location:** India (host nation for the tournament).
- **Date:** August 29, 2025.



SPORTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - The International Cricket Council (ICC) has entered into a strategic partnership with Google to promote the Women's ODI World Cup 2025, using advanced digital tools and technologies.
- **Objectives:**
  - To boost global fan engagement, improve digital accessibility, and expand the reach of women's cricket using platforms like Google Gemini, Google Pay, Android, and Google Pixel, making the tournament more immersive and relatable for global audiences.

Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC (International Cricket Council):** The global governing body for cricket that organizes world tournaments and regulates the sport internationally.
- **Google Gemini:** Google's AI-powered assistant integrated across its ecosystem, providing smart interactions, real-time updates, and personalized digital experiences.

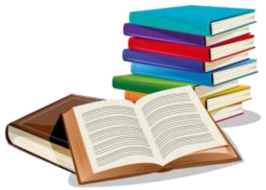
Important Terms Explained:

- **Women's ODI World Cup 2025:** A flagship 50-over format world tournament for women's cricket, jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka, scheduled to begin in the second week of September 2025.
- **Women's T20 World Cup 2026:** The next major ICC women's event after the ODI World Cup, to be hosted by England and Wales.

SPORTS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ICC-Google Global Partnership for Women’s ODI World Cup 2025
Announcement date	August 29, 2025
Location	India (Host Nation), Global (Partnership Reach)
Issuing authority	International Cricket Council (ICC)
Policy/series name	ICC Global Fan Engagement Programme
Key figures	Jay Shah (ICC Chairman), Shekhar Khosla (VP Marketing, Google India)
Purpose/reason	To promote women’s cricket and enhance fan engagement through technology
Feature details	Google Gemini, Android, Google Pay, and Google Pixel to support match content
Validity or status	Active partnership for 2025–2026 ICC women’s tournaments
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens global visibility and digital interaction with women’s cricket



RANKING

➢ **What is Singapore's global rank in the Global Peace Index 2025?**

A) 5th
B) 4th
C) 6th
D) 7th
E) 8th

Answer
C) 6th

RANKING

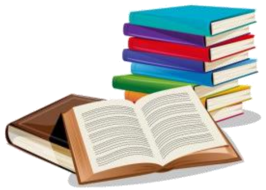
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Singapore ranked as Asia’s most peaceful country in the Global Peace Index 2025.
- **Location:** Singapore, Asia.
- **Date:** August 29, 2025.

RANKING

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
    - The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) released the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025, ranking Singapore as the most peaceful country in Asia and 6th globally.
- **Objectives:**
    - To assess the peacefulness and safety levels of countries worldwide through a comprehensive evaluation of societal safety, internal and external conflicts, and levels of militarization.



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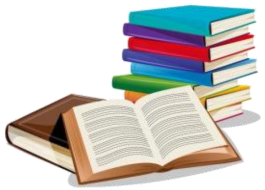
Top 10 Most Peaceful Countries in the World – Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025

Rank	Country	GPI Score (Lower is Better)
1	Iceland	1.095
2	Ireland	1.260
3	New Zealand	1.282
4	Austria	1.294
5	Switzerland	1.294
6	Singapore	1.357
7	Portugal	1.371
8	Denmark	1.393
9	Slovenia	1.409
10	Finland	1.420



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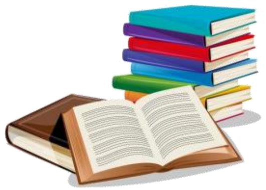
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Peace Index (GPI):** An annual report published by the Institute for Economics and Peace, ranking 163 countries based on indicators such as crime rate, political stability, conflict levels, and military expenditure.
- **Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP):** A global think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyze peace and its economic value.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Peace Score:** A composite index where a lower score indicates a higher level of peace. Singapore scored 1.357 in 2025.
- **Singapore Changi Airport:** Recognized as the world’s best airport in 2025, known for its innovation, efficiency, and passenger experience.

RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Global Peace Index 2025 Ranking
Announcement date	August 29, 2025
Location	Singapore (Asia)
Issuing authority	Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
Policy/series name	Global Peace Index 2025
Key figures	Steve Killelea (Founder, IEP)
Purpose/reason	To evaluate global peace using 23 safety, conflict, and militarization indicators
Feature details	Singapore ranked 6th globally, 1st in Asia with a peace score of 1.357
Validity or status	Valid for 2025 edition of the GPI
Strategic/significant value	Highlights Singapore's leadership in safety, peace, and travel friendliness

RANKING

- **Which state ranks fifth in India in terms of electric bus adoption as of 2025?**

A) Uttar Pradesh
B) West Bengal
C) Odisha
D) Karnataka
E) Gujarat

Answer
C) Odisha

RANKING

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Odisha ranks 5th in electric bus adoption and plans e-bus fleet expansion.
- **Location:** Odisha, India.
- **Date:** August 29, 2025.

RANKING

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - Odisha government announced that the state ranks fifth in India in electric bus adoption with 450 e-buses and aims to expand the fleet to over 1,000 in the coming years.
- **Objectives:**
  - To promote green mobility, reduce urban pollution, expand electric public transport to more cities, and provide dignified and affordable travel options for citizens.

RANKING

Ranking Table: Top Indian States by Number of Operational E-Buses (2025)

Rank	State	Number of E-Buses
1	Delhi	3,564
2	Maharashtra	3,296
3	Karnataka	2,236
4	Uttar Pradesh	850
5	Odisha	450
6	West Bengal	391
7	Andhra Pradesh	238
8	Chhattisgarh	215
9	Jharkhand	46

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Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Mobility:** Refers to environmentally friendly transportation solutions that reduce emissions, such as electric vehicles and public transport systems powered by clean energy.
- **Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT):** A state-run public transport agency in Odisha managing bus services in major cities, actively implementing electric mobility.
- **National Common Mobility Card (NCMC):** An interoperable travel card introduced by the Government of India for seamless fare payments across different modes of public transport.

RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Odisha ranks 5th in India in electric bus adoption
Announcement date	August 29, 2025
Location	Odisha
Issuing authority	Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT), Government of Odisha
Policy/series name	Green Mobility Initiative
Key figures	Krushna Chandra Mahapatra (Housing & Urban Development Minister)
Purpose/reason	Promote eco-friendly transport and expand e-bus services
Feature details	450 e-buses operational, smart ticketing, charging infrastructure planned
Validity or status	Active and expanding; target over 1,000 e-buses
Strategic/significant value	Enhances clean transport, reduces emissions, improves commuter experience

- What was India’s Current Account Deficit (CAD) in Q1 FY26 as a percentage of GDP?

A) 1.3 percent
B) 0.9 percent
C) 0.2 percent
D) 2.4 percent
E) 1.0 percent

Answer
C) 0.2 percent

Event and Location:

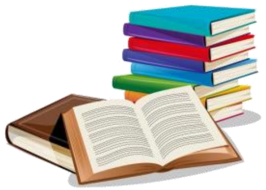
- **Event:** India's CAD slipped into deficit in Q1 FY26 after surplus in Q4 FY25
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India released data showing that India’s Current Account Balance turned into a deficit of 0.2% of GDP in Q1 FY26, compared with a surplus of 1.3% in Q4 FY25.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the dynamics of India’s external sector, including trade deficit, remittances, services receipts, and capital inflows, and to monitor macroeconomic stability.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Current Account Deficit (CAD):** A measure of a country's external imbalance where imports of goods and services exceed exports; it includes trade, services, remittances, and investment income.
- **Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI):** Investments made by non-residents in financial assets such as shares and bonds of a country.
- **External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs):** Loans taken by Indian companies from foreign lenders in the form of commercial bank loans, buyers' credit, or securitized instruments.



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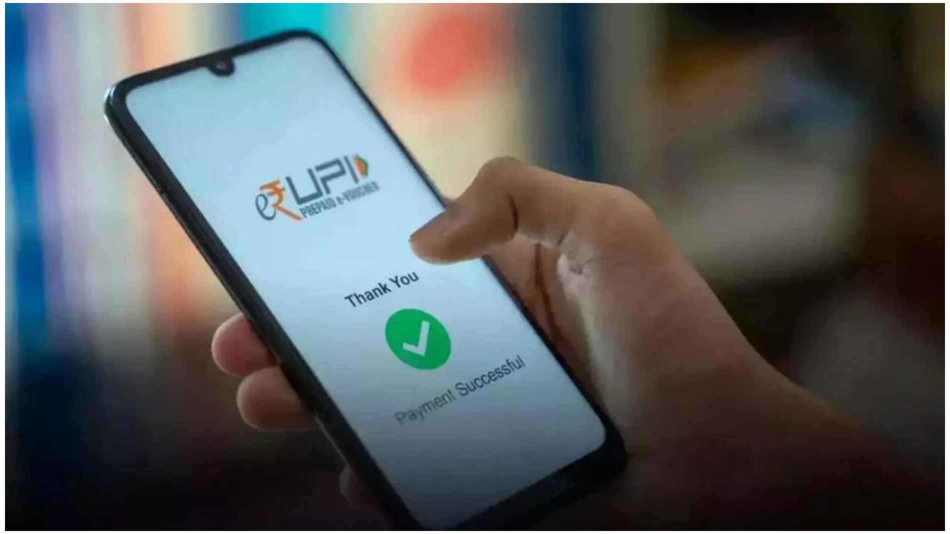
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's Q1 FY26 Current Account Deficit
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	Balance of Payments Statistics
Key figures	Aditi Nayar (Chief Economist, ICRA), RBI data
Purpose/reason	To monitor external sector stability and capital inflows
Feature details	CAD at $2.4 bn (0.2% of GDP); Services receipts $47.9 bn; Remittances $33.2 bn
Validity or status	Q1 FY26 (April–June 2025)
Strategic/significant value	Reflects India's resilience but highlights risks from tariffs and exports slowdown

- How many UPI transactions were recorded in August 2025, marking a new milestone?

A) 19.47 billion
B) 15.32 billion
C) 20.01 billion
D) 22.50 billion
E) 18.90 billion



Answer
C) 20.01 billion

Event and Location:

- **Event:** UPI transaction volumes crossed 20 billion for the first time
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** August 2025

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) reported that UPI transaction volumes crossed 20.01 billion in August 2025, with a transaction value of ₹24.85 lakh crore.
- **Objectives:** To promote digital payments adoption across urban and rural India, support financial inclusion, and enhance convenience in day-to-day transactions.

Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time payment system developed by NPCI that enables inter-bank transactions through mobile devices instantly and securely.
- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):** An umbrella organisation for retail payments and settlement systems in India, operating UPI, RuPay, IMPS, AePS, and more.
- **Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL):** A short-term financing option that allows consumers to make purchases and pay for them at a future date, often in instalments.

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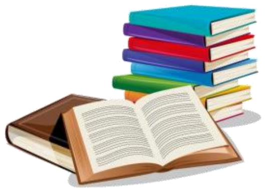
Tabular Summary:

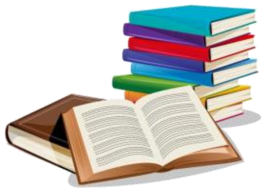
Parameter	Details
Event name	UPI transaction volume surpasses 20 billion in a single month
Announcement date	September 1, 2025 (reporting for August 2025)
Location	India
Issuing authority	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
Policy/series name	Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
Key figures	Dilip Asbe (MD & CEO, NPCI), Dilip Modi (CEO, Spice Money)
Purpose/reason	To highlight milestone adoption of digital transactions in India
Feature details	20.01 bn transactions; ₹24.85 lakh crore value; 645 mn daily avg
Validity or status	August 2025 statistics
Strategic/significant value	Reflects rapid growth of digital payments, rural adoption, and financial inclusion



- What percentage of investment in the Union Diversified Equity All Cap Active FoF will be allocated to the anchor multi-cap fund?

A) 40 percent
B) 50 percent
C) 60 percent
D) 70 percent
E) 80 percent

Answer
C) 60 percent

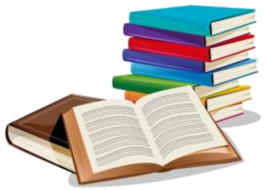


Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Union Diversified Equity All Cap Active Fund of Fund (FoF)
- **Location:** Mumbai, India
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Mutual Fund launched a new Diversified Equity All Cap Active FoF, investing 60% in its multi-cap fund (anchor fund) and dynamically allocating the remaining 40% between large, mid, and small-cap schemes.
- **Objectives:** To provide investors with a simplified, diversified, and professionally managed equity investment option that removes the complexity of timing and stock selection, while offering dynamic allocation across market capitalisation segments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fund of Fund (FoF):** A mutual fund that invests in other mutual fund schemes rather than directly in stocks, bonds, or other securities.
- **Multi-cap Fund:** A mutual fund that invests across large, mid, and small-cap companies, providing diversification within equity portfolios.
- **NFO (New Fund Offer):** The first-time subscription offer of a new mutual fund scheme to investors before it becomes available for regular purchase.

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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Union Diversified Equity All Cap Active FoF
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	Union Mutual Fund
Policy/series name	Union Diversified Equity All Cap Active FoF
Key figures	Madhu Nair (CEO, Union AMC)
Purpose/reason	To provide simplified, diversified equity investment across market caps
Feature details	60% in multi-cap fund; 40% dynamically in large, mid, small-cap funds
Validity or status	NFO closes September 15, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Offers dynamic allocation, convenience of switching without tax, and expert fund management

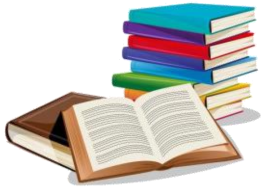
- By how many basis points (bps) did the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loans decline after repo rate cuts in 2025?

A) 31 bps
B) 50 bps
C) 79 bps
D) 100 bps
E) 120 bps

Answer
C) 79 bps

Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI reports strong pass-through of repo rate cuts to lending and deposit rates
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

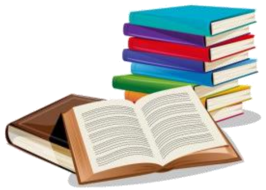


Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The RBI bulletin highlighted that the cumulative 100 bps repo rate cuts between February–June 2025 have been effectively transmitted to bank lending and deposit rates.
- **Objectives:** To assess monetary policy transmission in India's banking sector and ensure that reductions in policy rates translate into lower borrowing costs for businesses and households.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Repo Rate:** The rate at which the RBI lends short-term money to commercial banks, influencing overall lending and deposit rates.
- **WALR (Weighted Average Lending Rate):** The average rate charged by banks on loans, weighted by the loan amounts, used to assess lending cost trends.
- **EBLR (External Benchmark Linked Rate):** A lending rate directly linked to an external benchmark such as the repo rate, ensuring faster monetary policy transmission.



BANKING AND FINANCE

Tabular Summary:

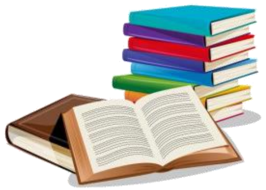
Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI bulletin on pass-through of repo rate cuts
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	RBI Monthly Bulletin
Key figures	RBI officials, Sanjay Malhotra (Governor)
Purpose/reason	To assess transmission of monetary policy to lending and deposit rates
Feature details	WALR declined 79 bps (fresh loans) and 31 bps (outstanding loans); EBLR loans saw full transmission
Validity or status	Based on repo rate cuts between Feb–June 2025
Strategic/significant value	Shows effective monetary policy transmission, lowering borrowing costs for economy

- **What was the gross GST collection reported in August 2025?**

A) ₹1.67 lakh crore
B) ₹1.37 lakh crore
C) ₹1.86 lakh crore
D) ₹1.25 lakh crore
E) ₹1.93 lakh crore

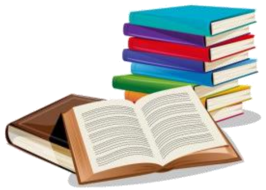
Answer

C) ₹1.86 lakh crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** GST collections in August 2025 grew 6.5% and crossed ₹1.86 lakh crore
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

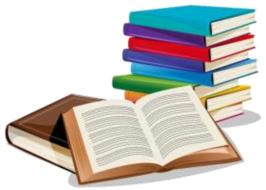


Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Finance Ministry reported gross GST collections of ₹1.86 lakh crore in August 2025, with net collections rising 10.7% to ₹1.67 lakh crore.
- **Objectives:** To assess GST revenue trends, strengthen fiscal resources, monitor refund patterns, and ensure stability in state and central revenues while preparing for rate rationalisation.

Important Terms Explained:

- **GST (Goods and Services Tax):** A comprehensive indirect tax in India levied on the supply of goods and services, replacing multiple cascading taxes.
- **CGST/SGST/IGST:** Central GST, State GST, and Integrated GST are different components of GST collected at the central, state, or inter-state levels.
- **Rate Rationalisation:** A proposed restructuring of GST rates by reducing slabs and simplifying the tax structure for greater efficiency and compliance.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

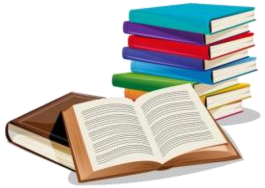
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	GST collections report for August 2025
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance
Policy/series name	Goods and Services Tax (GST)
Key figures	Aditi Nayar (Chief Economist, ICRA), Manoj Mishra (Grant Thornton), Saurabh Agarwal (EY India)
Purpose/reason	To track revenue collections, net of refunds, and gauge economic momentum
Feature details	Gross GST ₹1.86 lakh cr; Net GST ₹1.67 lakh cr; Domestic revenue ₹1.37 lakh cr; Import revenue ₹49,300 cr
Validity or status	August 2025 GST collection report
Strategic/significant value	Reflects strong domestic demand, impact of global tariffs, and importance of GST rationalisation

- **What is India's projected GDP size by the year 2030 as per the latest economic data?**

A) $5.4 trillion
B) $6.1 trillion
C) $7.3 trillion
D) $8.7 trillion
E) $9.1 trillion

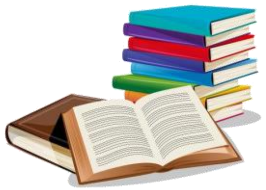
Answer
C) $7.3 trillion



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Event and Location:

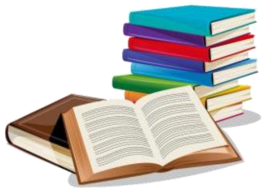
- **Event:** India’s Q1 GDP growth and projection as the world’s third-largest economy.
- **Location:** Nationwide (India).
- **Date:** August 30, 2025.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - The Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India, and economic agencies released Q1 FY 2025–26 GDP data showing a 7.8% growth rate, signalling strong macroeconomic performance across sectors.
- **Objectives:**
  - To showcase India’s sustained economic momentum and reinforce its ambition to become the third-largest global economy by 2030, supported by high growth in manufacturing, services, reforms, job creation, and financial inclusion.

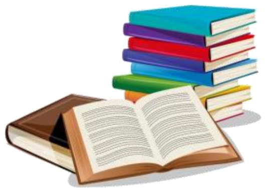


Important Terms Explained:

- **Real GDP:** Gross Domestic Product adjusted for inflation, representing the true growth in economic output. India's real GDP rose by 7.8% in Q1 FY 2025–26.
- **PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana:** A new employment scheme targeting 3.5 crore youth between 2025 and 2027, aiming to incentivise formal job creation.
- **Index of Industrial Production (IIP):** A monthly indicator measuring output across mining, manufacturing, and electricity. IIP grew 3.5% in July 2025.

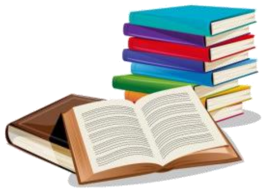
Important Terms Explained:

- **Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE):** The total value of consumption by households, it grew 7.0% in Q1 FY 2025–26, showing strong domestic demand.
- **Consumer Price Index (CPI):** A measure of inflation based on price changes in consumer goods and services. CPI inflation fell to 1.55% in July 2025.
- **Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY):** A financial inclusion scheme that has opened 55 crore bank accounts, enabling access to savings, credit, insurance, and pensions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Capital Expenditure (CAPEX):** Investment in long-term assets by the government. It stood at ₹10.52 trillion in 2024–25, enhancing productivity and job creation.
- **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme:** Launched in 2020 to boost manufacturing, exports, and employment across 14 strategic sectors.
- **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):** Investment from foreign entities into Indian enterprises. India saw $81 billion in FDI in FY 2024–25.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India’s GDP Growth and Economic Outlook
Announcement date	August 30, 2025
Location	India (Nationwide)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance, RBI, Economic Affairs Division
Policy/series name	Viksit Bharat 2047, PMJDY, PLI Scheme, Next-gen GST Reforms
Key figures	Sanjay Malhotra (RBI Governor), Anuradha Thakur (Economic Affairs Secretary)
Purpose/reason	To highlight India’s economic transformation, growth resilience, and reforms
Feature details	7.8% GDP growth, low CPI inflation, high FDI, job creation, GST reforms
Validity or status	Q1 FY 2025–26 data confirmed; projections valid till 2030
Strategic/significant value	India set to become third-largest global economy by 2030 with GDP of $7.3 trillion

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- **According to the RBI's August 2025 bulletin, what is the projected private sector capital expenditure for FY 2025–26?**

A) ₹1.89 lakh crore
B) ₹2.20 lakh crore
C) ₹2.67 lakh crore
D) ₹2.42 lakh crore
E) ₹3.10 lakh crore

Answer
C) ₹2.67 lakh crore

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Event and Location:

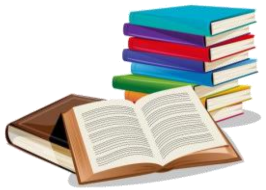
- **Event:** RBI projects 21.5% rise in private sector capital expenditure for FY26.
- **Location:** India (Nationwide).
- **Date:** August 2025.

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a bulletin article projecting a 21.5% increase in private corporate capex for FY 2025–26, estimating a total investment of ₹2.67 lakh crore.
- **Objectives:**
  - To signal revival in private sector investment, driven by macroeconomic strength, policy support, improved financials, and favourable interest rate outlook, especially in infrastructure and greenfield projects.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Capital Expenditure (Capex):** Investment in acquiring or upgrading long-term assets such as infrastructure, machinery, or buildings, contributing to future production capacity and economic growth.
- **Greenfield Projects:** New investment ventures built from scratch on undeveloped land, often in infrastructure and manufacturing sectors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI Bulletin:** A monthly publication by the Reserve Bank of India that includes research articles, data analysis, and macroeconomic assessments.
- **Policy Rate Cut:** A reduction in the benchmark interest rate set by the RBI, which influences lending rates and borrowing costs in the economy, encouraging investment.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI Forecast on Private Sector Capex Growth
Announcement date	August 2025
Location	India (Nationwide)
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	RBI Bulletin Article: Private Corporate Investment Outlook 2025–26
Key figures	Sanjay Malhotra (RBI Governor), Indian Private Corporates
Purpose/reason	To highlight projected growth in private capital investments in FY26
Feature details	Capex to rise from ₹2.20 lakh crore (FY25) to ₹2.67 lakh crore (FY26)
Validity or status	Projection based on ongoing and proposed private sector investment plans
Strategic/significant value	Reflects strong macro fundamentals, better liquidity, and policy-led investment environment

➢ **What is the revised rice procurement target for the kharif marketing season (KMS) 2025-26 set by the Indian government?**

A) 51.16 million tonnes
B) 54.52 million tonnes
C) 46.35 million tonnes
D) 47.40 million tonnes
E) 41.00 million tonnes

Answer

C) 46.35 million tonnes

Event and Location:

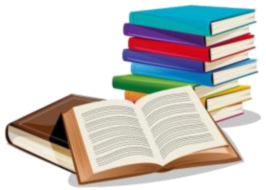
- **Event:** Government of India announces reduced rice procurement target for KMS 2025-26
- **Location:** Pan-India (procurement to be done by States and UTs)
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Department of Food and Public Distribution fixed a target of procuring 46.35 million tonnes of rice from the kharif crop for 2025-26 and 1.92 million tonnes of coarse grains/millets.
- **Objectives:** The decision aims to align procurement with actual demand under welfare schemes, reduce surplus stock pressure, and encourage crop diversification towards millets (Shree Anna) for better nutrition and sustainability.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Kharif Marketing Season (KMS):** A government-led procurement window for crops like rice and coarse grains harvested during the kharif season (June–October), beginning each October.
- **Shree Anna:** A term officially promoted by the Indian government to refer to millets, emphasizing their value in sustainable agriculture and nutrition.
- **Food Corporation of India (FCI):** A statutory organization under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, responsible for public food grain management, procurement, storage, and distribution.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Reduction of rice procurement target for KMS 2025-26
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	Nationwide (India)
Issuing authority	Department of Food and Public Distribution
Policy/series name	Kharif Marketing Season 2025-26
Key figures	Food Secretaries, FCI officials
Purpose/reason	To manage surplus stock and shift focus to millets
Feature details	Rice target set at 46.35 MT; millet at 1.92 MT
Validity or status	Effective from October 2025 (start of KMS)
Strategic/significant value	Supports nutrition goals and sustainable agriculture

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

➢ **Where is GH2 Solar setting up its green hydrogen electrolyser manufacturing facility in India?**

A) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
B) Morena, Madhya Pradesh
C) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
D) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
E) Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

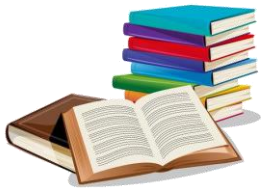
Answer

B) Morena, Madhya Pradesh

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Event and Location:

- **Event:** GH2 Solar announces green hydrogen electrolyser manufacturing facility through JV with AHES
- **Location:** Morena district, Gwalior region, Madhya Pradesh, India
- **Date:** September 1, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** GH2 Solar, in partnership with South Korea-based Advanced Hydrogen Energy Solutions (AHES), will establish an electrolyser manufacturing facility with initial 105 MW capacity under SECI's SIGHT programme and PLI scheme.
- **Objectives:** To boost India's National Green Hydrogen Mission, promote indigenous manufacturing of electrolysers, decarbonise industries like steel and fertilizers, and position India as a global hub for green hydrogen.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Hydrogen:** Hydrogen produced using renewable energy sources like solar and wind, with zero carbon emissions, considered a clean fuel for the future.
- **Electrolyser:** A device that splits water into hydrogen and oxygen using electricity; green electrolysers use renewable electricity.
- **PLI Scheme:** The Production Linked Incentive scheme provides financial incentives to boost domestic manufacturing in priority sectors, including green hydrogen and electrolysers.

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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	GH2 Solar green hydrogen electrolyser facility announcement
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	Morena district, Gwalior region, Madhya Pradesh
Issuing authority	GH2 Solar in JV with AHES
Policy/series name	SECI's SIGHT programme; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme
Key figures	Anurag Jain (CEO, GH2 Solar), Joong-Hee Lee (CEO, AHES)
Purpose/reason	Manufacture green hydrogen electrolysers, decarbonise industries, support NHM
Feature details	Initial 105 MW capacity; ₹400 cr investment; ₹157.5 cr PLI subsidy; 3 GWh BESS line
Validity or status	Phase-wise expansion to 500 MW by 2030
Strategic/significant value	Supports National Green Hydrogen Mission (5 MT target by 2030), export to EU & East Asia, 300+ jobs

ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

- **Which digital infotainment platform has Flipkart acquired a majority stake in as part of its Gen Z engagement strategy?**

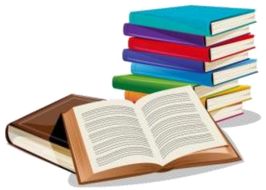
A) ScoopWhoop
B) Pinkvilla
C) FilterCopy
D) Inshorts
E) MensXP

Answer
B) Pinkvilla

ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Flipkart acquires majority stake in Pinkvilla India Pvt. Ltd.
- **Location:** Bengaluru, India
- **Date:** September 1, 2025



ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

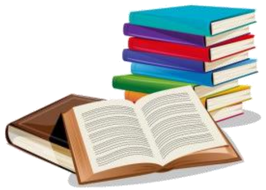
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Flipkart has acquired a majority stake in Pinkvilla to strengthen its content portfolio and digital reach.
- **Objectives:** The acquisition seeks to enhance engagement with Gen Z and millennial audiences, leverage Pinkvilla’s content IPs, and integrate content-driven commerce strategies.

ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Flipkart:** An Indian e-commerce company founded in 2007, now majority-owned by Walmart, offering products across categories and expanding into fintech, logistics, and digital content.
- **Pinkvilla**: A popular Indian digital infotainment and lifestyle platform known for entertainment, fashion, beauty, and lifestyle coverage, with a strong Gen Z and millennial audience base.
- **Content Commerce:** A business model that combines engaging digital content with e-commerce opportunities, enhancing user engagement and driving sales.



ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Flipkart acquires majority stake in Pinkvilla
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	Bengaluru, India
Issuing authority	Flipkart Corporate Communications
Policy/series name	Content-driven commerce strategy
Key figures	Ravi Iyer (SVP, Flipkart), Nandini Shenoy (CEO, Pinkvilla)
Purpose/reason	To boost Gen Z and millennial engagement through content
Feature details	Acquisition provides trend insights, infotainment IPs, and audience access
Validity or status	Deal finalized; subject to closing conditions
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens Flipkart's market position by merging e-commerce with infotainment

ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

- **Which company has CEAT acquired from Michelin to strengthen its Off-Highway Tyres (OHT) strategy?**

A) Bridgestone
B) Apollo Tyres
C) CAMSO Construction Compact Line Business
D) JK Tyre
E) Goodyear

Answer

C) CAMSO Construction Compact Line Business

ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

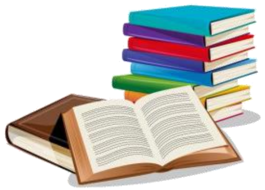
Event and Location:

- **Event:** CEAT completes acquisition of Michelin's CAMSO Construction Compact Line Business
- **Location:** Mumbai (India) and Sri Lanka (Midigama, Kotugoda plants)
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

Mandates and Objectives:

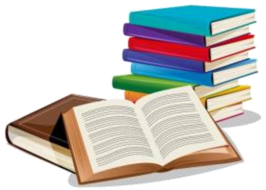
- **Mandates:** CEAT acquired the CAMSO Construction Compact Line Business from Michelin for $225 million, including manufacturing facilities in Sri Lanka.
- **Objectives:** To expand CEAT's global presence in the Off-Highway Tyres (OHT) sector, integrate the CAMSO brand, and strengthen its long-term strategy for construction equipment tyres and tracks.



ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Off-Highway Tyres (OHT):** Tyres designed for specialised vehicles used in agriculture, construction, mining, and other non-highway applications.
- **CAMSO Brand:** A premium brand in construction equipment tyres and tracks with strong equity in Europe and North America; now globally owned by CEAT.
- **Licensing Period:** An agreed transition phase of 3 years before full global ownership of the CAMSO brand is permanently assigned to CEAT.



ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS

Tabular Summary:

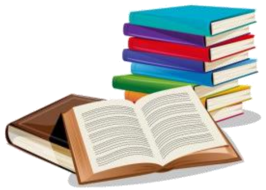
Parameter	Details
Event name	CEAT acquires Michelin's CAMSO Construction Compact Line Business
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India; Midigama and Kotugoda, Sri Lanka
Issuing authority	CEAT Ltd.
Policy/series name	Off-Highway Tyres (OHT) Global Strategy
Key figures	Arnab Banerjee (MD & CEO, CEAT Ltd.), Michelin Group leadership
Purpose/reason	Strengthen OHT capabilities and global market presence
Feature details	$225M acquisition; $171M Sri Lanka investment; 1,483 jobs secured
Validity or status	Cash deal to close in 6–9 months; brand ownership post 3-year licensing
Strategic/significant value	Positions CEAT as a global OHT leader with entry into EU and North America markets

APPOINTMENTS

- **Who co-chaired the 12th India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum in 2025?**

A) Mukesh Ambani
B) Baba Kalyani
C) Ratan Tata
D) Gautam Adani
E) Natarajan Chandrasekaran

Answer
B) Baba Kalyani



APPOINTMENTS

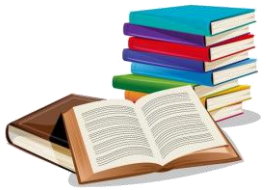
Event and Location:

- **Event:** 12th India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum co-chaired by Baba Kalyani
- **Location:** Held in the presence of PM Narendra Modi and Japanese PM Shigeru Ishiba
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum met after seven years to discuss key bilateral cooperation opportunities across strategic and emerging sectors.
- **Objectives:** To enhance India-Japan economic cooperation, build resilience in global value chains, and promote collaboration in sectors such as green energy, AI, semiconductors, digital tech, and healthcare.



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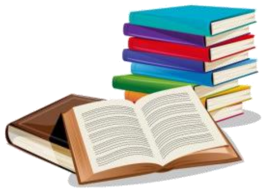
Important Terms Explained:

- **India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum:** A platform bringing together top corporate leaders from India and Japan to foster bilateral trade, investment, and industrial cooperation.
- **Global Value Chains (GVCs):** International production networks where different stages of goods and services production are located across multiple countries.
- **Semiconductors:** Critical electronic components essential for computing, communication, and advanced technologies; a priority sector in India-Japan collaboration.



APPOINTMENTS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	12th India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	In presence of PM Narendra Modi and PM Shigeru Ishiba
Issuing authority	India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum
Policy/series name	Bilateral Business and Strategic Cooperation
Key figures	Baba Kalyani (CMD, Bharat Forge), PM Modi, PM Shigeru Ishiba
Purpose/reason	Strengthen India-Japan bilateral cooperation and global economic resilience
Feature details	Focus sectors: green energy, e-mobility, AI, semiconductors, healthcare, digital tech
Validity or status	Forum resumed after 7 years
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India-Japan ties, builds resilient value chains, supports sustainable growth

DEFENCE

- What is the name of the Indian Army's new drone platoons that debuted during Yudh Kaushal 3.0 in Arunachal Pradesh?

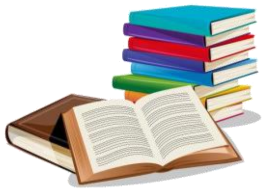
A) Shakti
B) Ashni
C) Nirbhay
D) Agni
E) Vajra

Answer
B) Ashni

DEFENCE

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Debut of Indian Army's Ashni drone platoons during Yudh Kaushal 3.0.
- **Location:** Kameng Sector, Arunachal Pradesh, India.
- **Date:** August 30, 2025.

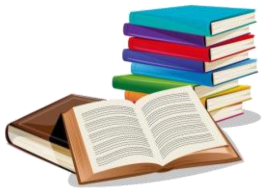


Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - The Indian Army conducted a high-altitude warfare drill named Yudh Kaushal 3.0, featuring the operational debut of newly raised Ashni drone platoons in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Objectives:**
  - To test the integration of next-generation drone technology in combat scenarios and enhance infantry preparedness for modern warfare, especially in difficult terrain and multi-domain operations.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Ashni Drone Platoons:** Dedicated unmanned aerial system (UAS) units introduced in each infantry battalion to support surveillance, target acquisition, precision strikes, and battlefield dominance.
- **Yudh Kaushal 3.0:** A high-altitude military exercise by the Indian Army showcasing advanced technology and tactics in the Eastern Himalayas.



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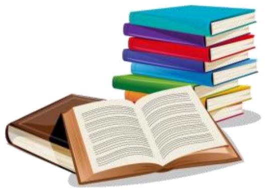
Important Terms Explained:

- **Future-Ready Force:** A restructuring vision of the Indian Army that aims to modernize combat readiness with cutting-edge platforms, including drones, AI, and networked operations.
- **Indigenous Defence Innovation:** Involves collaboration between the Indian Army and domestic defence tech firms to accelerate self-reliant and advanced defence capabilities.



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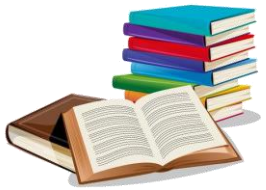
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Debut of Ashni Drone Platoons at Yudh Kaushal 3.0
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	Kameng Sector, Arunachal Pradesh, India
Issuing authority	Indian Army
Policy/series name	Future-Ready Force & Drone Platoon Strategy
Key figures	General Manoj Pande (COAS), Indian Defence Spokespersons
Purpose/reason	Test combat application of drones and reinforce battlefield dominance
Feature details	Drone surveillance, target acquisition, precision strikes, multi-domain ops
Validity or status	Trials completed; standardization to follow post-evaluation
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's military readiness through indigenous drone warfare capability



- **Which sectors are a priority focus under the India-Japan Economic Security Cooperation in 2025?**

A) Textiles and Tourism
B) Infrastructure and Banking
C) Semiconductors, Critical Minerals, Clean Energy, ICT, Pharmaceuticals
D) Aviation, Space, and Fisheries
E) Shipping and Traditional Medicine

Answer

C) Semiconductors, Critical Minerals, Clean Energy, ICT, Pharmaceuticals

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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Strengthening of India-Japan Economic Security Cooperation.
- **Location:** Bilateral Cooperation between India and Japan.
- **Date:** August 29, 2025.

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - India and Japan held multiple strategic dialogues to enhance cooperation in critical economic sectors including the India-Japan Dialogue on Economic Security, semiconductor supply chains, clean energy, and critical minerals.
- **Objectives:**
  - To develop resilient and secure supply chains, promote joint R&D, safeguard national economic security, and expand collaboration across strategic technologies, clean energy, and pharmaceuticals, while supporting public-private cooperation and academic partnerships.

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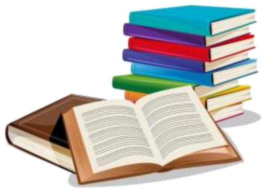
Important Terms Explained:

- **Economic Security Cooperation:** A strategic partnership framework that focuses on protecting and promoting key technologies, infrastructure, and critical supply chains for national economic security.
- **Semiconductor Supply Chain Partnership:** A bilateral initiative to support semiconductor manufacturing and R&D through industry-academia collaborations such as those between Renesas, IIT Hyderabad, and the Chips to Startup (C2S) programme.
- **Critical Minerals Cooperation:** A strategic collaboration to ensure stable supply of rare earths and critical materials, including projects like Toyota Tsusho's rare earth refining project in Andhra Pradesh.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Open RAN (Open Radio Access Network):** A technology initiative supported by India and Japan to promote interoperable 5G infrastructure through partnerships like NEC and Reliance Jio.
- **Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM):** A bilateral mechanism to facilitate carbon emission reduction projects through clean energy technologies, including hydrogen and ammonia.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India-Japan Economic Security Cooperation
Announcement date	August 29, 2025
Location	India and Japan (Bilateral Strategic Dialogue)
Issuing authority	Ministry of External Affairs (India), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan), METI, MeitY
Policy/series name	India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, Joint Action Plan on Economic Security
Key figures	Fumio Kishida, Narendra Modi, Ashwini Vaishnaw, METI and MeitY ministers
Purpose/reason	To strengthen economic resilience, safeguard national interests, and develop critical technologies
Feature details	Collaboration in semiconductors, clean energy, critical minerals, pharmaceuticals, ICT, and AI
Validity or status	Active agreements and MoUs signed from 2023 to 2025, ongoing implementation
Strategic/significant value	Supports Indo-Pacific cooperation, bolsters bilateral ties, and promotes trusted economic frameworks

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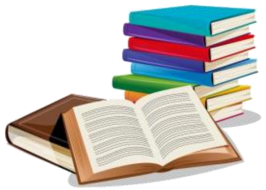
➢ **What was the primary focus of the Modi-Xi meeting at the SCO Summit 2025 held in Tianjin?**

A) Signing a free trade agreement.
B) Finalizing the India-China border resolution.
C) Restarting dialogue and easing tensions in bilateral ties.
D) Launching a joint military operation.
E) Discussing Indo-Pacific naval drills.

Answer

C) Restarting dialogue and easing tensions in bilateral ties



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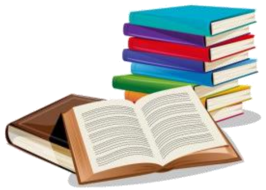
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bilateral meeting between PM Modi and President Xi Jinping on SCO sidelines.
- **Location:** Tianjin, China.
- **Date:** August 31, 2025 (during SCO Summit).

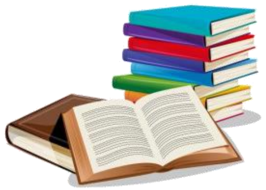
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - Political reaffirmation of prior diplomatic understandings from the August visit of Chinese Foreign Minister to Delhi.
  - Stabilization of relations after 2020 Galwan conflict and post-Kazan dialogue resumption.
- **Objectives:**
  - Restore peace and dialogue post border standoff.
  - Emphasize cooperation over rivalry.
  - Restart direct flights and civilian contact.
  - Support progress made by Special Representatives in border talks.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation):**
  - A Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance that includes India, China, Russia, and several Central Asian nations.
  - Provides a multilateral platform for dialogue, especially on regional security and cooperation.
- **Galwan Valley Clash (2020):**
  - A violent confrontation between Indian and Chinese troops in Eastern Ladakh, marking a low point in bilateral relations.
  - Led to years of military standoff and diplomatic freeze.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Representatives Mechanism:**
  - A long-standing diplomatic mechanism established to resolve the India-China border dispute.
  - Recently revived and supported in the Tianjin meeting.
- **Contra-polar world:**
  - A geopolitical term referring to a world where no single power dominates and multiple alliances shift depending on issue-based interests.
  - Reflects India's strategic non-alignment and balancing act between major powers.

Important Terms Explained:

- **“Development Partners, Not Rivals”:**
  - A key phrase reaffirmed in the official statement, projecting cooperation instead of conflict between India and China.

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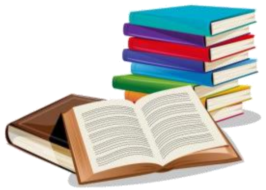
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Modi-Xi Bilateral Meeting on SCO Sidelines
Date	August 31, 2025
Location	Tianjin, China
Occasion	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit
Key Leaders Involved	PM Narendra Modi (India), President Xi Jinping (China)
Background	First major meeting since Kazan 2024 and after Galwan clash (2020)
Key Outcome	Reaffirmation of peaceful dialogue, resumption of flights
Territorial Issue Status	Referred to Special Representatives; acknowledged as “work in progress”
Symbolism Used	“Dragon and Elephant” cooperation; mutual development partners
Geopolitical Context	Shift in India-US ties due to tariffs; recalibration with Russia and China



- **Which country received the first full-scale banana consignment from Solapur's Ule Farmers Producer Company?**

A) UAE
B) Oman
C) Saudi Arabia
D) Qatar
E) Kuwait

Answer
B) Oman

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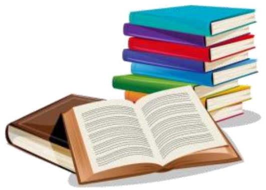
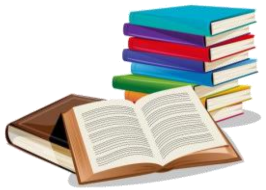
Event and Location:

- **Event:** First banana export from Solapur’s Ule Farmers Producer Company to Oman
- **Location:** Solapur, Maharashtra → Oman
- **Date:** September 1, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Export of 20 metric tonnes of bananas facilitated by Ule FPC in partnership with Vegrow under Maharashtra's SMART programme.
- **Objectives:** To empower smallholder farmers, enable global market access, improve post-harvest infrastructure, and boost rural incomes through agri-exports.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FPC (Farmers Producer Company):** A collective of farmers registered as a company to pool resources, enhance bargaining power, and directly access larger markets.
- **SMART Programme:** Maharashtra's Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Programme, designed to provide infrastructure, technical support, and market linkages for farmers.
- **Cold Chain Management:** A temperature-controlled supply chain system used in perishable exports like bananas and grapes to maintain quality and meet global standards.

Tabular Summary:

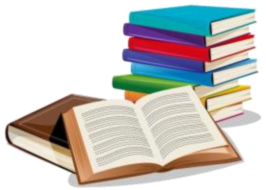
Parameter	Details
Event name	First banana export by Solapur's Ule FPC to Oman
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	Solapur, Maharashtra → Oman
Issuing authority	Ule FPC with support from SMART programme and Vegrow
Policy/series name	SMART (Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation)
Key figures	Appa Ramchandra Dhanke (Ule FPC), Dr Hemant Vasekar (Project Director, SMART)
Purpose/reason	Enable farmer access to international markets and boost rural prosperity
Feature details	20 MT banana consignment; 1,127 farmer-shareholders; modern packhouses & cold storage
Validity or status	First full-scale export completed; expansion to 500 acres planned
Strategic/significant value	Rural empowerment, diversification of agri-exports, global recognition for Solapur bananas

SCHEMES

➢ **As of July 2025, how many beneficiaries have been covered under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?**

A) 40 crore
B) 45 crore
C) 50 crore
D) 56 crore
E) 60 crore

Answer
D) 56 crore



SCHEMES

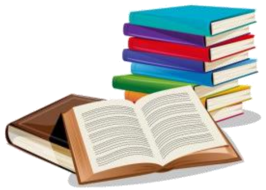
Event and Location:

- **Event:** PMJDY facilitates rural prosperity through large-scale financial inclusion
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

SCHEMES

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has enabled over 56 crore citizens to access formal banking services.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to deepen financial inclusion, improve rural banking access, and empower rural communities—especially women—through universal bank account access and direct benefit transfers.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY):** A flagship financial inclusion scheme launched in 2014 to provide universal banking access, zero-balance accounts, debit cards, insurance, and pension to the unbanked population.
- **Financial Inclusion:** The process of ensuring access to affordable financial services like banking, savings, credit, and insurance to all individuals, especially the vulnerable and underserved.
- **NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development):** A development bank focused on credit and policy support for agriculture and rural development in India.

SCHEMES

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PMJDY impact on rural prosperity
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	NABARD / Ministry of Finance
Policy/series name	Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
Key figures	Shaji KV (NABARD Chairman)
Purpose/reason	Enhance financial inclusion and rural empowerment
Feature details	56 crore accounts opened, ₹2.6 lakh crore in deposits
Validity or status	Active; continues to expand in reach and scope
Strategic value	Lays foundation for credit, insurance, and DBT-based schemes

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➢ **Where is India’s first Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling system being implemented?**

A) NH-44 Haryana
B) NH-27 Uttar Pradesh
C) NH-48 Gujarat
D) NH-16 Andhra Pradesh
E) NH-24 Delhi

Answer
C) NH-48 Gujarat

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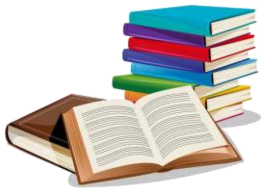
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling system.
- **Location:** Choryasi Fee Plaza, NH-48, Gujarat.
- **Date:** August 30, 2025.

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - The Indian Highways Management Company Ltd. (IHMCL) signed an agreement with ICICI Bank to implement Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling at Choryasi Fee Plaza in Gujarat and Gharaunda Fee Plaza in Haryana.
- **Objectives:**
  - To enable barrier-free, seamless toll collection using FASTag and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), thereby reducing congestion, increasing fuel efficiency, and improving toll revenue transparency on National Highways.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF):** A tolling system that allows vehicles to pass toll plazas without stopping, using high-speed RFID and ANPR camera technology to deduct tolls electronically.
- **FASTag:** A rechargeable RFID tag affixed to vehicle windshields used for automatic toll deductions, linked to the user's bank or wallet account.
- **ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition):** Camera technology that reads and records vehicle registration numbers to facilitate electronic tolling without manual intervention.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's First Multi-Lane Free Flow Tolling System
Announcement date	August 30, 2025
Location	Choryasi Fee Plaza, NH-48, Gujarat
Issuing authority	Indian Highways Management Company Ltd. (IHMCL), under NHAI
Policy/series name	Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) Tolling
Key figures	Santosh Kumar Yadav (Chairman, NHAI), Sandeep Bakhshi (MD & CEO, ICICI Bank)
Purpose/reason	To modernize highway tolling via seamless, contactless, and barrier-free technology.
Feature details	Use of FASTag, ANPR cameras, RFID readers; no stoppage required.
Validity or status	Pilot implementation started; expansion to 25 more plazas in FY 2025–26.
Strategic/significant value	Supports efficient road traffic, reduces emissions, and ensures better toll revenue.

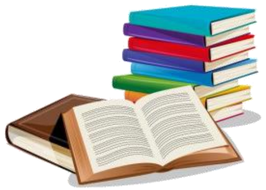
- **Which digital platforms were used by NeGD to integrate nearly 2,000 e-Government services across India?**

A) UMANG and India Stack
B) DigiLocker and e-District
C) OpenForge and API Setu
D) myScheme and Meri Pehchaan
E) NIC and UIDAI

Digital India
Power To Empower

Answer

B) DigiLocker and e-District



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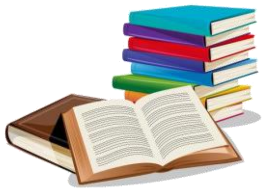
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nationwide integration of 1,938 e-Government services under Digital India.
- **Location:** All 36 States and Union Territories of India.
- **Date:** September 1, 2025.

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under MeitY integrated 1,938 e-Government services across the country via DigiLocker and e-District platforms.
- **Objectives:**
  - To ensure easy, transparent, and inclusive digital access to public services, reduce dependency on physical paperwork, promote mobile governance, and strengthen the Digital India infrastructure.



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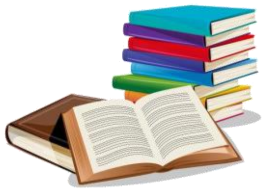
Important Terms Explained:

- **NeGD (National e-Governance Division):** A division under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, created in 2009 to implement e-Governance projects and digital platforms across India.
- **DigiLocker:** A secure cloud-based platform that allows citizens to access and store digital documents issued by various government and private entities, enabling paperless governance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **e-District:** A mission mode project under the National e-Governance Plan aimed at delivering district-level public services digitally, such as certificates and utility payments.
- **Digital India:** A flagship programme launched by the Government of India in 2015 with the vision of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Nationwide Integration of 1,938 e-Government Services
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	All 36 States and Union Territories
Issuing authority	National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)
Policy/series name	Digital India Programme
Key figures	Ashwini Vaishnaw (Union Minister), NeGD Leadership
Purpose/reason	To ensure convenient, efficient, and inclusive access to digital public services
Feature details	Integration via DigiLocker and e-District for documents, schemes, utilities
Validity or status	1,938 services active across India as of September 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances citizen empowerment, service delivery, and contributes to SDGs

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- According to the UDISE+ 2024–25 report, what is the pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) at the secondary level in India?

A) 10:1
B) 13:1
C) 17:1
D) 21:1
E) 30:1

Answer
D) 21:1

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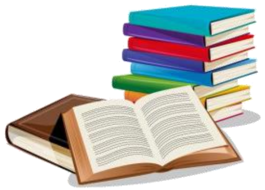
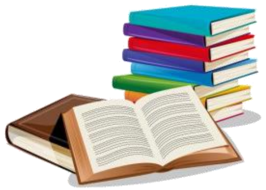
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of UDISE+ 2024–25 report on India's school education system.
- **Location:** Nationwide (India).
- **Date:** August 29, 2025.



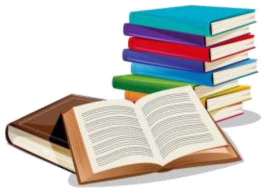
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - The Ministry of Education released the UDISE+ 2024–25 report, providing data on teacher strength, dropout rates, infrastructure, enrolment, and gender equity across all levels of school education.
- **Objectives:**
  - To assess the progress of India’s school education system in line with the goals of NEP 2020, improve access, reduce dropouts, ensure better infrastructure, and promote inclusive and equitable education for all.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus):** A real-time data collection system launched in 2018–19 to monitor school-level performance indicators including infrastructure, enrolment, dropout rates, and more.
- **Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR):** The average number of students per teacher at various education levels. Lower PTR indicates better individual attention and teaching quality.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER):** The total enrolment in a particular level of education regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the eligible official school-age population.
- **NEP 2020 (National Education Policy 2020):** India's education reform policy that outlines targets for access, equity, quality, and infrastructure in school and higher education systems.

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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of UDISE+ 2024–25 School Education Report
Announcement date	August 29, 2025
Location	India (Nationwide coverage)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Education (MoE)
Policy/series name	UDISE+ Annual Report
Key figures	Dharmendra Pradhan (Union Education Minister)
Purpose/reason	To evaluate progress in school-level indicators including teacher strength and retention
Feature details	PTR, GER, dropout data, digital access, infrastructure, and gender equity
Validity or status	Active as latest annual education report for 2024–25
Strategic/significant value	Reflects India's advancement toward goals of NEP 2020 and SDG 4 (Quality Education)

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- **Which German company signed an MoU to invest ₹2,000 crore in a new manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu?**

A) Nordex Group
B) BMW Group
C) Knorr-Bremse AG
D) ebm-papst
E) Siemens

Answer
C) Knorr-Bremse AG

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tamil Nadu signs MoUs worth over ₹3,200 crore with German companies during CM’s Europe visit
- **Location:** Germany (Cologne, Munich) and Tamil Nadu, India
- **Date:** September 1, 2025

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin signed investment MoUs with German companies, including Knorr-Bremse AG, Nordex Group, and ebm-papst, totaling over ₹3,200 crore.
- **Objectives:** To attract foreign direct investment, strengthen renewable energy, automobile, and engineering sectors in Tamil Nadu, and create employment opportunities for 6,250 people.

Important Terms Explained:

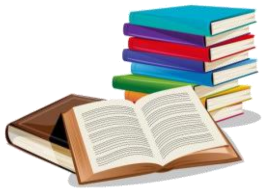
- **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):** A formal but non-binding agreement between parties outlining investment commitments, cooperation areas, and partnership terms.
- **Renewable Energy:** Energy generated from sustainable sources such as wind, solar, and hydro; Tamil Nadu leads in India's renewable energy capacity.
- **Global Capability Centre (GCC):** Offshore units established by global firms to handle technology, R&D, and back-office operations, enhancing regional skill and innovation.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Tamil Nadu MoUs with German companies
Announcement date	September 1, 2025
Location	Germany (Cologne, Munich) and Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Government of Tamil Nadu
Policy/series name	TN Global Investment Promotion Mission
Key figures	MK Stalin (CM, Tamil Nadu), TRB Rajaa (Industries Minister), Marc Llistosella (Knorr-Bremse CEO)
Purpose/reason	Attract FDI, create jobs, and boost renewable energy and engineering ecosystem
Feature details	₹3,200 crore investment; 6,250 jobs; Knorr-Bremse ₹2,000 cr, Nordex ₹1,000 cr, ebm-papst ₹201 cr
Validity or status	MoUs signed; investments to materialize in phased manner
Strategic/significant value	Enhances TN's leadership in renewable energy, automotive, and advanced engineering sectors

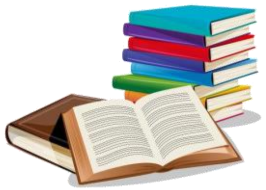
QUICK RECALL

- National Nutrition Week 2025 is being observed from September 1 to 7 across India to promote awareness about healthy eating.
- Google has partnered with the International Cricket Council (ICC) to support the Women's ODI World Cup 2025 in India.
- Singapore has been ranked the most peaceful country in Asia and 6th globally in the Global Peace Index 2025.
- Odisha currently ranks fifth in India in electric bus adoption with 450 e-buses operational.
- India's Current Account Balance slipped to a deficit of $2.4 billion, or 0.2% of GDP, in Q1 FY26.
- UPI transaction volumes crossed the 20 billion mark for the first time in August 2025, according to NPCI data.
- Union Mutual Fund launched its Diversified Equity All Cap Active FoF on September 1, 2025.
- The RBI bulletin reported strong pass-through of repo rate cuts to lending and deposit rates in 2025.
- India's GST collections in August 2025 rose 6.5% year-on-year to ₹1.86 lakh crore.



QUICK RECALL

- India’s real GDP grew by 7.8% in Q1 FY 2025–26, up from 6.5% in Q1 FY 2024–25.
- RBI projects a 21.5% rise in private sector capex to ₹2.67 lakh crore for FY 2025–26.
- The Government of India has set the rice procurement target for KMS 2025-26 at 46.35 million tonnes, down from last year's target.
- GH2 Solar announced a green hydrogen electrolyser manufacturing facility in Morena district, Madhya Pradesh.
- Flipkart has acquired a majority stake in Pinkvilla India Pvt. Ltd. to boost its digital content presence.
- CEAT Ltd. has completed the acquisition of Michelin Group’s CAMSO Construction Compact Line Business for $225 million.
- The 12th India-Japan Business Leaders’ Forum was co-chaired by Bharat Forge CMD Baba Kalyani in 2025.
- The Indian Army’s Ashni drone platoons made their operational debut during the Yudh Kaushal 3.0 exercise in Arunachal Pradesh.
- India and Japan held strategic dialogues to strengthen economic security cooperation across semiconductors, clean energy, critical minerals, and technology.



QUICK RECALL

- Modi and Xi met on the sidelines of the SCO Summit 2025 in Tianjin to ease strained ties.
- Ule Farmers Producer Company from Solapur exported its first 20 MT banana consignment to Oman.
- The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has covered over 56 crore beneficiaries as of July 2025, making it one of the world's largest financial inclusion programs.
- India has launched its first Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling system at Choryasi Fee Plaza on NH-48 in Gujarat.
- The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) has integrated 1,938 digital services across all Indian states and union territories.
- India's school teacher count crossed one crore for the first time, reflecting a 6.7 percent increase over 2022–23.
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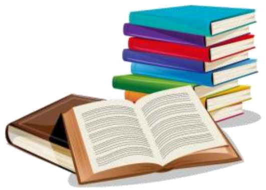

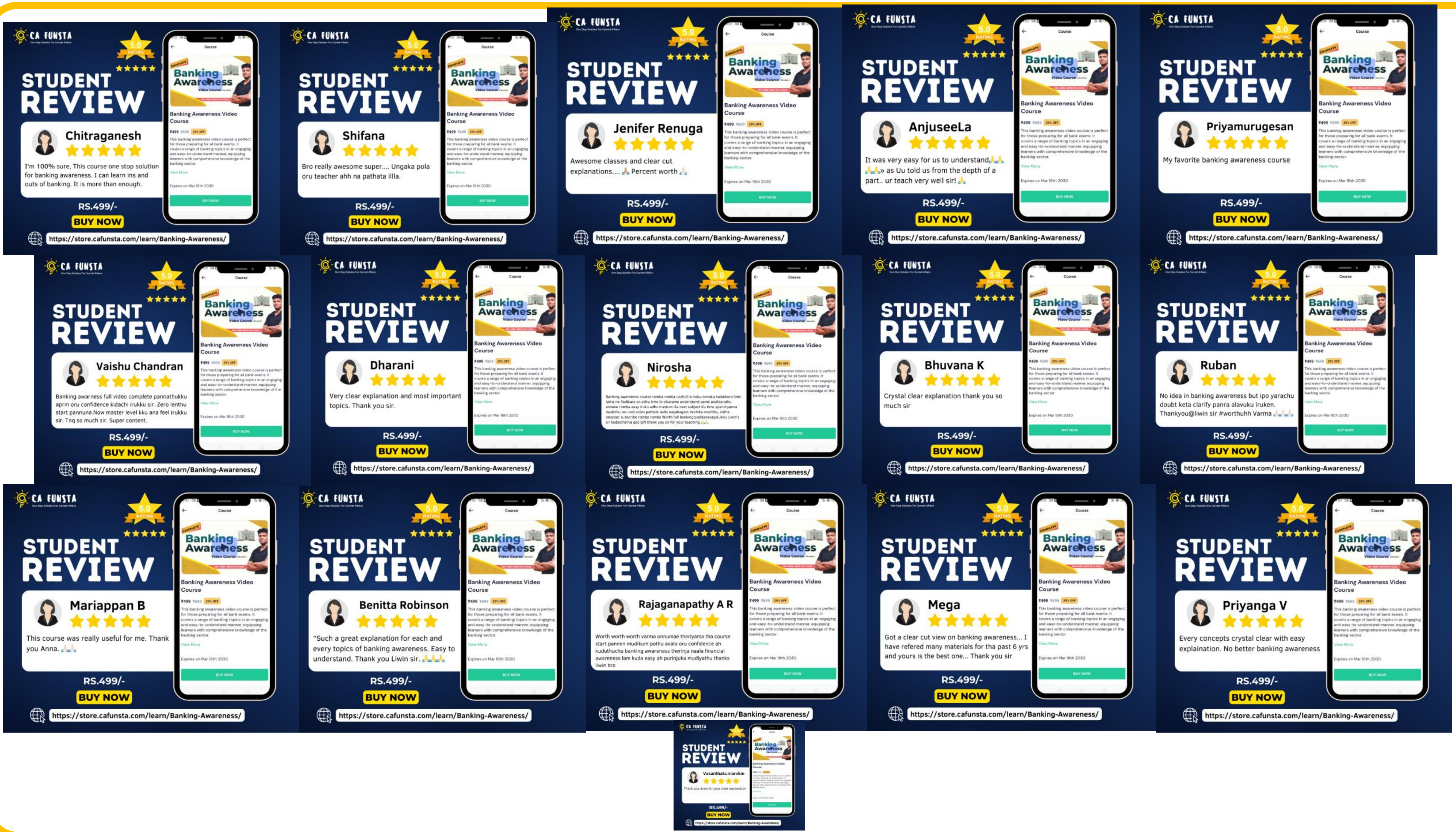
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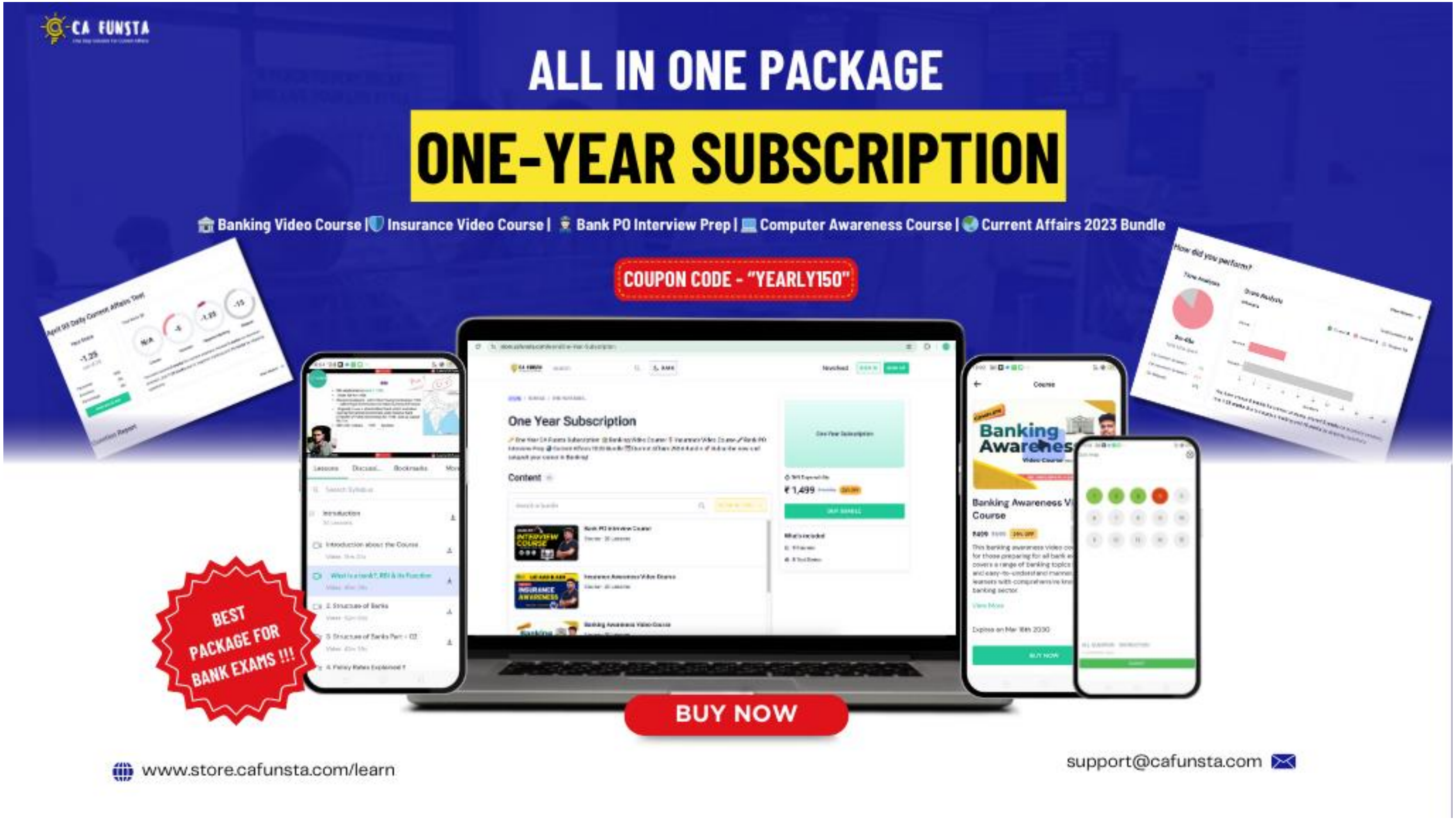
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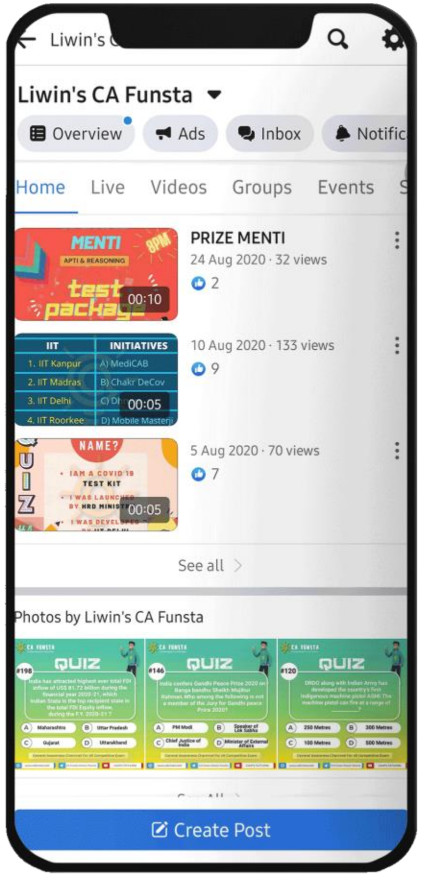

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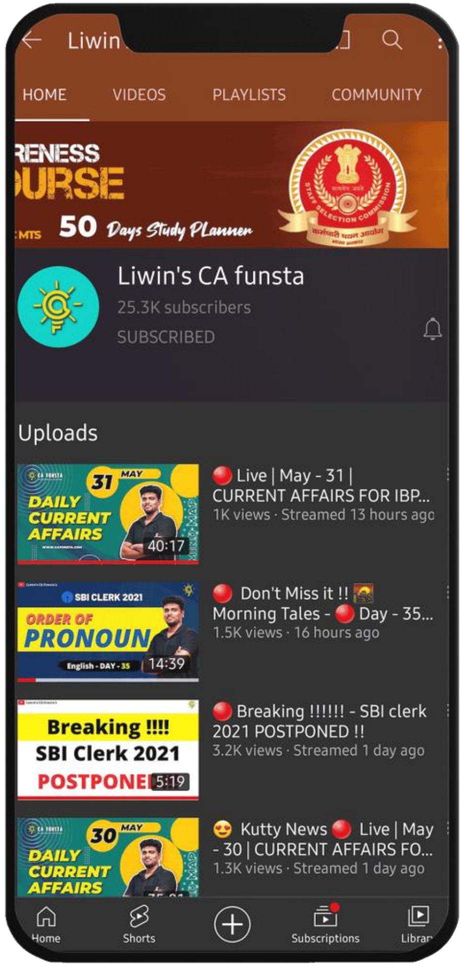

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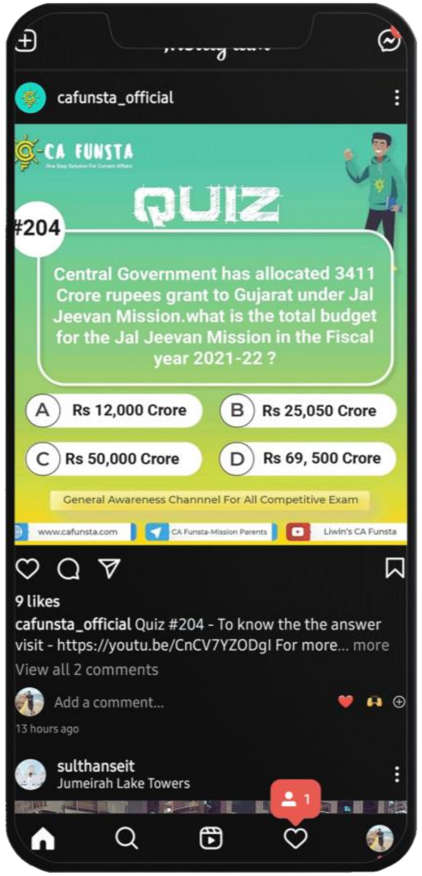

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