

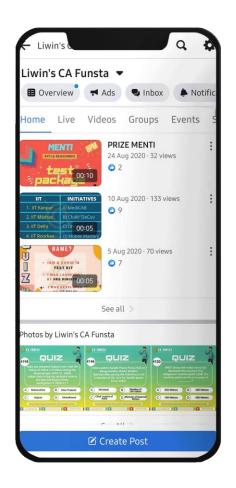
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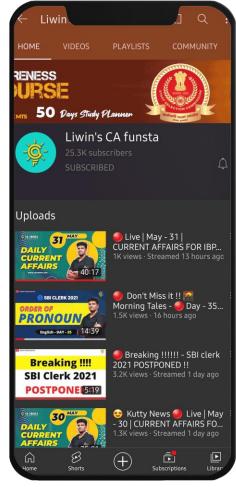
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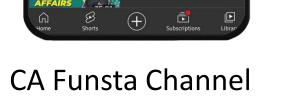
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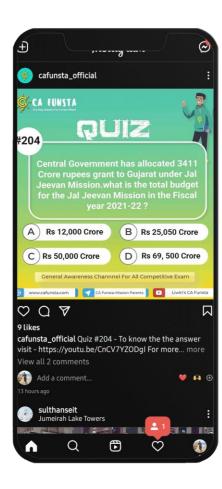






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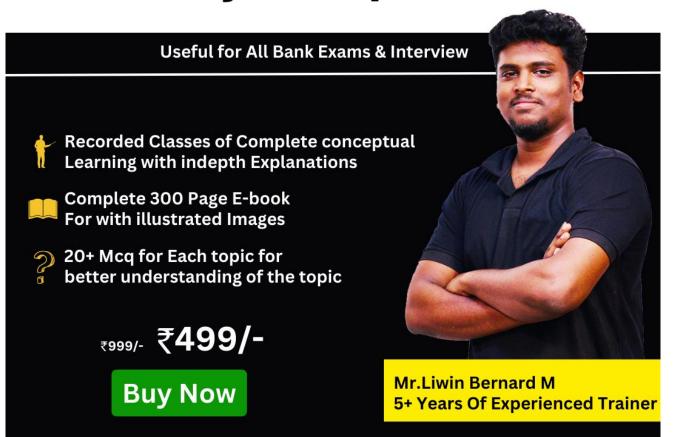


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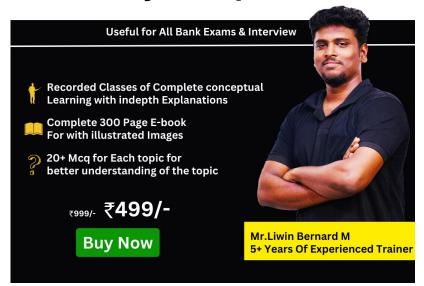
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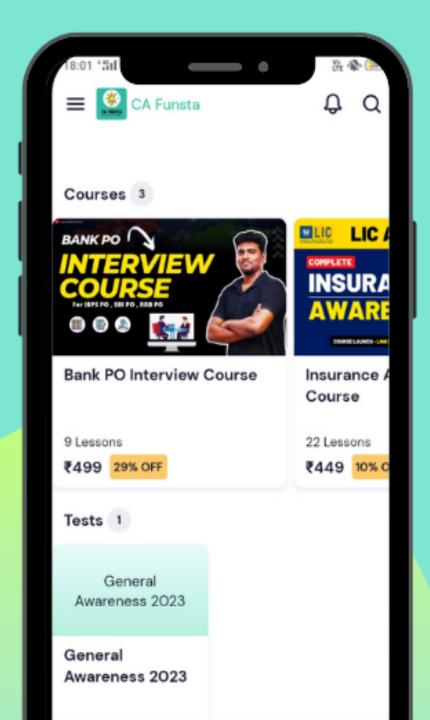
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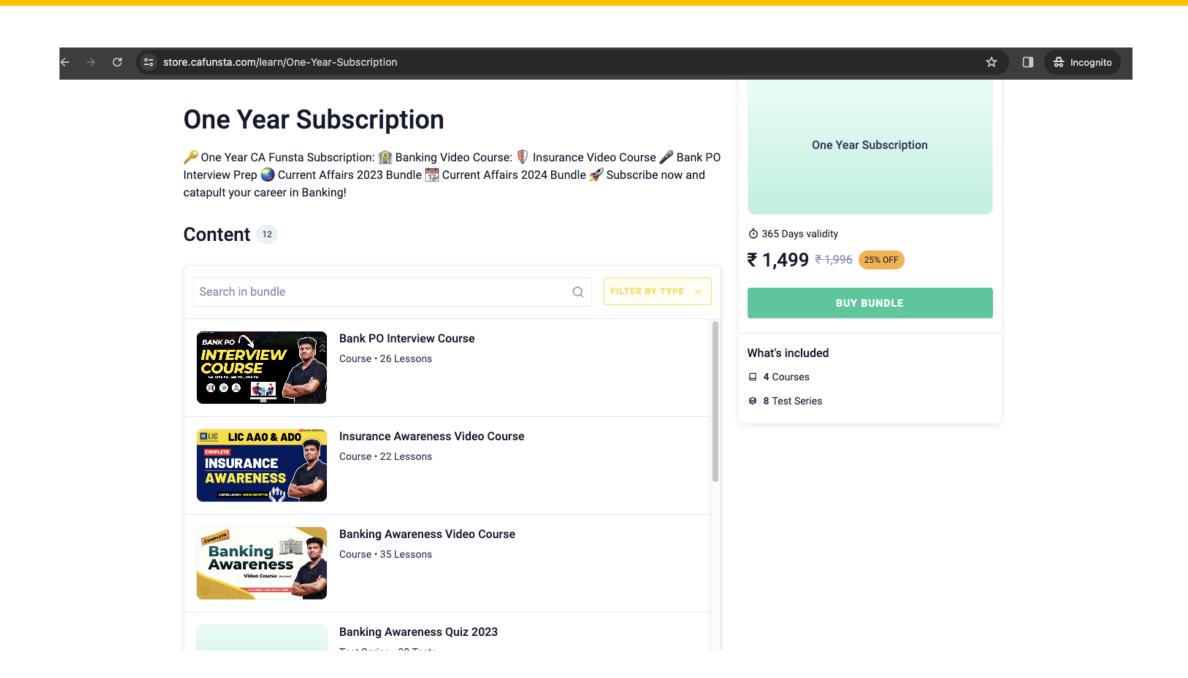


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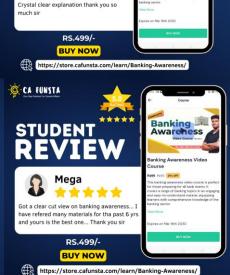






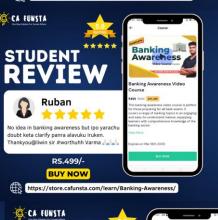






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➤ Which team did India defeat to win bronze at the CAFA Nations Cup 2025?

- A) Uzbekistan
- B) Iran
- C) Oman
- D) Afghanistan
- E) Kazakhstan

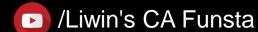
Answer C) Oman













Event and Location:

- Event: India wins bronze medal at the CAFA Nations Cup 2025
- Location: Hisor Central Stadium, Tajikistan
- Date: September 8, 2025 (match date, announced Sept 9, 2025)







Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- India participated in the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 and secured third place by defeating Oman in a penalty shootout.
- The match ended 1-1 in regulation time; India won 3-2 on penalties.

Objectives:

- To showcase India's progress in international football, especially in Asian regional competitions.
- To boost national football development through historic wins and international recognition.









Important Terms Explained:

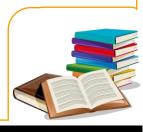
CAFA Nations Cup:

- A football tournament organised by the Central Asian Football Association (CAFA), featuring teams from Central and South Asia.
- India was an invited team in this regional championship.

Penalty Shootout:

- A tie-breaker used in knockout football matches when the score remains equal after regulation (and extra) time.
- Teams alternate taking penalty shots; the one scoring more out of 5 (or sudden death) wins.

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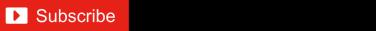




Important Terms Explained:

- **Bronze Medal Finish:**
 - Indicates third place in a tournament, achieved by winning the third-place playoff match.





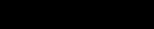


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India wins bronze at CAFA Nations Cup 2025
Match date	September 8, 2025
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Hisor Central Stadium, Tajikistan
Opponent defeated	Oman
Match result	India 1 – 1 Oman (India won 3–2 in penalties)
Key performers	Udanta Singh (goal), Gurpreet Singh Sandhu (penalty saves)
Significance	First-ever win over Oman, first CAFA Nations Cup medal
Victory method	Penalty Shootout
Historical relevance	Major breakthrough in Indian football in Asian competitions
Tournament organiser	Central Asian Football Association (CAFA)
Medal secured	Bronze (3rd place)

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> Which bank has launched a digital loan facility against mutual fund investments in partnership with Ark Neo Financial Services?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) South Indian Bank
- E) Federal Bank

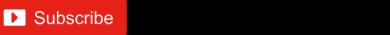
Answer D) South Indian Bank





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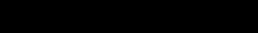
Event and Location:

- Event: Launch of digital loan against mutual funds
- Location: India (Pan-India access; announced from Kochi)

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• Date: September 9, 2025

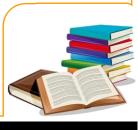






Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: South Indian Bank, in partnership with Ark Neo Financial Services (via DhanLAP platform), has launched a fully digital loan facility that allows individuals to borrow against their mutual fund holdings.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to empower investors to meet short-term financial needs without redeeming their mutual fund investments, by offering a paperless, digital overdraft facility with quick disbursal and minimal documentation.









Important Terms Explained:

- Loan Against Mutual Funds (LAMF): A type of secured loan where the borrower pledges mutual fund units as collateral to access a credit facility, often as an overdraft.
- DhanLAP: A digital loan platform operated by Ark Neo Financial Services, enabling tech-driven loan processing against financial securities like mutual funds.
- Overdraft Facility: A flexible borrowing mechanism that allows individuals to withdraw money beyond the available balance, up to a sanctioned limit based on mutual fund valuation.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Digital Loan Against Mutual Funds
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Kochi, India
Issuing authority	South Indian Bank, in partnership with Ark Neo Financial Services
Policy/series name	Loan Against Mutual Funds via DhanLAP Platform
Key figures	Sanchay Kumar Sinha (CGM & Head – Retail Assets, SIB)
Purpose/reason	To offer fast, secure credit access without disturbing mutual fund holdings
Feature details	100% digital, paperless, Aadhaar & PAN based KYC, 50% LTV for equity MFs, 70% for debt MFs
Validity or status	Active and available to all eligible individuals aged 18-75
Strategic/significant value	Provides liquidity to investors while investments continue to earn returns









> What is the new reduced GST rate on renewable energy equipment as per the recent rationalisation?

A) 18%

B) 12%

C) 8%

D) 5%

E) 0%

Answer D) 5%









Event and Location:

Event: GST rate cut on renewable energy equipment and its impact on tariffs

Location: India

Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The GST rate on renewable energy (RE) equipment has been reduced from 12% to 5%, impacting developers of up to 50 GW of RE projects who may seek tariff revision under a 'Change in law' provision by approaching the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).
- **Objectives:** The rate cut aims to lower capital expenditure for developers, promote cheaper tariffs in RE auctions, and encourage faster adoption of clean energy, while also addressing fairness in risk allocation between developers and discoms.

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Important Terms Explained:

- **Change in Law:** A regulatory clause that allows affected parties (developers or discoms) to seek compensation or tariff revision if government policy changes increase or decrease project costs after contract signing.
- **CERC (Central Electricity Regulatory Commission):** The regulatory body responsible for tariff setting and dispute resolution in India's interstate electricity sector.
- FDRE (Firm and Dispatchable Renewable Energy): A renewable power project that ensures consistent and controllable energy output, often by combining solar, wind, and storage systems.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	GST Rate Rationalisation on Renewable Energy Equipment
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	India (National-level impact)
Issuing authority	Government of India, with regulatory implications from CERC
Policy/series name	GST Rate Revision under RE Sector
Key figures	Beempow Energy, JM Financial, CERC
Purpose/reason	Reduce capex burden, enable fair tariff revisions, and support clean energy growth
Feature details	GST on goods down from 12% to 5%, composite GST reduced from 13.8% to 8.9%
Validity or status	Implemented and applicable to under-construction RE projects
Strategic/significant value	Impacts ~50 GW of projects; could lead to reduced tariffs and regulatory claims under "Change in law"









What is the projected size of India's fitness industry by 2030 according to the Deloitte India and HFA report?

A) ₹25,000 crore

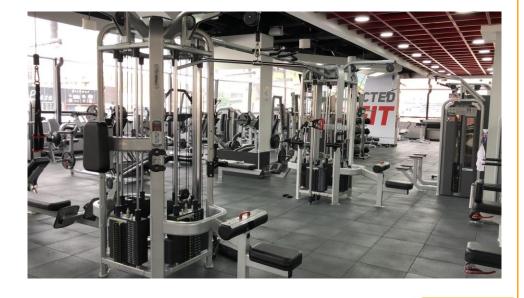
B) ₹30,500 crore

C) ₹37,700 crore

D) ₹40,200 crore

E) ₹16,200 crore

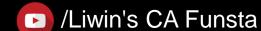
Answer C) ₹37,700 crore













Event and Location:

Event: Fitness industry in India projected to grow to ₹37,700 crore by 2030

Location: India

Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: A joint report by Deloitte India and the Health & Fitness Association (HFA) projects the Indian fitness industry will grow from ₹16,200 crore in 2024 to ₹37,700 crore by 2030.
- Objectives: The goal is to highlight growth potential, expand inclusivity beyond metro cities, and tap into India's large inactive population to create a more health-conscious society.







Important Terms Explained:

- **CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate):** The rate at which the market is expected to grow annually; India's fitness sector is projected to grow at a CAGR of 15% till 2030.
- Value Gyms: Budget-friendly fitness centres that dominate the market with 56% revenue share, 78% of the membership base, and 80% of total facilities in 2024.
- **Boutique Fitness Studios:** Specialised fitness centres offering instructor-led formats like HIIT, Yoga, MMA, and Pilates, expected to grow at 18.8% CAGR through 2030.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	<u>Details</u>
Event name	India's fitness industry projected to reach ₹37,700 crore by 2030
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Deloitte India and Health & Fitness Association (HFA)
Policy/series name	Fitness Industry Market Outlook Report
Key figures	Praveen Govindu (Deloitte), Liz Clark (HFA)
Purpose/reason	To assess the market growth and highlight untapped potential in the Indian fitness industry
Feature details	Report includes projections of market size, membership growth, penetration rates, and segment-wise trends
Validity or status	Projection valid through 2030
Strategic/significant value	Supports allied sectors like activewear, wellness tourism, nutrition, and digital platforms



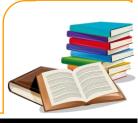


Where did Tata Power and Tata Motors set up their first co-branded mega EV charging hub?

- A) Pune
- B) Delhi
- C) Andheri, Mumbai
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Hyderabad

Answer C) Andheri, Mumbai











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Tata Power–Tata Motors mega EV charging hub
- **Location:** Andheri, Mumbai (within The Leela Hotel premises)
- Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tata Power and Tata Motors jointly launched India's largest co-branded mega EV charging hub in Mumbai, capable of charging 16 vehicles simultaneously at speeds up to 120 kW.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to expand high-speed green EV charging infrastructure across major Indian cities, promote electric mobility, and offer discounted, priority access to Tata EV customers.

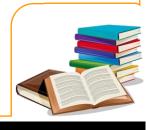






Important Terms Explained:

- **EV** (**Electric Vehicle**): A vehicle powered by electric energy stored in rechargeable batteries, offering a sustainable alternative to conventional petrol/diesel vehicles.
- Mega EV Charging Hub: A large-scale charging facility designed to serve multiple electric vehicles at once with high-speed chargers (in this case, up to 120 kW).
- **Green Charging:** Use of renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and hybrid energy to power EV charging stations, reducing the carbon footprint.



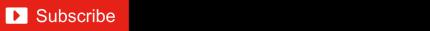






Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Tata Power-Tata Motors Mega EV Charging Hub
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Andheri, Mumbai
Issuing authority	Tata Power and Tata Motors
Policy/series name	Co-branded EV Charging Infrastructure Expansion
Key figures	Praveer Sinha (Tata Power CEO)
Purpose/reason	Promote electric mobility and high-speed green charging
Feature details	16 simultaneous vehicle charging, 120 kW speed, 25% discount for Tata EVs, solar and wind-powered
Validity or status	Operational; more hubs to follow in other major cities
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's transition to green mobility, and collaboration between OEM and utility sectors





➤ What was Andhra Pradesh's GSDP growth rate in the first quarter of FY 2025-26?

A) 8.8%

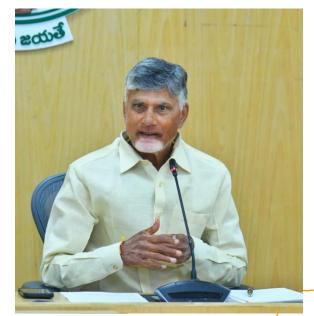
B) 9.58%

C) 10.50%

D) 11.91%

E) 17.1%

Answer C) 10.50%







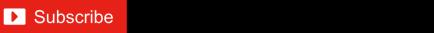


Event and Location:

- Event: Andhra Pradesh records double-digit GSDP growth in Q1 of FY 2025-26
- Location: Andhra Pradesh (Vijayawada CM's camp office)
- Date: September 9, 2025



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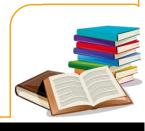




Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

- Andhra Pradesh recorded 10.50% growth in Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in Q1 of FY 2025–26, surpassing the national GDP growth rate of 8.8%.
- The industrial sector led the growth with 11.91%, driven largely by a 43.54% growth in mining and quarrying.
- The services sector followed closely with 10.70% growth, powered by improvements in tourism, hotels, and transport.









Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- To strengthen economic growth momentum and maintain sectoral performance.
- CM N. Chandrababu Naidu instructed officials to aim for a 17.1% GSDP growth target for the next fiscal year, encouraging sector-specific strategies and continuous monitoring.

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Important Terms Explained:

- GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product): The total economic output of a state, reflecting the value of all goods and services produced within the state's boundaries over a specific period.
- GVA (Gross Value Added): The measure of the value of goods and services produced in an economy, industry, or sector, excluding taxes and including subsidies.
- Mining and Quarrying Sector: A sub-sector of industry that includes the extraction of minerals, ores, and other geological materials—showed 43.54% growth in AP's case.



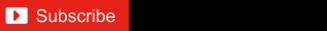




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Andhra Pradesh records double-digit GSDP growth
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Andhra Pradesh (Vijayawada)
Issuing authority	State Planning Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh
Growth Rate (Q1 FY26)	10.50%
Previous Year (Q1 FY25)	9.58%
National GDP (Q1 FY26)	8.8%
Sectoral leaders	Industrial (11.91%), Services (10.70%)
Top sub-sector	Mining & Quarrying (43.54% growth)
Target for next year	17.1% GSDP growth
Strategic value	Indicates strong state-level performance and robust industrial resurgence







> What major agricultural initiative was announced during Dialogue NEXT 2025?

- A) Smart Irrigation Programme
- B) Soil Nutrition Index Scheme
- C) National Plant Health Mission
- D) Rural AgriTech Innovation Hub
- E) Krishi Secure Framework

Answer C) National Plant Health Mission









Event and Location:

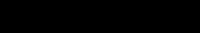
 Event: Dialogue NEXT 2025 highlighting agriculture's economic impact and launching a major plant health mission

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Location: New Delhi, India

• Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

 India's Principal Scientific Advisor, Ajay Kumar Sood, addressed the event and announced the upcoming launch of the National Plant Health Mission.

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 The event was organised by ICAR, in collaboration with CIMMYT and BISA.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- To safeguard crop health by reducing losses from pests and diseases.
- To modernize agriculture with surveillance systems and early-warning mechanisms.
- To promote climate-resilient, sustainable, and tech-integrated farming practices.









Important Terms Explained:

- . National Plant Health Mission:
 - An upcoming initiative by ICAR to reduce crop loss through:
 - Pest and disease surveillance
 - Integrated Plant Health Management
 - Early-warning systems for outbreaks
 - Farmer training and health advisories
- . ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research):
 - India's premier agricultural research body, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, responsible for coordinating research and education in agriculture and allied sectors.









Important Terms Explained:

Dialogue NEXT 2025:

 A global agricultural dialogue with the theme "Take it to the Farmer", held in Delhi with support from CIMMYT and BISA, focusing on tech dissemination and climate resilience in agriculture.

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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Dialogue NEXT 2025
Date	September 9, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the PM, in partnership with ICAR
Key announcement	National Plant Health Mission
Key figure	Ajay Kumar Sood
Collaborating organisations	ICAR, CIMMYT, BISA
Focus of mission	Plant health surveillance, pest control, early warning, farmer training
Agriculture's contribution	15-20% of GDP; supports 60% of India's workforce
Strategic relevance	Boosting food security, sustainability, and rural livelihoods







> Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Stock Exchange's governing board in September 2025?

- A) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- B) U.K. Sinha
- C) Injeti Srinivas
- D) Subhash Chandra Garg
- E) T.V. Mohandas Pai

Answer C) Injeti Srinivas











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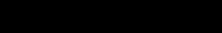
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• **Event:** Appointment of new chairman to NSE's governing board

• Location: Mumbai, India

Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has appointed Injeti Srinivas, former IFSCA Chairman and 1983-batch IAS officer, as the chairman of its governing board.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to fill a critical leadership gap at the NSE ahead of its upcoming Initial Public Offering (IPO) and to address regulatory concerns raised by SEBI regarding governance delays.







Important Terms Explained:

- NSE (National Stock Exchange): India's leading stock exchange, established in 1992, known for its electronic trading system and benchmark indices like Nifty 50.
- IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority): A statutory regulatory body established in 2020 to develop and regulate financial services, financial products, and financial institutions in International Financial Services Centres in India, such as GIFT City.
- **IPO (Initial Public Offering):** The process through which a private company offers shares to the public for the first time, turning into a publicly traded entity.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of NSE Governing Board Chairman
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	National Stock Exchange (NSE)
Policy/series name	Chairman Appointment Pre-IPO Governance
Key figures	Injeti Srinivas, Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
Purpose/reason	To fill vacant chairman post and address regulatory concerns
Feature details	Srinivas joined as public interest director, now appointed chairman
Validity or status	Appointment effective from September 9, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Ensures improved governance before NSE's planned IPO







> Who has been elected as the Vice President of India in September 2025?

- A) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- B) B. Sudershan Reddy
- C) M. Venkaiah Naidu
- D) CP Radhakrishnan
- E) Harivansh Narayan Singh

Answer
D) CP Radhakrishnan











Event and Location:

Event: CP Radhakrishnan elected as India's next Vice President

Location: New Delhi, India

Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- CP Radhakrishnan, the NDA-backed candidate, was elected as the Vice President of India, succeeding Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- He received 452 first preference votes, defeating Opposition candidate Justice B. Sudershan Reddy, who secured 300 votes.
- The election saw 754 votes cast, out of which 15 were invalid.









Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- To elect a new Vice President, who also serves as the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, in accordance with constitutional procedure.
- CP Radhakrishnan's candidature was also seen as part of the BJP's strategy to strengthen its presence in South India, especially Tamil Nadu.





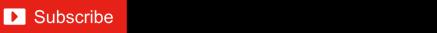


Important Terms Explained:

- Vice President of India: The second-highest constitutional post in India, who also functions as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- First Preference Vote: In Vice Presidential elections, votes are cast via single transferable vote, and first preferences are counted to determine the winner.
- **Cross Voting:** Occurs when legislators vote across party lines, often indicating political rifts or strategic alliances.
- NDA (National Democratic Alliance): A political coalition led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), currently in power at the Centre.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Election of India's next Vice President
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Election Commission of India
Position elected for	Vice President of India
New Vice President	CP Radhakrishnan
Votes secured	452 first preference votes
Opponent	Justice B. Sudershan Reddy (secured 300 votes)
Total votes cast	754 (15 invalid)
Strategic value	Enhances BJP's outreach in Tamil Nadu; indicates fissures in Opposition
Constitutional role	Ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha
Political alliance	NDA-backed









Who was honoured with the Camel International Award 2025 for global business leadership?

- A) Azim Premji
- B) Satya Nadella
- C) Younus Ahamed
- D) Ratan Tata
- E) Sundar Pichai

Answer C) Younus Ahamed







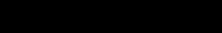


Event and Location:

- Event: Younus Ahamed honoured with Camel International Award 2025
- Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- **Date:** August 2025 (Awarded in late August; reported on September 9, 2025)

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Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

- Younus Ahamed, a Non-Resident Indian (NRI) entrepreneur from Palakkad, Kerala, and **Executive Director of Dotspace Coworking,** received the Camel International Award 2025.
- The award was presented by Sheikh Matar Bin Huwaiden Al Ketbi, Chairman of the Sharjah Camel Racing Club, in Dubai.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- The award aims to recognise individuals with outstanding business leadership on a global scale.
- It honours NRI professionals who have made significant contributions to international business growth and innovation, especially in niche sectors like coworking spaces.

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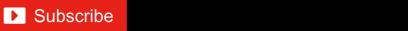




Important Terms Explained:

- Camel International Award: An international recognition instituted by Arabian World Records to celebrate individuals demonstrating exceptional business impact globally, especially within the Gulf and Middle East regions.
- **Arabian World Records:** An organisation recognising record-setting achievements across the Arab world, often celebrating excellence in business, innovation, sports, and culture.
- **Dotspace Coworking:** A coworking brand led by Younus Ahamed, focused on providing flexible workspace solutions in the Middle East, especially for startups, freelancers, and global entrepreneurs.

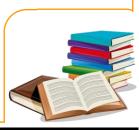






Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Camel International Award 2025
Announcement date	September 9, 2025 (awarded in August 2025)
Location	Dubai, UAE
Award recipient	Younus Ahamed
Position	Executive Director, Dotspace Coworking
Presented by	Sheikh Matar Bin Huwaiden Al Ketbi
Awarding institution	Arabian World Records
Purpose/reason	Recognising global business leadership by an NRI entrepreneur
Sector of excellence	Coworking space innovation and entrepreneurship in the Middle East
Nationality of recipient	Indian (NRI from Palakkad, Kerala)
Strategic/significant value	Celebrates India's global business impact and NRI contributions to the Gulf







> Which company has launched an AI-powered scanner app with enhanced document management features in September 2025?

- A) Microsoft
- B) Google
- C) Adobe
- D) Zoho
- E) Infosys

Answer D) Zoho













Event and Location:

Event: Launch of Al-powered Zoho Scanner app with advanced features

Location: Chennai, India

Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Zoho has launched a new, Al-powered version of its Zoho Scanner app featuring smart capabilities like automatic edge detection, background noise removal, text extraction, autotagging, and AI translation.
- **Objectives:** The goal is to offer an intelligent, crossplatform document management tool for both personal and business users, replacing foreign alternatives with a more secure, India-made solution.

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Important Terms Explained:

- **Zoho Scanner:** A document scanning app originally introduced in 2019 as an alternative to Chinese app CamScanner, now enhanced with AI features.
- Al-based Auto-Tagging: Uses artificial intelligence to automatically classify and label scanned documents based on content type for easy organisation.
- **Cross-Platform Syncing**: Allows real-time access and management of scanned documents across mobile and web platforms.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Al-powered Zoho Scanner app
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Chennai, India
Issuing authority	Zoho Corporation
Policy/series name	Zoho Scanner (Enhanced Version)
Key figures	Sridhar Vembu (CEO, Zoho)
Purpose/reason	To improve document scanning, tagging, and multilingual translation using Al
Feature details	Auto edge detection, image enhancement, background noise removal, AI translation in 22+ languages, and document categorisation
Validity or status	New version launched and publicly available
Strategic/significant value	Boosts secure, Al-powered document management in Indian and global SaaS markets







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➤ What is the name of the yacht on which the all-women Tri-Services team will circumnavigate the globe?

- A) INS Varuna
- B) IASV Shakti
- C) IASV Triveni
- D) Sagar Parikrama
- E) INS Sudarshini

Answer
C) IASV Triveni









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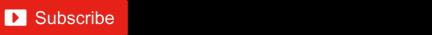


Event and Location:

- Event: Launch of India's first Tri-Services All-Women Circumnavigation Expedition
- **Location:** Gateway of India, Mumbai
- Date: September 11, 2025 (Flag-off date)



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Mandates and Objectives:

• Mandates: A team of 10 women officers from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force will sail around the globe on the Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) Triveni. The expedition will begin from Mumbai and is expected to cover 26,000 nautical miles over 9 months, visiting four foreign ports.







Mandates and Objectives:

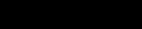
Objectives:

- To promote Tri-Service synergy and jointness in the Indian Armed Forces
- To demonstrate Nari Shakti (women empowerment) in the defence sector
- To showcase India's maritime strength and Atmanirbhar Bharat capabilities through an indigenously built sailing vessel
- To inspire young Indians by highlighting the resilience and spirit of women in uniform

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Important Terms Explained:

- **IASV Triveni:** A 50-foot sailing yacht built indigenously in Puducherry, named to reflect the unity of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. It has already covered 10,000 nautical miles in training.
- **Circumnavigation:** The act of sailing all the way around the globe. In this case, the voyage includes crossing the Equator twice and rounding the Three Great Capes: Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn, and Cape of Good Hope.







Important Terms Explained:

- Nari Shakti: A term symbolizing women empowerment in India, especially in roles traditionally dominated by men, such as military and defence.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** A national mission to promote self-reliance and indigenous production, including in defence and maritime technologies.

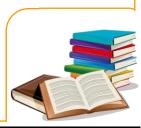






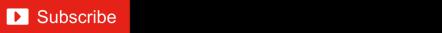
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Tri-Services All-Women Sailing Circumnavigation Expedition
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Flag-off date	September 11, 2025
Location	Gateway of India, Mumbai
Issuing authority	Indian Armed Forces
Policy/series name	IASV Triveni Circumnavigation Mission
Key figures	10 women officers (5 Army, 1 Navy, 4 Air Force)
Purpose/reason	Promote Tri-Services unity, women empowerment, and maritime capabilities
Feature details	26,000 nautical miles, 3 capes, 4 ports, 9-month voyage, 50-foot yacht
Validity or status	Expedition starts Sept 11, 2025; ends May 2026
Strategic/significant value	Promotes Nari Shakti, Atmanirbhar Bharat, and India's naval heritage



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- ➤ What was the major initiative launched by India at the 28th Universal Postal Congress in 2025?
- A) DigiPost Network Expansion
- B) Postal Aadhaar Integration
- C) Bharat Postal e-Commerce Exchange
- D) UPI-UPU Integration Project
- E) Global Postal Data Grid

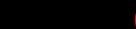
Answer
D) UPI-UPU Integration Project





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Event and Location:

- **Event:** India unveils UPI-UPU Integration Project at 28th Universal Postal Congress
- Location: Dubai World Trade Centre, United Arab Emirates
- Date: September 8, 2025 (announcement date)







Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

- India launched the UPI-UPU Integration Project in collaboration with NPCI International Payments Limited, India Post, and the Universal Postal Union.
- India pledged active participation in the UPU 2026-2029 strategic roadmap and applied for membership in the Council of Administration and Postal Operations Council.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- Enable low-cost, secure, and fast international remittances through postal channels using UPI.
- Promote digital transformation, sustainable logistics, and inclusive e-commerce globally.

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 Support the financial inclusion of Indian migrants and rural households through global postalfintech collaboration.







Important Terms Explained:

UPI (Unified Payments Interface):

- A real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), enabling instant money transfers via mobile platforms.
- Widely used in India for peer-to-peer and merchant transactions.

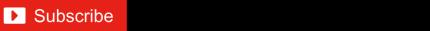
UPU (Universal Postal Union):

- A United Nations specialized agency founded in 1874 to coordinate international postal services and foster cooperation among its 192 member countries.
- Sets global postal regulations and digital infrastructure standards.



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Important Terms Explained:

UPI-UPU Integration Project:

- A first-of-its-kind digital remittance initiative linking India's UPI with the UPU Interconnection Platform.
- Aims to deliver secure, low-cost cross-border payments, especially to rural India.

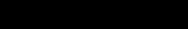
India Post:

 World's largest postal network, now transforming into a digital and logistics giant through business vertical expansion, CRM deployment, and enhanced citizen services.

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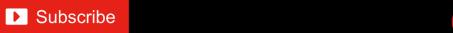






Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of UPI-UPU Integration at 28th Universal Postal Congress
Announcement date	September 8, 2025
Location	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Issuing authority	Ministry of Communications, Government of India
Representative	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Communications Minister
Collaborating agencies	Department of Posts, NPCI International, UPU
Major launch	UPI-UPU Integration Project
Purpose/reason	Enable cross-border remittances and promote financial inclusion
Key feature details	Real-time UPI remittance through postal platforms to benefit Indian diaspora
Strategic relevance	Boosts India's fintech diplomacy and postal transformation globally
India's candidature	UPU's Council of Administration & Postal Operations Council
Associated sectors	Digital payments, logistics, financial services, and global cooperation





What is the name of the social travel initiative launched by TSRTC to provide free trips to the underprivileged?

- A) Yatra Seva
- B) Teerth Yatra
- C) Yatradanam
- D) Travel Mitra
- E) Darshan Yojana

Answer C) Yatradanam











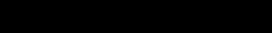
Event and Location:

- Event: Launch of TSRTC's first-of-its-kind social travel initiative 'Yatradanam'
- Location: Telangana (Headquartered in Hyderabad)

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Date: September 9, 2025

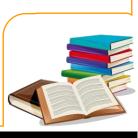






Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates: The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) has launched 'Yatradanam', a social welfare initiative that offers free bus travel to orphans, poor students, differently abled persons, and destitute senior citizens for pilgrimages and excursions.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- Promote social inclusion and cultural access for underprivileged groups
- Enable individuals and organisations to sponsor such trips as acts of public service
- Encourage donor participation on special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) through the Yatradanam Fund



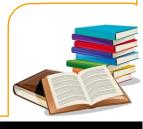






Important Terms Explained:

- **Yatradanam:** A first-of-its-kind social initiative launched by TSRTC allowing donor-sponsored free travel for the underprivileged to religious and tourist destinations.
- **TSRTC (Telangana State Road Transport Corporation):** The state-run transport organization responsible for operating public bus services in Telangana.
- **Donor-Sponsored Travel:** Under this model, trips are funded by donations from individuals, NRIs, corporates, NGOs, and associations, and executed by TSRTC with various classes of buses.



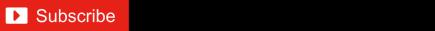




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of TSRTC's social travel scheme 'Yatradanam'
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Telangana (Hyderabad)
Issuing authority	TSRTC - Telangana State Road Transport Corporation
Policy/series name	Yatradanam Initiative
Key figures	Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, MD V C Sajjanar
Purpose/reason	Provide free travel to orphans, seniors, differently abled, and poor students
Feature details	Donor-sponsored tours, multiple bus categories, tours to temples & tourist places
Validity or status	Active; bookings open via depots and helplines
Strategic/significant value	Combines public transport with social impact and cultural outreach





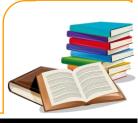


> What is the name of the monthly health and eco-friendly market initiative launched in Madurai?

- A) Arogya Bazaar
- B) Green Mela
- C) Aarogya Santhai
- D) Swasthya Mandi
- E) Wellness Utsav

Answer
C) Aarogya Santhai













Event and Location:

- Event: Launch of Aarogya Santhai a monthly healthy and eco-friendly market initiative
- Location: Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- Date: September 6, 2025





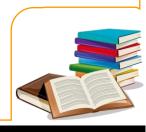


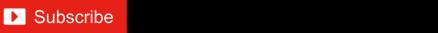
Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates: The Aarogya Santhai initiative was launched by Green Fem and Voluntary Association for People's Service (VAPS) with the support of NABARD, offering a platform for women entrepreneurs and self-help groups (SHGs) to sell health-focused and eco-friendly products.

Objectives:

- Promote healthy living and natural lifestyles through monthly local markets
- Empower women entrepreneurs by providing visibility and sales opportunities
- Encourage sustainable practices and organic product usage in the community





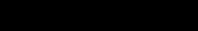


Important Terms Explained:

- Aarogya Santhai: A Tamil phrase meaning "Healthy Market", it is a monthly marketplace where local women and SHGs sell eco-friendly, organic, and wellness products.
- Green Fem: A women-run social enterprise founded in 2020 in Madurai, supporting over 400 women members, focused on skill-building and entrepreneurship.
- NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development): An apex development bank in India supporting rural development and self-reliance through financial and institutional assistance.

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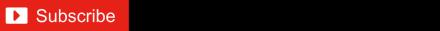




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Aarogya Santhai – Healthy Market Initiative
Announcement date	September 6, 2025
Location	Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai
Issuing authority	Green Fem, VAPS, NABARD
Policy/series name	Aarogya Santhai
Key figures	Ms. S. Tamilarasi, Mrs. R. Elamathi, Mr. A. S. Sakthi Balan, Mr. S.A. Arul
Purpose/reason	Promote natural, healthy lifestyles and empower women entrepreneurs
Feature details	Monthly event (first Saturday), 40+ stalls, health & eco-friendly products
Validity or status	Active; will recur monthly from September 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports women-led businesses, boosts rural economy, promotes wellness







> What is the maximum health insurance coverage offered to BPL families under Andhra Pradesh's new universal health scheme?

- A) ₹5 lakh
- B) ₹10 lakh
- C) ₹15 lakh
- D) ₹25 lakh
- E) ₹2.5 lakh

Answer D) ₹25 lakh











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approves universal health scheme and other infrastructure proposals
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh
- Date: September 4, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates: The Andhra Pradesh State Cabinet, chaired by CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, approved a universal health insurance scheme for about five crore people, with coverage ranging from ₹2.5 lakh to ₹5 lakh for all, and up to ₹25 lakh for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families via the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust.

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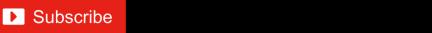
Mandates and Objectives:

Other approved mandates include:

- Land pooling of 78 acres in Atmakuru village, Mangalagiri for Mangalagiri Gold Cluster
- Development of 10 new medical colleges in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode
- Stamp duty waiver for lands allocated to educational institutions and hospitals in **Amaravati**
- Regularisation of 59,375 unauthorised constructions
- Increase in height limit for high-rise buildings from 18 metres to 24 metres









Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- To offer universal healthcare coverage to reduce out-of-pocket expenses
- Promote medical infrastructure through PPP
- Support local goldsmiths' industry via land pooling
- Encourage urban development and regularisation of unauthorised constructions









Important Terms Explained:

- NTR Vaidya Seva Trust: A state-run health scheme in Andhra Pradesh that provides tertiary medical care and insurance coverage to BPL families.
- PPP Mode (Public-Private Partnership): A model where public infrastructure is developed jointly by the government and private sector for improved efficiency and funding.
- Land Pooling Scheme: A system where landowners voluntarily contribute land parcels for development, often in exchange for developed plots in return.
- BPL (Below Poverty Line): An economic benchmark used by the government to identify low-income families eligible for welfare schemes.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	AP Cabinet approval for universal health scheme & development projects
Announcement date	September 4, 2025
Location	Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Andhra Pradesh State Cabinet
Policy/series name	Universal Health Scheme via NTR Vaidya Seva Trust
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, BPL families, AP residents
Purpose/reason	Provide healthcare support, promote medical infra and gold cluster support
Feature details	₹25 lakh coverage for BPL, land pooling for goldsmiths, 10 PPP medical colleges
Validity or status	Approved by cabinet; implementation to follow
Strategic/significant value	Boosts health security, gold economy, education and urban regulation







What is the full form of SPREE-2025 launched by ESIC to promote social security coverage?

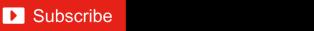
- A) Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employees and Employers
- B) Scheme for Public Registration of Employment Entities
- C) Social Protection Registration Enhancement Effort
- D) Scheme for Provisional Registration and Employment Enrolment
- E) Scheme for Policy Reform in Employee Enrolment

Answer

A) Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employees and Employers





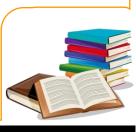




Event and Location:

- Event: Launch of SPREE-2025 and AMNESTY Scheme-2025 to boost social security coverage
- Location: Gurugram, Haryana (announced by ESIC Sub-Regional Office)
- Date: September 9, 2025





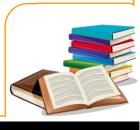




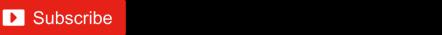
Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has launched two major schemes:
 - 1. SPREE-2025 Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employees and Employers
 - 2. AMNESTY Scheme-2025 One-time dispute resolution scheme for employers
- SPREE-2025 is active till 31st December 2025, and AMNESTY Scheme is effective from 1st October 2025 to 30th September 2026.









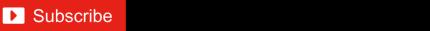
Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- Encourage voluntary registration under ESIC without fear of retrospective dues
- Provide health and social security benefits to newly registered employees from the date of joining
- Resolve pending disputes (damages, interest, coverage) through the AMNESTY Scheme
- Reduce litigation, promote formalisation, and build employer-employee trust
- Enhance ease of doing business for industries while strengthening workers' welfare







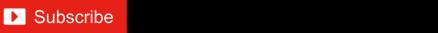


Important Terms Explained:

- **ESIC (Employees' State Insurance Corporation):** A statutory body under the Ministry of Labour & Employment that provides health insurance and social security to employees earning below a specified wage threshold.
- **SPREE-2025:** A compliance facilitation scheme that enables unregistered employers and employees to register on ESI portals without paying old dues and start receiving benefits immediately.
- **AMNESTY Scheme-2025:** A one-time settlement scheme for employers with pending ESI-related disputes to clear dues, resolve litigations, and ensure smooth future compliance.



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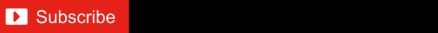




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of SPREE-2025 and AMNESTY Scheme-2025 by ESIC
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Gurugram, Haryana
Issuing authority	Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)
Policy/series name	SPREE-2025 and AMNESTY Scheme-2025
Key figures	Shri Sunil Yadav (Director In-charge), Shri Sachin Singh, Dr. Sweety Yadav
Purpose/reason	Promote registration, reduce disputes, and enhance social security
Feature details	Voluntary registration, no demand of old dues, dispute resolution window
Validity or status	SPREE till Dec 31, 2025; AMNESTY from Oct 1, 2025, to Sept 30, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Expands ESIC coverage, reduces litigation, supports worker welfare







- What is the name of the new initiative launched by the Tamil Nadu Government to protect and restore marine biodiversity?
 - A) Tamil Nadu Ocean Mission
 - B) Coastal Care Initiative
 - C) TN Marine Life Project
 - D) Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation
 - E) Blue Sea Revival Programme



Answer

D) Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation







Event and Location:

- Event: Launch of Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation (TNMRF) and SPV for Manali-Ennore restoration
- Location: Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- The Tamil Nadu Government has launched the Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation (TNMRF) to safeguard and restore marine biodiversity, and a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to revitalise the ecologically sensitive Manali-Ennore region.
- TNMRF will focus on the conservation of endangered marine species, rehabilitation of coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass beds, and expansion of marine protected areas.









Mandates and Objectives:

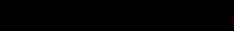
Objectives:

- Protect and regenerate marine ecosystems and biodiversity hotspots
- Train fisherfolk in eco-friendly livelihoods such as aquaculture, seaweed farming, and coastal crafts
- Implement green infrastructure projects, solid waste management, pollution control, and waterbody restoration in the Manali-Ennore region
- Promote climate resilience and sustainable coastal development

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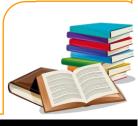






Important Terms Explained:

- **Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation** (TNMRF): A newly launched state-level initiative focused on marine conservation, ecosystem restoration, and community-based sustainable development.
- **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV):** A dedicated body formed by the government to execute targeted environmental and infrastructure projects, such as those planned for Manali-Ennore.
- **Coral Reefs, Mangroves, Seagrass Ecosystems:** Critical coastal ecosystems that protect biodiversity, support fisheries, and buffer against climate change and coastal erosion.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation & SPV for Manali-Ennore
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Tamil Nadu Government, Dept. of Environment, Climate Change & Forests
Policy/series name	TNMRF & Manali-Ennore Restoration SPV
Key figures	Thangam Thennarasu, R.S. Rajakannappan, Supriya Sahu, Srinivas R. Reddy
Purpose/reason	Protect marine biodiversity and restore environmentally sensitive zones
Feature details	Focus on coral reefs, seagrass, mangroves, fisherfolk training, pollution control
Validity or status	Officially launched and operational
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens marine conservation, climate resilience, and eco livelihoods







- ➤ Which literacy initiative is credited for raising India's literacy rate to 80.9% in 2023-24?
 - A) Shiksha Abhiyan
 - B) Saakshar Bharat
 - C) ULLAS Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram
 - D) National Literacy Movement
 - E) Digital India Literacy Drive

Answer

C) ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram





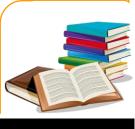




Event and Location:

- Event: India's literacy rate rises to 80.9% in 2023–24
- . Location: Nationwide (India)
- Date: September 8, 2025









Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: The Union Education Ministry announced a significant rise in India's national literacy rate from 74% in 2011 to 80.9% in 2023–24 during International Literacy Day celebrations.
- **Objectives:** The aim is to empower citizens through functional literacy, promote inclusive education, and expand access to lifelong learning, particularly for marginalised populations.







Important Terms Explained:

- ULLAS Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram: A flagship adult literacy programme launched to improve foundational literacy and numeracy among adults, especially in underserved regions, through volunteer-based mass learning.
- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy: Refers to basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills necessary for individuals to function effectively in society.







Important Terms Explained:

Digital Literacy: The ability to use digital devices, communication tools, and networks to access and manage information. Recognised as a key component of modern literacy in India's educational framework.





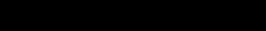


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Rise in India's Literacy Rate to 80.9%
Announcement date	September 8, 2025
Location	Nationwide (India)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Education
Policy/series name	ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram
Key figures	Dharmendra Pradhan, Jayant Chaudhary
Purpose/reason	To achieve inclusive literacy, functional education, and digital empowerment
Feature details	Over 3 crore enrolled, 42 lakh volunteers, 90% pass rate
Validity or status	Active programme driving national literacy goals
Strategic/significant value	Contributes to SDG 4 (Quality Education); empowers adults across India

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➤ What is the name of the entrepreneurship support programme launched by IIT Palakkad and Buimerc India Foundation?

- A) UDYAM
- B) DISHA
- C) NIDHI
- D) VIKAS
- E) SAMARTH

Answer B) DISHA











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of entrepreneurship support programme DISHA for social innovation
- Location: Kerala, India
- Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: IIT Palakkad Technology IHub Foundation (IPTIF) and Buimerc India Foundation signed an MoU to launch the DISHA entrepreneurship programme for nurturing social entrepreneurs.
- **Objectives:** The goal is to foster technology-led social innovation by supporting start-ups and individuals working on solutions in areas like healthcare, rural development, sustainability, and digital inclusion.







Important Terms Explained:

- DISHA (Driving Innovative Solutions for Humanitarian Advancement): A fellowship programme designed to support social impact entrepreneurs through mentorship, seed funding, and prototyping support.
- Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EiR) Fellowship: A key feature of DISHA where 10 selected fellows will receive mentorship, prototyping resources, and access to IIT Palakkad's innovation infrastructure.
- Social Innovation: Innovative solutions focused on addressing societal problems through scalable, technology-driven approaches.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of DISHA Entrepreneurship Support Programme
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Kerala, India
Issuing authority	Buimerc India Foundation & IIT Palakkad (IPTIF)
Policy/series name	DISHA (Driving Innovative Solutions for Humanitarian Advancement)
Key figures	A. Seshadri Sekhar (IIT Palakkad), R. Balachandran (Buimerc Foundation)
Purpose/reason	To nurture social entrepreneurs through mentorship and funding
Feature details	EiR fellowships, prototyping support, technical mentorship, social innovation focus
Validity or status	Programme to be rolled out for applications shortly
Strategic/significant value	Promotes social impact entrepreneurship and strengthens innovation ecosystem in Kerala







➤ How much has the Maharashtra government disbursed in the 7th installment of the Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi Yojana?

A) ₹2,000 crore

B) ₹1,892.61 crore

C) ₹6,000 crore

D) ₹12,000 crore

E) ₹11,130 crore

Answer B) ₹1,892.61 crore







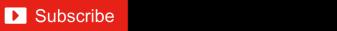




Event and Location:

- **Event:** Disbursement of 7th installment under Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi Yojana
- Location: Maharashtra, India
- Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: The Maharashtra Government disbursed ₹1,892.61 crore to 91.65 lakh farmers as the 7th installment under the Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi Yojana during an official event held at Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to supplement PM-Kisan Yojana, providing an additional ₹6,000 per year to eligible farmers, thereby offering a total annual benefit of ₹12,000 to ensure financial stability, production support, and agricultural sustainability.



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Important Terms Explained:

- Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi Yojana: A Maharashtra state government scheme that mirrors the PM-Kisan model, offering ₹6,000 per year to farmers in addition to the Centre's ₹6,000, making it a total of ₹12,000 annual support.
- PM-Kisan Yojana: A central government initiative under which eligible small and marginal farmers receive ₹6,000 per year in three equal instalments through direct benefit transfer (DBT).
- Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT): A mechanism by which subsidies and financial assistance are directly transferred to beneficiaries' bank accounts, ensuring transparency and efficiency.









Tabular Summary:

Details
Disbursement of 7th installment under Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi
Yojana
September 9, 2025
Maharashtra, India
Government of Maharashtra
Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi Yojana
CM Devendra Fadnavis, DCMs Eknath Shinde & Ajit Pawar, Agriculture Minister
Dattatreya Bharane
To provide financial support to farmers and supplement PM-Kisan
₹6,000/year from state + ₹6,000 from Centre = ₹12,000/year total benefit
7th installment disbursed; scheme ongoing
Strengthens rural economy and enhances farmer welfare





> Which German institution signed a Letter of Intent with Karnataka for ₹1,000 crore investment in the bioenergy sector?

- A) KfW Bank
- B) Deutsche Bank
- C) Hamburg Invest
- D) GIZ
- E) Siemens Energy

Answer C) Hamburg Invest







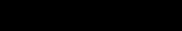




Event and Location:

- Event: Karnataka signs investment pact for ₹1,000 crore in the bioenergy sector
- . Location: Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Date:** September 10, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: Hamburg Invest, a financial institution from Germany, signed a Letter of Intent with the Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board (KSBDB) to facilitate an investment of ₹1,000 crore in bioenergy-related projects across the state.
- **Objectives:** The partnership aims to accelerate clean energy development, strengthen international cooperation, and address the impacts of climate change through sustainable bioenergy solutions involving public-private collaboration between Germany and Karnataka.



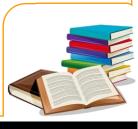






Important Terms Explained:

- **KSBDB (Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board):** A state-level board focused on promoting the development and implementation of bioenergy technologies and policies in Karnataka.
- Hamburg Invest: A government-owned investment promotion and financial agency based in Hamburg, Germany, supporting international industrial partnerships and green projects.
- Letter of Intent (LoI): A non-binding agreement that outlines the intention of two parties to collaborate on a future project or investment, often used as a precursor to formal contracts.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Investment pact in Karnataka's bioenergy sector
Announcement date	September 10, 2025
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Issuing authority	KSBDB and Hamburg Invest
Policy/series name	Letter of Intent for Bioenergy Investment
Key figures	S.E. Sudheendra (KSBDB Chairman)
Purpose/reason	Facilitate ₹1,000 crore investment in bioenergy to combat climate change
Feature details	Public-private partnership, German collaboration, sustainable energy goals
Validity or status	Lol signed; investment initiatives expected to follow
Strategic/significant value	Promotes renewable energy, climate resilience, and global cooperation







- Which Vande Bharat Express route has recently been upgraded to a 20-car configuration in Kerala?
 - A) Ernakulam-Howrah
 - B) Thiruvananthapuram-Mangaluru
 - C) Kozhikode-Bengaluru
 - D) Nagercoil-Madurai
 - E) Kochi-Hyderabad



Answer

B) Thiruvananthapuram-Mangaluru







Event and Location:

- Event: Upgrade of Thiruvananthapuram—Mangaluru Vande Bharat Express to 20-car configuration
- Location: Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru route)
- Date: September 9, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- The Mangaluru Central—Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express (20631/20632) has been upgraded from a shorter rake to the maximum 20-car configuration, adding 312 extra seats.
- The rake used is the 89th Vande Bharat train manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.









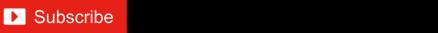
Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- Enhance passenger capacity and improve travel comfort on this high-demand route.
- Expand modern rail infrastructure within Kerala as part of Indian Railways' fleet modernization and Make in India initiative.



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Important Terms Explained:

- Vande Bharat Express: India's semi-high-speed, selfpropelled train developed under the Make in India initiative, known for its fast intercity travel and advanced passenger amenities.
- **20-Car Configuration:** The maximum rake length for Vande Bharat Express, enabling higher seating capacity and better passenger service during peak travel times.
- Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai: One of the premier railway coach manufacturing units in India, responsible for producing Vande Bharat rakes.



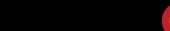




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Upgrade of Thiruvananthapuram-Mangaluru Vande Bharat to 20-car configuration
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Kerala (Southern Railway - Thiruvananthapuram Division)
Issuing authority	Southern Railway (Thiruvananthapuram Division)
Train Numbers	20631 / 20632
Policy/series name	Vande Bharat Express Fleet Upgrade
Key figures	Integral Coach Factory (89th Vande Bharat rake)
Purpose/reason	Increase seating capacity and passenger convenience
Feature details	20-car configuration, 312 extra seats, fully within Kerala operation
Validity or status	Service commenced as per schedule from Mangaluru Central
Strategic/significant value	Improves high-demand intra-state connectivity and railway modernization





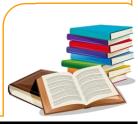


> Where is the International Institute for People with Disabilities (IIPD) being constructed in Kerala?

- A) Kochi
- B) Madurai
- C) Madikai, Kasaragod
- D) Kollam
- E) Nagercoil

Answer
C) Madikai, Kasaragod











Event and Location:

- Event: Launch of construction work for International Institute for People with Disabilities (IIPD)
- Location: Madikai, near Nileshwaram, Kasaragod, Kerala
- Date: September 10, 2025







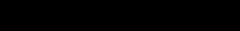
Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- The International Institute for People with Disabilities (IIPD) is being developed in Kasaragod under the leadership of the Thiruvananthapuram Different Art Center (DAC).
- The project will span 22 acres and include worldclass training, therapy, medical, vocational, and accommodation facilities for differently-abled individuals.
- Phase 1 construction begins on September 10, 2025, and is expected to be completed by 2026.
- Full operational status is targeted by 2029.

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Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- Provide international-standard training and rehabilitation for differently-abled individuals.
- Create integrated support systems including medical care, sports, arts, and education—all under one roof.
- Support global outreach, including children affected by endosulfan and others in need of specialized care.
- Promote inclusive development and empowerment of people with disabilities at a national and international scale.

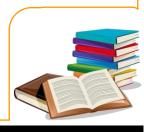






Important Terms Explained:

- IIPD (International Institute for People with Disabilities): A first-of-its-kind comprehensive institution in India offering integrated services for differently-abled people, modeled after the Different Art Center (DAC) in Thiruvananthapuram.
- DAC (Different Art Center): An innovative center for empowering differently-abled individuals through arts, based in Thiruvananthapuram and now leading the Kasaragod initiative.
- Endosulfan: A toxic pesticide responsible for severe disabilities and health disorders in parts of Kasaragod; the IIPD also aims to support such affected children.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of construction for IIPD in Kasaragod
Announcement date	September 8, 2025
Construction begins	September 10, 2025
Location	Madikai, near Nileshwaram, Kasaragod, Kerala
Issuing authority	Different Art Center (DAC), Thiruvananthapuram
Project name	International Institute for People with Disabilities (IIPD)
Key figures	Jiji Thomson, Gopinath Muthukad, Adoor Gopalakrishnan, T. Padmanabhan,
	Kaithapram Damodaran
Purpose/reason	Offer integrated care, training, therapy, and empowerment for the differently
	abled
Feature details	Medical care, assistive tech, sports, arts, vocational training, endosulfan-
	affected children support
Estimated cost	₹100 crore
Validity or status	Construction to begin; Phase 1 completion by 2026; full completion by 2029
Strategic/significant value	Will be India's largest inclusive center for persons with disabilities







Which financial institution has extended a loan of ₹8,862.95 crore for Kerala's Jal Jeevan Mission projects?

- A) RBI
- B) SIDBI
- C) NABARD
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) REC Ltd

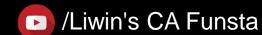
Answer C) NABARD













Event and Location:

- Event: Kerala government approves ₹8,862.95 crore
 NABARD loan for Jal Jeevan Mission
- Location: Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram)
- Date: September 9, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

- The Kerala Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, has given in-principle approval for a ₹8,862.95 crore loan from NABARD to fund the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) projects in the state.
- ₹5,000 crore will be disbursed in the first phase, and the Kerala Water Authority (KWA) has been authorized to receive and utilize the funds.







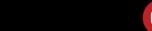
Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- To ensure safe and sufficient drinking water for rural households across Kerala.
- To support sustainable water management through rainwater harvesting, greywater treatment, and groundwater recharge under JJM.
- Additionally, to modernize society registration processes via the Kerala Societies Registration Bill, 2025.









Important Terms Explained:

- Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM): A Union Government flagship scheme launched in 2019 to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to every rural home in India by 2024, also focusing on water sustainability.
- NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural **Development):** A government-owned financial institution that provides credit and development assistance for agriculture and rural development, including infrastructure financing.









Important Terms Explained:

Greywater Treatment: The reuse and recycling of household wastewater (from baths, sinks, washing machines) for irrigation or flushing, crucial for water conservation.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NABARD loan approval for Kerala's Jal Jeevan Mission projects
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Location	Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram)
Issuing authority	Kerala Cabinet chaired by CM Pinarayi Vijayan
Policy/series name	Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
Key figures	CM Pinarayi Vijayan, Kerala Water Authority, NABARD
Purpose/reason	Provide safe drinking water and promote sustainable water management
Feature details	₹8,862.95 crore loan approved; ₹5,000 crore to be disbursed in first phase
Validity or status	In-principle approval granted; implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens Kerala's water infrastructure under the national JJM scheme







➤ How much total flood relief assistance did PM Modi announce for Himachal Pradesh and Punjab in September 2025?

A) ₹2,000 crore

B) ₹3,100 crore

C) ₹1,500 crore

D) ₹4,122 crore

E) ₹12,000 crore

Answer B) ₹3,100 crore











Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM announces ₹3,100 crore flood relief for Himachal Pradesh and Punjab
- Location: Himachal Pradesh (Kangra) and Punjab (Gurdaspur)
- Date: September 10, 2025





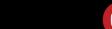


Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- PM Narendra Modi conducted an aerial survey and chaired meetings in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab to assess flood damage.
- Announced ₹1,500 crore aid for Himachal Pradesh and ₹1,600 crore for Punjab as immediate relief.
- Financial aid includes advance SDRF instalment, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, and other central schemes like PM Awas Yojana, PMNRF, and livestock support kits.
- ₹2 lakh ex gratia to next of kin of deceased and ₹50,000 for seriously injured also announced.







Mandates and Objectives:

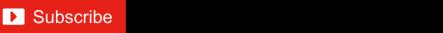
Objectives:

- Support relief, rehabilitation, and infrastructure restoration in flood-hit regions.
- Provide financial aid to affected families, including farmers, and rebuild essential services like roads, schools, and homes.
- Ensure multi-dimensional recovery of the disaster-hit states in coordination with state governments and disaster response forces.



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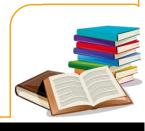






Important Terms Explained:

- **SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund):** A centrally supported fund allocated to states for relief and response to notified natural disasters.
- PMNRF (Prime Minister's National Relief Fund): A fund for providing immediate relief to people affected by natural calamities and disasters.
- PM Awas Yojana (PMAY): A central government scheme aimed at providing affordable housing to the poor in both rural and urban areas.
- Ex Gratia: A financial compensation given as a gesture of goodwill without legal obligation.



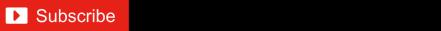




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM announces ₹3,100 crore relief package for flood-hit states
Announcement date	September 10, 2025
Location	Kangra (HP) & Gurdaspur (Punjab)
Issuing authority	Prime Minister's Office, Government of India
States covered	Himachal Pradesh and Punjab
Total relief amount	₹3,100 crore (₹1,500 crore for HP, ₹1,600 crore for Punjab)
Key officials present	PM Narendra Modi, CM Sukhu, CM Bhagwant Mann (via state reps), Governors







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Scheme support included	SDRF, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, PMAY, PMNRF, Livestock mini kits
Ex gratia details	₹2 lakh per deceased, ₹50,000 per seriously injured
Disaster type	Floods, cloudbursts, and landslides
Damages (HP)	₹4,122 crore losses; 370+ deaths
Damages (Punjab)	₹13,000 crore losses; 51+ deaths; 185,000 hectares of crop damage
Relief criticism	Opposition parties called the aid "meagre" and "insufficient"
Strategic value	Aims to restore infrastructure, agriculture, and normalcy in worst-hit areas







Who will be honoured with a ₹100 commemorative coin issued by the RBI on September 13, 2025?

- A) Lata Mangeshkar
- B) M S Subbulakshmi
- C) Bhupen Hazarika
- D) Bismillah Khan
- E) R D Burman

Answer C) Bhupen Hazarika









Event and Location:

- Event: RBI to issue ₹100 commemorative coin for Bhupen Hazarika's birth centenary
- . Location: Guwahati, Assam
- Date: September 13, 2025 (Coin launch);
 Celebrations: Sept 8, 2025 Sept 8, 2026





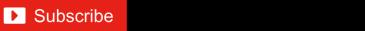


Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue a ₹100 commemorative coin to honour the birth centenary of Bhupen Hazarika.
- The coin will be unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a grand event in Guwahati.





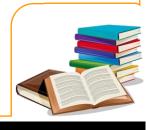


Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- To celebrate Bhupen Hazarika's cultural legacy, contributions to music, poetry, and social reform.
- To commemorate his centenary year (1926– 2026) through a nationwide cultural celebration and publication of his biography in multiple Indian languages.
- To promote national unity, linguistic pride, and social justice through remembrance of his life and work.

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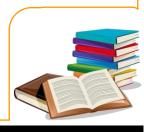
Important Terms Explained:

Commemorative Coin:

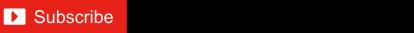
- A special issue of legal tender released to honour a significant personality, event, or occasion, often with limited circulation.
- These coins are symbolic and not meant for general circulation.

Bhupen Hazarika:

- A legendary Assamese musician, poet, and filmmaker, known for blending folk music with social themes.
- Posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2019, he is remembered for his contributions to Indian music, culture, and humanitarian values.



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Important Terms Explained:

- . RBI (Reserve Bank of India):
 - India's central banking institution, responsible for currency issuance, monetary policy, and financial regulation.
 - Occasionally issues commemorative coins for important national events or personalities.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI to issue ₹100 commemorative coin for Bhupen Hazarika
Announcement date	September 9, 2025
Coin release date	September 13, 2025
Location	Guwahati, Assam
Issued by	Reserve Bank of India
Launched by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	Mark Bhupen Hazarika's 100th birth anniversary
Key accompanying project	Biography by Assam Publication Board; to be translated nationally
Memorial initiative	Bhupen Hazarika Memorial renamed as Samannay Tirtha
Museum site	To be built at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, Guwahati
Legacy coverage	Programs in New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Arunachal, Meghalaya
Cultural outreach	All Bihu committees to dedicate one evening to Hazarika's legacy
Centenary period	From September 8, 2025 to September 8, 2026
Strategic value	National cultural integration, tribute to regional icons, unity messaging

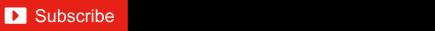


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- India clinched the bronze medal at the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 by defeating Oman in a penalty shootout.
- South Indian Bank has launched a digital loan facility against mutual fund investments.
- The GST on renewable energy equipment has been reduced from 12% to 5%, lowering project costs significantly.
- India's fitness industry is expected to grow from ₹16,200 crore in 2024 to ₹37,700 crore by 2030.
- Tata Power and Tata Motors launched India's largest mega electric vehicle charging hub in Andheri, Mumbai.
- Andhra Pradesh posted a 10.50% GSDP growth in the first quarter of FY 2025-26, surpassing the national average.
- Ajay Kumar Sood stated that agriculture contributes 15-20% to India's economy and supports 60% of the workforce.
- Injeti Srinivas has been appointed as the chairman of the governing board of the National Stock Exchange.
- CP Radhakrishnan has been elected as India's next Vice President, defeating Justice B. Sudershan Reddy.

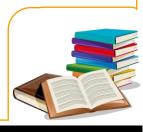


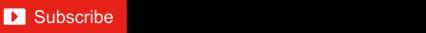


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- Younus Ahamed, an NRI entrepreneur from Palakkad, has been honoured with the Camel International Award 2025.
- Zoho has launched an enhanced version of its AI-powered Zoho Scanner application in September 2025.
- The Indian Armed Forces will launch their first all-women Tri-Services circumnavigation expedition on September 11, 2025.
- India launched the UPI-UPU Integration Project at the 28th Universal **Postal Congress in Dubai.**
- TSRTC launched the Yatradanam scheme to offer free bus travel to the underprivileged for religious and educational tours.
- Aarogya Santhai, a monthly healthy living market, was launched in Madurai on September 6, 2025.
- The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has approved a universal health insurance scheme with coverage up to ₹25 lakh for BPL families.
- ESIC has launched SPREE-2025 to encourage voluntary registration of unregistered employers and employees.
- The Tamil Nadu government launched the Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation (TNMRF) to protect marine biodiversity.



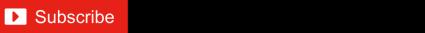


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- India's national literacy rate has increased to 80.9% in 2023-24, up from 74% in 2011.
- IIT Palakkad and Buimerc India Foundation have signed an MoU to launch the DISHA entrepreneurship programme.
- Maharashtra government disbursed ₹1,892.61 crore to 91.65 lakh farmers under the Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi Yojana.
- KSBDB and Germany's Hamburg Invest have signed a Letter of Intent for ₹1,000 crore investment in Karnataka's bioenergy sector.
- The Thiruvananthapuram-Mangaluru Vande Bharat Express has been upgraded to a 20-car configuration.
- The International Institute for People with Disabilities (IIPD) is set to begin construction at Madikai in Kasaragod on September 10, 2025.
- Kerala government has approved ₹8,862.95 crore loan from NABARD to support Jal Jeevan Mission implementation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced ₹3,100 crore relief for floodhit Himachal Pradesh and Punjab during a visit on September 10, 2025.
- The RBI will issue a ₹100 commemorative coin on September 13, 2025, to mark the birth centenary of Bhupen Hazarika.



































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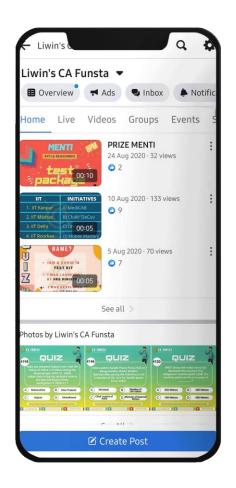
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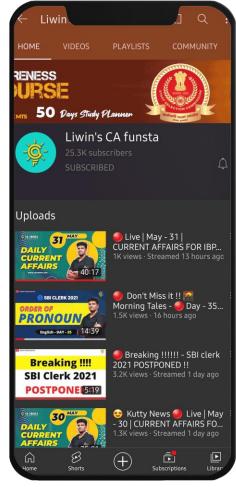


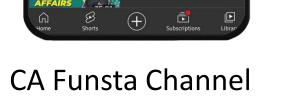


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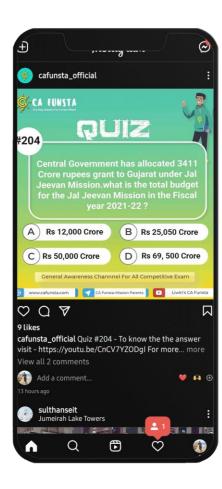






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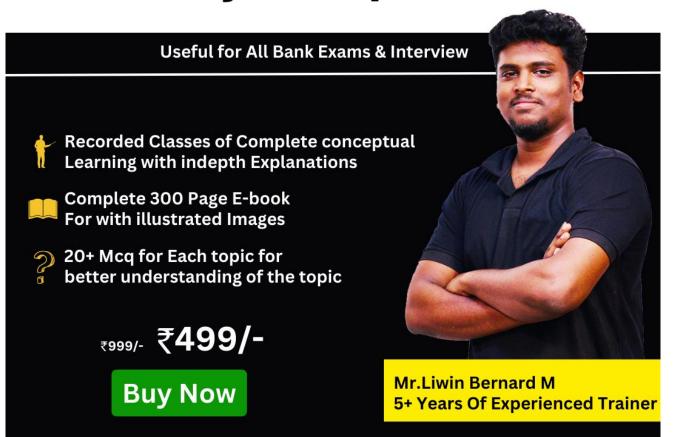


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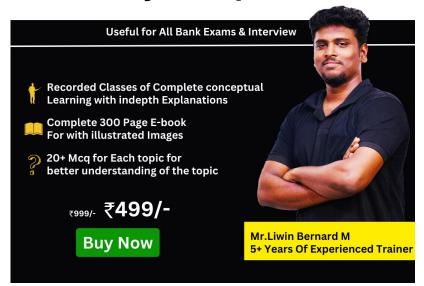
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