



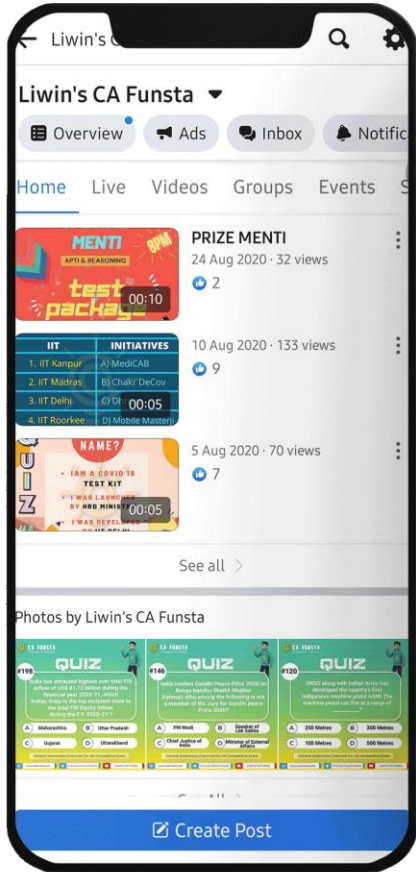
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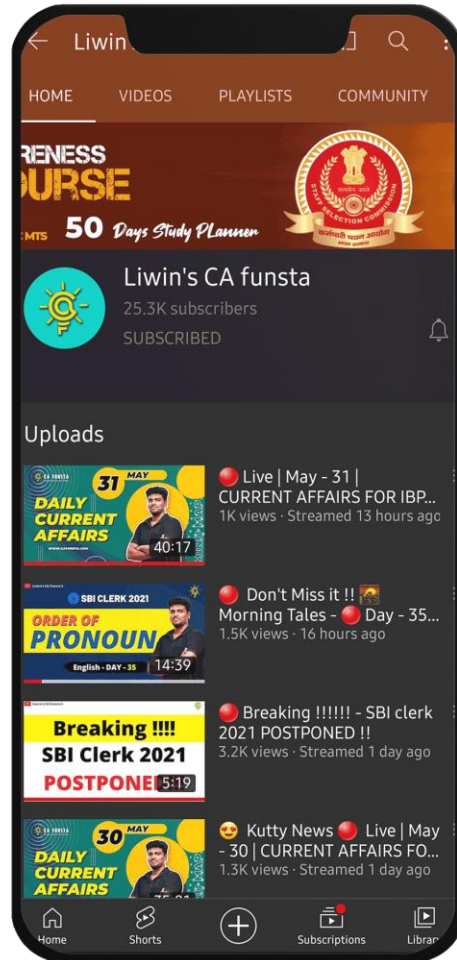
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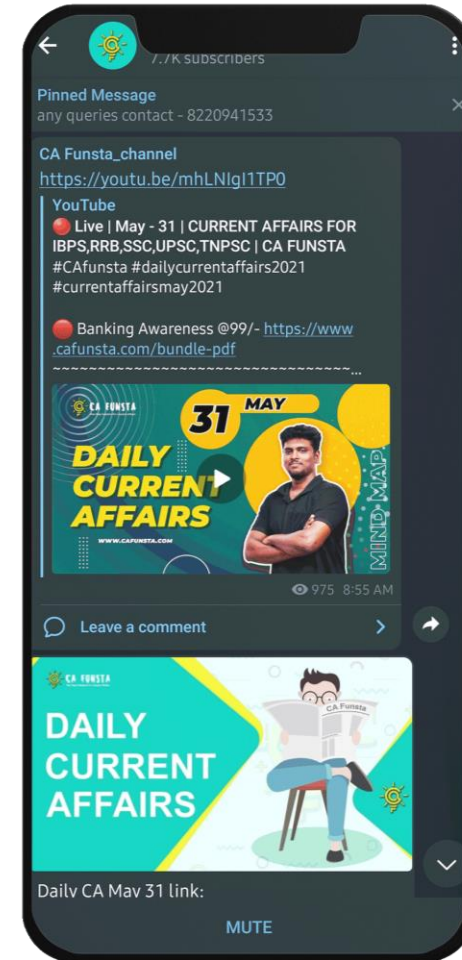
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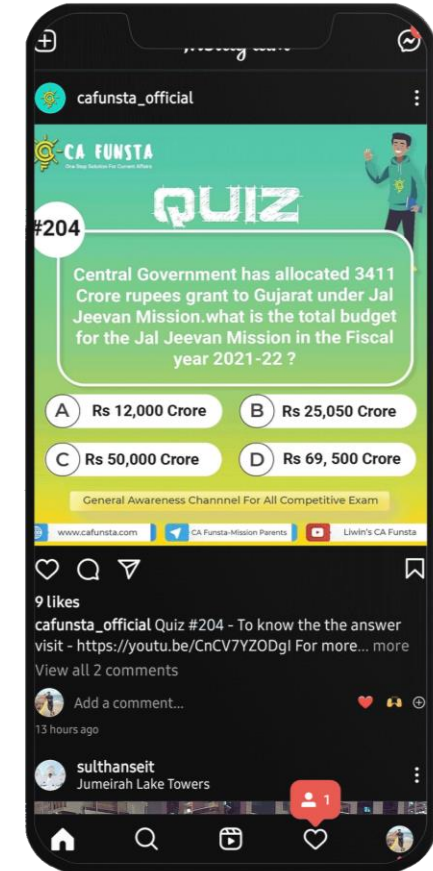
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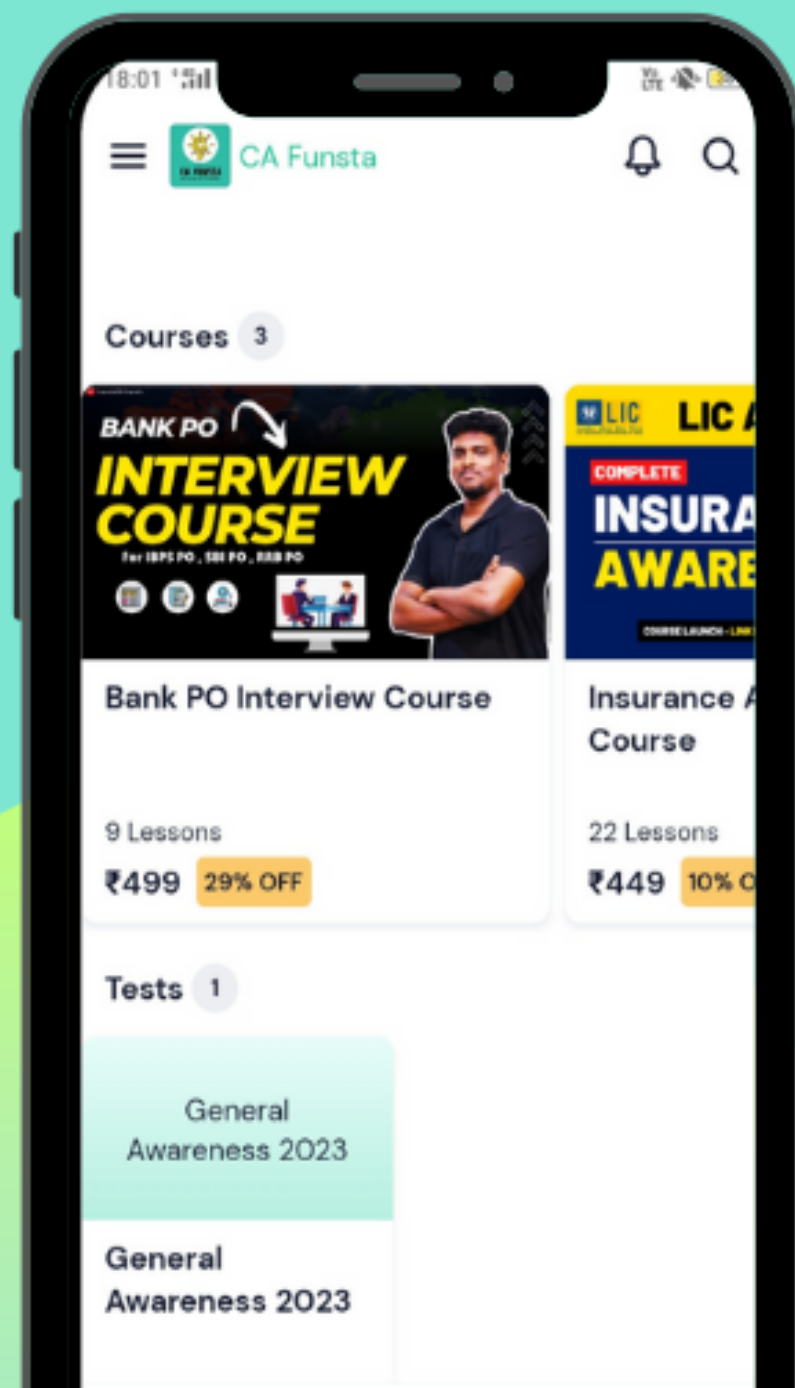
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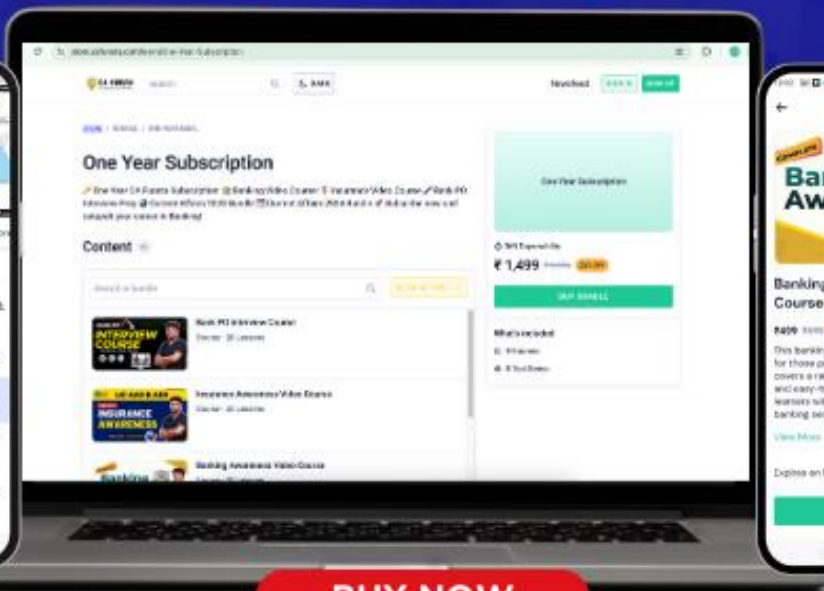
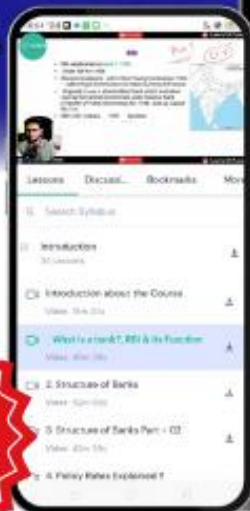


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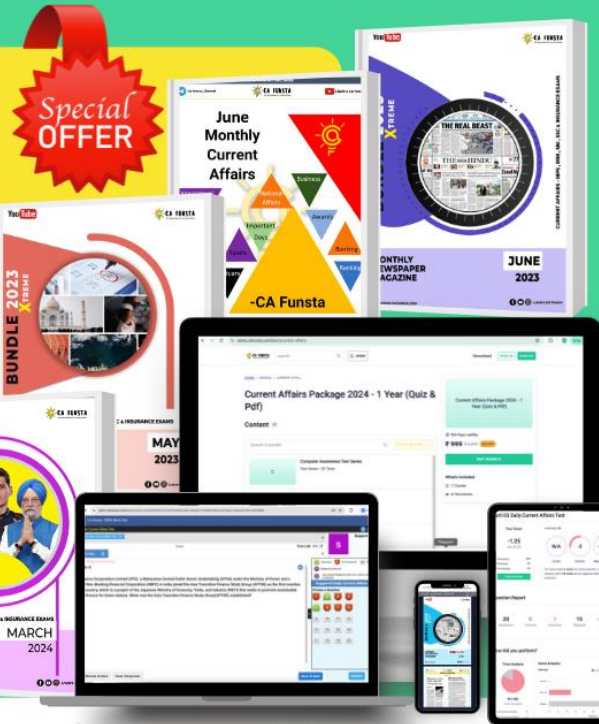


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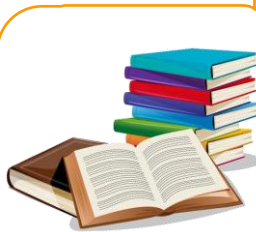
➤ **What is the theme of World Ozone Day 2025?**

- A) Restore the Ozone Layer
- B) Protect Nature, Protect Ozone
- C) From Science to Global Action
- D) Ozone for Life
- E) Global Unity for the Sky



Answer

C) From Science to Global Action

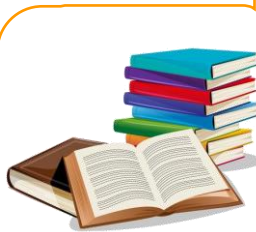


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Ozone Day 2025 observed to promote global efforts for ozone layer protection
- **Location:** Global
- **Date:** 16 September 2025

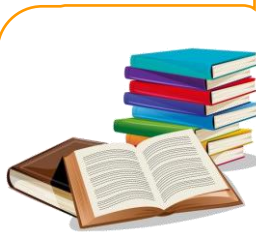


Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Observance of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer to honor the signing of the Montreal Protocol
- **Objectives:** To raise awareness on ozone protection, highlight the success of the Montreal Protocol, and encourage global action based on science

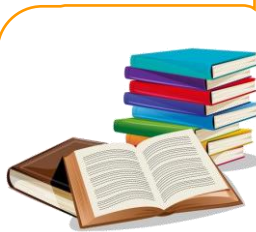


Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Montreal Protocol:** A landmark international treaty adopted in 1987 to phase out ozone-depleting substances (ODS)
- **Vienna Convention:** A 1985 framework agreement that laid the foundation for international cooperation on ozone layer protection
- **Kigali Amendment:** A 2016 amendment to the Montreal Protocol, aiming to phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), potent greenhouse gases

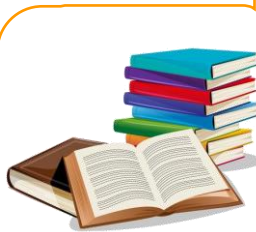


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Ozone Day 2025
Announcement date	16 September 2025
Location	Global
Issuing authority	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Policy/series name	Montreal Protocol, Vienna Convention, Kigali Amendment
Key figures	António Guterres (UN Secretary-General), WMO, UNEP
Purpose/reason	Promote awareness and action to protect the ozone layer
Feature details	Celebrates 40 years of Vienna Convention and success of Montreal Protocol
Validity or status	Observed annually on September 16
Strategic/significant value	Helps prevent UV radiation-related diseases, ensures environmental health

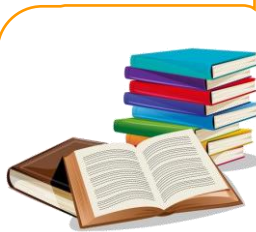


➤ **Who became the first Indian to win a gold medal at the Speed Skating World Championships in 2025?**

- A) Krish Sharma
- B) Anandkumar Velkumar
- C) Vikram Rathore
- D) Sandeep Singh
- E) Arjun Verma

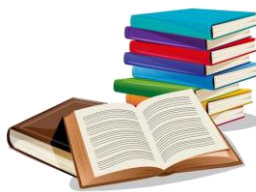
Answer

B) Anandkumar Velkumar



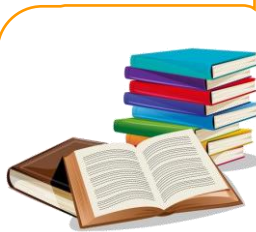
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India wins first-ever gold medals at Speed Skating World Championships
- **Location:** Beidaihe, China
- **Date:** 15 September 2025 (week of the event conclusion)



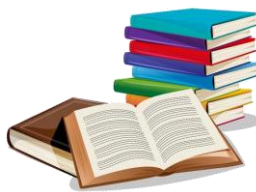
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian speed skaters Anandkumar Velkumar and Krish Sharma won gold medals in their respective categories at the 2025 Speed Skating World Championships.
- **Objectives:** To represent India in global roller sports, showcase national talent on the world stage, and enhance India's standing in non-mainstream sports.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Speed Skating World Championships:** An international roller sports competition featuring sprint and endurance skating events.
- **1000m Sprint:** A high-speed racing event in inline speed skating, judged based on time and technique.
- **Roller Sports:** A category of athletic competitions involving wheeled skates, including inline speed skating, artistic skating, and roller hockey.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Speed Skating World Championships 2025
Announcement date	15 September 2025
Location	Beidaihe, China
Issuing authority	World Skate (formerly FIRS)
Policy/series name	World Speed Skating Championships
Key figures	Anandkumar Velkumar, Krish Sharma
Purpose/reason	Showcase Indian talent and secure historic medals in roller sports
Feature details	Gold in Senior 1000m (Velkumar), Gold in Junior 1000m (Sharma)
Validity or status	Medals confirmed; marks India's first golds at this championship
Strategic value	Enhances India's standing in global non-mainstream sports

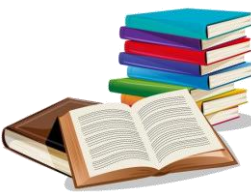


➤ Who was named ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2025?

- A) Matt Henry
- B) Jasprit Bumrah
- C) Mohammed Siraj
- D) Jayden Seales
- E) Ravindra Jadeja

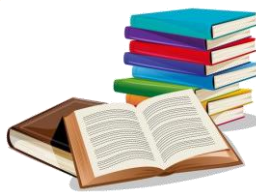
Answer

C) Mohammed Siraj



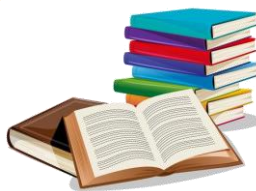
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mohammed Siraj wins ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2025
- **Location:** International (India vs England, The Oval – UK)
- **Date:** 16 September 2025 (award announced)



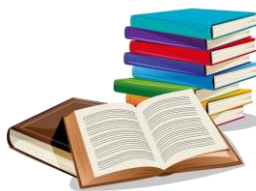
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Mohammed Siraj was honoured as ICC Men's Player of the Month for his performance in the final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy against England.
- **Objectives:** To recognise and reward impactful individual performance in international cricket during the month of August 2025.



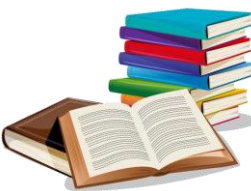
Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC Player of the Month:** A monthly award presented by the International Cricket Council (ICC) to outstanding male and female cricketers for their performances.
- **Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy:** A newly named bilateral Test series between India and England, honouring James Anderson and Sachin Tendulkar.
- **Five-Wicket Haul:** A bowling achievement in cricket when a bowler takes five or more wickets in a single innings.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ICC Men's Player of the Month – August 2025
Announcement date	16 September 2025
Location	The Oval, London (key match); award announced globally
Issuing authority	International Cricket Council (ICC)
Policy/series name	Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy
Key figures	Mohammed Siraj, Matt Henry, Jayden Seales
Purpose/reason	To honour the top-performing male cricketer for August 2025
Feature details	Siraj took 9 wickets at 21.11 avg in final Test; series 2-2 drawn
Validity or status	Award conferred; Siraj also reached career-best Test bowler rank
Strategic value	Highlights Siraj's emergence as India's lead pacer in red-ball cricket

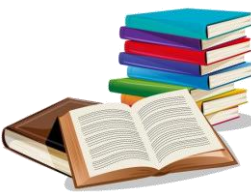


➤ **Who won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2025?**

- A) Iris Zwilling
- B) Smriti Mandhana
- C) Orla Prendergast
- D) Muneeba Ali
- E) Ellyse Perry

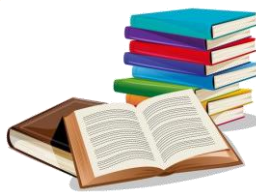
Answer

C) Orla Prendergast



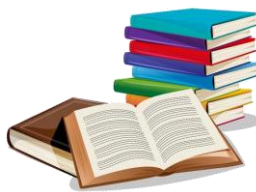
Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICC Women's Player of the Month – August 2025
- **Location:** International (Ireland, Pakistan, Europe)
- **Date:** 16 September 2025 (award announcement)



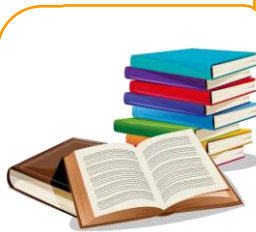
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The ICC awarded Orla Prendergast the Women's Player of the Month for her all-round performance in T20I matches against Pakistan and in the European Qualifier tournament.
- **Objectives:** To recognise the top-performing female international cricketer for the month of August 2025 based on impactful performances in official matches.



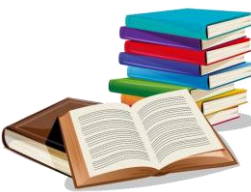
Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC Women's Player of the Month:** A monthly award presented by the International Cricket Council (ICC) to recognise outstanding performances in international women's cricket.
- **European T20 Qualifier:** A regional qualifying tournament for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026, involving European teams.
- **T20I Series:** A series of Twenty20 International (T20I) cricket matches, typically shorter-format games played between international teams.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ICC Women's Player of the Month – August 2025
Announcement date	16 September 2025
Location	International (Ireland, Europe, Pakistan)
Issuing authority	International Cricket Council (ICC)
Awarded to	Orla Prendergast
Country represented	Ireland
Performance highlights	144 runs and 4 wickets vs Pakistan; 100 runs and 3 wickets in Euro Qualifier
Competitors	Iris Zwilling (Netherlands), Muneeba Ali (Pakistan)
Significance	First Irish player to win the award in 2025; boosted Ireland's T20 World Cup qualification hopes



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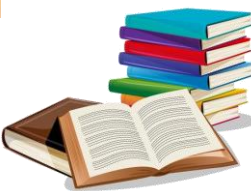


➤ Which Bharatanatyam exponent, known for shaping the Kalakshetra style, passed away in September 2025?

- A) Yamini Krishnamurthy
- B) Rukmini Devi Arundale
- C) Shanta Dhananjayan
- D) Sarada Hoffman
- E) C.V. Chandrasekhar

Answer

D) Sarada Hoffman

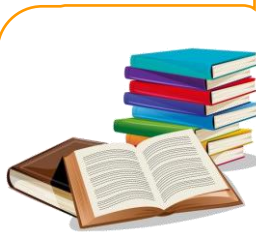


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of Bharatanatyam guru and Kalakshetra pedagogue Sarada Hoffman
- **Location:** California (passed away); originally from Adyar, Chennai
- **Date:** 14 September 2025

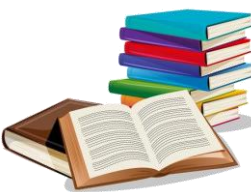


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Sarada Hoffman, a legendary Bharatanatyam teacher from Kalakshetra, passed away at the age of 96.
- **Objectives:**
 - To preserve and formalize the Kalakshetra style of Bharatanatyam by codifying its pedagogical methods and training future generations of classical dancers.

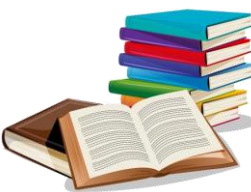


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Bharatanatyam:**
 - A classical Indian dance form known for its grace, fixed upper torso, bent legs, intricate footwork, and expressive gestures.
- **Kalakshetra Foundation:**
 - An arts and cultural academy in Chennai, founded by Rukmini Devi Arundale, renowned for its rigorous training in Bharatanatyam and Carnatic music.

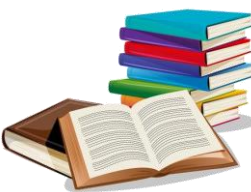


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award:**
 - A national-level recognition presented by the Sangeet Natak Akademi to artists in the fields of music, dance, and drama.
- **Rukmini Devi Medal for Excellence in the Arts:**
 - An award named after the founder of Kalakshetra, given for exceptional contribution to Indian arts and culture.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Name	Sarada Hoffman (Alladi Sarada), also known as Chinna Sarada or Sarada teacher
Date of Birth	15 June 1929
Date of Death	14 September 2025
Place of Death	California, USA
Known For	Shaping Kalakshetra's Bharatanatyam pedagogy
Institution	Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai
Mentor	Rukmini Devi Arundale
Notable Students	Yamini Krishnamurthy, C.V. Chandrasekhar, Dhananjayans, G. Narendra, etc.
Major Awards	Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1996); Rukmini Devi Medal
Contribution	Standardized Bharatanatyam teaching at Kalakshetra
Legacy	Influenced classical dance education in India and abroad

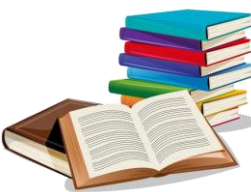


➤ **What is the primary objective of RBI's new microsite indiancurrency.rbi.org.in launched in September 2025?**

- A) Promote online banking education
- B) Provide loan and credit score assistance
- C) Educate public on Indian banknote design and security
- D) Track inflation and WPI data
- E) Sell commemorative coins

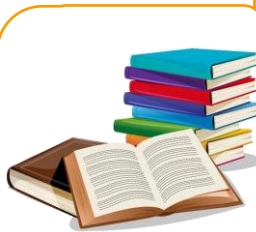
Answer

C) Educate public on Indian banknote design and security



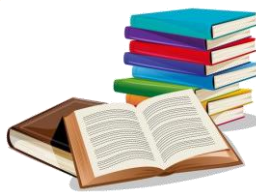
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of RBI's microsite on Indian banknotes
- **Location:** India (accessible online nationwide)
- **Date:** 16 September 2025



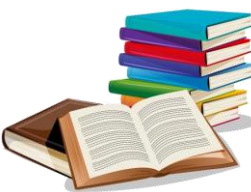
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Reserve Bank of India launched a microsite (indiancurrency.rbi.org.in) to educate the public about the design, features, and exchange rules of Indian banknotes.
- **Objectives:** Improve public awareness on genuine vs. counterfeit currency, enhance financial literacy, and simplify note exchange procedures through interactive and multimedia tools.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Microsite:** A focused, stand-alone website providing targeted information—in this case, on Indian currency issued by the RBI.
- **Security Features of Banknotes:** Visual and physical characteristics such as watermarks, color-shifting ink, latent images, micro-lettering used to authenticate genuine currency.
- **Note Exchange Rules:** RBI's guidelines that allow the public to exchange soiled, damaged, or withdrawn currency notes at banks and RBI counters.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of RBI Microsite on Indian Banknotes
Announcement date	16 September 2025
Location	India (RBI, Mumbai – Nationwide Online Access)
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	Currency Awareness Initiative
Key figures	Sanjay Malhotra (RBI Governor)
Purpose/reason	Raise awareness about currency security and note exchange procedures
Feature details	360° views, interactive tools, videos, games, audio guides
Validity or status	Microsite launched and live at indiancurrency.rbi.org.in
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens public trust in Indian currency and counters counterfeit risks



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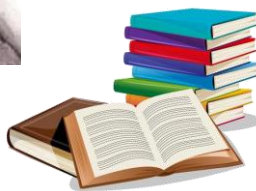
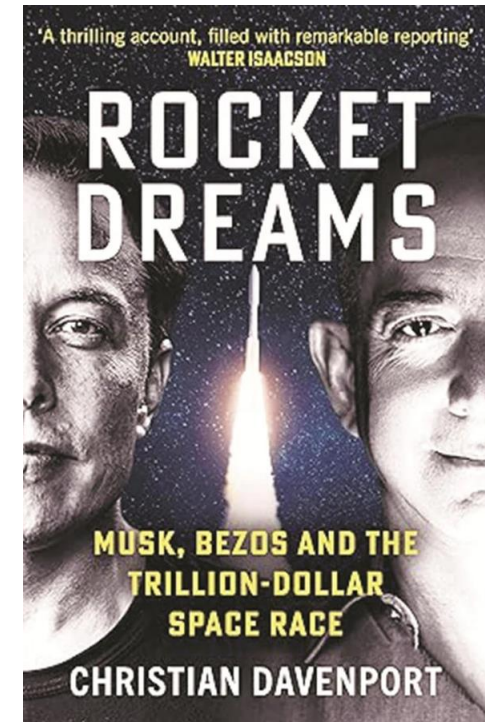


- Who is the author of the book **Rocket Dreams**, which explores the rivalry between Musk and Bezos in the private space race?

- A) Neil deGrasse Tyson
- B) Walter Isaacson
- C) Christian Davenport
- D) Ashlee Vance
- E) Michio Kaku

Answer

C) Christian Davenport

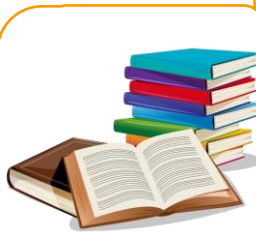


BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release and analysis of the book Rocket Dreams on the billionaire-led space race
- **Location:** Global (focus on U.S.-based companies and NASA)
- **Date:** Book published by Crown Currency (Contextually post-2021, analyzed in 2025)

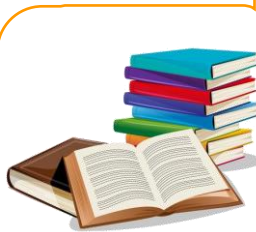


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The book examines the rise of private space ventures led by Elon Musk (SpaceX) and Jeff Bezos (Blue Origin), with NASA transitioning from a lead operator to a contracting client.
- **Objectives:**
 - To highlight the corporate rivalries, political influence, and billionaire ambition driving the modern space race, and to question whether this future benefits the public or a select few.

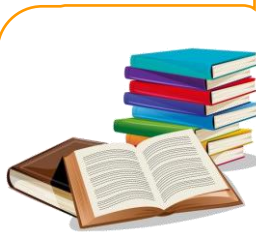


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Important Terms Explained:

- **SpaceX:**
 - A private aerospace company founded by Elon Musk focused on space transport, satellite deployment, and Mars colonization.
- **Blue Origin:**
 - A private space firm founded by Jeff Bezos aiming to make space travel accessible and build infrastructure for off-Earth living.

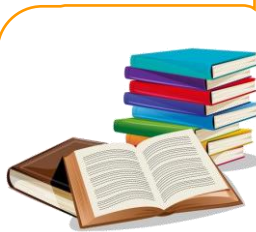


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Important Terms Explained:

- **NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration):**
 - The U.S. government agency responsible for civilian space exploration, now increasingly dependent on private contractors.
- **Lunar Lander Contract (2021):**
 - A \$2.9 billion NASA award given to SpaceX for its Starship Human Landing System (HLS), prompting a lawsuit from rival Blue Origin.

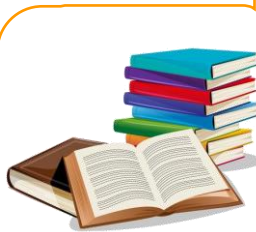


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Book Title	Rocket Dreams: Musk, Bezos, and the Inside Story...
Author	Christian Davenport
Publisher	Crown Currency
Main Focus	Space race rivalry: SpaceX vs Blue Origin
Key Incident	2021 NASA lunar contract awarded to SpaceX
Perspective	Investigative, journalistic analysis
Themes	Power, ambition, corporate influence, public interest
Impact	Questions future of space as a public vs. private domain
Notable Quote	Bezos: "How would we go about this if NASA did not exist?"
Genre	Non-fiction, science policy, business rivalry



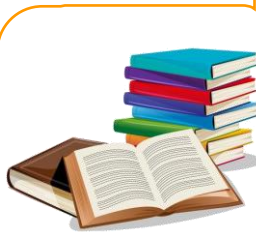
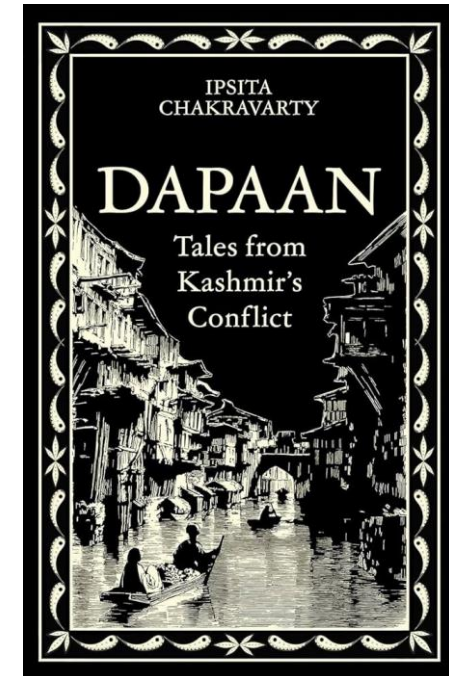
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➤ What does the word Dapaan, the title of Ipsita Chakravarty's book, mean in Kashmiri?

- A) Oppression
- B) The Situation
- C) It is said
- D) Grief
- E) Hidden truth

Answer
C) It is said

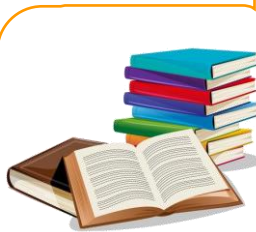


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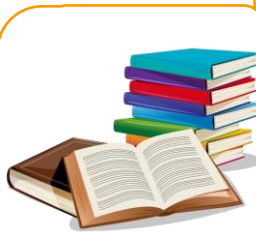
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Publication of the book Dapaan: Tales from Kashmir's Conflict
- **Location:** Kashmir (theme focus), India (publication)
- **Date:** July 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To document oral histories, folklore, and personal narratives of survival and resistance in Kashmir since 1989.
- **Objectives:** To challenge official state narratives and archive cultural memory, everyday resistance, and psychological impact of conflict through Kashmiri voices.

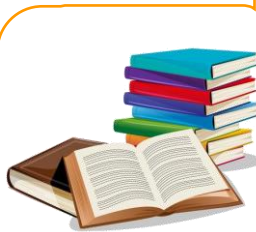


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Dapaan:** A Kashmiri word meaning “it is said”; signifies oral storytelling, rumor, and memory not officially documented.
- **Haalaat:** A euphemism for ongoing conflict, surveillance, and military presence in Kashmir; means “the situation”.
- **Bhand Paether:** Traditional satirical Kashmiri street theater used to critique power through humor even under military surveillance.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Publication of Dapaan: Tales from Kashmir's Conflict
Announcement date	July 2025
Location	Kashmir (theme); India (publication)
Issuing authority	Author: Ipsita Chakravarty
Policy/series name	Dapaan (oral memory-based storytelling)
Key figures	Ipsita Chakravarty (journalist and author)
Purpose/reason	To document Kashmiri cultural resistance and survival narratives
Feature details	Use of humor, folklore, euphemisms, ghost stories, and local memory
Validity or status	Released; in public domain
Strategic/significant value	Provides counter-history to state accounts; archives oral traditions



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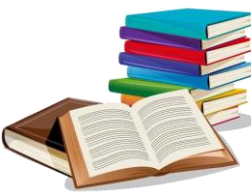
➤ **What is the portfolio assigned to Diella, the world's first AI cabinet minister appointed by Albania?**

- A) Health and Family Welfare
- B) Artificial Intelligence and Technology
- C) Public Procurement and Tenders
- D) Justice and Legal Affairs
- E) Digital Infrastructure



Answer

C) Public Procurement and Tenders

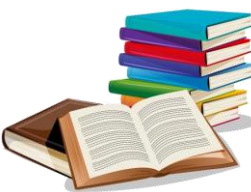


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of the world's first AI cabinet minister
- **Location:** Albania (Tirana)
- **Date:** 15 September 2025

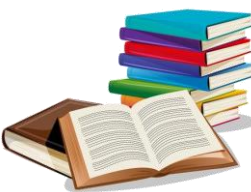


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Albania appointed Diella, an AI-powered virtual minister, to a cabinet position for overseeing public procurement and tenders.
- **Objectives:** To eliminate human bias and corruption in procurement processes, improve bureaucratic efficiency, and promote digital governance through AI integration.

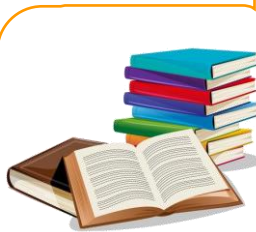


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Diella:** The name of the AI cabinet minister; derived from the Albanian word for "sun", symbolizing transparency and digital enlightenment in governance.
- **E-Albania:** Albania's central digital governance portal where Diella is embedded, enabling automated, voice-command public service processing.
- **Public Procurement:** The process by which governments purchase goods, services, or works from private entities, often vulnerable to corruption due to manual oversight.

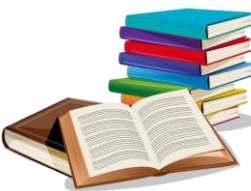


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of world's first AI cabinet minister
Announcement date	15 September 2025
Location	Tirana, Albania
Issuing authority	Prime Minister Edi Rama, Government of Albania
Policy/series name	E-Albania digital governance initiative
Key figures	Edi Rama (Prime Minister), Diella (AI Minister)
Purpose/reason	To improve transparency and efficiency in public procurement
Feature details	AI-based avatar handling procurement, integrated with voice-command tech
Validity or status	Currently active and operational
Strategic/significant value	Sets a global precedent in AI-based political governance



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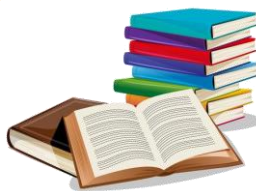


➤ **Who was sworn in as the 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court in September 2025?**

- A) Justice D. Krishna Kumar
- B) Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar
- C) Justice M Sundar
- D) Justice M.V. Muralidharan
- E) Justice Kempaiah Somashekar

Answer

C) Justice M Sundar

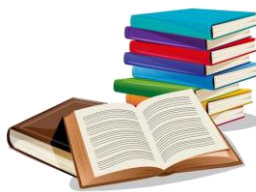


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Justice M Sundar sworn in as 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court
- **Location:** Imphal, Manipur (Raj Bhavan, Darbar Hall)
- **Date:** September 15, 2025

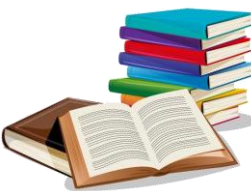


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Administer oath of office to Justice M Sundar as the new Chief Justice of Manipur High Court following the retirement of his predecessor.
- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure leadership continuity and judicial stability in Manipur; reinforce legal administration in the Northeast by appointing experienced judges from southern high courts.

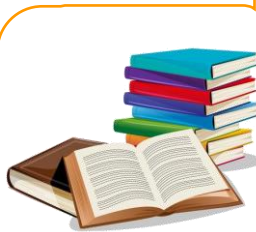


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Supreme Court Collegium:** A body comprising the Chief Justice of India and four senior-most judges, responsible for recommending appointments and transfers of High Court and Supreme Court judges.
- **Integrated Law Course:** A five-year academic program combining undergraduate studies with legal education, replacing the traditional three-year LLB program.
- **Manipur High Court:** The apex court for the state of Manipur, established in 2013, responsible for state-level constitutional and judicial matters.

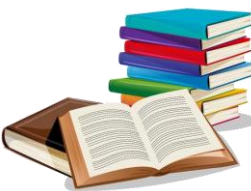


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Swearing-in of Chief Justice of Manipur High Court
Announcement date	September 15, 2025
Location	Raj Bhavan, Imphal, Manipur
Issuing authority	Supreme Court Collegium
Policy/series name	Judicial Appointments (High Courts)
Key figures	Justice M Sundar, Justice Kempaiah Somashekar, Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla
Purpose/reason	To ensure leadership continuity in the judiciary
Feature details	Oath administered, senior-most judge from Madras HC appointed
Validity or status	Active Chief Justice
Strategic/significant value	Enhances regional judicial leadership and reinforces South–Northeast linkage



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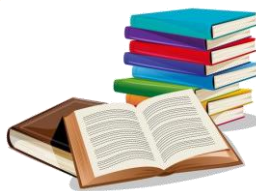
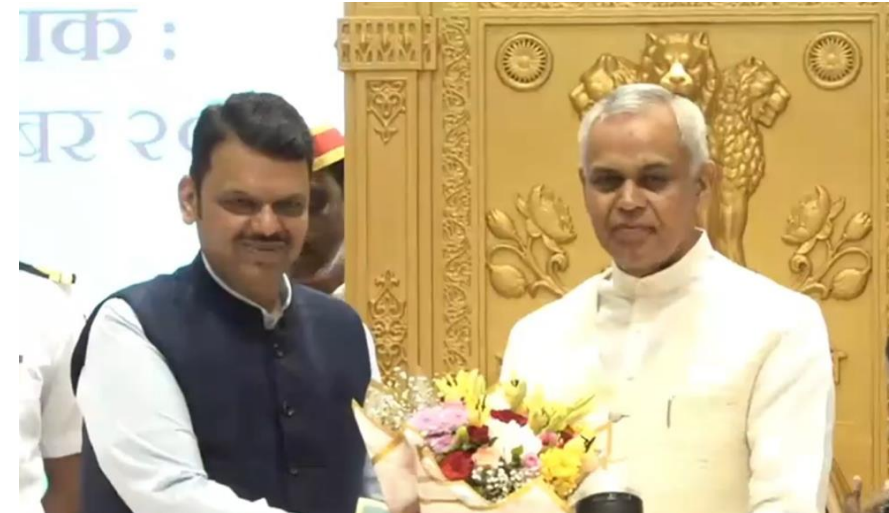


➤ Who was given additional charge as the Governor of Maharashtra in September 2025?

- A) Ramesh Bais
- B) Arif Mohammed Khan
- C) Acharya Devvrat
- D) Anusuiya Uikey
- E) C.P. Radhakrishnan

Answer

C) Acharya Devvrat

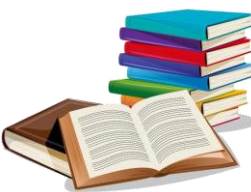


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Acharya Devvrat takes oath as Governor of Maharashtra
- **Location:** Raj Bhavan, Mumbai
- **Date:** 15 September 2025

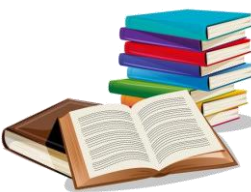


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Acharya Devvrat was appointed as the Governor of Maharashtra with additional charge, while continuing as the Governor of Gujarat.
- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure constitutional continuity following the vacancy created by C.P. Radhakrishnan's election as Vice-President, and to maintain administrative stability until a full-time Governor is appointed.

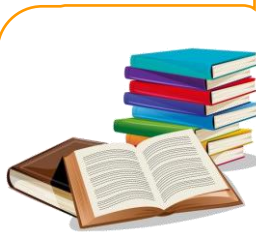


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Acharya Devvrat:** A veteran educator and former principal of a Gurukul, he has served as Governor of Gujarat since 2019 and was earlier the Governor of Himachal Pradesh (2015–2019). Known for promoting Ayurveda, natural farming, and educational reforms.
- **Article 153 (Indian Constitution):** This provision allows one person to be appointed as Governor of two or more states, enabling dual responsibilities for continuity in governance.

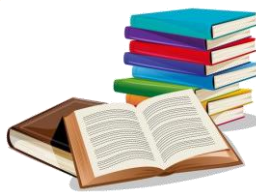


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Vice-President of India:** The second-highest constitutional post in India. Upon election, the Vice-President cannot hold any other office, leading to resignation from prior positions such as governorship.

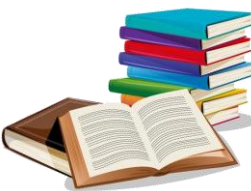


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Oath-taking ceremony of Acharya Devvrat as Maharashtra Governor
Announcement date	15 September 2025
Location	Raj Bhavan, Mumbai
Issuing authority	President of India
Policy/series name	Governor's additional charge under Article 153
Key figures	Acharya Devvrat, C.P. Radhakrishnan, Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar
Purpose/reason	Fill governorship vacancy after C.P. Radhakrishnan became Vice-President
Feature details	Dual responsibility for Gujarat and Maharashtra
Validity or status	Interim appointment until regular governor is named
Strategic/significant value	Ensures continuity of constitutional functions in Maharashtra



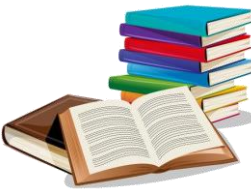
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➤ **Who was appointed as Secretary to the Vice-President of India in September 2025?**

- A) T.V. Somanathan
- B) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- C) Amit Khare
- D) Chandrasekar S
- E) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer
C) Amit Khare

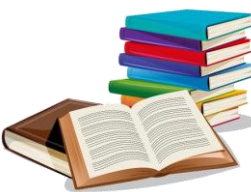


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Secretary and Private Secretary to Vice-President of India
- **Location:** Vice-President's Secretariat, New Delhi
- **Date:** 14 September 2025

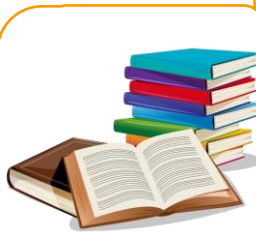


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Amit Khare, retired IAS officer, was appointed as Secretary to the Vice-President of India for a three-year contractual term.
 - Chandrasekar S, 2014-batch Kerala cadre IAS officer, was appointed Private Secretary to the Vice-President.
- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure administrative continuity and experienced support for newly elected Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan at the start of his term.

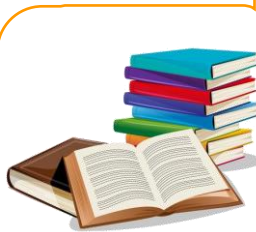


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC):**
 - A high-level committee responsible for senior bureaucratic appointments in India, comprising the Prime Minister and the Home Minister.
- **Amit Khare:**
 - A retired 1985-batch IAS officer (Jharkhand cadre), known for exposing the fodder scam and for leading the formulation of the National Education Policy (NEP) as Union Higher Education Secretary.

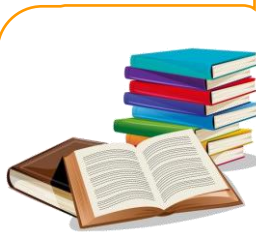


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Vice-President of India:**
 - The second-highest constitutional office in India, acting as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. The office was taken over by C.P. Radhakrishnan on 12 September 2025.

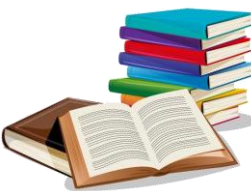


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Secretary & Private Secretary to Vice-President
Announcement date	14 September 2025
Location	Vice-President's Secretariat, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)
Key figures	Amit Khare, Chandrasekar S, C.P. Radhakrishnan
Position assigned	Secretary to Vice-President (Amit Khare); Private Secretary (Chandrasekar S)
Contract term	3 years for Secretary appointment
Background context	New Vice-President elected; senior support staff appointed
Significance	Ensures smooth functioning and experienced administration at VP office



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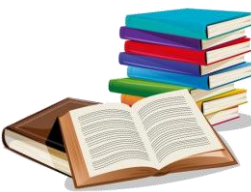


➤ **Who was appointed as the Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) Region at the World Bank in September 2025?**

- A) David Malpass
- B) Carmen Reinhart
- C) Carlos Felipe Jaramillo
- D) Kristalina Georgieva
- E) Ajay Banga

Answer

C) Carlos Felipe Jaramillo

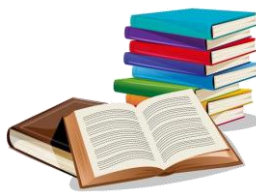


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Carlos Felipe Jaramillo as World Bank VP for EAP
- **Location:** Singapore (regional hub for East Asia and Pacific)
- **Date:** 15 September 2025

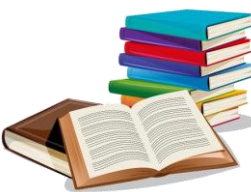


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Carlos Felipe Jaramillo has been appointed Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) Region at the World Bank to oversee development operations and strategy across 23 countries.
- **Objectives:**
 - To lead the Bank's engagement across East Asia and Pacific, manage a \$32 billion portfolio, and prioritize development in areas such as job creation, digital transformation, human capital, and sustainable energy.

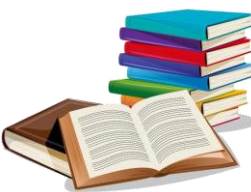


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Important Terms Explained:

- **World Bank:**
 - An international financial institution that provides loans and grants to governments of low- and middle-income countries for development projects.
- **East Asia and Pacific (EAP) Region:**
 - A geographic grouping used by the World Bank comprising 23 countries, including China, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Pacific Island nations, with a focus on sustainable development and economic growth.

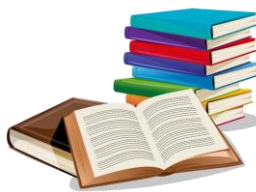


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Decentralization Strategy:**
 - The World Bank's approach to moving regional operations and leadership closer to member countries by creating regional hubs like the one now based in Singapore.

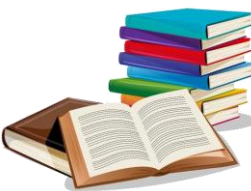


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Name	Carlos Felipe Jaramillo
Designation	Vice President, East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank
Effective Date	15 September 2025
Region Covered	23 countries across East Asia and Pacific
Active Portfolio	Over US\$32 billion
Previous Roles	VP for Latin America and Caribbean; Director for East Africa
Base of Operations	Singapore (new EAP regional hub)
Focus Areas	Jobs, energy, digitalization, human capital
Academic Background	M.A. & Ph.D. in Development Economics – Stanford University
World Bank President	Ajay Banga



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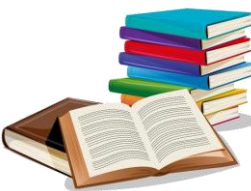


- **Who became the first EPFO officer and first Indian to be selected for the World Bank–Milken PFAM Program 2025–26?**

- A) Sunil Barthwal
- B) S.K. Mohanty
- C) Alok Kumar Mehta
- D) Vivekanand Gupta
- E) Rajesh Bhushan



Answer
D) Vivekanand Gupta

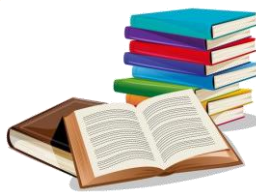


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Selection of Vivekanand Gupta for PFAM Program 2025–26
- **Location:** London, United Kingdom (host); India (nominee origin)
- **Date:** 16 September 2025

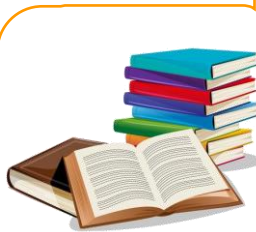


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Selection of an EPFO officer for an international leadership program in public financial asset management
- **Objectives:** To enhance global benchmarking, strengthen asset management capabilities, and integrate international financial governance standards within EPFO

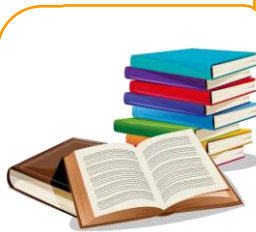


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Public Financial Asset Management (PFAM)**
Program: A global leadership development program jointly run by the World Bank and Milken Institute, focusing on capital markets, asset governance, and strategic financial operations
- **EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation):**
One of the world's largest social security organizations, managing retirement savings for Indian workers
- **PDUNASS (Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Academy of Social Security):** Apex training institution of EPFO that nominated Shri Vivekanand Gupta for the PFAM program

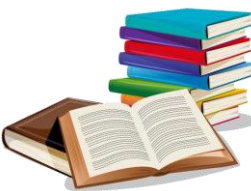


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Selection of EPFO Officer for PFAM Program 2025–26
Announcement date	16 September 2025
Location	India (nominee); London, UK (host institute)
Issuing authority	World Bank, Milken Institute, PDUNASS
Policy/series name	Public Financial Asset Management (PFAM) Program
Key figures	Vivekanand Gupta (Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, EPFO)
Purpose/reason	Global leadership training in asset management and financial governance
Feature details	Advanced training in capital markets, long-term asset strategy
Validity or status	Program cohort for 2025–26 (ongoing)
Strategic/significant value	Enhances EPFO's global engagement, transparency, and returns on investment



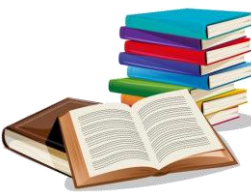
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➤ **Which district topped the Inspire Award – MANAK 2025 rankings for student innovation submissions?**

- A) Bengaluru Urban
- B) Jaipur
- C) Muzaffarpur
- D) Vaishali
- E) Lucknow

Answer
C) Muzaffarpur

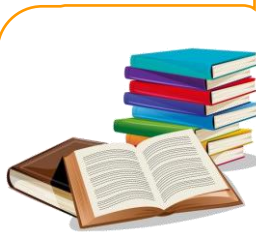


AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Muzaffarpur tops India in student submissions for Inspire Award – MANAK 2025
- **Location:** Muzaffarpur, Bihar (National Event)
- **Date:** 13 September 2025

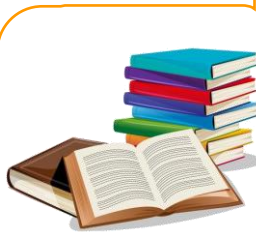


AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Department of Science and Technology (DST) released national rankings under the Inspire Award – MANAK 2025, recognizing student innovation at the school level.
- **Objectives:**
 - To identify, nurture, and reward grassroots innovation among school students from Classes 6 to 10
 - To promote original, socially relevant ideas and inspire scientific temper among youth

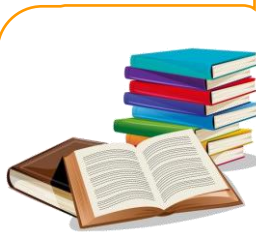


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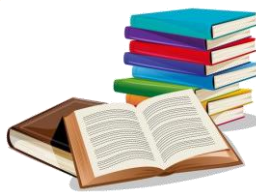
Important Terms Explained:

- **Inspire Award – MANAK:**
 - A flagship initiative by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and National Innovation Foundation (NIF) that funds and supports student-led innovation projects across India.
- **Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge (MANAK):**
 - A program that seeks to ignite scientific curiosity and problem-solving among middle and high school students, encouraging them to develop prototypes of their ideas.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nodal Officer:**
 - A designated official responsible for managing and facilitating the Inspire Award scheme at the block/district level to ensure smooth coordination and participation.

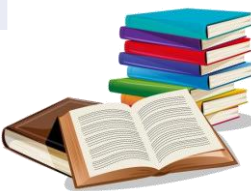


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inspire Award – MANAK 2025 Rankings
Announcement date	13 September 2025
Top district	Muzaffarpur (Bihar) – 7,403 submissions
2nd ranked district	Bengaluru Urban (Karnataka) – 7,306 submissions
6th ranked district	Vaishali (Bihar) – 5,805 submissions
Organising body	Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
Implementation partner	National Innovation Foundation (NIF)
Eligible students	Classes 6 to 10
Support offered	Financial aid to develop models; access to district/state/national levels
Purpose/reason	To promote scientific innovation among school children
Execution in Bihar	Led by District Education Officer, supported by nodal officers
Significance	Grassroots boost to innovation; Bihar's rise in science education

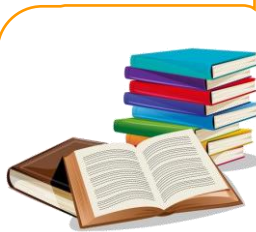


➤ Which countries are participating in the 'Freedom Edge' military exercise launched in September 2025?

- A) US, South Korea, Japan
- B) US, China, Russia
- C) South Korea, India, Japan
- D) Japan, Philippines, Australia
- E) North Korea, China, Russia

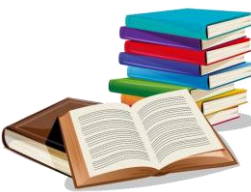
Answer

A) US, South Korea, Japan



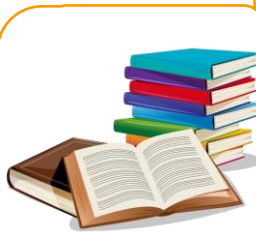
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Freedom Edge trilateral military exercise
- **Location:** Off Jeju Island, South Korea
- **Date:** 15–19 September 2025



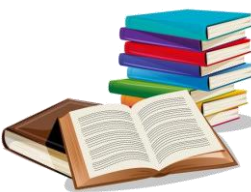
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Conduct a joint multi-domain military exercise involving the United States, South Korea, and Japan with participation from naval, air, and cyber units.
- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance trilateral defense cooperation, deter North Korean military threats, test integrated missile defense systems, and improve real-time coordination and readiness among allies in the Indo-Pacific region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Freedom Edge:** A trilateral military exercise involving the US, South Korea, and Japan focused on missile defense, naval operations, air drills, cyber coordination, and evacuation training.
- **Iron Mace Exercise:** A tabletop simulation exploring integration of US nuclear assets with South Korea's conventional military to enhance deterrence—criticized by North Korea.
- **Camp David Commitments:** Agreements made at the US–South Korea–Japan trilateral summit in Camp David to improve security cooperation, including sharing real-time missile warning data.

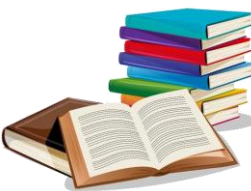


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Freedom Edge Trilateral Military Exercise
Announcement date	15 September 2025
Location	Off Jeju Island, South Korea
Issuing authority	US Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM)
Policy/series name	Trilateral Defense Cooperation Initiative
Key figures	Kim Yo Jong (North Korea), Joe Biden, Yoon Suk-yeol, Fumio Kishida
Purpose/reason	Strengthen defense readiness against North Korean missile/nuclear threats
Feature details	Air/naval drills, missile defense, cyber operations, evacuation training
Validity or status	Ongoing (15–19 Sept 2025)
Strategic/significant value	Supports Camp David commitments, counters regional threats, boosts interoperability



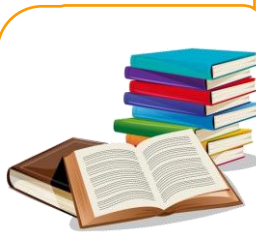
➤ **What is the primary role of INS Nistar in Exercise Pacific Reach 2025?**

- A) Anti-submarine warfare
- B) Underwater mine detection
- C) Mothership for Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle
- D) Amphibious assault operations
- E) Naval medical evacuation



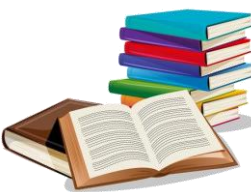
Answer

C) Mothership for Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle



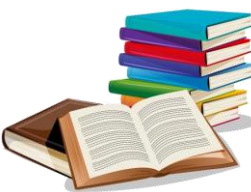
Event and Location:

- **Event:** INS Nistar participates in Exercise Pacific Reach 2025
- **Location:** Changi Naval Base, Singapore & South China Sea
- **Date:** 15 September 2025



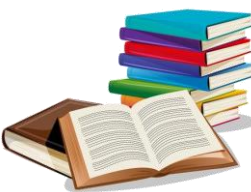
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - INS Nistar, an indigenously-built Diving Support Vessel, arrived at Singapore to participate in the multinational Exercise Pacific Reach 2025, acting as the Mothership (MoSHIP) for India's Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV).
- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance international naval cooperation in submarine rescue
 - Showcase India's deep-sea rescue capability and Aatmanirbhar defence progress
 - Improve interoperability through live drills and expert exchanges



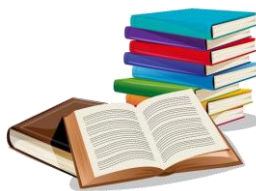
Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Nistar:**
 - India's newly commissioned Diving Support Vessel (DSV), operational under the Eastern Naval Command, designed for submarine rescue, seabed mapping, and underwater operations.
- **Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV):**
 - Specialized submersible used to rescue submariners from disabled submarines at depths up to 650 meters; India operates two DSRVs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Pacific Reach (XPR):**
 - A biennial multinational submarine rescue exercise, held in 2025 in Singapore with 40+ countries participating. It includes harbour and sea phases to test interoperability and rescue readiness.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Exercise Pacific Reach 2025
Participation date	15 September 2025
Location	Singapore (Changi Naval Base) & South China Sea
Indian vessel	INS Nistar
Vessel type	Diving Support Vessel (DSV)
Commissioning date	18 July 2025
Role in XPR 25	Mothership (MoSHIP) for DSRV operations
Indigenisation	Over 80% components indigenously developed
Hosted by	Republic of Singapore
Exercise focus	Submarine rescue, interoperability, SMEE, live sea drills
Strategic value	Enhances India's maritime rescue diplomacy and naval capabilities



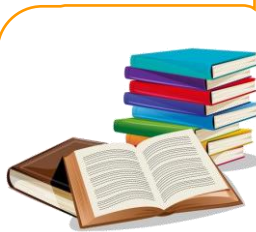
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➤ Where was the 16th Combined Commanders' Conference, themed "Year of Reforms," inaugurated by PM Modi in 2025?

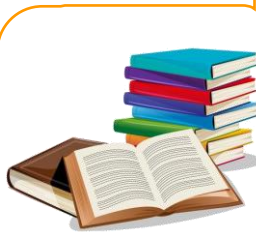
- A) Pune
- B) Delhi
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Kolkata
- E) Chandigarh

Answer
D) Kolkata



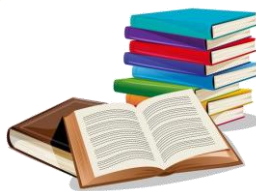
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the 16th Combined Commanders' Conference
- **Location:** Eastern Command Headquarters, Kolkata, West Bengal
- **Date:** 15 September 2025



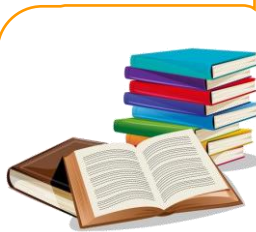
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the biennial Combined Commanders' Conference at the Eastern Command HQ.
- **Objectives:** To review national defense preparedness, promote jointness among armed forces, push for reforms in military modernization, and improve national security coordination.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Combined Commanders' Conference:** A biennial meeting involving senior military leadership and key policymakers to discuss India's security and defense strategies.
- **Theatre Commands:** Joint military commands bringing together units of the Army, Navy, and Air Force under one operational authority for a specific geographic region.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India):** A government initiative to promote indigenous manufacturing, including in defense, to reduce foreign dependency.

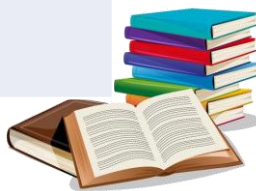


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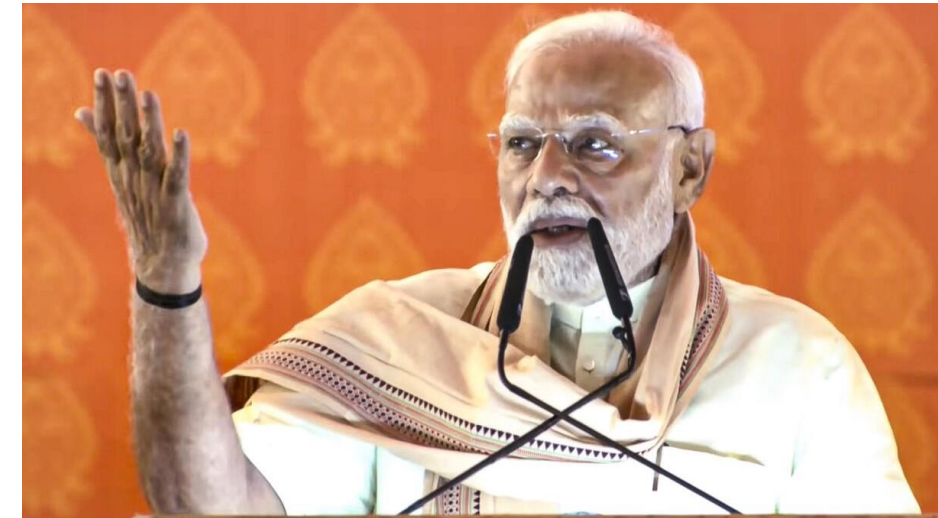
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	16th Combined Commanders' Conference
Announcement date	15 September 2025
Location	Eastern Command Headquarters, Kolkata
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, Government of India
Policy/series name	Biennial Combined Commanders' Conference
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, NSA Ajit Doval, CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan
Purpose/reason	Review military preparedness, promote reforms and inter-service coordination
Feature details	Focus on theater commands, modern tech (AI, cyber), Atmanirbhar defense reforms
Validity or status	Ongoing focus under "Year of Reforms" theme
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's defense posture, especially along eastern front and border areas



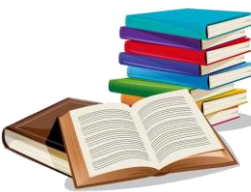
➤ Which of the following was launched by PM Modi during his visit to Purnia, Bihar in September 2025?

- A) National Jute Board
- B) ₹25,000 crore thermal power plant in Bhagalpur
- C) Bullet Train Project from Patna to Delhi
- D) Nalanda AI Research Hub
- E) National Silk Export Scheme



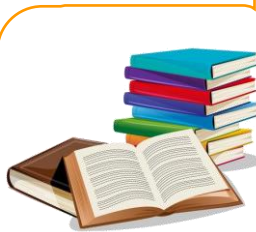
Answer

B) ₹25,000 crore thermal power plant in Bhagalpur



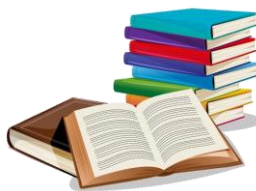
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Purnia Airport and launch of ₹36,000 crore worth development projects
- **Location:** Purnia, Bihar, India
- **Date:** 16 September 2025



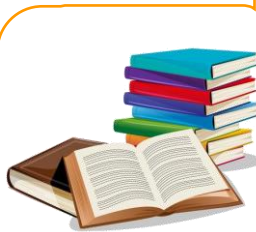
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Inauguration of Purnia Airport terminal, launch of energy, transport, agriculture, and irrigation projects including a thermal power plant, railway lines, and the National Makhana Board.
- **Objectives:** To boost infrastructure, enhance regional connectivity, support agriculture, and promote overall economic development in Bihar, especially in the underdeveloped Seemanchal region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Purnia Airport:** A new regional airport in Bihar aimed at improving air connectivity in the northeast region of the state.
- **Kosi-Mechi River Link Project:** A major river interlinking project to control floods and enhance irrigation in north Bihar.
- **National Makhana Board:** A newly announced body to support makhana (fox nut) farmers with ₹475 crore investment in training, marketing, and processing infrastructure.

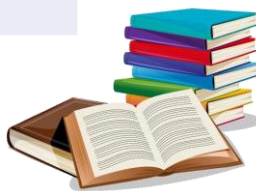


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of ₹36,000 Cr development projects in Bihar
Announcement date	16 September 2025
Location	Purnia, Bihar
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Infrastructure and Rural Development Plan for Bihar
Key figures	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	Boost connectivity, power supply, agriculture, and regional development
Feature details	Airport terminal, thermal power plant, river link project, new rail lines, National Makhana Board
Validity or status	Inauguration and launch completed; construction phases underway
Strategic/significant value	Targets inclusive growth in eastern India, especially underdeveloped Seemanchal region

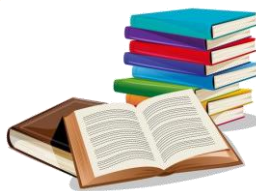


- Which of the following sites was NOT among the seven newly added to India's UNESCO Tentative List in September 2025?

- A) Deccan Traps
- B) Tirumala Hills
- C) Varkala Cliff
- D) Hampi Temples
- E) Erra Matti Dibbalu

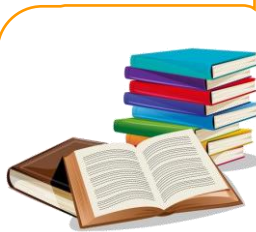
Answer

D) Hampi Temples



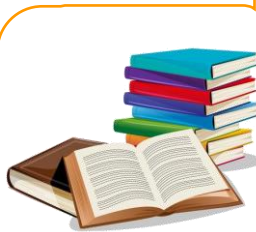
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India adds 7 new natural heritage sites to UNESCO Tentative List
- **Location:** Nationwide (India – covering Maharashtra, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala)
- **Date:** 12 September 2025



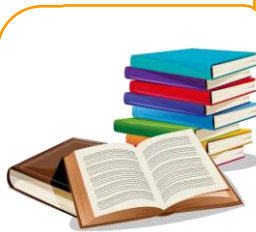
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO announced the inclusion of 7 natural heritage sites in the UNESCO Tentative List, raising India's total entries to 69.
- **Objectives:**
 - To highlight India's geological, ecological, and natural diversity
 - To prepare these sites for potential nomination to the World Heritage List
 - To boost conservation, research, and global recognition of natural heritage



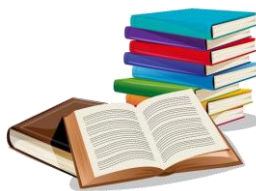
Important Terms Explained:

- **UNESCO Tentative List:**
 - A list of sites a country intends to nominate to the World Heritage List; placement is a mandatory first step for final inscription consideration.
- **Deccan Traps:**
 - A large volcanic province in Maharashtra, formed by ancient lava flows; known for layered basalt formations and fossil significance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Erra Matti Dibbalu:**
 - Also known as Red Sand Dunes near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, these are rare coastal dunes shaped by climatic and sea-level changes.

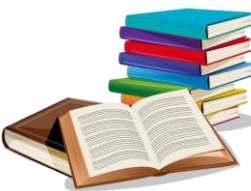


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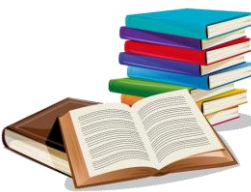
Parameter	Details
Event name	Addition of 7 natural heritage sites to UNESCO Tentative List
Date of announcement	12 September 2025
Authority	Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO
Total Tentative List Sites	69 (49 Cultural, 17 Natural, 3 Mixed)
New Additions	7 natural sites
Geographic coverage	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Kerala
Examples of new sites	Deccan Traps, Erra Matti Dibbalu, Varkala Cliff, Tirumala Hills
Institution Involved	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
Strategic significance	Conservation boost, international recognition, natural heritage promotion
UNESCO Process	Sites must be on Tentative List before final nomination



➤ What material is used in the newly inaugurated bioethanol plant in Assam?

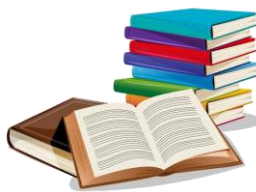
- A) Sugarcane
- B) Rice husk
- C) Bamboo
- D) Maize
- E) Cotton stalks

Answer
C) Bamboo



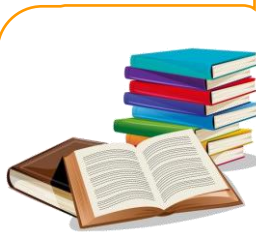
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of bamboo-based bioethanol plant and foundation stone for polypropylene unit
- **Location:** Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), Golaghat, Assam
- **Date:** 16 September 2025



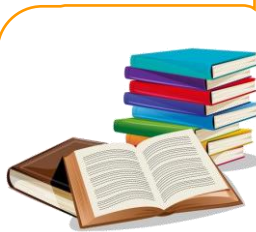
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a bamboo-based bioethanol plant and laid the foundation for a polypropylene production unit under a ₹18,000 crore energy and industry investment initiative.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote clean energy, rural livelihoods, and industrial manufacturing under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision, focusing on green fuel and domestic plastic production.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bioethanol:**
 - A renewable fuel produced from biomass (in this case, bamboo) that reduces carbon emissions and petroleum dependency.
- **Polypropylene:**
 - A versatile thermoplastic polymer used in producing various household, medical, automotive, and industrial goods.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:**
 - A government initiative aimed at making India self-reliant across sectors including energy, manufacturing, and defense.

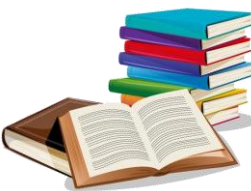


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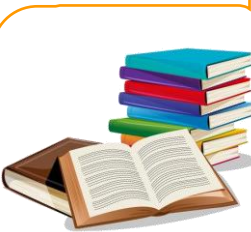
Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of bioethanol plant and polypropylene unit
Date	16 September 2025
Location	Numaligarh, Golaghat district, Assam
Announced by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Bioethanol Plant	Bamboo-based, aimed at clean energy and rural income
Polypropylene Unit	For production of plastic-based materials for multiple sectors
Investment	₹18,000 crore
Local economic impact	₹200 crore per year via bamboo procurement
Employment potential	Thousands of direct and indirect jobs, esp. for tribal communities
Campaign alignment	Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Make in India, Make in Assam



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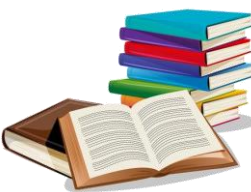
- **World Ozone Day 2025** was observed globally on 16 September with the theme “From Science to Global Action.”
- **Anandkumar Velkumar** became the first Indian to win gold at the Speed Skating World Championships by claiming the 1000m sprint in the senior category.
- **Mohammed Siraj** was named ICC Men’s Player of the Month for August 2025 for his outstanding bowling in the final England Test.
- **Orla Prendergast** of Ireland won the ICC Women’s Player of the Month award for August 2025.
- **Sarada Hoffman**, a key figure in Indian classical dance and pedagogy, passed away at the age of 96 in California.
- **RBI** launched a dedicated microsite on 16 September 2025 to educate the public on Indian banknotes and their security features.
- **Christian Davenport’s Rocket Dreams** dissects the rivalry between Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos in the modern private space race.
- **Dapaan** by Ipsita Chakravarty uses oral narratives and folklore to document Kashmiri life under conflict since 1989.
- **Albania** appointed “Diella,” the world’s first AI-powered cabinet minister, to manage public procurement.



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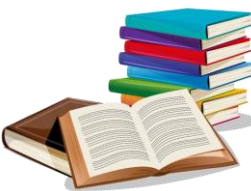
- Justice M Sundar was sworn in as the 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court on September 15, 2025.
- Acharya Devvrat took oath as the Governor of Maharashtra on 15 September 2025, while continuing as Governor of Gujarat.
- Amit Khare, retired 1985-batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, was appointed as Secretary to Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan.
- Carlos Felipe Jaramillo was appointed as the new Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific Region of the World Bank on 15 September 2025.
- Vivekanand Gupta has become the first EPFO officer and first Indian to be selected for the PFAM Program 2025–26.
- Muzaffarpur, Bihar ranked first in the Inspire Award – MANAK 2025 with 7,403 student innovation submissions.
- The US, South Korea, and Japan launched the Freedom Edge military exercise near Jeju Island on September 15, 2025.
- INS Nistar, India's indigenously built Diving Support Vessel, arrived in Singapore to take part in Exercise Pacific Reach 2025.



QUICK RECALL



- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 16th Combined Commanders' Conference on 15 September 2025 in Kolkata.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the interim terminal building of Purnia Airport in Bihar on 16 September 2025.**
- **India added seven new natural heritage sites to its UNESCO Tentative List on 12 September 2025.**
- **Prime Minister Modi inaugurated a bamboo-based bioethanol plant and laid the foundation for a polypropylene unit in Golaghat, Assam.**





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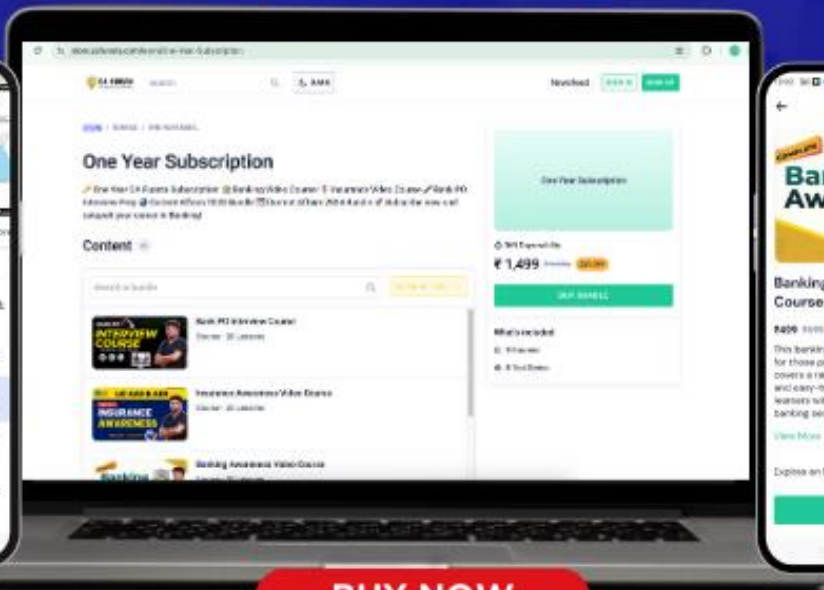
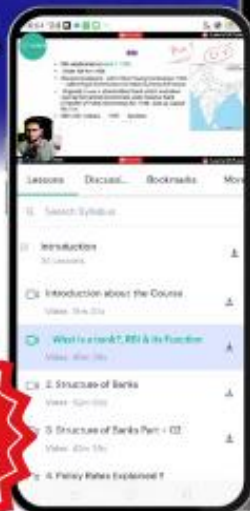


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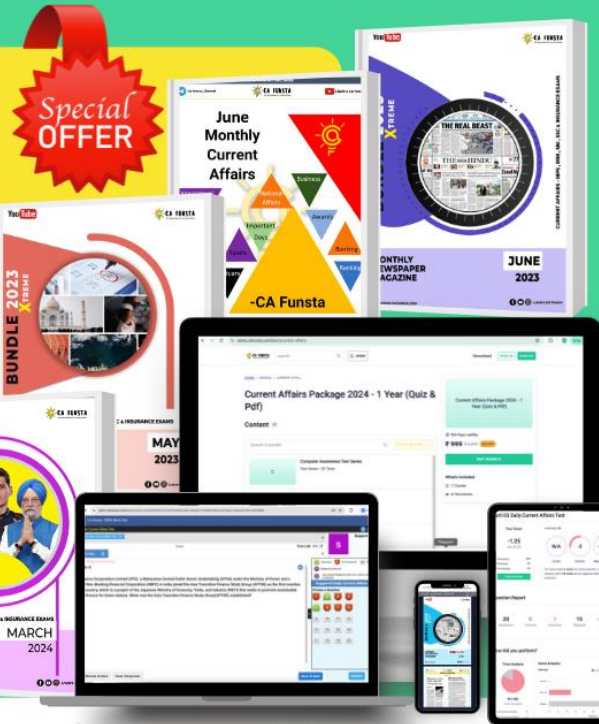


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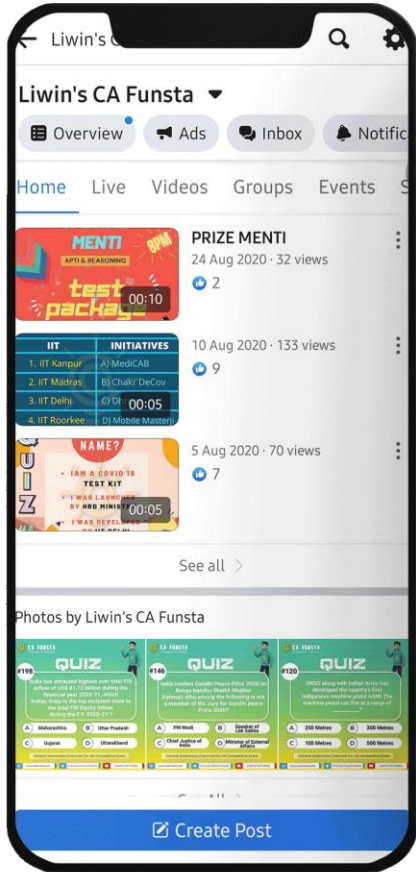
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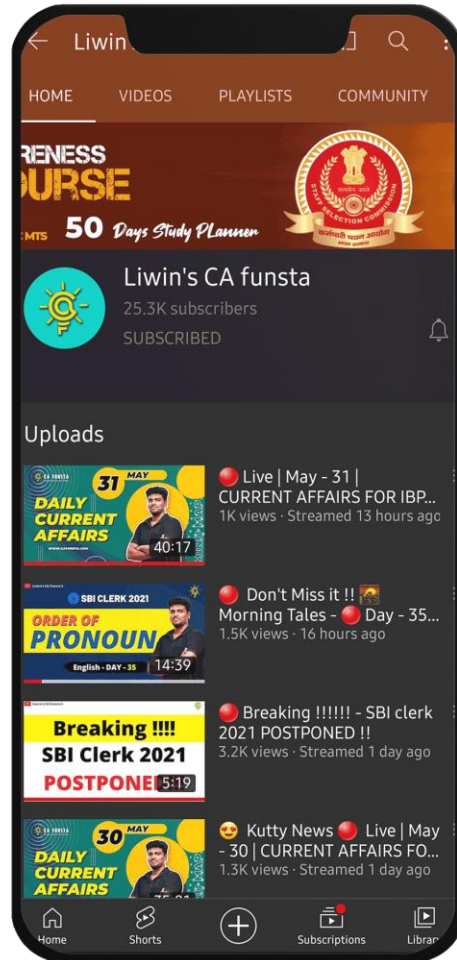


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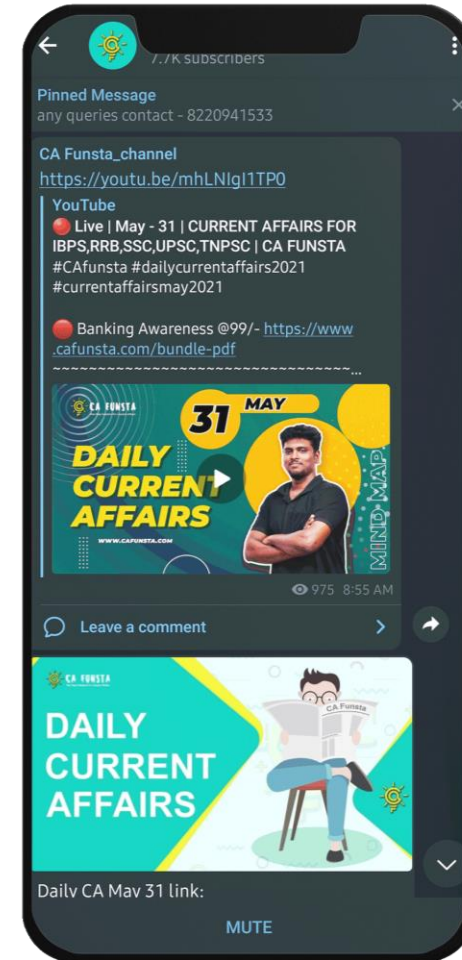
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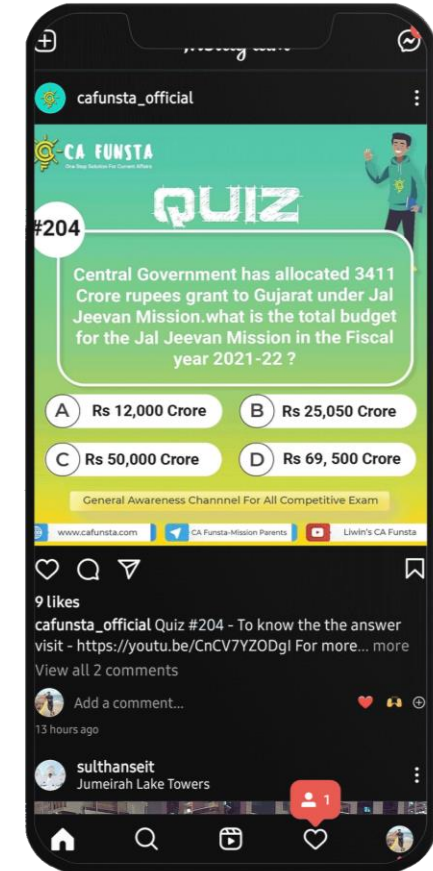
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