



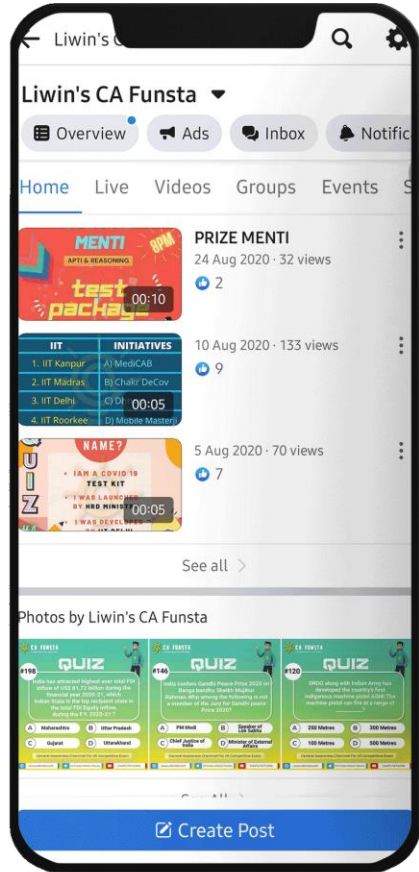
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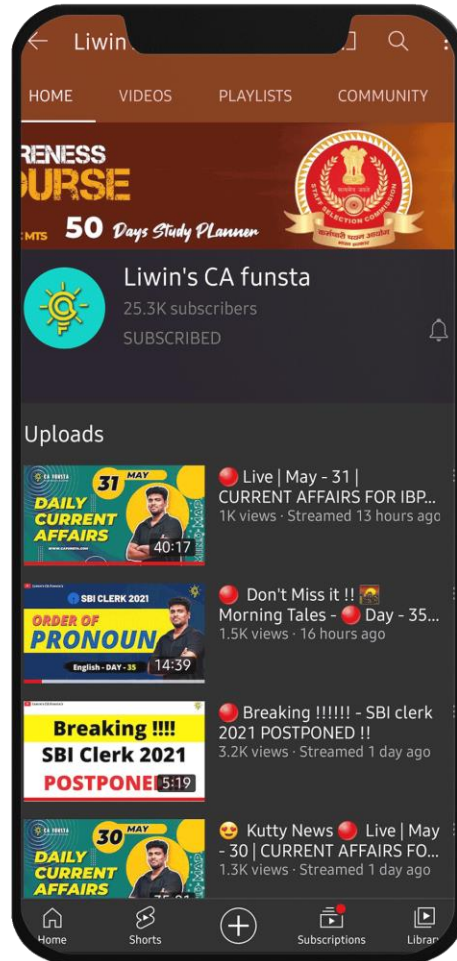
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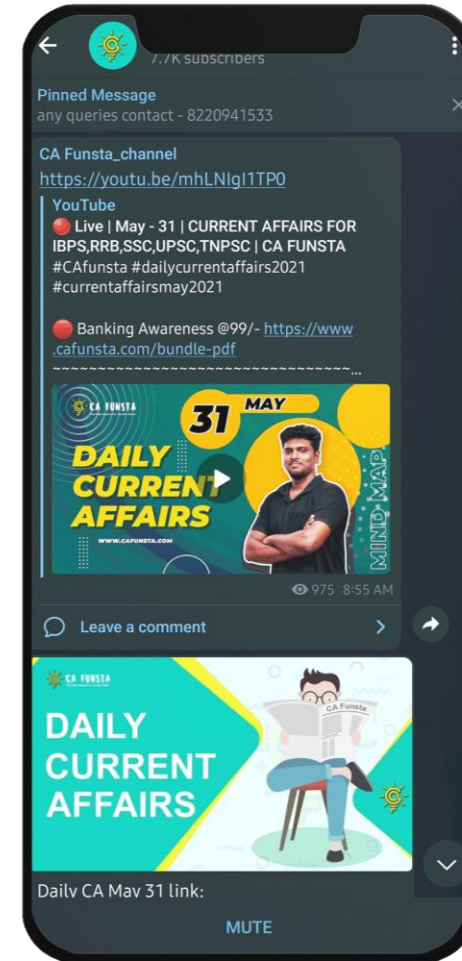
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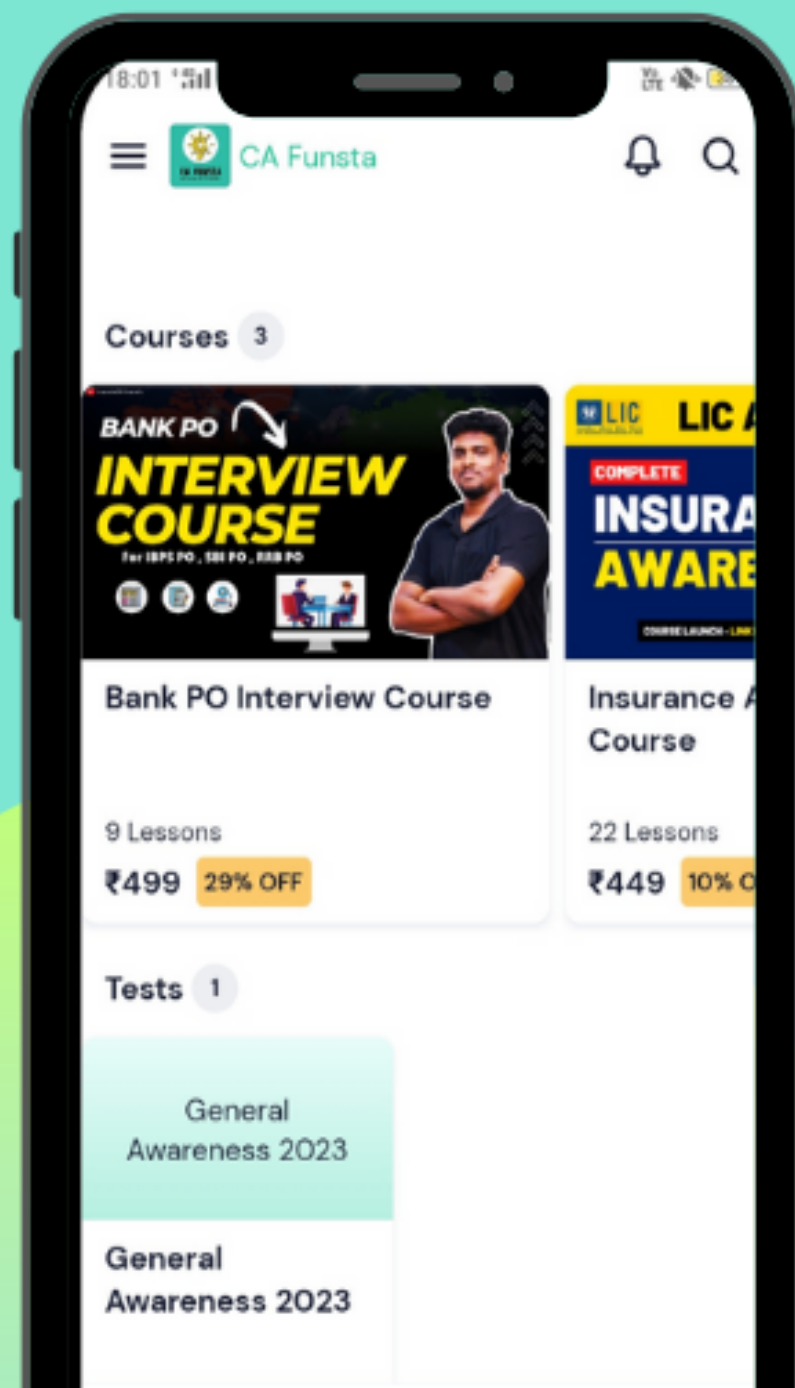
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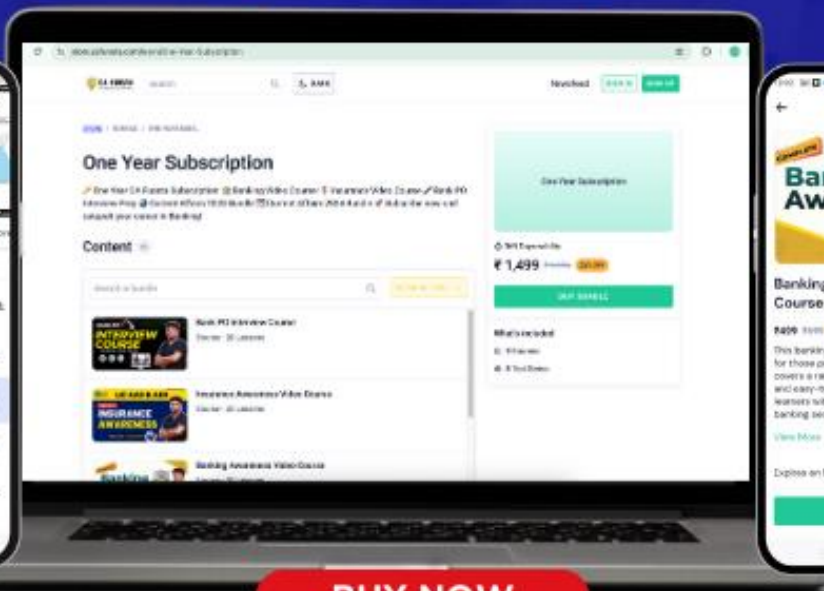


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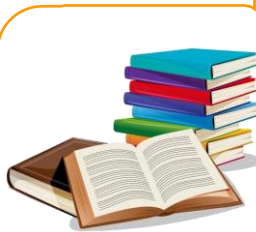


➤ **What is the theme of World Pharmacists Day 2025?**

- A) Pharmacy United in Action for a Healthier World
- B) Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs
- C) Pharmacy: Always Trusted for Your Health
- D) Think Health, Think Pharmacist
- E) Transforming Global Health

Answer

D) Think Health, Think Pharmacist

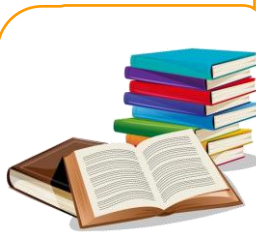


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Pharmacists Day 2025 observed globally
- **Location:** International observance; led by FIP (headquartered in the Netherlands)
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - World Pharmacists Day 2025 was celebrated worldwide to honour the contributions of pharmacists in advancing public health, medication safety, and health education.
- **Objectives:**
 - To raise awareness about the critical role of pharmacists as essential healthcare providers, promote safe and effective use of medicines, advocate for greater policy integration, and acknowledge their role in emergency response, vaccination, and digital health initiatives.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Pharmacists Day:**
 - An annual global event organized by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) since 2009 to promote the role of pharmacists in improving health worldwide. It is held every year on September 25, the day FIP was founded in 1912.

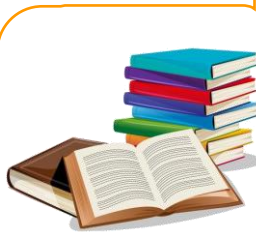


Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP):**
 - A global organization representing pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, and pharmaceutical education.
 - **Founded:** 25 September 1912
 - **Headquarters:** The Netherlands
 - **Membership:** 144 national organizations
 - **Mission:** To improve global health by advancing pharmacy education, practice, and science.

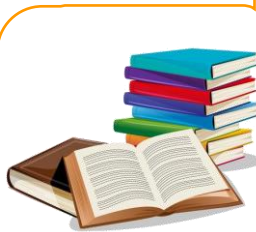


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Pharmacovigilance:**
 - The practice of monitoring the effects of medical drugs after they have been licensed, particularly to identify and assess previously unreported adverse reactions.
- **Antibiotic Stewardship:**
 - A coordinated program that promotes the appropriate use of antibiotics, improves patient outcomes, and reduces antibiotic resistance.

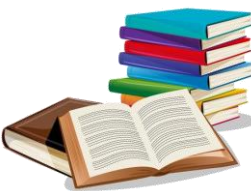


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Pharmacists Day 2025
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Global (coordinated by FIP, The Netherlands)
Issuing authority	International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)
Policy/series name	World Pharmacists Day (Annual Global Observance)
Key figures	Pharmacists, FIP leadership, healthcare systems worldwide
Purpose/reason	Promote role of pharmacists in global health and recognize their contributions
Feature details	Theme: "Think Health, Think Pharmacist"; highlights integration in healthcare
Validity or status	Observed annually on 25 September
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens pharmacy profession's visibility, policy relevance, and global outreach

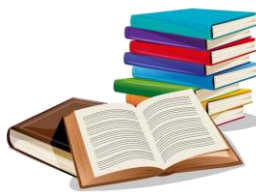


➤ **What is the key requirement in RBI's new digital payment guidelines effective from April 1, 2026?**

- A) Ban on all card-not-present transactions
- B) Mandatory use of biometric authentication only
- C) Minimum two-factor authentication for all digital payments
- D) Exclusive use of UPI for cross-border payments
- E) Removal of OTP from all online payments

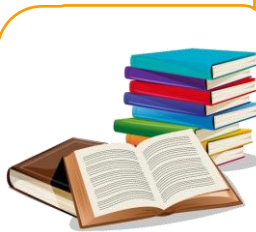
Answer

C) Minimum two-factor authentication for all digital payments



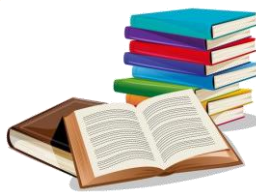
Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI issues enhanced authentication guidelines for digital payments
- **Location:** Pan-India (applicable nationwide)
- **Date:** Announced in September 2025; effective from April 1, 2026



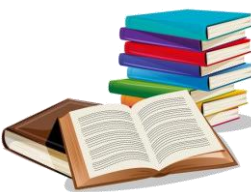
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released new guidelines for digital payment authentication, requiring two-factor authentication (2FA) for all digital transactions except card-present ones. Card issuers are also required to adopt risk-based controls for cross-border card-not-present (CNP) transactions by October 1, 2026.



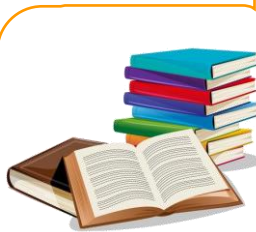
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Strengthen the security framework of India's growing digital payments ecosystem
 - Reduce the risk of fraud in card-not-present and online transactions
 - Ensure interoperability and risk-based monitoring by payment issuers
 - Provide flexibility in choosing authentication factors while maintaining minimum security standards



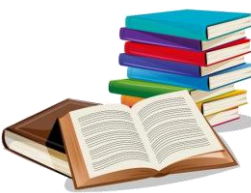
Important Terms Explained:

- **Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):**
 - A security process requiring users to provide two different forms of verification before completing a digital transaction. Typically includes a combination of something you know (password/OTP), something you have (mobile device/token), or something you are (biometrics).
- **Card-Not-Present (CNP) Transactions:**
 - Transactions where the cardholder does not physically present the card (e.g., online or phone purchases). CNP transactions are more vulnerable to fraud, hence require stricter controls.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Risk-Based Authentication:**
 - A dynamic authentication method that evaluates the risk level of a transaction (like location, device, behavior pattern) and triggers additional verification steps when necessary.



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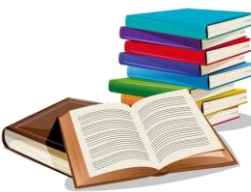
Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI issues guidelines for digital payment authentication
Announcement date	September 2025
Location	India (nationwide implementation)
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Digital Payment Authentication Guidelines 2025-26
Key figures	Shaktikanta Das (Governor, RBI)
Purpose/reason	Strengthen authentication & risk controls in digital payment systems
Feature details	Mandatory 2FA, flexibility in proof, risk-based checks, CNP guidelines
Validity or status	Effective from April 1, 2026 (October 1, 2026 for cross-border CNP)
Strategic/significant value	Enhances user safety, fraud prevention, global alignment on digital security



➤ According to the DPIIT report for FY 2023–24, what is India's estimated logistics cost as a percentage of GDP?

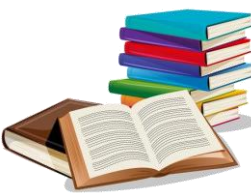
- A) 13.5%
- B) 9.09%
- C) 7.97%
- D) 11.03%
- E) 6.5%

Answer
C) 7.97%



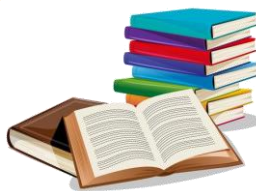
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of logistics cost estimation report for FY24
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



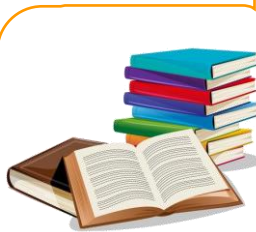
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) released a detailed report estimating India's logistics cost at 7.97% of GDP in FY 2023–24, amounting to ₹24.01 lakh crore. The report includes mode-wise freight cost analysis and highlights the role of multi-modality in improving efficiency.



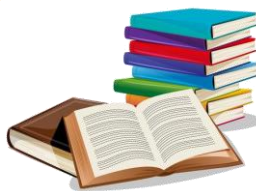
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To present a comprehensive framework for logistics cost estimation, correct earlier misrepresented figures (13–14% of GDP), and provide policymakers with accurate data to evaluate the impact of initiatives like PM Gati Shakti, ULIP, Sagarmala, and Bharatmala.



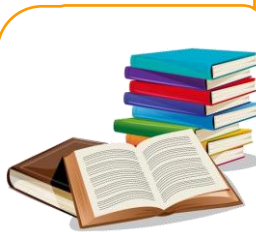
Important Terms Explained:

- **DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade):**
 - A department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry responsible for formulating and implementing promotional and developmental measures for the growth of the industrial sector.
- **PM Gati Shakti – National Master Plan:**
 - A government initiative launched in 2021 to integrate infrastructure planning across ministries to enhance logistics efficiency and reduce costs.



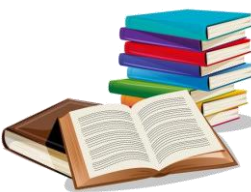
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP):**
 - A digital platform designed to connect logistics stakeholders, allowing real-time data exchange to enhance transparency and reduce logistical inefficiencies.
- **Bharatmala Pariyojana:**
 - A centrally-sponsored road development program aimed at improving road connectivity for economic corridors, border and coastal areas.



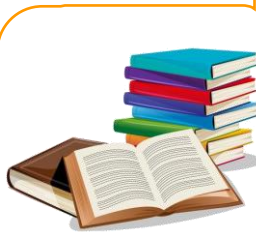
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sagarmala Project:**
 - An initiative to modernize India's port infrastructure and promote port-led development to reduce logistical costs and improve EXIM trade.
- **LEAP (Logistics Efficiency Enhancement Programme):**
 - A strategy to improve freight movement and reduce logistics costs through regulatory reform and infrastructure development.



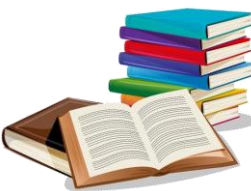
Important Terms Explained:

- **NCAER (National Council of Applied Economic Research):**
 - A premier economic policy research institution in India that collaborated with DPIIT for this report.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of FY24 logistics cost report by DPIIT
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
Policy/series name	PM Gati Shakti, ULIP, Bharatmala, Sagarmala, LEAP
Key figures	DPIIT, NCAER
Purpose/reason	To provide accurate and comprehensive logistics cost estimates
Feature details	₹24.01 lakh crore cost, 7.97% of GDP, ₹1.96/km for rail, ₹11.03/km for road
Validity or status	FY 2023–24 (report based on current prices)
Strategic/significant value	Corrects prior misrepresented data; guides logistics policy reforms



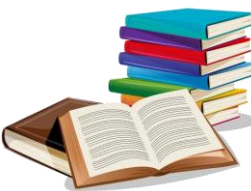
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➤ Who was recently appointed as the head coach of the Mumbai Indians women's team?

- A) Charlotte Edwards
- B) Anjum Chopra
- C) Lisa Keightley
- D) Mithali Raj
- E) Jhulan Goswami

Answer
C) Lisa Keightley

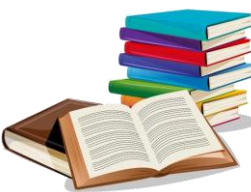


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Lisa Keightley as MI Women's head coach
- **Location:** Mumbai, India
- **Date:** 25 September 2025

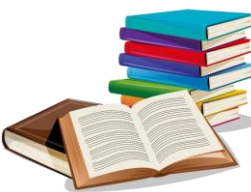


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Former Australian cricketer Lisa Keightley was appointed as the head coach of the Mumbai Indians women's team.
- **Objectives:** To leverage her international coaching experience to continue MI Women's dominance in the Women's Premier League (WPL) and further develop the team's performance and strategy.

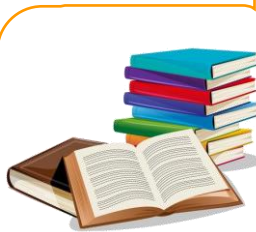


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Lisa Keightley:** A former Australian cricketer and two-time Women's World Cup winner (1997, 2005), Keightley has coached teams in Australia, England, and various T20 leagues, becoming a prominent figure in women's cricket coaching.
- **Women's Premier League (WPL):** India's premier T20 cricket league for women, launched in 2023, modelled after the IPL, aimed at professionalizing women's cricket.
- **Mumbai Indians (MI):** One of the most successful franchise teams in Indian cricket, operating in both the IPL and WPL, known for strategic leadership and talent development.

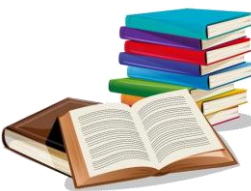


APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Lisa Keightley as head coach of MI Women
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	Mumbai Indians (Reliance Sports)
Policy/series name	Women's Premier League (WPL)
Key figures	Lisa Keightley, Nita Ambani, Mahela Jayawardene
Purpose/reason	To enhance team performance and maintain championship status in WPL
Feature details	Two-time World Cup winner appointed; brings global coaching experience
Validity or status	Active appointment; ahead of WPL 2026
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens MI Women's coaching staff; aligns with global best practices



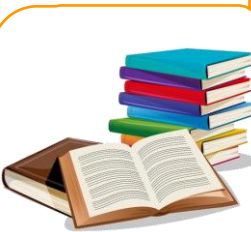
DEFENCE



- **The Ministry of Defence recently signed a ₹62,370 crore contract with HAL for the procurement of which aircraft for the Indian Air Force?**

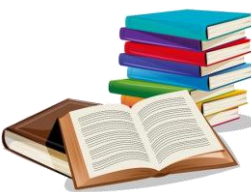
- A) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- B) Rafale
- C) LCA Mk1A
- D) MiG-29
- E) Tejas Mk2

Answer
C) LCA Mk1A



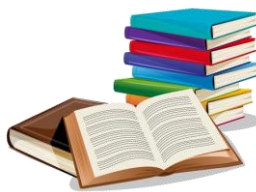
Event and Location:

- **Event:** ₹62,370 crore contract signed for procurement of 97 LCA Mk1A aircraft
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 26 September 2025



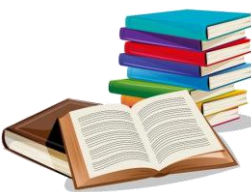
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to procure 97 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk1A, including 68 fighter and 29 trainer variants.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen the Indian Air Force's fleet with indigenous aircraft, promote domestic aerospace manufacturing, and support India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.



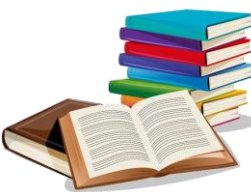
Important Terms Explained:

- **LCA Mk1A:** The most advanced variant of India's indigenous Light Combat Aircraft, featuring upgraded radar, self-protection systems, and higher indigenous content.
- **Buy (India-IDDm):** A category under the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 which mandates procurement of equipment designed, developed, and manufactured in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UTTAM AESA Radar:** An indigenous Active Electronically Scanned Array radar developed by DRDO, enhancing the aircraft's tracking and targeting capabilities.
- **Swayam Raksha Kavach:** A self-protection system integrated into LCA Mk1A to improve survivability during combat missions.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	₹62,370 crore MoD-HAL contract for LCA Mk1A
Announcement date	26 September 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	Buy (India-IDDm) under Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020
Key figures	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, HAL CMD C.B. Ananthakrishnan
Purpose/reason	To strengthen IAF capabilities and promote indigenous defence manufacturing
Feature details	97 aircraft with AESA Radar, Swayam Raksha Kavach, and 67 additional upgrades
Validity or status	Deliveries begin 2027–28, completed over 6 years
Strategic/significant value	Boost to Aatmanirbharta and employment for 11,750 annually in aerospace sector



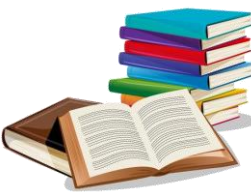
➤ What was the key focus of the India-Russia bilateral discussion held on September 25, 2025, between PM Modi and Deputy PM Dmitry Patrushev?

- A) Space technology transfer
- B) Military exports
- C) BRICS grain and agriculture trade exchange
- D) Civil nuclear energy partnership
- E) Oil and gas pipeline



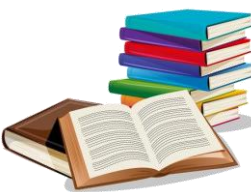
Answer

C) BRICS grain and agriculture trade exchange



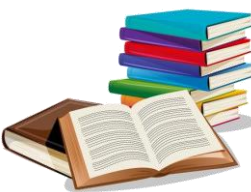
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India-Russia bilateral meeting to discuss BRICS grain exchange and agricultural cooperation
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



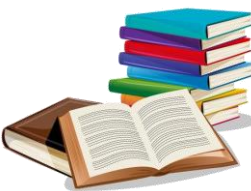
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Patrushev on the sidelines of World Food India 2025, discussing proposals for a BRICS grain exchange and enhancing cooperation in agriculture, fertilizers, and food processing.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote agriculture trade among BRICS nations, improve food security through structured exchanges, and strengthen bilateral relations in agricultural technology, fertilizer production, and food processing innovation.



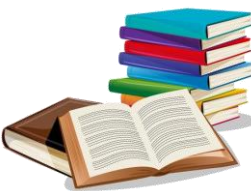
Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS:**
 - An international grouping of five major emerging economies – Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa – aimed at promoting peace, development, and multilateral cooperation.
- **BRICS Grain Exchange:**
 - A proposed platform under discussion among BRICS nations to facilitate structured trade of agricultural commodities like grain, ensuring food security and trade balance among member countries.



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Food India 2025:**
 - A major agri-business and food processing event hosted by the Government of India to showcase investment opportunities and foster international collaboration in the food and agri sector.
- **India-Russia Annual Summit:**
 - An annual high-level diplomatic engagement between India and Russia to discuss and deepen strategic, economic, and defense cooperation. The 23rd edition is scheduled to take place in 2025.

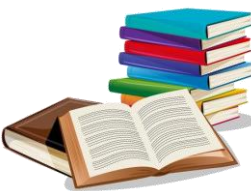


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Parameter	Details
Event name	India-Russia bilateral meeting on agriculture and BRICS grain exchange
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Government of India, Government of Russia
Policy/series name	BRICS Grain Exchange (proposed), India-Russia Strategic Partnership
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Deputy PM Dmitry Patrushev
Purpose/reason	Boost trade cooperation in agriculture, fertilizers, and food processing
Feature details	Proposed agri-food exchange for BRICS, fertilizer partnerships
Validity or status	Proposal under discussion; summit scheduled later in 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India-Russia ties and BRICS agri-economic collaboration

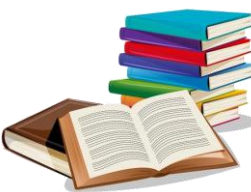


➤ **What is the name of the Indian defence manufacturing facility inaugurated in Morocco during Rajnath Singh's visit?**

- A) Bharat Dynamics Maroc
- B) Tata Defence Systems International
- C) Tata Advanced Systems Maroc
- D) DRDO Africa
- E) HAL-Morocco Engineering Hub

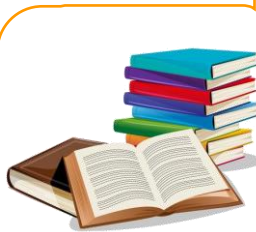
Answer

C) Tata Advanced Systems Maroc



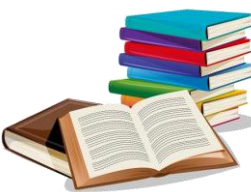
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rajnath Singh's official visit to Morocco and inauguration of India's first defence manufacturing unit in Africa
- **Location:** Rabat and Berrechid, Morocco
- **Date:** 24–25 September 2025



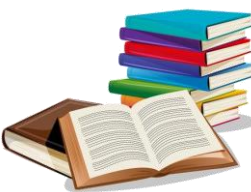
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Morocco's Minister of Trade Ryad Mezzour in Rabat to deepen cooperation in defence, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals. He also inaugurated the Tata Advanced Systems Maroc facility to produce the Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8×8, marking India's first defence manufacturing presence in Africa.



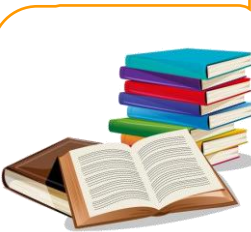
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance industrial and strategic cooperation between India and Morocco, promote defence exports under Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and strengthen India's footprint in Africa's defence manufacturing sector.



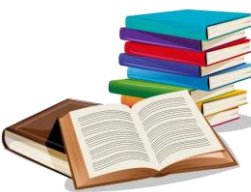
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tata Advanced Systems Maroc:**
 - A subsidiary of Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), inaugurated in Berrechid, Morocco, to produce the Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8×8. It is the first Indian defence manufacturing unit in Africa, supporting India's goal of expanding global defence exports.
- **Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8×8:**
 - An Indian-made infantry combat vehicle, developed by DRDO and TASL. Designed for troop mobility, protection, and deployment in hostile environments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:**
 - A self-reliance initiative launched by the Indian government to boost domestic manufacturing across sectors, including defence, with a focus on increasing exports and reducing imports.
- **Berrechid, Morocco:**
 - An industrial town near Casablanca, selected as the location for India's first overseas defence production facility in Africa.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Rajnath Singh's visit to Morocco and defence collaboration discussions
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Rabat and Berrechid, Morocco
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, Government of India
Policy/series name	Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Defence Export Strategy
Key figures	Rajnath Singh, Ryad Mezzour, Abdeltif Loudiyi, Tata Advanced Systems leadership
Purpose/reason	Strengthen bilateral ties in defence, pharma, and manufacturing
Feature details	Inauguration of Tata Advanced Systems Maroc for WhAP 8×8 production
Validity or status	Active; first Indian defence facility operational in Africa
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's defence exports and strategic presence in Africa



➤ Which campaign initiative under Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 mobilized over 5 crore citizens for one hour of voluntary cleanliness activity?

- A) Ek Bharat Swachh Bharat
- B) Swachhata Abhiyan Express
- C) Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath
- D) Jal Shakti Seva Mission
- E) Swachh Sarvekshan Sanyukt

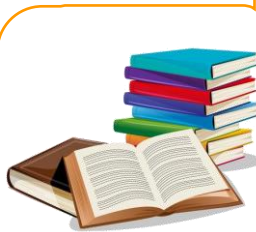


**SWACHHATA
HI SEVA 2025**

17 September - 2 October 2025

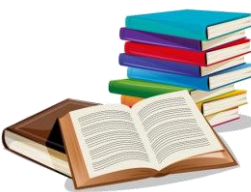
Answer

C) Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath



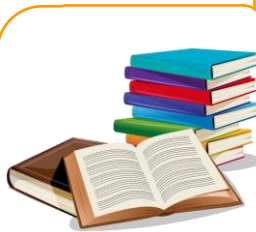
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nationwide observance of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2025 campaign and mass participation in cleanliness drives
- **Location:** Nationwide (India)
- **Date:** 17 September – 2 October 2025 (Key event on 25 September 2025)



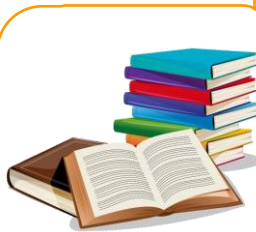
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Nationwide activities such as cleanliness drives, Shramdaan, awareness campaigns, school-level competitions, rallies, plantation under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and community mobilization were carried out under Swachhata Hi Seva 2025.
 - Ministries, PSUs like NCL, schools, local bodies, and common citizens participated in initiatives including Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath, Swachhata Pathshala, and creative contests.



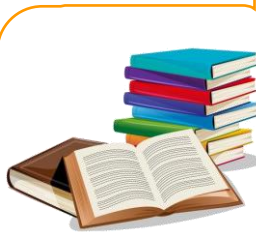
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To promote awareness and behavioral change around cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainability; to foster jan andolan (people's movement) for sanitation; to encourage voluntary public participation; and to strengthen the Swachh Bharat Mission through consistent citizen engagement.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS):**
 - An annual campaign observed from 17 September to 2 October to promote cleanliness through public participation and awareness, forming part of the larger Swachh Bharat Mission framework.
- **Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath:**
 - A mass cleanliness movement launched under SHS 2025 on the call of the Prime Minister, mobilizing over 5 crore people across India for one hour of voluntary shramdaan on 25th September 2025.

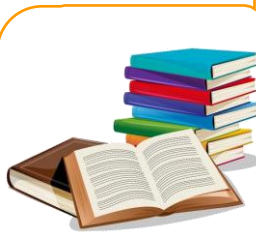


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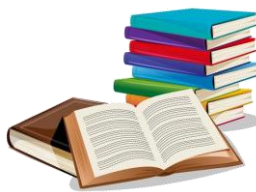
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam:**
 - An environmental campaign promoting tree plantation in honor of mothers. Under this, NCL distributed 1,000 saplings as part of the drive to promote green and sustainable practices.
- **Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivir:**
 - Health and welfare initiative for sanitation workers focusing on safety, medical care, and recognition, organized in various NCL areas during SHS 2025.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Swachhotsav:**
 - The celebratory phase of SHS 2025 focused on creative, festive, and sustainable cleanliness practices involving schools, institutions, and communities.

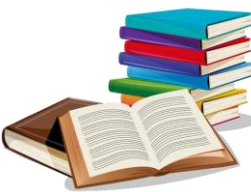


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2025 Campaign and Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath Drive
Announcement date	Campaign: 17 September 2025; Major event: 25 September 2025
Location	Across India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Coal Ministry
Policy/series name	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2025, Swachhotsav
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, MoS Prataprao Jadhav, Shri Sanjay Kumar, Shri C.R. Patil
Purpose/reason	Promote cleanliness, sustainability, and public engagement through mass participation
Feature details	Shramdaan, school activities, sapling drives, creative competitions, CTU cleanups
Validity or status	Ongoing till 2 October 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces Swachh Bharat Mission and sustainable civic responsibility



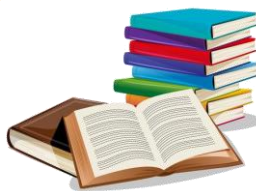
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➤ What was the price range of meals offered under the low-cost Janata Khana counters at railway platforms?

- A) ₹30–₹60
- B) ₹15–₹20
- C) ₹50–₹70
- D) ₹10–₹12
- E) ₹25–₹40

Answer
B) ₹15–₹20

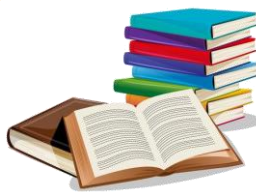


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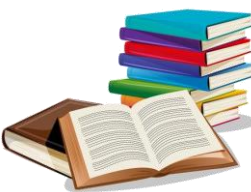
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Disappearance of Janata Khana low-cost food counters at MGR Chennai Central station
- **Location:** MGR Chennai Central, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** 24 September 2025



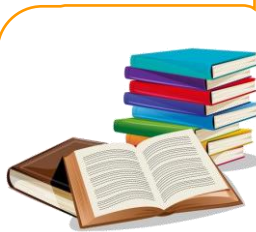
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Janata Khana meal counters were launched by IRCTC in 2024 to offer hygienic, standardised, and affordable meals directly on railway platforms, especially near general coach halts. Meals were priced as low as ₹15–₹20.
- **Objectives:**
 - To make nutritious food easily accessible to economically weaker sections and general-class passengers without requiring them to leave their coaches or navigate the station during short halts or crowd rush.



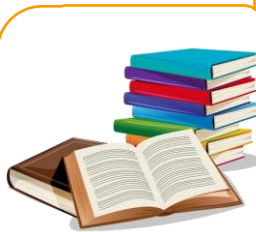
Important Terms Explained:

- **IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation):**
 - A government-owned enterprise under the Ministry of Railways responsible for catering, tourism, and online ticketing services for Indian Railways.
- **Janata Khana:**
 - A low-cost food scheme introduced by IRCTC in 2024, offering platform-level meals like pooris, tamarind rice, and lemon rice at subsidised rates of ₹15–₹20, mainly for unreserved/general coach passengers.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Jan Ahaar:**
 - An older Indian Railways initiative that offered economical vegetarian meals through sit-down or takeaway counters located inside stations. Meals were typically priced at ₹50 or more.

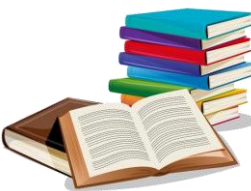


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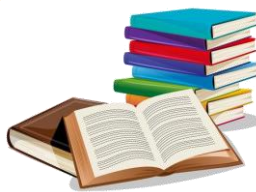
Parameter	Details
Event name	Vanishing of Janata Khana low-cost counters from MGR Central
Announcement date	Scheme launched in 2024; reported missing on 24 September 2025
Location	MGR Chennai Central, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)
Policy/series name	Janata Khana meal counters
Key figures	IRCTC officials, Southern Railway Zone
Purpose/reason	Offer affordable, hygienic, quick meals to general-class train passengers
Feature details	Meals priced ₹15–₹20, counters placed on platforms near general coaches
Validity or status	Discontinued/unclear availability as of September 2025
Strategic/significant value	Helped improve food accessibility and social welfare at high-footfall stations



➤ What is the duration of the human-wildlife conflict mitigation campaign recently launched by the Kerala government?

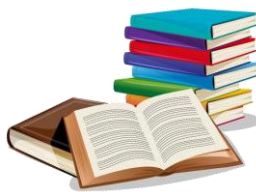
- A) 15 days
- B) 30 days
- C) 45 days
- D) 60 days
- E) 90 days

Answer
C) 45 days



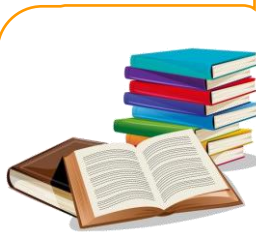
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 45-day action campaign to mitigate human-wildlife conflict
- **Location:** Kerala (hilly and forested regions)
- **Date:** 15 September 2025 (announced on Sunday prior to 16 Sep update)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Kerala government launched a 45-day phased action campaign focused on reducing human-wildlife conflicts in the most vulnerable areas of the state, especially hilly and forested zones prone to frequent wildlife intrusions.
- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure human safety, promote wildlife conservation, and implement preventive measures in conflict-prone areas by deploying forest personnel, awareness programs, and improved early warning systems.

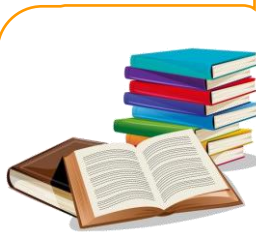


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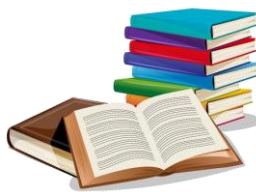
Important Terms Explained:

- **Human-Wildlife Conflict:**
 - Situations where wildlife and human populations intersect in ways that result in negative outcomes such as crop destruction, property damage, injuries, or loss of life – both human and animal.
- **Phased Action Plan:**
 - A time-bound, stepwise implementation strategy used in administrative planning. In this case, it refers to the 45-day targeted intervention to mitigate specific issues over a defined period.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Periyar National Park:**
 - A prominent wildlife sanctuary and tiger reserve in Kerala, known for its elephant population and as a hotspot for both conservation and tourism.

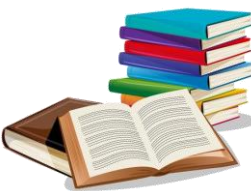


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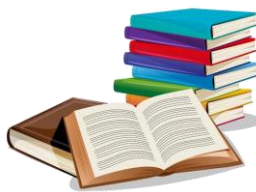
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Human-Wildlife Conflict Action Plan
Announcement date	15 September 2025
Location	Hilly and forested areas of Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala
Policy/series name	45-day Conflict Mitigation Campaign
Key figures	State Forest Department, Kerala Government
Purpose/reason	To reduce incidents of human-wildlife conflict in vulnerable zones
Feature details	Targeted awareness, patrolling, early warning systems, and field intervention
Validity or status	Active for 45 days from mid-September 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes coexistence and reduces risks to both people and wildlife



➤ **What is the name of the initiative launched by Rachakonda Police to provide support and protection to senior citizens?**

- A) Silver Shield
- B) Senior Sathi
- C) Elder Welfare Mission
- D) Golden Care
- E) Jeevan Raksha

Answer
D) Golden Care

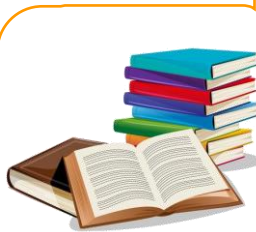


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Golden Care initiative for senior citizens by Rachakonda Police
- **Location:** Rachakonda Commissionerate, Telangana
- **Date:** 25 September 2025

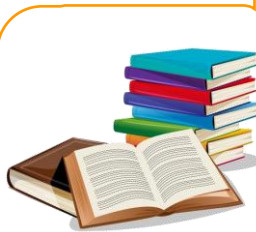


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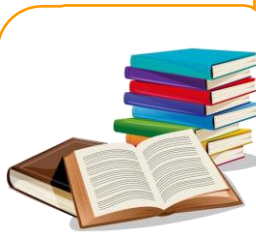
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Rachakonda Police, in coordination with the Rachakonda Security Council (RKSC), launched Golden Care – Care for those who cared for us, an outreach and protection initiative for senior citizens.
- **Objectives:**
 - To provide senior citizens with care, protection, moral and emotional support, and assistance in medical, legal, financial, and cyber safety matters. It also aims to create awareness about government schemes and ensure dignity and respect for the elderly.



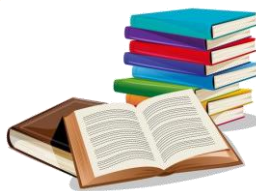
Important Terms Explained:

- **Golden Care Initiative:**
 - A senior citizen welfare programme launched by Rachakonda Police offering outreach visits, SOS emergency setup, legal help, scam protection, and awareness on government welfare schemes. It reflects a community-based policing approach focusing on elder dignity and safety.
- **Section 144 BNSS (Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita):**
 - A provision under India's proposed criminal law reforms aimed at ensuring accountability for neglect or abandonment of dependents, including senior citizens.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 (Sections 4 and 5):**
 - Legal framework that mandates children or legal heirs to maintain senior citizens and allows them to file claims for maintenance in case of neglect.

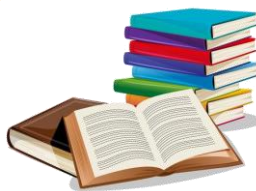


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of 'Golden Care' initiative
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Rachakonda Commissionerate, Telangana
Issuing authority	Rachakonda Police in collaboration with Rachakonda Security Council (RKSC)
Policy/series name	Golden Care – Care for those who cared for us
Key figures	Commissioner G. Sudheer Babu, RKSC Joint Secretary Siva Karadi
Purpose/reason	To support and protect senior citizens across legal, medical, emotional areas
Feature details	Outreach visits, cyber safety, SOS setup, legal aid, health tie-ups
Validity or status	Active; launched on 25 September 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces elderly care through police-community partnerships

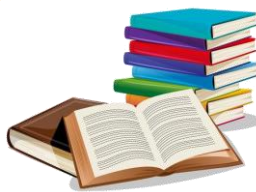


➤ **What is the primary goal of the Make in India initiative which recently marked its 11th anniversary?**

- A) To promote agricultural subsidies
- B) To boost domestic manufacturing and self-reliance
- C) To increase tourism inflow
- D) To privatize public sector units
- E) To implement GST reforms

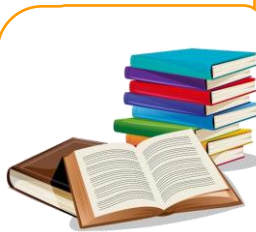
Answer

B) To boost domestic manufacturing and self-reliance



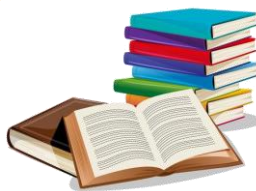
Event and Location:

- **Event:** 11th Anniversary of Make in India initiative
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



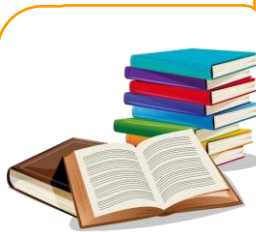
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Prime Minister marked 11 years of the Make in India initiative through a public message highlighting its economic contributions.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen domestic manufacturing, promote entrepreneurship, encourage innovation, support job creation, and build a foundation for Aatmanirbharta.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Make in India:** A flagship initiative launched in 2014 by the Government of India to encourage companies to manufacture their products in India and boost investment into the manufacturing sector.
- **Aatmanirbharta:** A national vision of making India self-reliant in critical sectors by reducing import dependency, boosting local production, and promoting indigenous innovation.
- **MyGovIndia:** A citizen engagement platform launched by the Indian government to promote participatory governance, used for official communication by ministries and the Prime Minister.

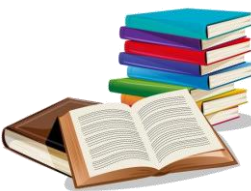


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Parameter	Details
Event name	11th Anniversary of Make in India initiative
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Prime Minister's Office via MyGovIndia
Policy/series name	Make in India
Key figures	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	To highlight the achievements of the Make in India program
Feature details	Support to entrepreneurs, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation
Validity or status	Active and ongoing with national relevance
Strategic/significant value	Contributes to India's global manufacturing presence and self-reliant economy

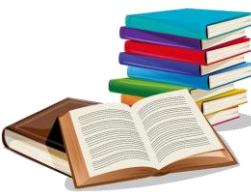


➤ Which port became the first in India to deploy a fleet of electric heavy trucks with swappable batteries in 2025?

- A) Paradip Port
- B) Visakhapatnam Port
- C) Cochin Port
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- E) Kandla Port

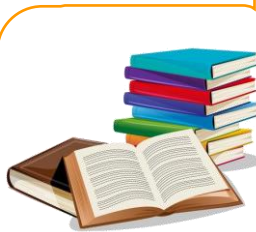
Answer

D) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority



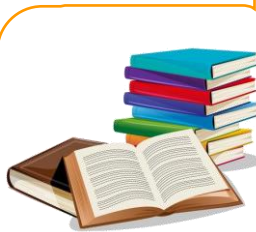
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Flag-off of India's first EV truck fleet with swappable batteries at a port
- **Location:** Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Nhava Sheva, Maharashtra
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



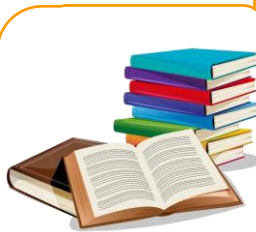
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Flagging off of India's first electric heavy truck fleet with swappable batteries by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal at JNPA. Commissioning of a battery swapping station. Signing of an MoU between JNPA and Ashoka University's ICCPP for tariff benchmarking framework development.
- **Objectives:**
 - To reduce port-related emissions, promote sustainable logistics, support the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan, align with Net Zero 2070 goals, and establish JNPA as a national model for EV-based port operations.



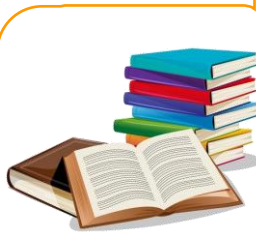
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA):**
 - India's largest container port located at Nhava Sheva, Maharashtra. Plays a major role in international trade, handling nearly 50% of the country's container cargo.
- **Swappable Battery EV Trucks:**
 - Heavy-duty electric trucks equipped with batteries that can be swapped quickly at a station, reducing downtime and enabling efficient EV logistics.



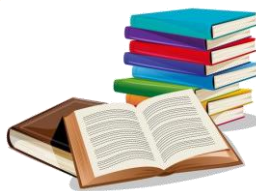
Important Terms Explained:

- **Isaac Centre for Public Policy (ICPP), Ashoka University:**
 - A policy think-tank that signed an MoU with JNPA to develop a tariff benchmarking framework for Indian ports based on cost and performance data.
- **National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP):**
 - A government initiative launched in 2013 to promote electric mobility and reduce dependency on fossil fuels through EV adoption.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM Gati Shakti & National Logistics Policy (NLP):**
 - Integrated initiatives aimed at enhancing logistics efficiency, multi-modal connectivity, and supporting green transport infrastructure.
- **Green Ports Initiative & Maritime India Vision 2030:**
 - National frameworks to decarbonize port operations and modernize Indian maritime infrastructure for global competitiveness and sustainability.



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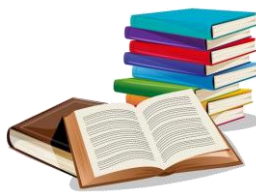
Parameter	Details
Event name	Flag-off of India's First EV Truck Fleet with Swappable Batteries
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	JNPA, Nhava Sheva, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)
Policy/series name	National Electric Mobility Mission Plan, PM Gati Shakti, Maritime India Vision 2030
Key figures	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Shri Unmesh Sharad Wagh, Shri R. Lakshmanan
Purpose/reason	Promote decarbonised, sustainable port logistics and EV adoption
Feature details	Flag-off of 50 EV trucks (target: 90% of 600 fleet by 2026), battery swap station, MoU with ICPP
Validity or status	Active; Targeted conversion by December 2026
Strategic/significant value	Sets benchmark for Indian ports in clean logistics and carbon reduction



➤ Under the Frontier Region Programme launched in Kashmir, how many new Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) are planned for Jammu & Kashmir?

- A) 250
- B) 1000
- C) 500
- D) 750
- E) 300

Answer
C) 500

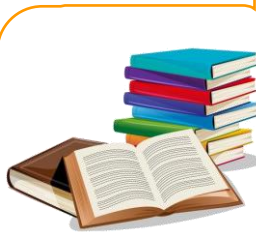
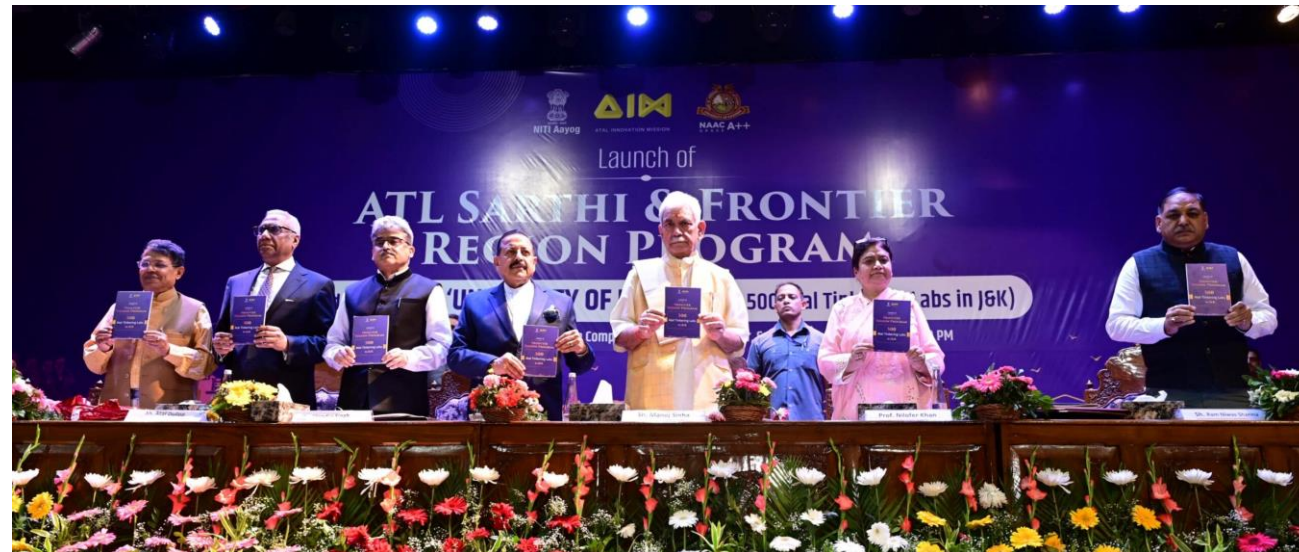


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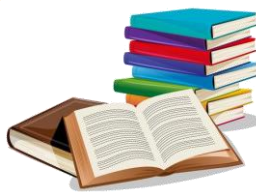
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of ATL Sarthi and Frontier Region Programme; announcement of 500 new Atal Tinkering Labs
- **Location:** University of Kashmir, Jammu & Kashmir
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



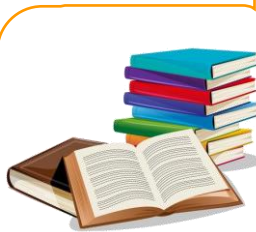
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Launch of the ATL Sarthi and Frontier Region Programme under Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, in collaboration with University of Kashmir.
 - Announcement of 500 new Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in J&K with ₹100 crore investment.
 - Signing of ATL Sarthi partnership and release of a Coffee Table Book showcasing innovation stories from J&K.



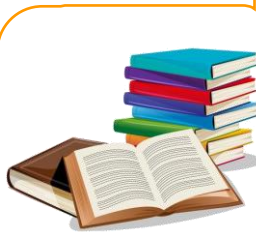
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To democratize access to innovation tools for students in frontier and tribal regions, promote student-led innovation, build innovation ecosystems in remote areas, and empower youth with problem-solving, AI, robotics, and 3D printing skills.



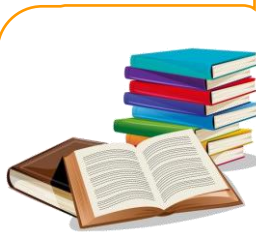
Important Terms Explained:

- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):**
 - A flagship initiative by NITI Aayog to promote innovation and entrepreneurship across India through programs like Atal Tinkering Labs, Atal Incubation Centers, and innovation challenges.
- **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs):**
 - Innovation labs set up in schools across India to foster curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds. Students use tools such as AI kits, 3D printers, and robotics to develop solutions to real-world problems.



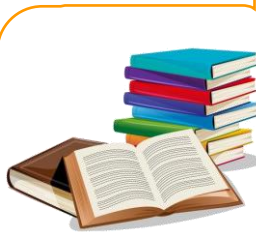
Important Terms Explained:

- **ATL Sarthi:**
 - A structured mentorship and monitoring support program for existing ATL schools aimed at improving their innovation outcomes and ensuring effective lab usage.
- **Frontier Region Programme:**
 - An initiative under AIM to expand ATLs in remote, underrepresented, and frontier areas like J&K, Ladakh, Northeast, and tribal regions to ensure last-mile innovation impact.



Important Terms Explained:

- **University of Kashmir:**
 - Host institution for the event and implementation partner under ATL Sarthi in J&K, playing a central role in innovation teacher training and incubator collaboration.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of ATL Sarthi and Frontier Region Programme in Kashmir
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Convocation Complex, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
Issuing authority	Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog
Policy/series name	ATL Sarthi and Frontier Region Programme
Key figures	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Shri Manoj Sinha, Dr. Deepak Bagla, Sakina Masood Itoo
Purpose/reason	Establish 500 ATLs in J&K to promote innovation among school students
Feature details	ATL Sarthi MoU signed, 500 ATLs sanctioned, ₹100 crore investment, student showcases
Validity or status	Active and under implementation
Strategic/significant value	Democratizes innovation, empowers frontier region youth, boosts Viksit Bharat 2047 goals



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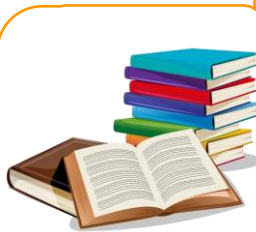


➤ Which institution has partnered with Interlink Academy, Germany, to launch a Climate Change Media Hub in Chennai?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) Press Trust of India
- C) Indian Institute of Mass Communication
- D) Asian College of Journalism
- E) All India Radio

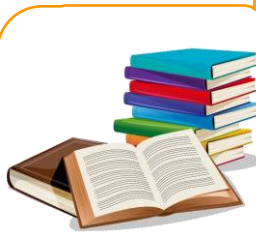
Answer

D) Asian College of Journalism



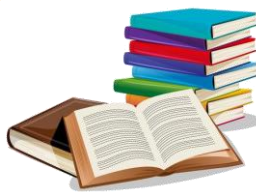
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Climate Change Media Hub in collaboration with Germany's Interlink Academy
- **Location:** Asian College of Journalism (ACJ), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** Announced on 26 September 2025; Opening in November 2025



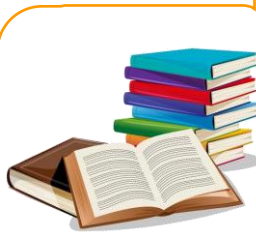
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Asian College of Journalism (ACJ) has partnered with Interlink Academy, Germany, to launch a Climate Change Media Hub at its Chennai campus. The hub will run two core programs: Climate Change Residency Programme and Climate Change Mentorship Programme, both of eight months' duration.



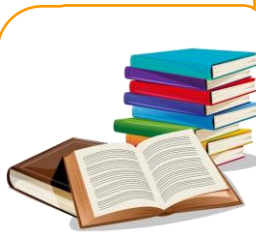
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To strengthen climate and environmental journalism in India through training, mentorship, and networking. The hub aims to build the capacity of Indian journalists to report on climate change issues with accuracy, depth, and scientific grounding.



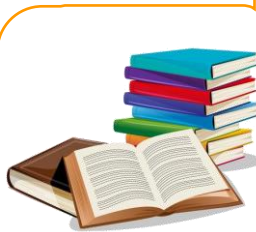
Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian College of Journalism (ACJ):**
 - A premier journalism institute based in Chennai, known for postgraduate education in journalism and media studies.
- **Interlink Academy:**
 - A Hamburg-based German organization focused on international training for journalists, with special expertise in digital journalism, safety, and cross-border collaborations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Climate Change Media Hub:**
 - A dedicated center aimed at empowering journalists to report on climate change through structured programs, resource sharing, and collaborative storytelling frameworks.
- **Climate Change Residency & Mentorship Programmes:**
 - Eight-month training initiatives that offer practical and theoretical learning, including mentorship, workshops, and story development for journalists covering environmental and climate issues.

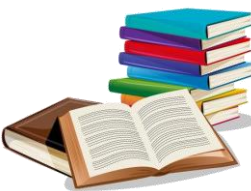


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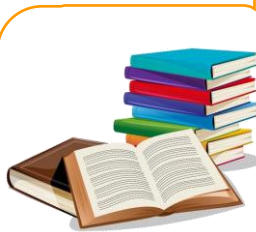
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Climate Change Media Hub
Announcement date	26 September 2025
Location	Asian College of Journalism (ACJ), Chennai
Issuing authority	ACJ in collaboration with Interlink Academy, Germany
Policy/series name	Climate Change Residency and Mentorship Programmes
Key figures	Sashi Kumar (Chairman, ACJ), Interlink Academy officials
Purpose/reason	Strengthen climate journalism in India
Feature details	8-month residency and mentorship programmes for journalists
Validity or status	To begin in November 2025
Strategic/significant value	Builds journalist capacity for climate reporting in India



➤ Which institution has partnered with the Delhi government to conduct cloud seeding trials to reduce air pollution in October 2025?

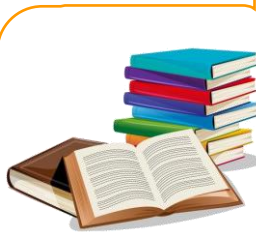
- A) IIT Delhi
- B) ISRO
- C) IMD
- D) IIT Kanpur
- E) CSIR

Answer
D) IIT Kanpur



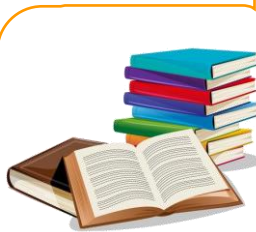
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Delhi's first artificial rain trials through cloud seeding
- **Location:** Delhi, India (with aircraft operations from Hindon Air Base)
- **Date:** MoU signed on 25 September 2025; Trials scheduled from 7–11 October 2025



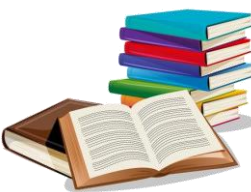
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Delhi government signed an MoU with IIT Kanpur to conduct five cloud seeding trials between October 7 and 11, using Cessna aircraft to target north and northwest Delhi. The aircraft will operate from Hindon Air Base, with the project costing approximately ₹3.5 crore.
- **Objectives:**
 - To evaluate the effectiveness of cloud seeding as a tool for reducing air pollution during Delhi's high-pollution winter season, and to provide temporary relief to citizens through artificial rainfall.



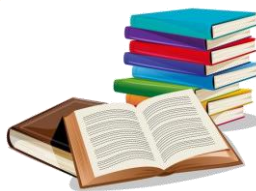
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cloud Seeding:**
 - A weather modification technique that involves dispersing substances (like silver iodide or salt) into the air to encourage cloud condensation and artificial rainfall.
- **IIT Kanpur:**
 - One of India's premier engineering institutes, involved in environmental research. IIT Kanpur is providing technical support and aircraft for the project.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA):**
 - India's aviation regulatory body that has provided clearance for cloud seeding flights from October 1 to November 30, 2025.
- **Cessna Aircraft:**
 - A small aircraft model often used for environmental monitoring, research operations, and short-distance flights. It will be used for cloud seeding operations in this project.

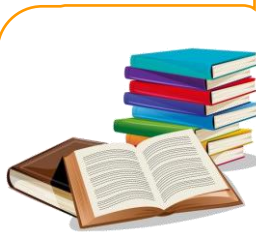


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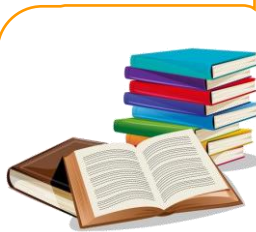
Parameter	Details
Event name	Delhi's first cloud seeding trials
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	North and Northwest Delhi (operations from Hindon Air Base)
Issuing authority	Delhi Government in collaboration with IIT Kanpur
Policy/series name	Artificial Rain Trials / Cloud Seeding Pilot
Key figures	CM Rekha Gupta, Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa
Purpose/reason	To reduce air pollution through artificial rain during winter
Feature details	5 trials scheduled Oct 7–11, DGCA-approved flights, ₹3.5 crore cost
Validity or status	Pilot project running Oct–Nov 2025
Strategic/significant value	Potential scalable solution to mitigate pollution in urban areas



➤ From which academic year will the Telangana government implement the 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' for government school children?

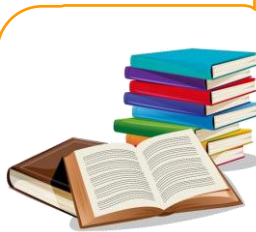
- A) 2025–26
- B) 2026–27
- C) 2024–25
- D) 2027–28
- E) 2023–24

Answer
B) 2026–27



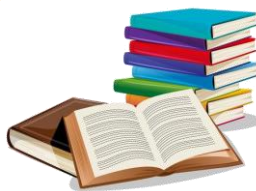
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme for schoolchildren in Telangana
- **Location:** Tamil Nadu (at a government-organized education event), Telangana (scheme implementation)
- **Date:** 26 September 2025 (announcement date)



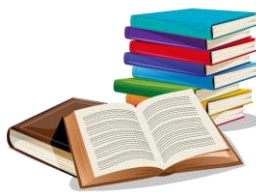
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that Telangana will implement the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme from the 2026–27 academic year, inspired by Tamil Nadu's school meal model. The scheme will be introduced in government schools across the state.



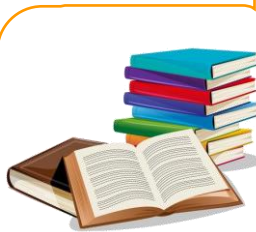
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance student nutrition, reduce dropout rates, and improve learning outcomes by ensuring children receive a nutritious breakfast before classes begin. The initiative also aims to promote equity, inclusive development, and social justice through educational reform.



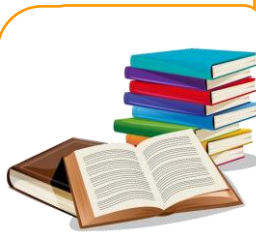
Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme (Telangana):**
 - A welfare initiative set to launch in 2026–27 to provide free breakfast to students in government schools, mirroring Tamil Nadu's successful model. It forms part of Telangana's broader effort to offer three nutritious meals daily in schools.
- **Tamil Nadu Model of School Meals:**
 - A long-standing nutrition program providing mid-day meals and breakfast to schoolchildren. Widely recognised for improving enrolment, attendance, and nutritional outcomes among underprivileged students.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hyderabad–Chennai Industrial and Knowledge Corridor:**
 - A major economic growth corridor connecting Hyderabad and Chennai, focusing on industries like pharmaceuticals, automobiles, electronics, and higher education, contributing to regional trade and job creation.
- **Young India Skills University & Advanced Technology Centres:**
 - Telangana's skill development and technical education initiatives aimed at equipping youth with industry-relevant capabilities.

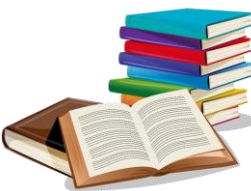


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Telangana's Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme
Announcement date	26 September 2025
Location	Announced at Tamil Nadu education event; applicable across Telangana
Issuing authority	Government of Telangana
Policy/series name	Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme
Key figures	CM A. Revanth Reddy, CM M.K. Stalin
Purpose/reason	Improve school attendance, nutrition, and learning through free breakfasts
Feature details	Daily breakfast in schools from 2026–27; part of 3-meal plan; inspired by TN
Validity or status	Scheduled to begin in academic year 2026–27
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces Telangana's education and welfare reforms; promotes social equity

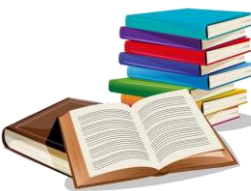


➤ Which company has reached an in-principle agreement to transfer its stake in the Hyderabad Metro Rail project to the Telangana government?

- A) Tata Projects
- B) GMR Group
- C) L&T (Larsen & Toubro)
- D) Adani Infra
- E) Reliance Infrastructure

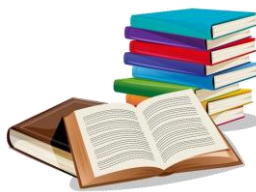
Answer

C) L&T (Larsen & Toubro)



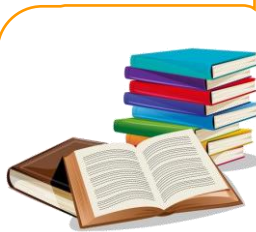
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Telangana government and L&T reach in-principle agreement for Metro stake acquisition
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



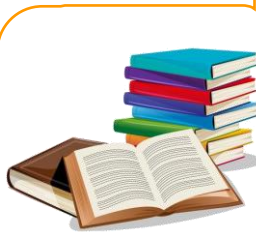
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Telangana government and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) have reached an in-principle agreement for the state to acquire L&T's entire stake in Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase 1, to enable seamless operational integration with the proposed Phase 2.



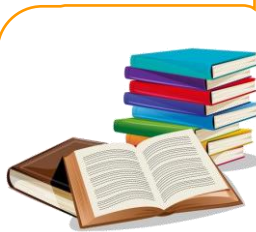
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To resolve the deadlock over metro expansion, meet the Centre's requirement for a Definitive Agreement, and move ahead with Phase 2, which proposes eight new metro lines and an additional 163 km of track. The move also aims to enhance public transport and address Hyderabad's declining metro infrastructure ranking.



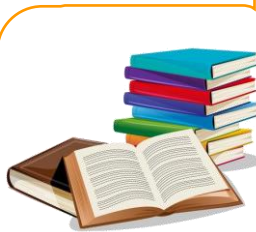
Important Terms Explained:

- **Hyderabad Metro Rail Project:**
 - A public transit system in Hyderabad originally developed as a public-private partnership (PPP) between the Telangana government and L&T, with Phase 1 comprising about 69 km of track.
- **Definitive Agreement:**
 - A legally binding agreement required by the Central Government to ensure integration between privately operated Phase 1 and government-run Phase 2 for smooth operations, fare management, and asset sharing.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Phase 2 Expansion:**
 - The proposed extension of Hyderabad Metro, covering eight new lines and 163 km of additional track to meet the growing transportation demands of the city.
- **Equity Stake Transfer:**
 - L&T has proposed to exit the project by transferring its stake to the state, in return for debt assumption (~₹13,000 crore) and a one-time equity settlement (~₹2,000 crore) by the Telangana government.

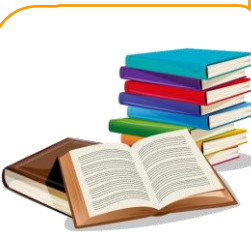


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Telangana to acquire L&T's stake in Hyderabad Metro Phase 1
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Hyderabad, Telangana
Issuing authority	Government of Telangana, L&T Group
Policy/series name	Hyderabad Metro Phase 2 Expansion
Key figures	CM A. Revanth Reddy, L&T MD S.N. Subrahmanyam
Purpose/reason	Ensure integration and enable Phase 2 expansion; address Centre's requirements
Feature details	State to take over ~₹13,000 crore debt + ₹2,000 crore equity payout to L&T
Validity or status	In-principle agreement; final terms under negotiation
Strategic/significant value	Enables growth of Hyderabad Metro, improves urban mobility infrastructure

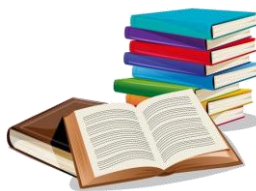


➤ **Where was the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre, sanctioned by Bharatiya Gyana Parampara, recently inaugurated?**

- A) Nalanda University
- B) Banaras Hindu University
- C) National Sanskrit University, Tirupati
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- E) Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan

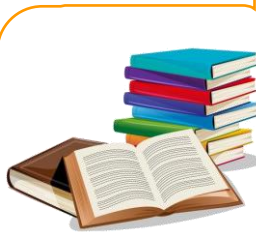
Answer

C) National Sanskrit University, Tirupati



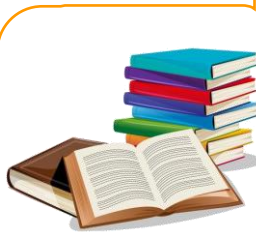
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre
- **Location:** National Sanskrit University (NSU), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



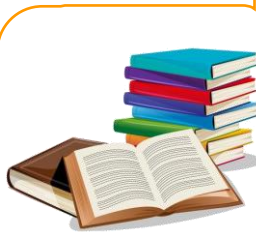
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre, sanctioned by Bharatiya Gyana Parampara under the Ministry of Education, was inaugurated at NSU, Tirupati. The centre is one among eight sanctioned to reputed institutions across India.
- **Objectives:**
 - To revive, preserve, and promote traditional Indian knowledge in areas such as Sanskrit literature, sciences, arts, and philosophy by integrating them with modern education and research frameworks.



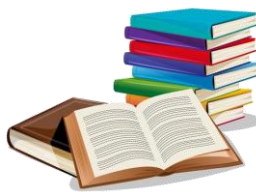
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS):**
 - An initiative under the Ministry of Education to promote and institutionalize India's ancient wisdom systems—including Sanskrit, Ayurveda, Yoga, Vedic mathematics, and more—within the formal academic structure.
- **Bharatiya Gyana Parampara:**
 - A division of the Ministry of Education responsible for preserving, promoting, and funding research and dissemination of India's classical and indigenous knowledge traditions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Sanskrit University (NSU):**
 - A central university located in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, dedicated to higher education and research in Sanskrit and allied disciplines.



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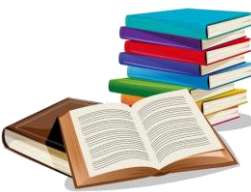
Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	National Sanskrit University (NSU), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Bharatiya Gyana Parampara, Ministry of Education
Policy/series name	Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Initiative
Key figures	N. Gopalaswami (Chancellor), G.S.R. Krishnamurthy (VC), Madugula N. Sarma
Purpose/reason	To integrate and promote Indian traditional knowledge in formal education
Feature details	Centre among 8 sanctioned nationwide; focuses on Sanskrit & Indian heritage
Validity or status	Inaugurated and operational
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's cultural and intellectual legacy within modern academia



- What is the duration of the action plan announced by the Karnataka government to address Bengaluru's infrastructure issues in 2025?

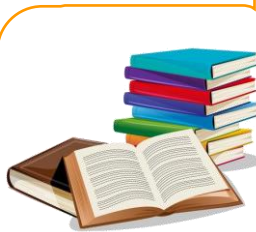
- A) 30 days
- B) 45 days
- C) 60 days
- D) 90 days
- E) 120 days

Answer
D) 90 days



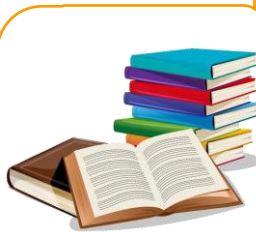
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of a 90-day infrastructure improvement plan for Bengaluru
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



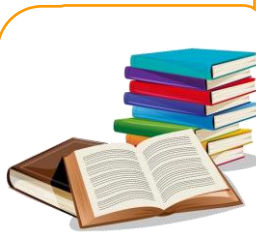
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Karnataka government launched a 90-day time-bound action plan to address Bengaluru's urban infrastructure crisis, including pothole repairs, garbage management, road works, and redevelopment of major traffic corridors such as the Outer Ring Road (ORR).
- **Objectives:**
 - To improve urban livability, ensure road safety, expedite stalled infrastructure projects, and introduce congestion pricing as a long-term traffic control measure while enforcing accountability among officials.



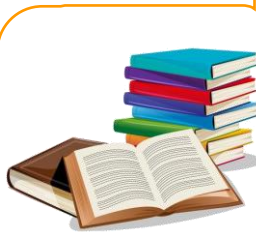
Important Terms Explained:

- **Congestion Pricing:**
 - A traffic management policy that charges vehicles for using high-traffic roads during peak hours to reduce congestion. Proposed for Bengaluru's Outer Ring Road as part of the city's urban mobility reform.
- **Outer Ring Road (ORR):**
 - One of Bengaluru's busiest road corridors, connecting major IT hubs and high-density residential zones. The government is planning redevelopment and congestion regulation here.



Important Terms Explained:

- **White Topping:**
 - A technique of overlaying existing bitumen roads with a layer of concrete to increase road durability and reduce maintenance needs, especially in high-traffic areas.

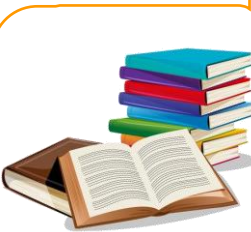


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of 90-day Bengaluru Infrastructure Action Plan
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Government of Karnataka
Policy/series name	90-Day Infrastructure Revamp Plan
Key figures	CM Siddaramaiah, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
Purpose/reason	Resolve public safety concerns, repair roads, and modernize civic services
Feature details	Fix potholes, complete stalled projects, ORR congestion pricing, white topping
Validity or status	Active; roads to be repaired by 31 October 2025
Strategic/significant value	Addresses long-standing infrastructure gaps and public outcry

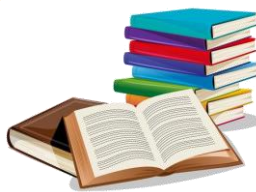


➤ What is the total financial outlay approved for Karnataka's State Skill Development Policy 2025–32?

- A) ₹1,386 crore
- B) ₹5,000 crore
- C) ₹4,432.5 crore
- D) ₹3,000 crore
- E) ₹2,750 crore

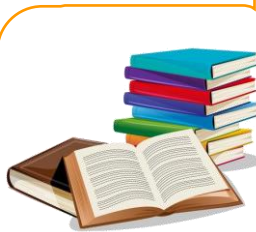
Answer

C) ₹4,432.5 crore



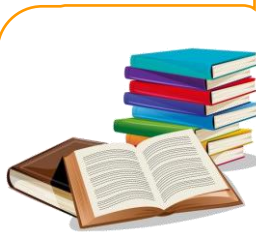
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of Karnataka State Skill Development Policy 2025–32
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



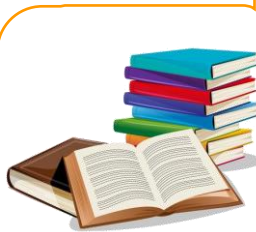
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Karnataka Cabinet has approved the State Skill Development Policy 2025–32 with a total outlay of ₹4,432.5 crore, including ₹1,386 crore funding support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- **Objectives:**
 - To position Karnataka as a global hub for skilled workforce, aligned with the target of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2032, by building high-quality skill ecosystems across sectors and regions.



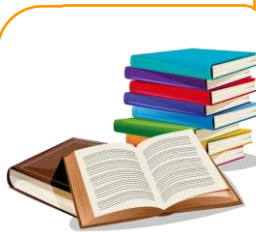
Important Terms Explained:

- **Karnataka State Skill Development Policy 2025–32:**
 - A seven-year strategic plan to strengthen skill training infrastructure, industry linkages, and employability for Karnataka's youth, targeting key sectors such as manufacturing, IT, electronics, healthcare, and green energy.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB):**
 - A multilateral financial institution headquartered in the Philippines that offers funding and technical support to Asian countries. ADB will contribute ₹1,386 crore for implementing the Karnataka skill policy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **\$1 Trillion Economy Vision:**
 - Karnataka aims to increase its GSDP to \$1 trillion by 2032 through a focus on skill development, industrial growth, infrastructure, and digital innovation.



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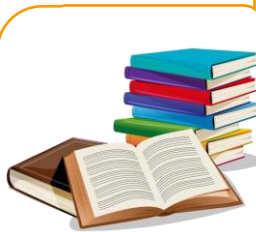
Parameter	Details
Event name	Cabinet approval of Karnataka State Skill Development Policy 2025–32
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Government of Karnataka
Policy/series name	Karnataka State Skill Development Policy 2025–32
Key figures	CM Siddaramaiah, ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa
Purpose/reason	Build a skilled workforce and drive Karnataka towards a \$1 trillion economy
Feature details	₹4,432.5 crore total outlay; ₹1,386 crore from ADB; focus on future-ready skills
Validity or status	Approved for seven-year implementation (2025–2032)
Strategic/significant value	Supports industrial growth, employment generation, and global competitiveness



- Which Indian state is drafting the Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0, building upon its first EV policy launched in 2019?

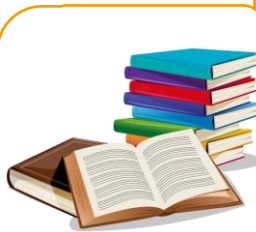
- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Kerala
- D) Gujarat
- E) Delhi

Answer
C) Kerala



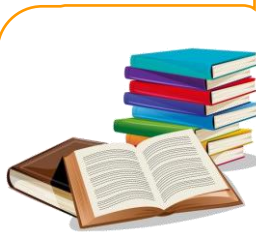
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Drafting of Kerala's Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



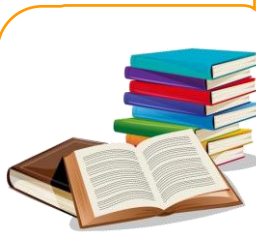
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Kerala government has initiated the drafting of Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0 to replace or upgrade its earlier 2019 EV Policy, incorporating recent trends and advancements in the e-mobility ecosystem.
- **Objectives:**
 - To align Kerala's electric mobility roadmap with technological innovations, market developments, and new business models in the EV sector, promoting sustainability, efficiency, and cleaner transportation.



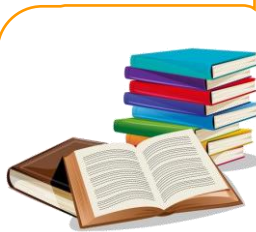
Important Terms Explained:

- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy:**
 - A state or national-level framework that outlines strategies, subsidies, and infrastructure development plans to promote the adoption of electric vehicles in public and private transport.
- **E-mobility Ecosystem:**
 - A comprehensive term that includes electric vehicles, battery technologies, charging infrastructure, software platforms, and government regulations supporting sustainable and clean mobility.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kerala EV Policy 2019:**
 - Launched in 2019, this was Kerala's first policy to encourage EV adoption by setting targets for public transport electrification, charging stations, and incentives for manufacturers and buyers.

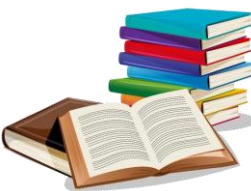


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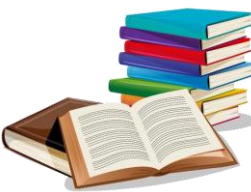
Parameter	Details
Event name	Drafting of Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala
Policy/series name	Kerala Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0
Key figures	State Transport and Energy Departments
Purpose/reason	To modernize the state's EV policy to match industry advancements and innovations
Feature details	Draft in progress; addresses tech, market trends, and business model evolution
Validity or status	Under drafting; will update 2019 EV Policy
Strategic/significant value	Supports green mobility, sustainable transport, and clean energy goals



- How many zones has the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) been reorganized into as per the latest update in 2025?

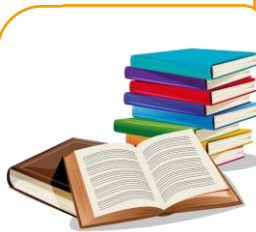
- A) 8
- B) 9
- C) 10
- D) 11
- E) 12

Answer
C) 10



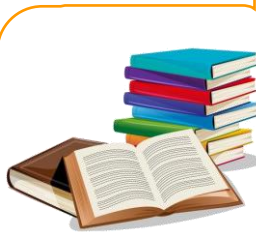
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Reorganisation of GVMC zones from 8 to 10
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 26 September 2025



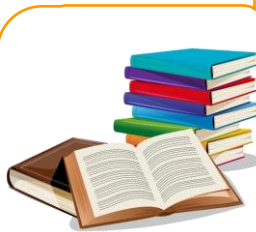
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Andhra Pradesh State Government approved the reorganisation of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) zones, increasing their number from 8 to 10.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance administrative efficiency, local governance, and service delivery in the expanding urban jurisdiction of Visakhapatnam by optimizing ward management and geographic distribution.



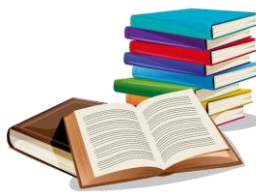
Important Terms Explained:

- **Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC):**
 - The urban local body responsible for civic administration and infrastructure in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It oversees planning, sanitation, water supply, roads, and public services across various city zones.
- **Zonal Reorganisation:**
 - An administrative restructuring approach where a municipality is divided into smaller zones, each comprising specific wards, to decentralize governance and improve localized decision-making and service delivery.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ward:**
 - The smallest administrative unit in a municipality, each ward elects a representative (corporator). Wards are grouped into zones for more effective governance.

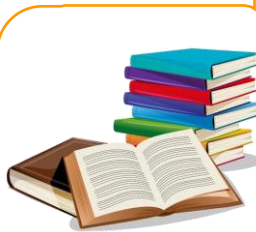


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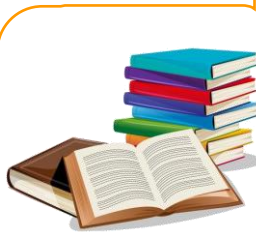
Parameter	Details
Event name	GVMC zonal reorganisation
Announcement date	26 September 2025
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	GVMC (Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation)
Policy/series name	Zonal Reorganisation for Efficient Urban Administration
Key figures	Ketan Garg (GVMC Commissioner)
Purpose/reason	To improve civic administration, decentralise governance
Feature details	Zones increased from 8 to 10; specific wards and areas allocated
Validity or status	Approved and implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Enables better service delivery, urban planning, and administrative reach



- **What is the primary purpose of the newly launched 'GET TNGSS' mobile app?**
- A) To provide government subsidies to startups
 - B) To promote digital payments among MSMEs
 - C) To assist participants of the Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit 2025
 - D) To register new startup companies in Tamil Nadu
 - E) To conduct online startup competitions

Answer

C) To assist participants of the Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit 2025

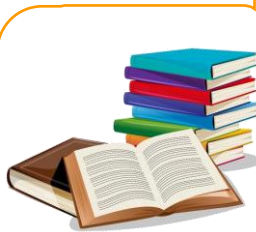


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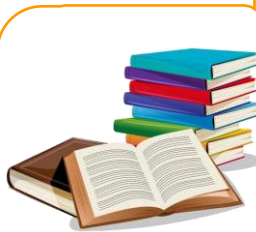
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of GET TNGSS mobile application for Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit 2025
- **Location:** Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



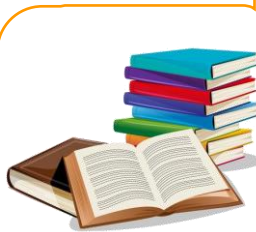
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Minister for MSME, T.M. Anbarasan, officially launched the GET TNGSS mobile application at a stakeholders' meet held in Coimbatore.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance engagement and networking at the upcoming Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit (TNGSS) 2025, by providing digital access to schedules, speaker profiles, investor meetings, and AI-driven matchmaking for startups and stakeholders.



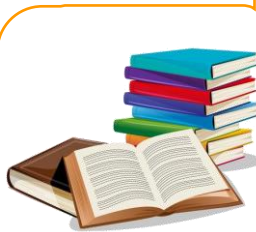
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit (TNGSS):**
 - A flagship event organized by StartupTN, focusing on showcasing innovation, entrepreneurship, and investment opportunities. It features global startup leaders, investors, exhibitions, and networking platforms.
- **GET TNGSS Mobile App:**
 - A dedicated mobile application launched for TNGSS 2025 participants to access event details, schedule meetings, use AI-enabled matchmaking features, and streamline communication with fellow delegates and investors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **StartupTN:**
 - A government initiative under the Tamil Nadu MSME Department to nurture and promote the startup ecosystem in the state through funding, incubation, policy support, and global linkages.

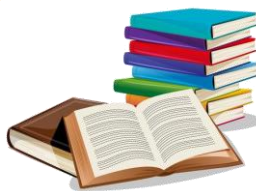


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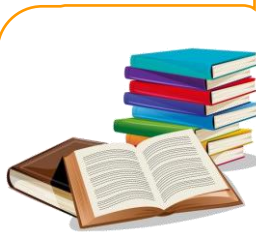
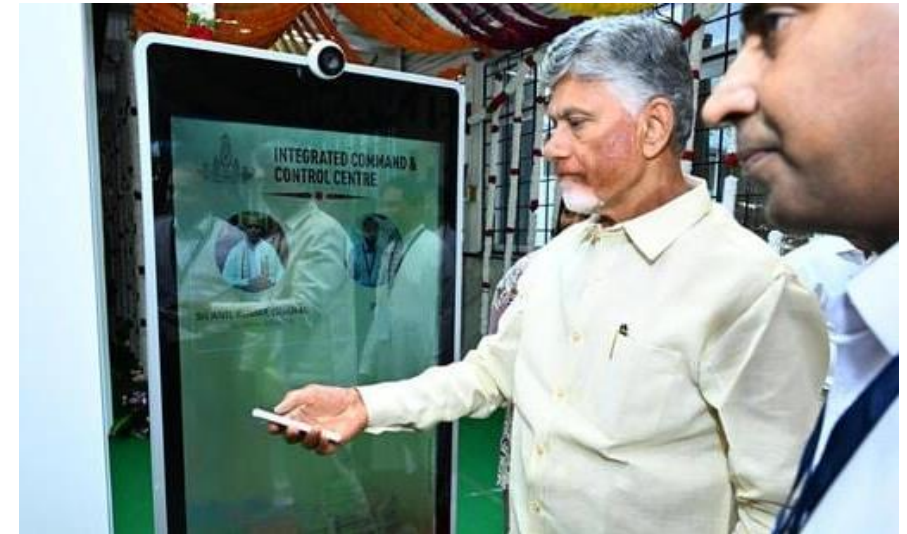
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of GET TNGSS mobile app
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Department of MSME, Government of Tamil Nadu
Policy/series name	Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit (TNGSS) 2025
Key figures	MSME Minister T.M. Anbarasan, Collector Pavankumar G. Giryappanavar
Purpose/reason	To facilitate effective participation and networking for TNGSS attendees
Feature details	Access to speaker profiles, schedules, AI matchmaking, investor meetings
Validity or status	Active ahead of TNGSS on Oct 9–10
Strategic/significant value	Supports Tamil Nadu's goal to become a global startup hub



➤ **Where was India's first AI-powered Pilgrim Integrated Command and Control Centre inaugurated in September 2025?**

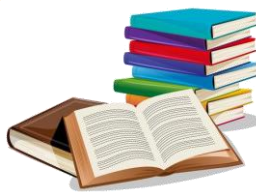
- A) Amritsar
- B) Rameswaram
- C) Varanasi
- D) Tirumala
- E) Bodh Gaya

Answer
D) Tirumala



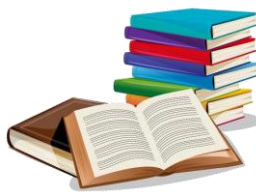
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of India's first AI-powered Pilgrim Command and Control Centre
- **Location:** Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 25 September 2025



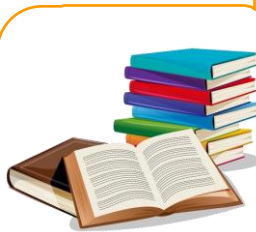
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the AI-powered Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) at Tirumala to enhance real-time crowd management, security, and pilgrim services using advanced technology.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to improve pilgrim experience, reduce wait times in queues, strengthen safety and surveillance, and implement cyber threat intelligence in temple management.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC):** A centralized facility equipped with AI and high-performance computing to monitor crowds, analyze queues, and ensure real-time safety for pilgrims using over 6,000 surveillance cameras.
- **3D Situational Maps and Dashboards:** These enable temple authorities to track real-time movement and respond quickly to emergencies or overcrowding.
- **Pilgrims Amenities Complex:** A new infrastructure project worth ₹102 crore at Tirumala to accommodate 4,000 pilgrims, offering dormitories, lockers, and 24x7 hot water facilities.

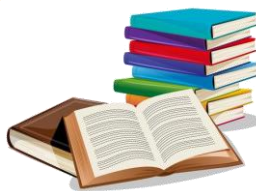


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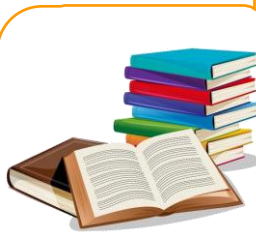
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Event name	Inauguration of AI-powered Pilgrim Command and Control Centre
Announcement date	25 September 2025
Location	Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of Andhra Pradesh
Policy/series name	Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC)
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, Vice President CP Radhakrishnan
Purpose/reason	To enhance crowd safety, pilgrim services, and emergency preparedness
Feature details	Over 6,000 AI cameras, real-time dashboards, 3D mapping, cyber monitoring
Validity or status	Inaugurated and operational
Strategic/significant value	Sets national precedent for AI-driven smart governance in pilgrimage management



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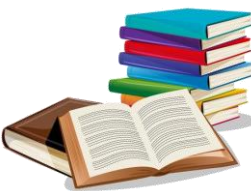
- **World Pharmacists Day 2025** was observed globally on 25 September with the theme “Think Health, Think Pharmacist.”
- The Reserve Bank of India has mandated two-factor authentication for all digital payments from April 1, 2026.
- India’s logistics cost is estimated at 7.97% of GDP for FY 2023–24, totalling ₹24.01 lakh crore.
- Mumbai Indians appointed former Australian cricketer Lisa Keightley as head coach of their women's team on 25 September 2025.
- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹62,370 crore deal with HAL for the procurement of 97 LCA Mk1A aircraft for the Indian Air Force.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Russian Deputy PM Dmitry Patrushev in New Delhi on September 25, 2025.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited Morocco on a historic two-day official visit.
- Northern Coalfields Limited observed Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 through mass plantation, creative campaigns, and hygiene drives.
- The low-cost Janata Khana food counters launched in 2024 have disappeared from MGR Chennai Central station.



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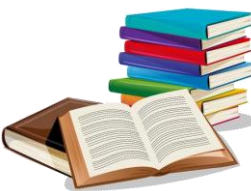
- The Kerala government launched a 45-day campaign to address increasing human-wildlife conflicts in the state.
- Rachakonda Police launched the “Golden Care” initiative on September 25, 2025, for the well-being of senior citizens.
- The Prime Minister marked the 11th anniversary of the Make in India initiative on 25 September 2025.
- Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off India’s first EV truck fleet with swappable batteries at JNPA, Nhava Sheva.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the ATL Sarthi and Frontier Region Programme at the University of Kashmir on 25 September 2025.
- Asian College of Journalism (ACJ) has partnered with Germany’s Interlink Academy to launch a Climate Change Media Hub.
- The Delhi government signed an MoU with IIT Kanpur to launch its first cloud seeding trials in October 2025.
- Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy announced the launch of the Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme for schoolchildren from 2026–27.
- The Telangana government has reached an in-principle agreement to acquire L&T’s stake in Hyderabad Metro Phase 1.



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- **An Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre was inaugurated at National Sanskrit University, Tirupati, on 25 September 2025.**
- **The Karnataka government launched a 90-day plan to fix Bengaluru's crumbling infrastructure.**
- **The Karnataka Cabinet has approved a ₹4,432.5 crore Skill Development Policy for 2025–32.**
- **Kerala is preparing to roll out its Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0 to address new trends in e-mobility.**
- **The GVMC has been reorganized from 8 to 10 zones to improve local governance in Visakhapatnam.**
- **Tamil Nadu MSME Minister T.M. Anbarasan launched the GET TNGSS mobile app ahead of the 2025 Global Startup Summit.**
- **India's first AI-powered Pilgrim Integrated Command and Control Centre was inaugurated in Tirumala on 25 September 2025 by CM N. Chandrababu Naidu.**




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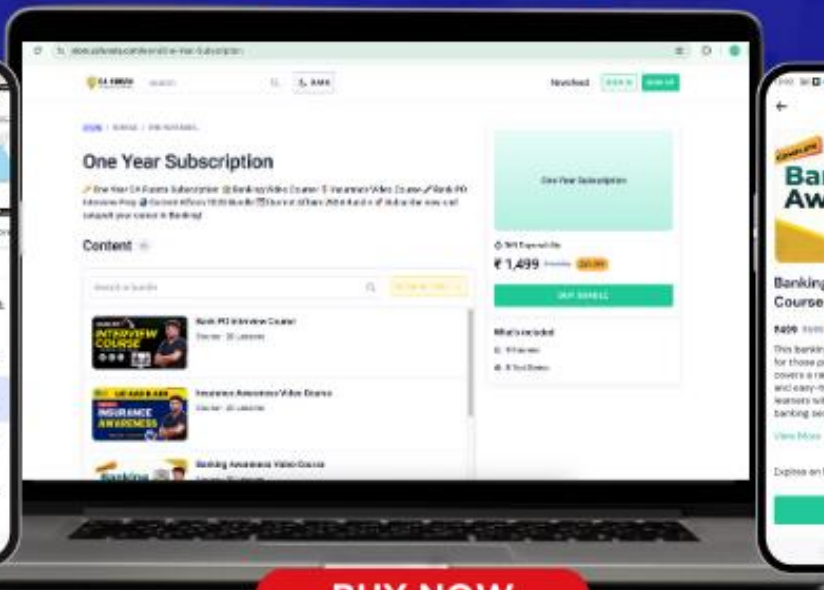
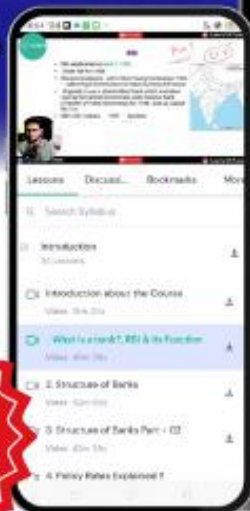


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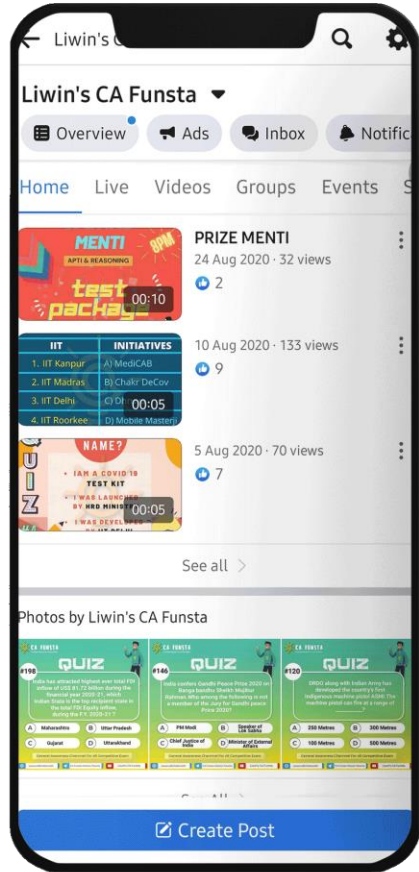
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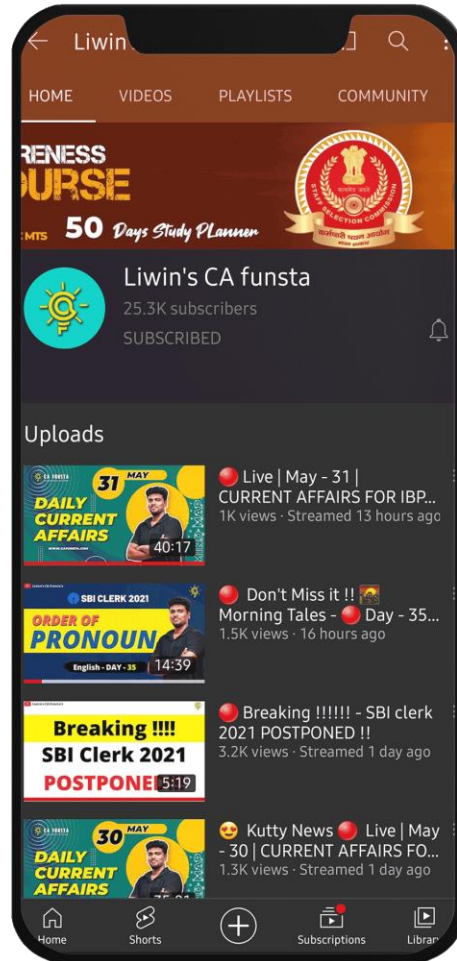


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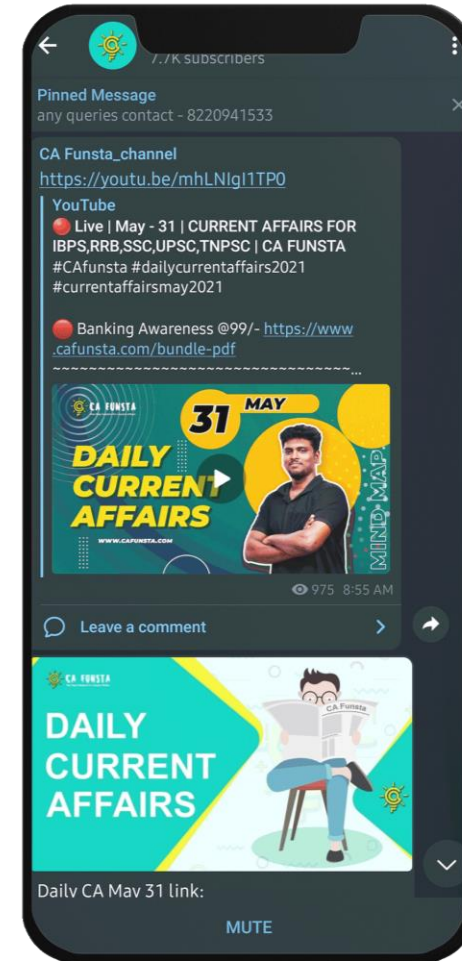
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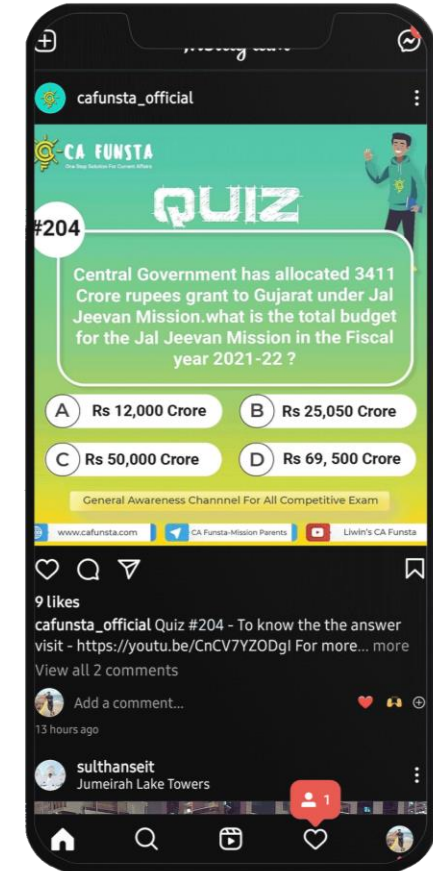
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