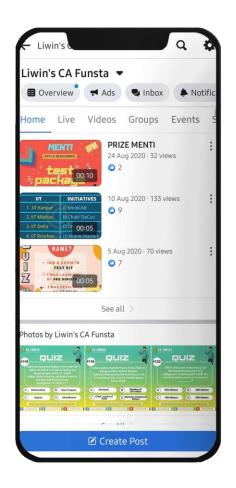
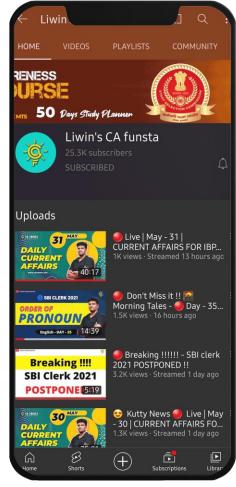


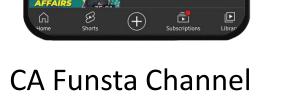
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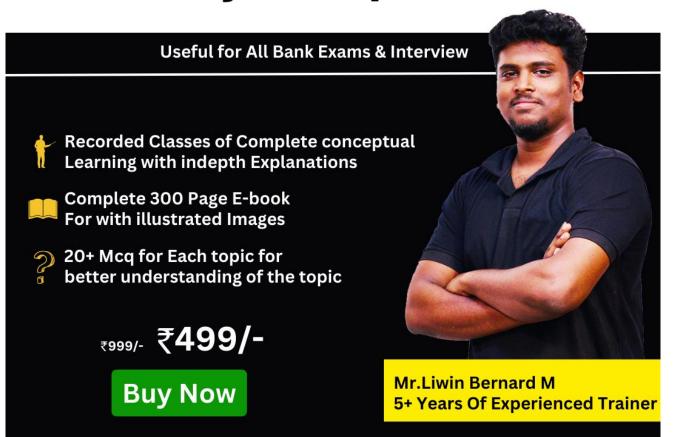
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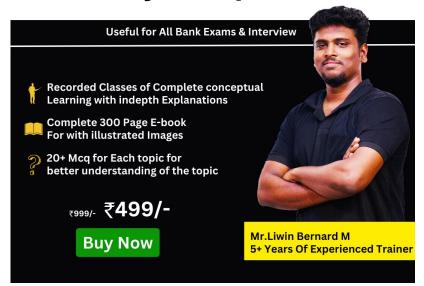
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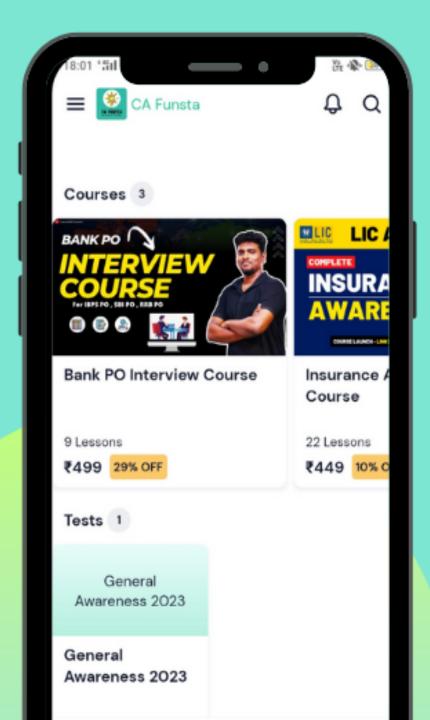
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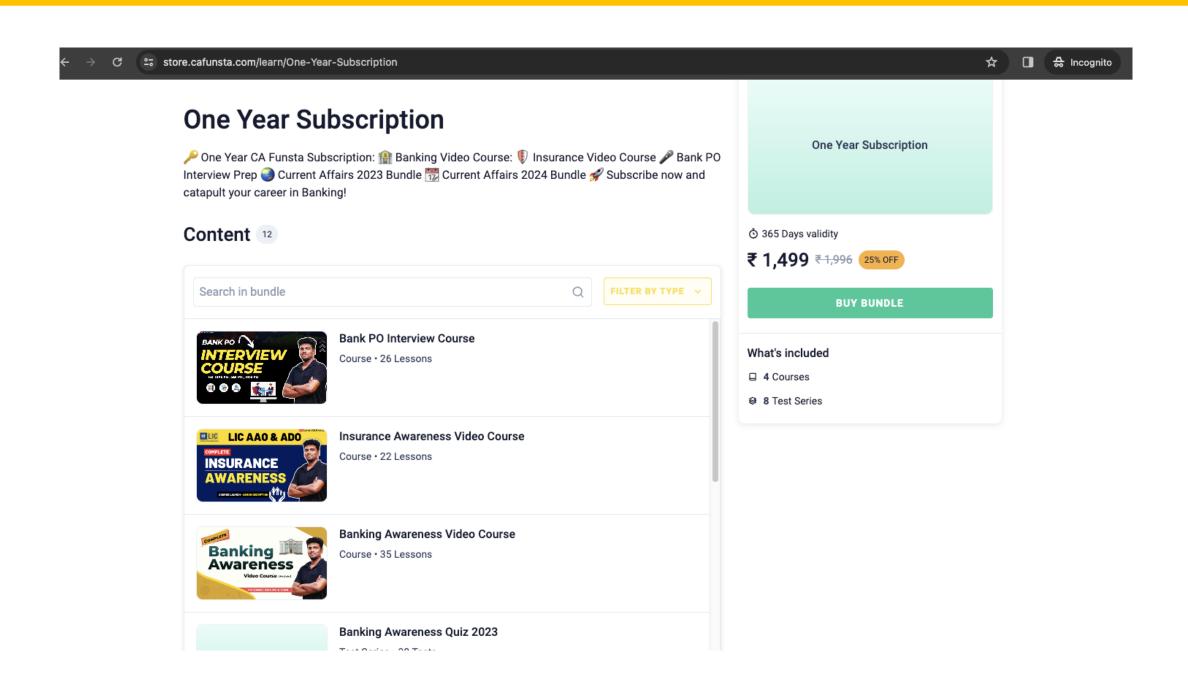


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What milestone did Sumit Antil achieve at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in Delhi?

- A) Broke the world record for F44 javelin
- B) Won gold in discus throw for the first time
- C) Secured his third consecutive world title in F64 javelin
- D) Became the first Indian to win five medals in a single event
- E) Won gold in F56 seated javelin throw

Answer

C) Secured his third consecutive world title in F64 javelin





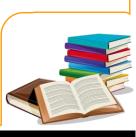




Event and Location:

- **Event:** Record medal haul by India at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025
- Location: Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi-NCR, India
- **Date:** October 1, 2025 (event concluded the previous evening)









Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- India's para athletes delivered their best singleday performance at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships, winning 2 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze in javelin and discus events.
- Notable performances came from Sumit Antil, Yogesh Kathuniya, Sandip Sanjay Sargar, and Sandeep Chaudhary.









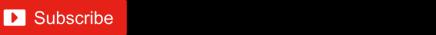
Mandates and Objectives:

. Objectives:

 To showcase India's growing strength in paraathletics, promote inclusion through sports, and encourage wider recognition and support for athletes with disabilities competing at global levels.









Important Terms Explained:

F64 Classification:

This category is for athletes with lower limb impairments who compete in a standing position, often using prosthetics to aid performance. Sumit Antil competes under this classification.

F56 Classification:

This category includes seated throwers with disabilities such as limb deficiency or impaired muscle power. Yogesh Kathuniya competes in this classification.









Important Terms Explained:

F44 Classification:

For athletes with lower limb disabilities and asymmetrical balance who throw from a standing position. Sandip Sargar and Sandeep Chaudhary are classified here.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	2025 World Para Athletics Championships – India's best single-day medal haul
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi-NCR, India
Issuing authority	World Para Athletics, IPC
Policy/series name	World Para Athletics Championships
Key figures	Sumit Antil, Yogesh Kathuniya, Sandip Sargar, Sandeep Chaudhary
Purpose/reason	To promote para-sport excellence and disability inclusion
Feature details	India won 2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze in javelin/discus; set records in F64, F44
Validity or status	Ongoing championship; India ranks 4th in overall medal tally
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's global standing in para athletics and boosts support for adaptive sports









> What was the repo rate as per the RBI's fourth bi-monthly monetary policy announcement in October 2025?

A) 6.0%

B) 5.25%

C) 5.5%

D) 5.0%

E) 5.75%

Answer C) 5.5%











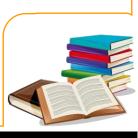


Event and Location:

Event: RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 5.5% during fourth bi-monthly monetary policy review

Location: Mumbai, India

Date: October 1, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

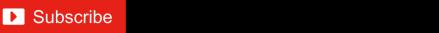
The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra, decided to maintain the repo rate at 5.5% for the second consecutive time and retain the neutral policy stance.

Objectives:

To allow time for the transmission of previous 100 basis point rate cuts, monitor the impact of recent GST rate rationalisation, and assess external risks like US tariffs, geopolitical tensions, and global financial volatility.









Important Terms Explained:

. Repo Rate:

 The rate at which RBI lends short-term funds to commercial banks. A key monetary policy tool, a lower repo rate encourages borrowing and liquidity, while a higher rate controls inflation.

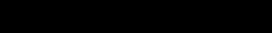
Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):

• A six-member committee headed by the RBI Governor that sets interest rates to achieve the inflation target of 4% (+/-2%) while ensuring economic growth and financial stability.

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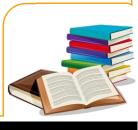
Important Terms Explained:

CPI Inflation (Consumer Price Index):

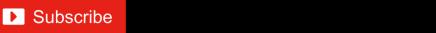
Measures changes in the price level of a basket of consumer goods and services, used as the RBI's primary inflation target metric. CPI inflation for August 2025 dropped to a six-year low of 2.07%.

Neutral Stance:

Indicates that the central bank is neither inclined to raise nor reduce interest rates in the near future, maintaining flexibility to act based on evolving economic data.



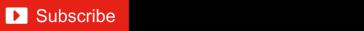






Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI MPC – October 2025 Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Review
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy – FY26
Key figures	Governor Sanjay Malhotra, MPC Members
Repo rate status	Unchanged at 5.5%
Policy stance	Neutral
GDP growth forecast (FY26)	Revised upward to 6.8% (from 6.5%)
CPI Inflation forecast (FY26)	Revised down to 2.6% (from 3.1%)
Reason for pause	Awaiting transmission of previous cuts, external trade risks, GST impact
Strategic value	Balancing inflation control and growth support amidst global uncertainty





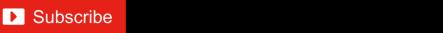
- Which of the following is one of the key measures announced by RBI to promote internationalisation of the Indian Rupee in October 2025?
 - A) Allowing cryptocurrency trade in India
 - B) Launch of a new RBI-backed digital token for global use
 - C) Lending in INR to non-residents of Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka
 - D) Pegging INR to the US Dollar
 - E) Removal of all capital controls for foreign investors

Answer

C) Lending in INR to non-residents of Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka









Event and Location:

Event: RBI announces new measures to internationalise the Indian Rupee

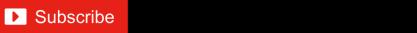
Location: Mumbai, India

Date: October 1, 2025







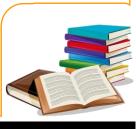




Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced new regulatory measures aimed at enhancing the global use of the Indian Rupee (INR) in crossborder trade. These include:
 - Permission for Authorised Dealer banks to lend in INR to non-residents from Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka
 - Wider usage of balances in Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) for investments in corporate bonds and commercial papers
 - Establishing transparent reference exchange rates for key foreign currencies









Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

• To reduce dependence on the US Dollar, promote rupee-based trade settlements, manage foreign exchange risks, and enhance the resilience of India's external sector by internationalising the INR.







Important Terms Explained:

Special Rupee Vostro Account (SRVA):

 A bank account opened by a foreign bank in an Indian bank, allowing trade settlements directly in INR. SRVAs facilitate bilateral trade without needing to convert to a third-party currency like the US Dollar.

Internationalisation of INR:

 Refers to the process of making the Indian Rupee a widely accepted currency for international trade, allowing settlements and investments in INR globally.









Important Terms Explained:

- Authorised Dealer Banks (AD Banks):
 - Banks authorised by RBI to deal in foreign exchange transactions. They are key intermediaries in facilitating cross-border trade, remittances, and now, INR-denominated lending.







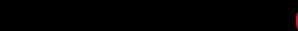
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Measures to Promote Internationalisation of Indian Rupee
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	Internationalisation of INR Policy Measures
Key figures	Sanjay Malhotra (RBI Governor)
Purpose/reason	To increase INR usage in global trade and reduce dollar dependence
Feature details	INR lending to Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka; expanded SRVA use; forex reference rates
Validity or status	Measures announced and being operationalized
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's monetary autonomy and safeguards against currency volatility

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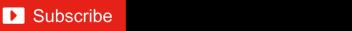
- What ceiling is the RBI planning to remove for corporate borrowers, as per the October 2025 announcement?
 - A) ₹5,000 crore on NPA provisioning
 - B) ₹2,000 crore on infra lending
 - C) ₹10,000 crore on aggregate bank credit to corporates
 - D) ₹15,000 crore cap on personal loans
 - E) ₹1,000 crore on NBFC exposure

Answer

C) ₹10,000 crore on aggregate bank credit to corporates









Event and Location:

Event: RBI proposes to remove ₹10,000 crore bank loan ceiling per corporate

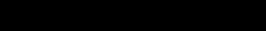
Location: Mumbai, India

Date: October 1, 2025



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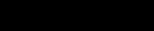


Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its intention to withdraw the ₹10,000 crore ceiling on total bank loans to a single corporate entity under the 2016 Guidelines on Enhancing Credit Supply for Large Borrowers through Market Mechanism.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

 To ease credit constraints on corporates, improve bank capital utilisation, and align regulations with the evolving corporate funding landscape, while managing concentration risk through macroprudential tools instead of rigid exposure limits.









Important Terms Explained:

Concentration Risk:

• The risk of overexposure to a single borrower or sector, which can endanger financial stability if the entity defaults. RBI earlier capped loans to large corporates to mitigate systemic risk.

Large Exposures Framework (LEF):

 A framework introduced by RBI to limit exposure of banks to a single counterparty or group, ensuring prudential risk management at the individual bank level.









Important Terms Explained:

Macroprudential Tools:

 System-wide financial regulatory measures used by central banks to maintain financial stability, such as capital buffers, dynamic provisioning, and risk-weighted assets adjustments.

Provisioning and Risk Weighting:

 Banks must set aside capital (provision) and apply higher risk weights to risky exposures, which affects profitability and capital adequacy ratios.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI proposes withdrawal of ₹10,000 crore corporate loan ceiling
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Mumbai
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	2016 Guidelines on Enhancing Credit Supply for Large Borrowers
Key figures	RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
Purpose/reason	To ease funding restrictions, improve credit flow, and support bank capital
Feature details	Ceiling removal; macroprudential tools to manage risk; draft for comments
Validity or status	Draft circular to be issued shortly
Strategic/significant value	Expected to improve profitability, ease provisioning, and increase credit supply







> What is the new proposed limit for IPO financing by banks per person, as announced by RBI in October 2025?

- A) ₹10 lakh
- B) ₹15 lakh
- C) ₹20 lakh
- D) ₹25 lakh
- E) ₹50 lakh

Answer D) ₹25 lakh











Event and Location:

Event: RBI announces reforms to improve credit flow to the commercial sector

Location: Mumbai, India

Date: October 1, 2025







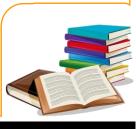
Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a host of regulatory reforms to broaden the scope of capital market lending, ease financing limits for banks, and enable Indian banks to fund corporate acquisitions.

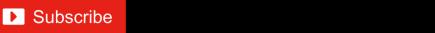
Objectives:

To rationalise existing credit regulations, improve liquidity access for corporates and capital market participants, and ensure a smoother credit flow amidst reduced bank lending and increased dependence on non-bank sources.



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Important Terms Explained:

- REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts):
 - Investment instruments that pool capital from investors to invest in income-generating real estate assets like commercial properties, enabling retail investor access to the real estate sector.
- InvITs (Infrastructure Investment Trusts):
 - Similar to REITs, InvITs invest in operational infrastructure projects (e.g., roads, bridges, power), allowing investors to earn returns from infrastructure development.









Important Terms Explained:

Listed Debt Securities:

These are bonds or debentures issued by corporations or institutions that are traded on stock exchanges. RBI now proposes no ceiling on lending against such securities.

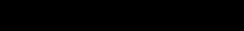
IPO Financing:

Short-term loans given by banks to individuals to invest in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) of companies. The RBI increased the per person Ioan limit from ₹10 lakh to ₹25 lakh.

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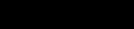
Macroprudential Tools:

 Policies used by central banks to mitigate systemic financial risks, such as credit bubbles or overexposure, through risk-based capital requirements and dynamic provisioning.

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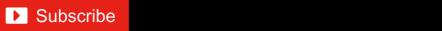


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI announces capital market and credit flow reforms
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	Measures to Improve Bank Credit Flow and Market Access
Key figures	RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
Purpose/reason	To boost bank lending, reduce regulatory burden, and support capital markets
Feature details	√ Lending against shares limit raised from ₹20 lakh to ₹1 crore



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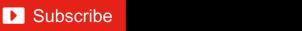
- Which of the following is NOT part of RBI's proposed changes to the ECB framework announced in October 2025?
 - A) Expansion of eligible borrower base
 - B) Removal of borrowing cost restrictions
 - C) Introduction of ECB cap at \$500 million per company
 - D) Simplification of reporting requirements
 - E) Rationalization of average maturity period restrictions

Answer

C) Introduction of ECB cap at \$500 million per company









Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI proposes liberalized framework for External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs)
- Location: Mumbai, India
- Date: October 1, 2025









Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a planned overhaul of the ECB framework to make it easier for Indian companies to raise overseas funds, following a comprehensive review of the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) Regulations, 2018.

Objectives:

To rationalize and simplify the ECB regulations, boost foreign capital inflows, support commercial sector liquidity, and align borrowing rules with current economic needs and market realities.









Important Terms Explained:

External Commercial Borrowing (ECB):

Commercial loans raised by eligible Indian entities from recognized non-resident lenders in foreign or Indian currency, subject to RBIprescribed parameters such as minimum maturity, end-use restrictions, and borrowing cost ceilings.

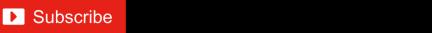
All-in-Cost Ceiling:

The maximum total cost (interest rate, fees, expenses, etc.) that a borrower can incur while raising ECB. RBI proposes removing this cap to allow market-based pricing.



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Important Terms Explained:

Foreign Currency (FCY) ECB:

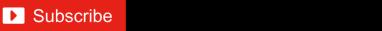
ECBs denominated in freely convertible foreign currencies such as USD, EUR, GBP. Eligible borrowers include FDI-eligible entities, Port Trusts, SEZ units, SIDBI, and EXIM Bank.

Indian Rupee (INR) ECB:

ECBs raised in Indian Rupees by eligible entities including NGOs, Not-for-Profit companies, cooperatives, and microfinance institutions.









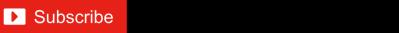
Important Terms Explained:

End-Use Restrictions:

Limitations on the utilisation of ECB funds, often prohibiting use for real estate or capital market investments. RBI plans to review and relax such restrictions.



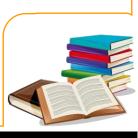
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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI proposes revised ECB framework
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Mumbai
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	ECB Framework Reform under FEMA 2018
Key figures	RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
Purpose/reason	To ease overseas borrowing norms, boost external financing
Feature details	√ Expanded eligible borrower & lender base







> What was India's total GST collection in September 2025, as per government data released on October 1?

A) ₹1.86 lakh crore

B) ₹1.95 lakh crore

C) ₹1.89 lakh crore

D) ₹2.01 lakh crore

E) ₹1.80 lakh crore

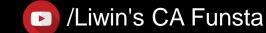
Answer C) ₹1.89 lakh crore













Event and Location:

- Event: GST collections rise 9% YoY to ₹1.89 lakh crore in September 2025
- Location: Nationwide (Data released by Ministry of Finance, Government of India)
- Date: October 1, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

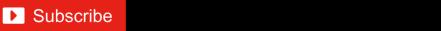
The Ministry of Finance announced a 9.1% YoY increase in GST collections for September 2025, amounting to ₹1.89 lakh crore. This is the highest monthly growth in the last four months, marking the ninth consecutive month of collections above ₹1.8 lakh crore.

Objectives:

 To reflect the impact of recent GST rate rationalisation, improve revenue mobilisation, support economic recovery, and monitor postreform tax compliance trends.









Important Terms Explained:

Goods and Services Tax (GST):

 A comprehensive, indirect tax levied on manufacture, sale, and consumption of goods and services across India. Introduced in July 2017, it replaced multiple indirect taxes to create a unified tax structure.

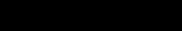
GST Rate Rationalisation:

Refers to the recent merging of tax slabs (28% & 12%) into 18% & 5%, aimed at simplifying the structure and boosting consumer demand by lowering tax burden on key categories.

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Important Terms Explained:

Net GST Revenue:

Refers to gross GST collections after deducting refunds. In September 2025, net revenue stood at ₹1.60 lakh crore, a 5% YoY increase.

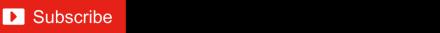
Inter-state Stock Transfer:

 A movement of goods from one state to another within the same company, often affected by input tax credit claims and tax accumulation challenges under GST.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	GST Collection Report - September 2025
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Pan India (Data released by Ministry of Finance)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance, Government of India
Policy/series name	Monthly GST Collection Data
Key figures	₹1.89 lakh crore gross GST; ₹1.60 lakh crore net GST
Purpose/reason	To reflect tax collection performance post GST rate reforms
Feature details	9.1% YoY increase, 15.6% rise in import revenue, 40.1% rise in refunds
Validity or status	September data, reflects August activity
Strategic/significant value	Indicates economic momentum and improved tax compliance post rationalisation







What is the new total rate of Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees effective from July 1, 2025?

A) 50%

B) 55%

C) 58%

D) 60%

E) 57%

Answer C) 58%









Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of additional 3% Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief for Central Government employees and pensioners
- Location: Nationwide (India)
- Date: October 1, 2025 (effective from July 1, 2025)







Mandates and Objectives:

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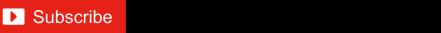
The Union Cabinet has approved a 3% increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners, raising the existing rate from 55% to 58% of Basic Pay/Pension, effective from 01.07.2025.

Objectives:

 To compensate Central Government employees and pensioners for the rising cost of living due to inflation, as per the formula recommended by the 7th Central Pay Commission.









Important Terms Explained:

Dearness Allowance (DA):

 A cost-of-living adjustment paid to government employees and pensioners to counter inflation, usually revised twice a year.

Dearness Relief (DR):

The equivalent of DA but applicable specifically to pensioners, aimed at offsetting the impact of inflation on pensions.

7th Central Pay Commission:

 A government-appointed body that reviews and recommends changes to salary structures, allowances, and pensions of Central Government employees.









Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of 3% DA/DR hike for Central Govt employees and pensioners
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi
Policy/series name	Dearness Allowance & Dearness Relief Increase
Key figures	49.19 lakh employees & 68.72 lakh pensioners
Purpose/reason	Compensate for inflation based on 7th CPC recommendations
Feature details	DA/DR raised from 55% to 58% of Basic Pay/Pension
Validity or status	Effective from July 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports government employees & retirees amid rising prices







➤ Who has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of Union Bank of India as of September 2025?



- A) Kalyan Kumar
- B) Atul Kumar Goel
- C) Asheesh Pandey
- D) Sandeep Bakhshi
- E) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

Answer
C) Asheesh Pandey











Event and Location:

- Event: Appointment of new MDs for Union Bank of India and Central Bank of India
- Location: New Delhi (Appointments by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet)
- **Date:** September 2025 (announced publicly on October 1, 2025)







Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the appointments of Asheesh Pandey as MD & CEO of Union Bank of India and Kalyan Kumar as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India, each for a three-year term.

Objectives:

 To ensure strong, tech-driven leadership in public sector banks, improve operational efficiency, promote digital transformation, and drive customer-centric growth and financial inclusion across banking operations.







Important Terms Explained:

- MD & CEO (Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer):
 - The top executive role in a bank, responsible for overall strategic direction, operational performance, and implementation of regulatory and business policies.
- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC):**
 - A high-level government committee chaired by the Prime Minister that approves senior-level appointments in public sector undertakings, including banks.









Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Transformation in Banking:**
 - Refers to the integration of digital technology into all areas of banking—ranging from online lending, customer service, cybersecurity, to automation of internal operations.

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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of new MDs for Union Bank and Central Bank
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)
Policy/series name	Leadership Appointments in Public Sector Banks
Key figures	Asheesh Pandey, Kalyan Kumar, PM Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	To enhance digital and operational leadership in PSBs
Feature details	3-year appointments, focus on innovation, customer service, and transformation
Validity or status	Effective from September 2025
Strategic/significant value	Aligns public sector banking with digital goals and leadership continuity







> Which Indian state's tourism department won the Global Tourism Award 2025 for its sustainable and inclusive tourism initiatives?

- A) Kerala
- B) Gujarat
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Himachal Pradesh

Answer D) Andhra Pradesh









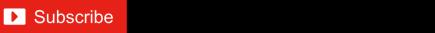


Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department wins Global Tourism Award 2025
- **Location:** Award presented in New Delhi; initiatives recognized across Andhra Pradesh
- Date: October 1, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department was awarded the Global Tourism Award 2025 for its efforts in developing sustainable, heritagefocused, and community-inclusive tourism models. The award was received by tourism consultant Nishitha Goyal.







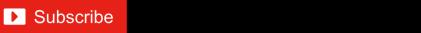


Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

To position Andhra Pradesh as a leading tourism destination by promoting eco-tourism, spiritual and heritage circuits, leveraging digital platforms, and enhancing local community participation while preserving the state's natural and cultural assets.







Important Terms Explained:

Global Tourism Award:

An international recognition presented to tourism boards or departments for excellence in tourism policy, innovation, sustainability, and execution. Andhra Pradesh was recognized for eco-friendly tourism circuits, cultural promotion, and techdriven initiatives.

Public-Private Partnership (PPP):

 A collaborative investment model where private investors partner with the government to develop infrastructure and services. AP is using PPPs to boost hospitality infrastructure and tourism investments.







Important Terms Explained:

- **Smart Tourism Technology:**
 - Integration of Al-based tour guides, digital ticketing, and VR experiences to enhance tourist engagement and improve efficiency in tourism operations.





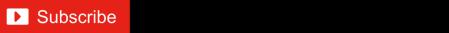


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Andhra Pradesh Tourism wins Global Tourism Award 2025
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Award ceremony in New Delhi; initiatives in Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Global Tourism Award Committee
Policy/series name	AP Sustainable & Inclusive Tourism Model
Key figures	Nishitha Goyal (Tourism Consultant), APTDC
Purpose/reason	To recognize excellence in tourism development, sustainability, and innovation
Feature details	Eco-tourism, smart tourism tech, heritage circuits, PPP-based infrastructure
Validity or status	Awarded; initiatives ongoing and expanding
Strategic/significant value	Boosts state's global tourism image, encourages FDI, and creates local employment opportunities









Who won the TANSA Award 2022 in Environmental Science for contributions to marine research?

- A) Dr. R. Ayyappan
- B) Prof. R. Arthur James
- C) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
- D) Prof. G. Madhavan Nair
- E) Dr. M. S. Swaminathan

Answer B) Prof. R. Arthur James











Event and Location:

- Event: TANSA Award 2022 presented for Environmental Science
- Location: Udhagamandalam, Tamil Nadu
- Date: October 1, 2025 (award ceremony); award year: 2022

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Mandates and Objectives:

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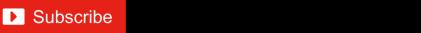
The Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TANSA) presented the TANSA Award 2022 in Environmental Science to Prof. R. Arthur James, recognising his marine research achievements.

Objectives:

To honour excellence in scientific research and promote innovation and sustainable environmental practices through state-level recognition in science and technology.









Important Terms Explained:

. TANSA Award:

 Instituted by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, the Tamil Nadu Scientist Award is given annually to scientists demonstrating excellence in various scientific disciplines.

Bharathidasan University (BDU):

 A prominent university in Tamil Nadu named after the poet Bharathidasan, known for its focus on research and higher education across various science disciplines.









Important Terms Explained:

. Environmental Science:

 An interdisciplinary academic field focusing on the study of the environment and solutions to environmental challenges such as pollution, climate change, and sustainability.





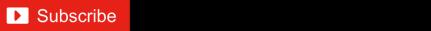




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	TANSA Award 2022 for Environmental Science
Announcement date	October 1, 2025 (ceremony held)
Location	Resource Centre for Tribal Development, Udhagamandalam
Issuing authority	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TANSCST)
Awardee	Prof. R. Arthur James
Affiliation	Chair, Department of Marine Science, Bharathidasan University (BDU)
Award features	₹50,000 cash prize + citation
Contribution area	Marine research and sustainable environmental practices
Conferred by	Ministers Govi. Chezhiaan and M. P. Saminathan
Purpose/reason	Recognition of excellence in marine and environmental science
Strategic value	Promotes innovation, inspires young researchers, and supports sustainability







- > What was a key focus of the Telugu Language Day 2025 celebration in Saudi Arabia?
 - A) Launch of Telugu language textbooks in Saudi schools
 - B) Inauguration of Andhra cultural museum
 - C) Promotion of the P4 model for development and poverty eradication
 - D) Opening of a new Telugu consulate office
 - E) Initiation of NRI voting rights for Telugu citizens

Answer

C) Promotion of the P4 model for development and poverty eradication







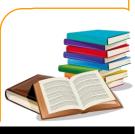


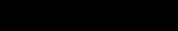
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of Telugu Language Day with P4 awareness programme
- Location: Saudi Arabia (organized by SATA & TDP NRI Committee)
- **Date:** October 1, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Saudi Arabia Telugu Association (SATA), in collaboration with the TDP NRI Committee, celebrated Telugu Language Day 2025 by organizing a large-scale awareness programme centered on Andhra Pradesh's P4 (Public-Private-People Partnership) model. The event witnessed participation from over 2,000 people, including more than 100 NRIs.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

- Promote Telugu culture and linguistic pride among the diaspora
- Raise awareness about Andhra Pradesh's P4 model as a pathway to social empowerment and poverty eradication by 2047
- Mobilize NRI support for community development and welfare initiatives







Important Terms Explained:

P4 Model (Public-Private-People Partnership):

• An innovative development framework promoted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh that integrates public sector, private enterprises, and people's participation to drive inclusive growth, aiming for zero poverty by 2047.

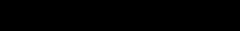
. Telugu Language Day:

 An annual event celebrated to honor the Telugu language, culture, and literature, commemorating the legacy of prominent Telugu linguists and poets.

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Important Terms Explained:

- SATA (Saudi Arabia Telugu Association):
 - A cultural association representing the Teluguspeaking community in Saudi Arabia, facilitating language promotion, cultural events, and social welfare.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Telugu Language Day 2025 with P4 Awareness Programme
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Saudi Arabia
Issuing authority	Saudi Arabia Telugu Association (SATA), TDP NRI Committee
Policy/series name	P4 Model - Public-Private-People Partnership
Key figures	Kondapalli Srinivas (Minister for MSME & SERP), SATA Core Committee
Purpose/reason	To promote Telugu language, culture, and awareness of Andhra's P4 model
Feature details	2000+ participants, 100+ NRI pledges, cultural presentations, P4 model talks
Validity or status	Successfully conducted and aligned with AP's Vision 2047
Strategic/significant value	Highlights cultural diplomacy, diaspora engagement, and sustainable development







- > What is the main objective of the Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan recently implemented by DDA?
 - A) To digitize land records in rural areas
 - B) To provide free education in urban slums
 - C) To develop rural infrastructure and civic amenities in Delhi villages
 - D) To promote tourism in historical villages of Delhi
 - E) To organize cultural festivals in NCR villages

Answer

C) To develop rural infrastructure and civic amenities in Delhi villages









Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 81 rural development projects under Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan
- Location: 50 villages in Delhi, launch held at Pooth Khurd, Rohini
- Date: September 25, 2025









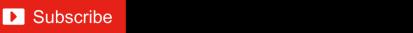
Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) launched 81 infrastructure development projects across 50 villages under the Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan. The launch event, held in Pooth Khurd, saw participation from Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, who also reviewed completed projects.



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Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

The program aims to improve the living conditions in rural Delhi by upgrading roads, parks, community halls, chaupals, and civic amenities. It also focuses on strengthening rural infrastructure, promoting community participation, and ensuring access to opportunities in the capital's villages.







Important Terms Explained:

Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan:

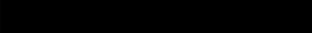
 A rural development initiative launched in December 2023 to improve infrastructure and civic amenities in Delhi's urban villages. It includes projects like road construction, community facilities, and PNG distribution.

DDA (Delhi Development Authority):

 A statutory body responsible for the planning, development, and construction of housing and infrastructure in Delhi.

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Important Terms Explained:

PNG (Piped Natural Gas):

 A clean and efficient energy source distributed via pipelines for residential and commercial use. Under this program, PNG connections were provided to 41 villages by Union Minister Amit Shah in March 2024.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of 81 Projects under Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan
Announcement date	September 25, 2025
Location	50 villages across Delhi, event held at Pooth Khurd, Rohini
Issuing authority	Delhi Development Authority (DDA)
Policy/series name	Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan
Key figures	LG VK Saxena, CM Rekha Gupta, Union Minister Amit Shah
Purpose/reason	Improve civic amenities and infrastructure in Delhi's rural areas
Feature details	81 projects include roads, community halls, parks, chaupals, PNG connections
Validity or status	Ongoing; 854 projects worth ₹760 crore sanctioned as of Sep 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports rural-urban parity, improves quality of life in urban villages







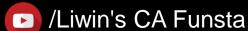
- ➤ What is the primary focus of the Kudumbashree K4Care scheme currently being implemented in Palakkad?
 - A) Promoting organic farming practices
 - B) Providing mobile internet services in villages
 - C) Delivering home-based care for elderly and special-needs individuals
 - D) Building housing for women-led families
 - E) Offering vocational training for school students

Answer

C) Delivering home-based care for elderly and special-needs individuals









Event and Location:

- Event: Kudumbashree's K4Care scheme gains public adoption and outreach
- Location: Palakkad district, Kerala
- **Date:** September 30, 2025









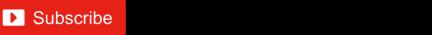
Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Kudumbashree Mission, through its K4Care initiative, is delivering home-based care services to the elderly, hospital patients, children, and those with mental health challenges. The scheme is being implemented across Palakkad and has already reached over 10,000 beneficiaries.



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Mandates and Objectives:

. Objectives:

The objective is to provide personalized care and support for vulnerable groups such as the elderly, mentally challenged children, and patients, whether at home or in hospital, for a duration of two weeks to a month, based on need. It also aims to empower Kudumbashree workers through caregiving roles.







Important Terms Explained:

K4Care:

An extension of the Harsham geriatric care scheme (2018), K4Care focuses on home-based caregiving services for the elderly, children with disabilities, and hospital patients. It is implemented through trained Kudumbashree workers.

Kudumbashree:

 A women-led poverty eradication and livelihood mission by the Government of Kerala. It enables women's empowerment through entrepreneurship, community networks, and social welfare programs.







Important Terms Explained:

. Harsham Scheme:

 Launched in 2018, this state-run geriatric care initiative aimed to provide care and support services for the elderly population across Kerala, implemented via local self-government institutions.



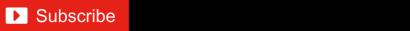




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Implementation of K4Care under Kudumbashree
Announcement date	September 30, 2025
Location	Palakkad, Kerala
Issuing authority	Kudumbashree Mission, Govt. of Kerala
Policy/series name	K4Care (Extension of Harsham Geriatric Scheme)
Key figures	Kudumbashree Mission, Local Self-Government Department
Purpose/reason	To deliver home-based caregiving for the elderly, children, and patients
Feature details	Care duration ranges from 2 weeks to 1 month based on individual needs
Validity or status	Active; over 10,000 people benefited in Palakkad
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens community caregiving and empowers Kudumbashree women workforce







➤ What is the total financial outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (2025–2031)?

A) ₹7,200 crore

B) ₹15,500 crore

C) ₹11,440 crore

D) ₹10,200 crore

E) ₹9,800 crore

Answer C) ₹11,440 crore











Event and Location:

Event: Approval of Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses for 2025-31

Location: Nationwide (India)

Date: October 1, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

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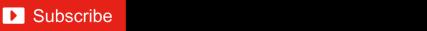
The Union Cabinet approved a six-year national mission to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses with a production target of 350 lakh tonnes by 2030-31 and coverage of 310 lakh hectares of cropped area.

Objectives:

To reduce dependence on imports, enhance farmer incomes, ensure price stability, promote regional diversification, develop post-harvest infrastructure, and support climate-resilient agricultural practices.









Important Terms Explained:

Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses:

 A 6-year initiative (2025–2031) to make India self-sufficient in pulses by increasing area, productivity, and procurement support through targeted policy and financial interventions.

PM-AASHA:

Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan, a central scheme providing price support to farmers, ensuring MSP-based procurement.









Important Terms Explained:

SATHI Portal:

 Seed Authentication, Traceability & Holistic Inventory portal used to monitor and authenticate the seed production and distribution system.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Nationwide
Issuing authority	Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi
Policy/series name	Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (2025-26 to 2030-31)
Key figures	₹11,440 crore outlay; ~2 crore farmers to benefit
Purpose/reason	To boost domestic production of pulses and reduce import dependency
Feature details	Free seed kits, MSP procurement, 1000 processing units, 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds
Validity or status	Active from FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31
Strategic/significant value	Supports food security, boosts farm incomes, reduces forex outflow, promotes sustainable farming



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- ➤ What is the main purpose of the Gaj Rakshak App launched for Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve?
- A) To monitor tigers in national parks
- B) To track forest fires in real-time
- C) To record tourist activities in reserves
- D) To monitor elephants and reduce human-wildlife conflict
- E) To survey bamboo forests for plantation

Answer

D) To monitor elephants and reduce human-wildlife conflict









Event and Location:

- Event: Launch of Gaj Rakshak App to monitor elephants
- Location: Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh
- Date: July 29, 2025 (World Tiger Day)









Mandates and Objectives:

- Mandates: The Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, in collaboration with Wildlife Conservation Trust and Kalpvag Company, launched the Gaj Rakshak App to enable real-time monitoring of elephants. Forest personnel from multiple divisions were trained in the app's usage.
- **Objectives:** The app aims to prevent man-elephant conflict by alerting local communities when elephants approach villages. It also supports wildlife conservation, enables tracking of elephant movement and behavior, and improves coordination among field staff and stakeholders.







Important Terms Explained:

- **Gaj Rakshak App:** A mobile application developed to provide real-time data on elephant movement, including SMS alerts, voice calls, sirens, push notifications, offline tracking, and photo uploads by field monitors.
- Man-Elephant Conflict: A recurring issue where elephants encroach into human settlements, especially during harvest seasons, leading to potential crop damage and human-elephant clashes.







Important Terms Explained:

Wildlife Conservation Trust: A non-profit organization collaborating with the forest department to support wildlife and forest conservation projects through technological and strategic interventions.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Gaj Rakshak App
Announcement date	July 29, 2025
Location	Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh
Issuing authority	Madhya Pradesh Forest Department
Policy/series name	Gaj Rakshak App
Key figures	Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, Director Anupam Sahay, DFO Shraddha Pendre
Purpose/reason	To monitor elephants and prevent human-wildlife conflict
Feature details	Real-time tracking, alerts via SMS, WhatsApp, voice calls, offline mode
Validity or status	Active and currently under implementation across multiple districts
Strategic/significant value	Enhances wildlife conservation and ensures community safety through early warning systems







- What is the primary objective of the ESG Policy approved by the Kerala state cabinet in October 2025?
- A) To promote tourism in tribal areas
- B) To implement carbon tax on industries
- C) To attract ESG-compliant and low-pollution investments
- D) To develop SEZs for renewable energy companies
- E) To privatize public sector undertakings

Answer

C) To attract ESG-compliant and low-pollution investments









Event and Location:

• Event: Cabinet approval of ESG Policy to attract sustainable investments

• Location: Kerala

• **Date:** October 1, 2025









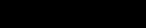
Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

- The Kerala State Cabinet approved the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Policy aimed at promoting sustainable development by attracting low-pollution, ESGcompliant industries.
- The cabinet also cleared several other administrative, education, infrastructure, and investment-related decisions.

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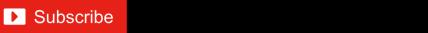
Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

The ESG policy is designed to align Kerala with global investment trends by encouraging green and ethical investments, thereby making the state a preferred destination for sustainable industries.



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Important Terms Explained:

ESG Policy (Environmental, Social and Governance):

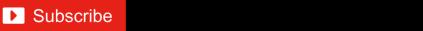
 A strategic policy framework that promotes responsible investment by focusing on environmental impact, social responsibility, and governance standards. Kerala's ESG policy seeks to attract investments from companies meeting these standards.

Wayanad Township Project:

 A state-backed urban infrastructure development initiative in Wayanad district, for which the cabinet waived the advance payment guarantee, easing financial and procedural hurdles.









Important Terms Explained:

- Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV):
 - A network of central government schools across India. The cabinet approved the establishment of a KV in Karinkunnam, Idukki by waiving stamp duty and registration fees for land lease.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of ESG Policy and other cabinet decisions
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Kerala
Issuing authority	Kerala State Cabinet
Policy/series name	ESG Policy
Key figures	Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Governor Arif Mohammed Khan
Purpose/reason	To attract sustainable, ESG-compliant investments
Feature details	Waivers for Wayanad Township, KV land lease in Idukki, law section setup
Validity or status	Approved and in implementation phase
Strategic/significant value	Positions Kerala as a green investment hub aligned with global ESG standards





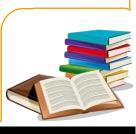


> Which panchayat in Kerala has become the first to achieve full National Legal Guardianship for persons with disabilities?

- A) Perambra
- B) Velur
- C) Munnar
- D) Alathur
- E) Wayanad

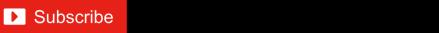
Answer B) Velur





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Event and Location:

- Event: Velur becomes Kerala's first panchayat to achieve full National Legal Guardianship
- Location: Velur Grama Panchayat, Thrissur district, Kerala
- **Date:** September 30, 2025







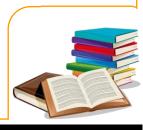
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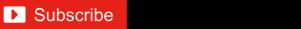
Velur panchayat distributed legal guardianship certificates under the National Trust Act to all eligible individuals over 18 with disabilities, thereby ensuring full legal guardianship for the entire eligible population.

Objectives:

To provide legal protection, social inclusion, and livelihood empowerment for persons with disabilities by promoting self-reliance, ensuring legal guardianship, and enabling communitybased rehabilitation through the Thalir Buds Rehabilitation Centre.









Important Terms Explained:

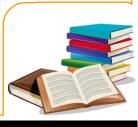
National Legal Guardianship:

 Refers to the legal provision under the National Trust Act, 1999, where a guardian is appointed for adults with disabilities to take decisions in their best interest, ensuring their welfare, rights, and dignity.

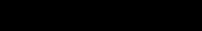
. Thalir Buds Rehabilitation Centre:

 Established in 2023 by Velur panchayat at a cost of ₹80 lakh, this centre offers 26 vocational training programmes and functions as a skill development hub for persons with disabilities, promoting income generation and selfemployment.

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Important Terms Explained:

National Trust Act:

 An Act enacted in 1999 by the Government of India for the welfare of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, and multiple disabilities. It provides for legal guardianship and empowerment measures through local authorities and NGOs.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Velur becomes Kerala's first full National Legal Guardianship panchayat
Announcement date	September 30, 2025
Location	Velur Panchayat, Thrissur, Kerala
Issuing authority	Velur Grama Panchayat, under National Trust Act
Policy/series name	Legal Guardianship under the National Trust Act
Key figures	Velur Panchayat leaders, Department of Social Justice
Purpose/reason	To provide legal, social, and economic protection for adults with disabilities
Feature details	Distribution of guardianship certificates; 26 vocational training programs
Validity or status	Fully implemented in Velur Panchayat
Strategic/significant value	Sets a model for disability inclusion, empowerment, and decentralised care







- ➤ What is the purpose of the GI tag application for Kanniyakumari Nannari filed by TNSCST?
- A) To regulate exports of medicinal plants
- B) To restrict Nannari cultivation to Tamil Nadu
- C) To recognize and protect the unique heritage and market value of the herb
- D) To replace chemical-based medicines with herbal ones
- E) To promote floriculture in Kanniyakumari

Answer

C) To recognize and protect the unique heritage and market value of the herb









Event and Location:

- **Event:** GI tag application filed for Kanniyakumari Nannari
- Location: Kanniyakumari district, Tamil Nadu
- Date: September 29, 2025











Mandates and Objectives:

. Mandates:

The Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST), along with TN Malaivaazh Makkal Sangam, has applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Kanniyakumari Nannari, a medicinal herb of high aromatic and therapeutic value.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

To protect and promote the indigenous identity of Kanniyakumari Nannari, ensure fair market value for local cultivators, and preserve the traditional cultivation practices associated with this herb. The GI tag is expected to aid in brand recognition, economic upliftment, and heritage conservation.









Important Terms Explained:

Geographical Indication (GI) Tag:

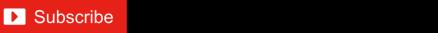
 A legal recognition given to products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation due to that origin. It helps in preventing unauthorized use and boosts local economies through market exclusivity.

Kanniyakumari Nannari:

. A medicinal climber, scientifically known as Hemidesmus indicus, native to Kanniyakumari. Known for its use in herbal drinks like sarbath, the plant's roots are harvested after 2-3 years, offering aromatic, brown-hued extracts with therapeutic properties.









Important Terms Explained:

- TNSCST (Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology):
 - A state government agency focused on promoting science and technology for sustainable development in Tamil Nadu, including protection of indigenous knowledge systems.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	GI Tag application for Kanniyakumari Nannari
Announcement date	September 29, 2025
Location	Kanniyakumari, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST)
Policy/series name	GI Registration under the GI Act, 1999
Key figures	S Vincent (TNSCST Member Secretary), TN Malaivaazh Makkal Sangam
Purpose/reason	To protect traditional knowledge and ensure economic benefit to cultivators
Feature details	Nannari cultivated in red lateritic soils using organic methods
Validity or status	GI application submitted, pending registration
Strategic/significant value	Promotes indigenous medicinal herbs, rural economy, and cultural identity







➤ What is the revised Minimum Support Price (MSP) for wheat for the 2026-27 marketing year as approved by the Cabinet?

A) ₹2,425 per quintal

B) ₹2,500 per quintal

C) ₹2,585 per quintal

D) ₹2,600 per quintal

E) ₹2,475 per quintal

Answer C) ₹2,585 per quintal









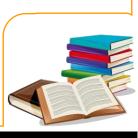


Event and Location:

• **Event:** Cabinet approves hike in wheat MSP and sets record production target

. Location: New Delhi, India

Date: October 1, 2025







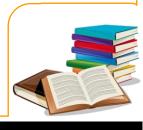
Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved an MSP hike of ₹160/quintal for wheat, raising it from ₹2,425 to ₹2,585 per quintal for the 2026-27 marketing year.
- The MSP for six rabi crops was also approved.

Objectives:

 To ensure remunerative prices for farmers, encourage higher wheat cultivation, and achieve a record wheat production target of 119 million tonnes for the 2025–26 crop year (July–June).









Important Terms Explained:

Minimum Support Price (MSP):

A guaranteed price at which the government procures crops from farmers, ensuring a minimum income regardless of market fluctuations. It is announced before the sowing season to guide farmers' crop decisions.

Rabi Crops:

These are winter crops sown between October-December and harvested from March-April. Major rabi crops include wheat, barley, gram, lentil, and jowar.

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Important Terms Explained:

- **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices** (CACP):
 - A statutory body under the Ministry of Agriculture that recommends MSPs for various crops to ensure fair returns to farmers while balancing consumer interests.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MSP Hike for Wheat and Rabi Crops for 2026–27
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Union Cabinet, Govt. of India
Policy/series name	Minimum Support Price Policy
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, CACP
Purpose/reason	To ensure price support and boost wheat production
Feature details	Wheat MSP raised by ₹160 to ₹2,585/qtl; record output target of 119 MT
Validity or status	For 2026-27 marketing year (April-June procurement cycle)
Strategic/significant value	Supports farmer income, food security, and Rabi crop production goals







- ➤ What unique feature was introduced for the first time on Indian currency through the Rs 100 coin released in October 2025?
 - A) Image of Mahatma Gandhi
 - B) Representation of Indian Constitution
 - C) Depiction of Bharat Mata in Varada Mudra
 - D) Portrait of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
 - E) Sanskrit verses from Rigveda

Answer

C) Depiction of Bharat Mata in Varada Mudra



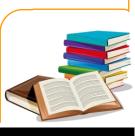




Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Rs 100 commemorative coin and postage stamp during RSS centenary celebrations
- . Location: New Delhi
- **Date:** October 1, 2025









Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a Rs 100 commemorative coin and a special postage stamp during the centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).
- The event marked the first-ever depiction of Bharat Mata on Indian currency.

Objectives:

 To honor the RSS's 100-year legacy of nationbuilding and social service, and symbolically represent the spirit of national dedication through the release of cultural and monetary artifacts.









Important Terms Explained:

Bharat Mata (Mother India):

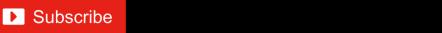
 A national personification of India, representing the country as a divine mother figure. The Rs 100 coin features her in Varada Mudra, a symbolic gesture of giving and compassion, accompanied by a lion and swayam sevaks bowing in devotion.

Varada Mudra:

A hand gesture in Indian classical iconography where the palm is extended outward, symbolizing boons, blessings, and charity.









Important Terms Explained:

- Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS):
 - A Hindutva-based socio-cultural volunteer organization founded in 1925 by K.B. Hedgewar.
 It promotes cultural nationalism, social responsibility, and community discipline.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of Rs 100 coin and stamp during RSS Centenary Celebrations
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Policy/series name	RSS Centenary Commemorative Coin and Stamp
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Dattatreya Hosabale, CM Rekha Gupta, Gajendra S. Shekhawat
Purpose/reason	To mark 100 years of RSS and honor Bharat Mata's symbolic presence
Feature details	Coin features Bharat Mata in Varada Mudra, RSS motto, and national emblem
Validity or status	Commemorative release (not for general circulation)
Strategic/significant value	Symbolic recognition of RSS's century-long service and national contribution







- ➤ What was a key outcome of Phase-I of the Department of Justice's Special Campaign 5.0?
- A) Launch of e-Courts Phase-III
- B) Establishment of legal aid centers in rural areas
- C) Identification of pending grievances and sites for Swachhata
- D) Recruitment of judicial officers
- E) Digitisation of court records across all High Courts

Answer

C) Identification of pending grievances and sites for Swachhata







Event and Location:

- **Event:** Completion of Phase-I of Special Campaign 5.0 by Department of Justice
- Location: New Delhi (Jaisalmer House), Bhopal (NJA), New Delhi (NALSA)
- **Date:** October 1, 2025









Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Department of Justice, under the guidance of DARPG, conducted Phase-I of Special Campaign 5.0 from September 15 to September 30, 2025, identifying pending grievances, files, ewaste, and areas requiring cleaning and beautification.

Objectives:

 To promote good governance through timely disposal of public grievances, weeding out of old files, disposal of scrap and e-waste, and maintaining cleanliness in government premises under the Swachhata mission.





Important Terms Explained:

- Special Campaign 5.0:
 - A government-wide initiative launched under DARPG focusing on reducing pendency in public offices and ensuring cleanliness of workspaces, now in its fifth iteration.
- DARPG (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances):
 - A central government department responsible for administrative reforms, policy guidelines, and redressal of public grievances in ministries and departments.









Important Terms Explained:

Shramdaan:

A voluntary contribution of labor by government employees and citizens, often observed during cleanliness drives and community activities to promote civic responsibility.





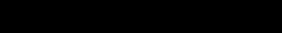


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Completion of Phase-I of Special Campaign 5.0
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	New Delhi (Jaisalmer House), NJA Bhopal, NALSA New Delhi
Issuing authority	Department of Justice under DARPG
Policy/series name	Special Campaign 5.0
Key figures	526 grievances cleared, 82 files identified, 66 scrap items flagged
Purpose/reason	Promote efficiency, transparency, and workplace cleanliness
Feature details	Grievance redressal, file weeding, e-waste disposal, site beautification
Validity or status	Phase-I completed, Phase-II (Oct 2-31, 2025) under implementation
Strategic/significant value	Supports Swachhata Abhiyan, enhances governance and service delivery

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> How many new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) has the Cabinet approved under the civil sector in October 2025?

A) 50

B) 57

C) 85

D) 1288

E) 913

Answer B) 57











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Cabinet approves opening of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil Sector.
- Location: Across India (17 States/UTs, including aspirational, LWE, NER/hilly areas).
- **Date:** October 1, 2025.







Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the opening of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas under the Civil Sector with a total estimated cost of ₹5862.55 crore spread over nine years from 2026–27.

Objectives:

To meet the educational needs of children of Central Government employees, especially in underserved and strategic regions, and to implement the NEP 2020 model with Balvatikas (pre-primary) for the first time in KVs.









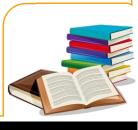
Important Terms Explained:

Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs):

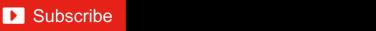
 A chain of central government schools set up in 1962 under the Ministry of Education to provide quality education to the wards of transferable and non-transferable Central Government employees.

Balvatika:

A new 3-year foundational stage (pre-primary) introduced in KVs in line with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, focusing on early childhood care and education.









Important Terms Explained:

Aspirational Districts:

Backward districts identified under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme to improve socio-economic indicators through focused government interventions.







Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil Sector
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Across 17 States/UTs including aspirational, LWE, and NER districts
Issuing authority	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi
Policy/series name	Kendriya Vidyalayas Expansion under Civil Sector
Key figures	86640 students to benefit; 4617 direct permanent jobs to be created
Purpose/reason	Provide quality education to children of Central Government employees
Feature details	Includes Balvatikas for pre-primary; covers aspirational and unserved regions
Validity or status	To be implemented over 9 years from 2026–27
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens NEP 2020, PM SHRI model schools, national integration







What is the total financial outlay approved for Phase III of the Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP)?

A) ₹1000 crore

B) ₹1250 crore

C) ₹1500 crore

D) ₹2000 crore

E) ₹1750 crore

Answer C) ₹1500 crore











Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of Phase III of Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP)
- **Location:** India (Nationwide implementation)
- Date: October 1, 2025







Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The Cabinet approved Phase III of BRCP, a collaborative biomedical research initiative between Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Wellcome Trust (UK) for 2025-31 (with an extension up to 2037-38), aimed at providing research fellowships and grants.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

To promote cutting-edge biomedical research, strengthen research capacity and systems across India, support career development of scientists, encourage translational innovation, and ensure inclusive research ecosystem with global impact.





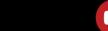


Important Terms Explained:

- **.** Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP):
 - A joint initiative by DBT and Wellcome Trust to fund and mentor scientists in India in biomedical sciences through fellowships and collaborative grants.
- DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance (India Alliance):
 - A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) created to administer BRCP in India, supporting world-class biomedical research and fostering talent and institutional growth.









Important Terms Explained:

- **Translational Innovation:**
 - The process of converting scientific discoveries into real-world medical solutions, such as diagnostics, treatments, and health policies.





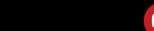


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Cabinet approval of Phase III of BRCP
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	Pan India
Issuing authority	Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi
Policy/series name	Biomedical Research Career Programme (Phase III)
Key figures	DBT, Wellcome Trust, India Alliance
Purpose/reason	To enhance India's global standing in biomedical research and innovation
Feature details	Fellowships, collaborative grants, mentorship, research management programme
Validity or status	Phase III active from 2025–26 to 2030–31; support up to 2037–38
Strategic/significant value	Promotes scientific talent, gender equity, and translational research



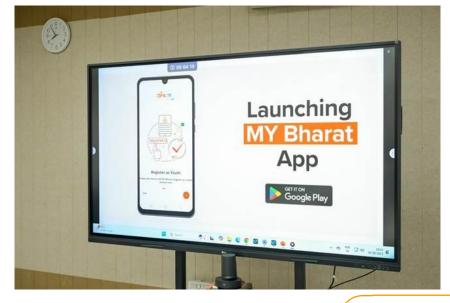






- Who launched the MY Bharat Mobile Application to promote youth engagement and leadership?
 - A) Dharmendra Pradhan
 - B) Anurag Thakur
 - C) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
 - D) Mansukh Mandaviya
 - E) Narendra Modi

Answer D) Mansukh Mandaviya











Event and Location:

• Event: Launch of MY Bharat Mobile Application

• Location: New Delhi, India

• **Date:** October 1, 2025









Mandates and Objectives:

Mandates:

The MY Bharat Mobile Application was launched under the Department of Youth Affairs, designed by the Digital India Corporation (DIC), to facilitate youth leadership, civic engagement, and access to verified opportunities.







Mandates and Objectives:

Objectives:

To empower India's youth by improving accessibility to volunteering, internships, mentorships, digital recognition, and national campaigns using a mobile-based platform; and to expand digital participation even in rural and remote regions through Common Services Centres (CSCs).







Important Terms Explained:

. MY Bharat Platform:

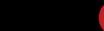
 Launched on October 31, 2023, this is a national digital platform under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to support youth-led development through volunteering, internships, and leadership initiatives.

. Common Services Centres (CSCs):

 A government-backed initiative providing digital access to services in rural India through over 5 lakh Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs).









Important Terms Explained:

Digital India Corporation (DIC):

 A not-for-profit company under MeitY, which develops digital solutions to support government missions like Digital India and other tech-enabled services.

. VBYLD Quiz:

 Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue Quiz, an interactive awareness initiative hosted on the MY Bharat platform for youth participation and national engagement.





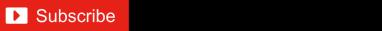




Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of MY Bharat Mobile Application
Announcement date	October 1, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Policy/series name	MY Bharat Platform
Key figures	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Digital India Corporation, CSC VLEs
Purpose/reason	To digitally empower youth and expand access to leadership and career tools
Feature details	App-based access to volunteering, mentorships, learning, CV builder, VBYLD quiz
Validity or status	Active and expanding; integration with CSCs underway
Strategic/significant value	Promotes inclusive youth participation and national digital engagement





QUICK RECALL



- India achieved its best-ever single-day performance at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in Delhi, with four medals in javelin and discus events.
- The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee decided to keep the reporate unchanged at 5.5% with a neutral stance during its October 2025 meeting.
- RBI has allowed authorised dealer banks to lend in Indian Rupees to nonresidents from Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka to boost rupee trade.
- The RBI has proposed removing the ₹10,000 crore ceiling on aggregate loans to a single corporate entity from the entire banking system.
- The RBI on October 1, 2025, proposed major reforms to improve credit flow, including allowing banks to finance Indian corporate acquisitions.
- The RBI plans to revise the ECB framework to ease overseas borrowing norms for Indian corporates.
- India's GST collections for September 2025 rose 9.1% year-on-year to ₹1.89 lakh crore, marking the highest growth in four months.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a 3% hike in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief, raising the rate from 55% to 58% effective July 1, 2025.
- The Government of India has appointed Asheesh Pandey as MD & CEO of Union Bank of India and Kalyan Kumar as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India.





QUICK RECALL



- The Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department won the prestigious Global Tourism Award 2025 for its outstanding contributions to sustainable and inclusive tourism.
- Prof. R. Arthur James from Bharathidasan University was awarded the TANSA Award 2022 for outstanding contributions in Environmental Science.
- Telugu Language Day 2025 was celebrated in Saudi Arabia with over 2,000 participants and a focus on Andhra Pradesh's P4 model for inclusive development.
- The Delhi Development Authority launched 81 new infrastructure projects in 50 villages under the Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan on September 25, 2025.
- The K4Care scheme under Kudumbashree has benefited over 10,000 people in Palakkad through home-based caregiving services.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses with a ₹11,440 crore outlay to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses by 2030-31.
- The Gaj Rakshak App was launched on World Tiger Day 2025 by Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav to monitor elephant activity in real time.
- The Kerala state cabinet approved the ESG Policy to promote environmentfriendly and socially responsible investments in the state.

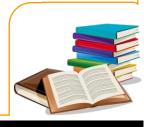


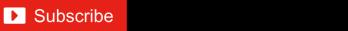


QUICK RECALL



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- The Union Cabinet has approved Phase III of the Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP) with a total cost of ₹1500 crore.
- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched the MY Bharat Mobile App to boost youth engagement through a digital-first approach.



































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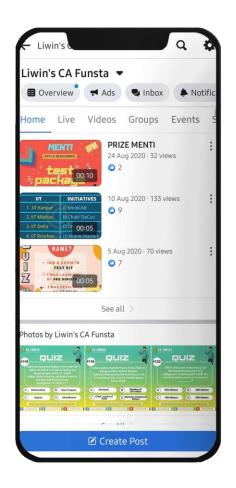
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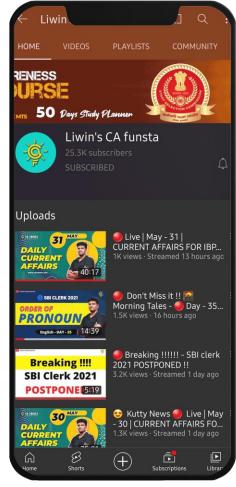


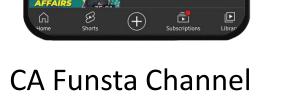


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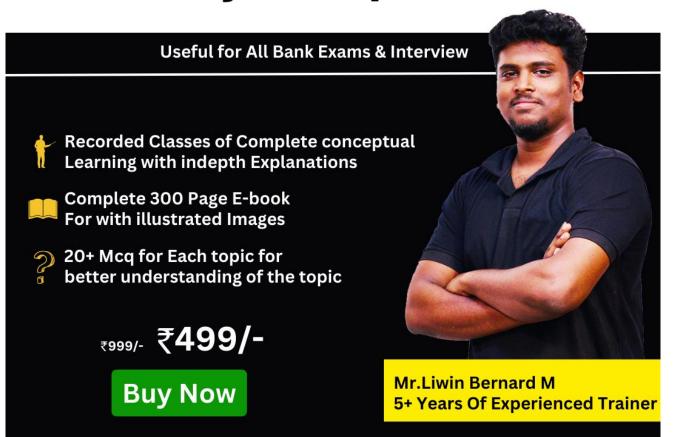


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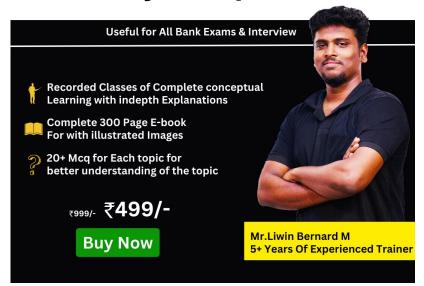
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