



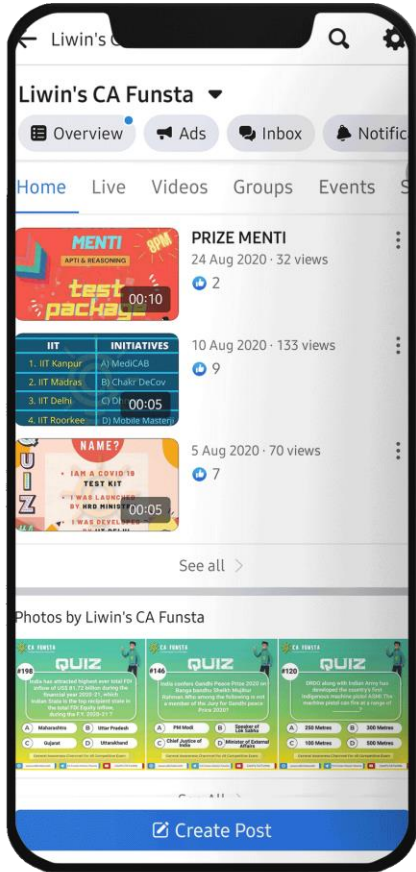
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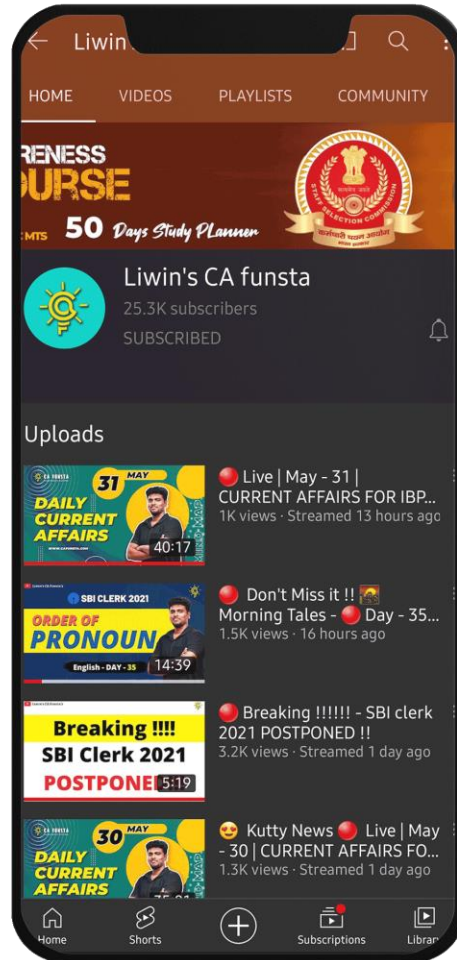
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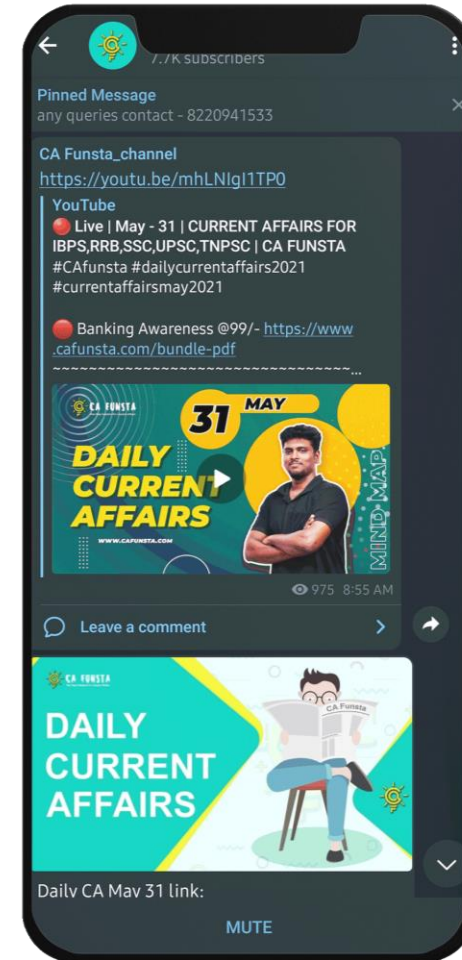
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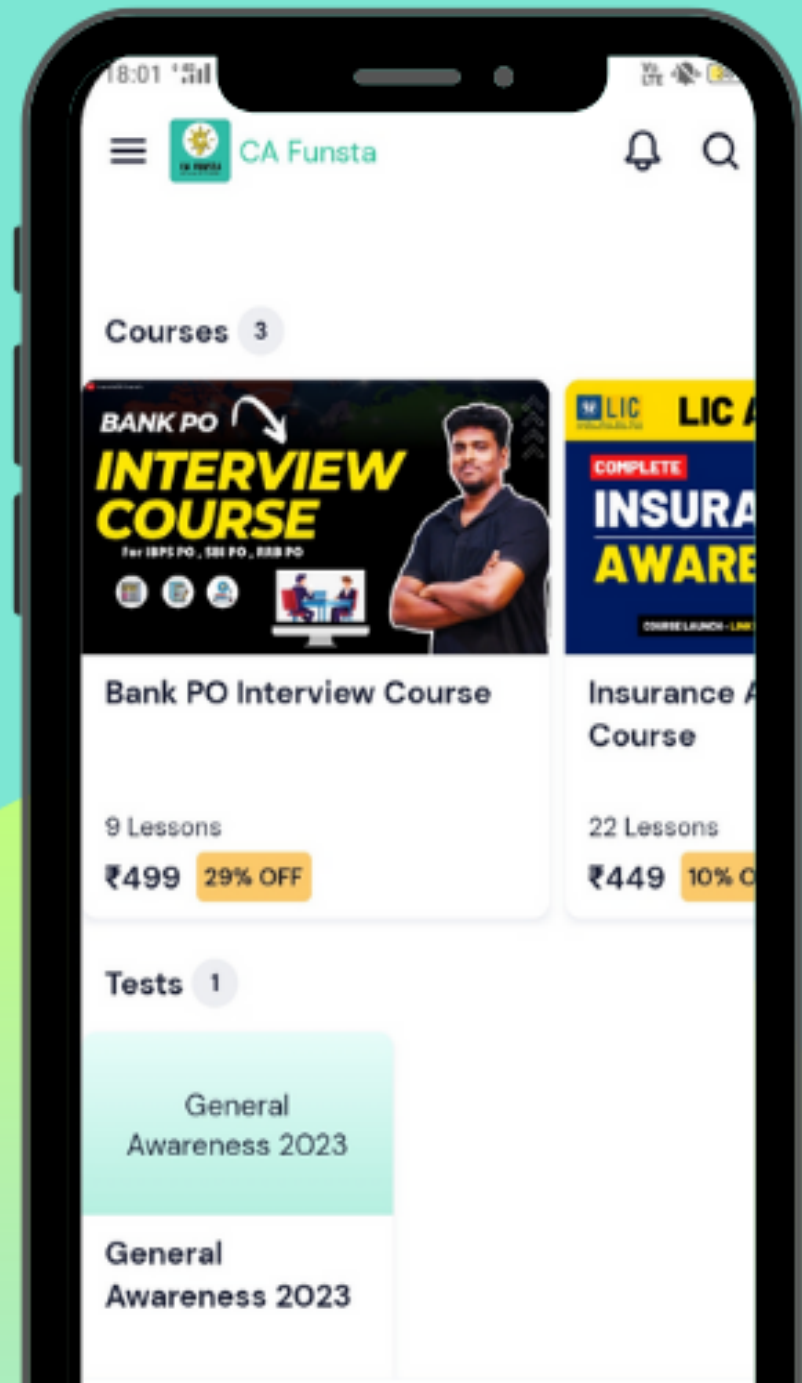
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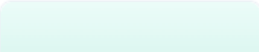
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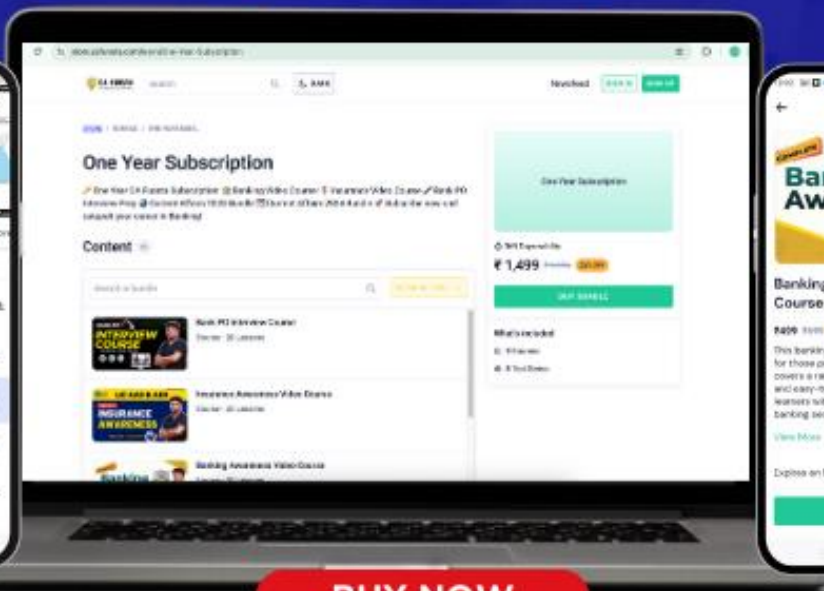


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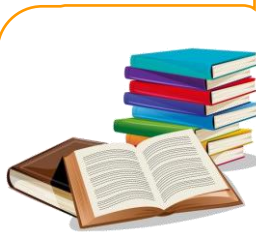


➤ **What is the significance of October 7 in the context of global agricultural trade?**

- A) International Rice Day
- B) Global Tea Appreciation Day
- C) World Cotton Day
- D) World Wool Day
- E) Global Fibre Day

Answer

C) World Cotton Day



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Global observance of World Cotton Day recognizing cotton's role in global economy
- **Location:** Worldwide, with emphasis on Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
- **Date:** October 7, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The United Nations, based on a proposal by the Cotton-4 countries, officially designated October 7 as World Cotton Day to highlight the role of cotton in employment, trade, and sustainable development.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote sustainable cotton production, ensure fairer trade participation for LDCs, and enhance global awareness of cotton's contribution to economic stability and climate resilience.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Cotton Day:**
 - A UN-recognized international observance held on October 7 to promote cotton's importance in global trade, especially for smallholder farmers and LDCs.
- **Cotton-4 Countries:**
 - A group comprising Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, and Mali, later joined by Côte d'Ivoire, that advocated for fair trade practices and global recognition of cotton's significance.

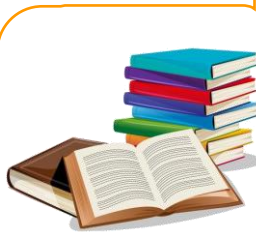


Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **UN Resolution A/RES/75/318:**
 - A resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly on August 30, 2021, officially designating October 7 as World Cotton Day.
- **WTO (World Trade Organization):**
 - The organization that hosted the first celebration of World Cotton Day in Geneva in 2019, promoting dialogue among stakeholders in the cotton value chain.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**
 - The event aligns with SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 8 (Decent Work), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

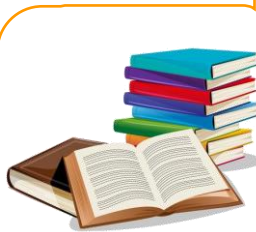


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Cotton Day
Announcement date	August 30, 2021 (official UN recognition)
Location	Global, with focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
Issuing authority	United Nations General Assembly, with proposal by Cotton-4 countries
Policy/series name	UN Resolution A/RES/75/318
Key figures	Cotton-4 nations (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali), Côte d'Ivoire
Purpose/reason	To highlight cotton's role in trade, employment, and sustainable development
Feature details	Includes UN SDG alignment, cotton-based innovation promotion, trade policy
Validity or status	Celebrated annually since 2019, officially recognized from 2021 onwards
Strategic/significant value	Promotes inclusive trade, rural employment, and climate-adaptive agriculture



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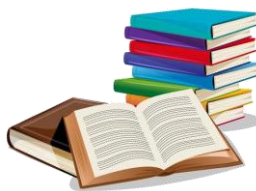


➤ **Which government department organized national-level observances of World Cerebral Palsy Day 2025 in India?**

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Department of Science and Technology
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- E) Ministry of Human Resource Development

Answer

D) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities



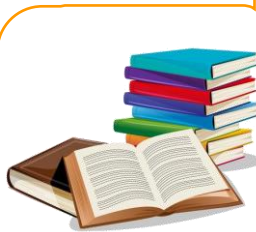
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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observance of World Cerebral Palsy Day 2025 with inclusive awareness programmes
- **Location:** Nationwide (Institutes in Odisha, Kolkata, Chennai, Tripura, Nellore, and Bhopal)
- **Date:** 6 October 2025

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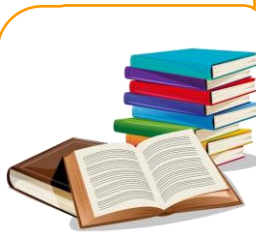


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organized World Cerebral Palsy Day 2025 through its National Institutes and Composite Regional Centers (CRCs).

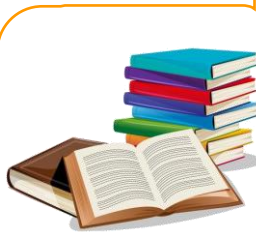


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Raise awareness about Cerebral Palsy (CP)
 - Educate families, teachers, and communities about early intervention and mental health
 - Promote inclusion, dignity, and participation for individuals with CP
 - Celebrate the courage and achievements of children with CP and their families

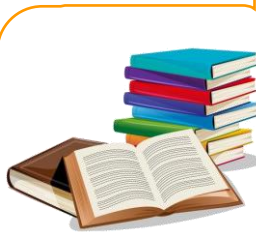


Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cerebral Palsy (CP):**
 - A group of permanent movement disorders appearing in early childhood due to abnormal brain development or damage during pregnancy or birth. It affects posture, balance, and coordination, making it the most common motor disability in children.

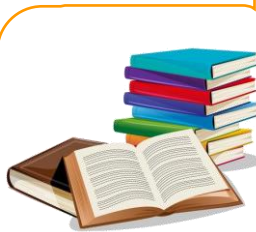


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD):**
 - A department under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment responsible for implementing policies, welfare programmes, and awareness activities for persons with disabilities in India.
- **Early Intervention:**
 - A strategy to provide support services and therapy to children at an early age (usually 0-6 years) to reduce the impact of developmental delays or disorders like CP and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

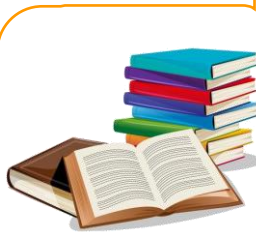


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Cerebral Palsy Day 2025 Observance
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	Nationwide (Odisha, Kolkata, Chennai, Tripura, Nellore, Bhopal)
Issuing authority	Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)
Occasion/theme	World Cerebral Palsy Day – “Unique and United”
Institutes involved	SVNIRTAR, NILD, NIEPMD, CRCs (Tripura, Nellore, Bhopal)
Purpose/reason	Raise awareness, promote inclusion, empower CP-affected individuals
Feature details	Cultural events, walking competitions, parent training, mental health focus
Validity or status	Annual observance held on 6th/7th October
Strategic significance	Promotes disability rights, early care, and national inclusivity goals

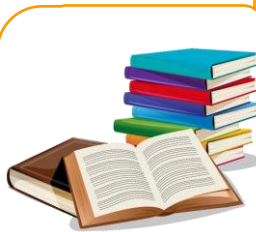


➤ **Which format is being used for the mixed team event at the BWF World Junior Championships 2025?**

- A) Knockout format
- B) Best of three 21-point sets
- C) Round robin format
- D) Best of three relay-scoring format
- E) Sudirman Cup format

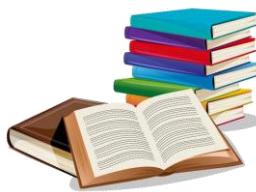
Answer

D) Best of three relay-scoring format



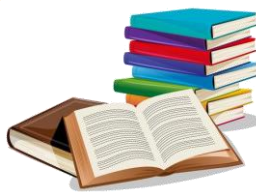
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India begins campaign with a win at BWF World Junior Championships 2025 (Suhandinata Cup)
- **Location:** Guwahati, Assam, India
- **Date:** 6 October 2025 (Opening day of the championships)



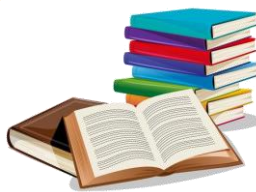
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - India, seeded second, defeated Nepal in their Group H opener in the mixed team event of the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 using the new relay-scoring format.
 - Sri Lanka staged a comeback win over the UAE in a close encounter, creating early drama in the group.



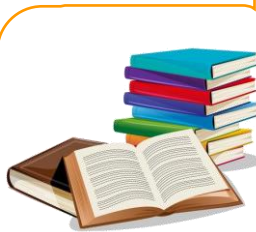
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To provide international exposure and competition to under-19 badminton players, prepare them for elite-level badminton, and test new relay-scoring formats to evaluate player adaptability and game dynamics.



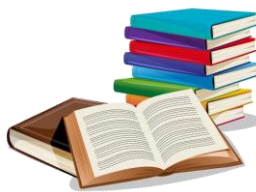
Important Terms Explained:

- **BWF World Junior Championships (Suhandinata Cup):**
 - An annual mixed team and individual event conducted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) for junior (U-19) shuttlers across the world.
- **Relay-Scoring Format:**
 - A new format where each tie consists of best of three sets up to 45 points, with five matches per set (Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles).
 - Teams can substitute players between sets, making strategy more dynamic.



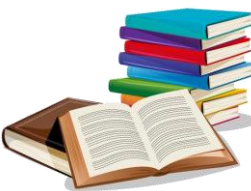
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unnati Hooda:**
 - An emerging Indian shuttler and China Open quarterfinalist, featured in this event for the first time under the relay format.



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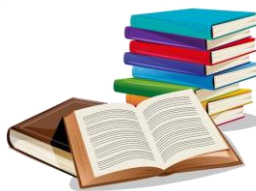
Parameter	Details
Event name	BWF World Junior Championships 2025 – Mixed Team Event (Suhandinata Cup)
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	Guwahati, Assam
Issuing authority	Badminton World Federation (BWF)
Policy/series name	Relay-Scoring Format – 45 Point Best of 3 Sets
Key figures	Bhargav Ram Arigela, Viswa Tej Gobburu, Unnati Hooda, Tanvi Sharma
Purpose/reason	To test new formats and promote global junior badminton
Feature details	5 matches per set; teams can change line-ups between sets
Validity or status	Opening day results; India defeated Nepal, Sri Lanka edged UAE
Strategic/significant value	Promotes international exposure for juniors, innovative game testing



➤ Which organization has been recognized by RBI as the first Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for NBFCs?

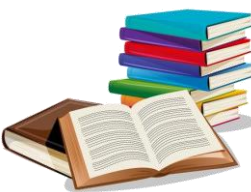
- A) MFIN
- B) FACE
- C) FIDC
- D) Sa-Dhan
- E) IBA

Answer
C) FIDC



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI recognizes FIDC as the first Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for the NBFC sector
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 6 October 2025



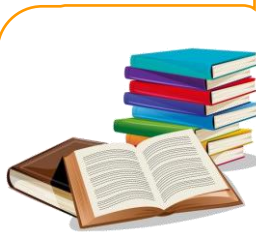
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), under its Omnibus Framework for SROs (March 2024), granted formal recognition to the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) as the first SRO for NBFCs.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance sectoral self-regulation, promote ethical conduct, ensure regulatory compliance, support voluntary discipline among NBFCs, and improve coordination between the industry and the RBI for resilient growth.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FIDC (Finance Industry Development Council):**
 - An industry association representing over 400 NBFCs, including investment, housing finance, infrastructure, and factoring entities; now officially recognized as an SRO by the RBI.
- **Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO):**
 - An industry body recognized by a regulator (in this case, RBI) to oversee and guide members in ethical practices, regulatory compliance, and dispute resolution.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Omnibus Framework for SROs (March 2024):**
 - A comprehensive guideline by the RBI outlining eligibility, responsibilities, and governance requirements for institutions seeking SRO status in various financial sectors.
- **NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company):**
 - Financial entities that provide banking-like services such as loans, asset financing, and investments, but do not hold a banking license.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI recognition of FIDC as SRO for NBFCs
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	India-wide
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	Omnibus Framework for Self-Regulatory Organisations (March 2024)
Key figures	Raman Aggarwal (CEO, FIDC), Shaktikanta Das (Governor, RBI)
Purpose/reason	To promote discipline, governance, and ethical standards in NBFCs
Feature details	Monitoring compliance, resolving disputes, sector representation
Validity or status	Recognition granted; 2-year membership target clause enforced
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens NBFC regulation and aligns with financial inclusion and Viksit Bharat vision

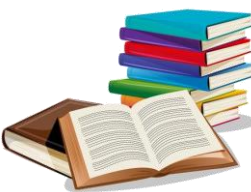


➤ **What is the key feature that differentiates India's proposed digital currency from private cryptocurrencies, according to Piyush Goyal?**

- A) It is mined by private players
- B) It is tax-free
- C) It is backed by the Reserve Bank of India
- D) It can be used for international trading only
- E) It operates without blockchain

Answer

C) It is backed by the Reserve Bank of India

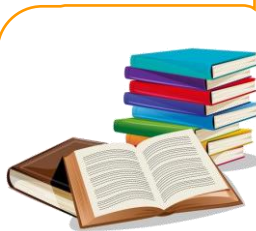


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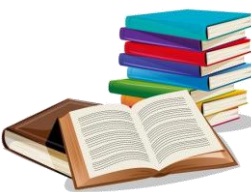
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of India's upcoming RBI-backed digital currency
- **Location:** Doha, Qatar (during Piyush Goyal's visit)
- **Date:** 7 October 2025



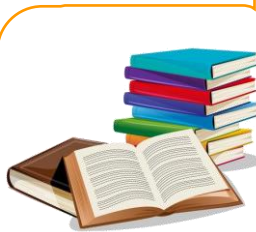
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced that India will soon introduce a digital currency fully backed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure faster, safer, and more transparent financial transactions, reduce paper currency usage, improve traceability, and distinguish sovereign digital money from unregulated private cryptocurrencies.



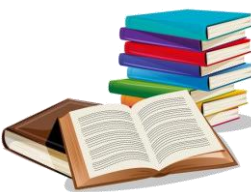
Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI-backed Digital Currency:**
 - A central bank digital currency (CBDC) issued and guaranteed by the Reserve Bank of India, functioning as legal tender in electronic form, similar in value to traditional currency.
- **Blockchain Technology:**
 - A decentralized digital ledger used to record transactions across multiple computers, ensuring transparency, security, and traceability. This tech will underpin India's digital currency system.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cryptocurrency:**
 - A private digital asset such as Bitcoin, not backed by any sovereign institution, and highly volatile in nature. In India, such currencies are taxed but not banned.
- **Stablecoins:**
 - Digital currencies that are pegged to a stable asset or fiat currency, used in international markets (e.g., in the U.S. under the GENIUS Act) to reduce volatility.



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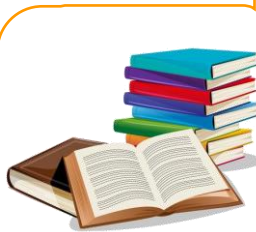
Parameter	Details
Event name	Announcement of RBI-backed Digital Currency for India
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Doha, Qatar
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (to issue); Announced by Ministry of Commerce
Policy/series name	India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) Initiative
Key figures	Piyush Goyal, Shaktikanta Das
Purpose/reason	To promote digital payments with sovereign backing and ensure transaction security
Feature details	Blockchain-based, backed by RBI, unlike private cryptocurrencies
Validity or status	Announcement made; launch expected soon
Strategic/significant value	Aims to ensure transparency, reduce cash dependency, and secure financial systems



➤ Which bank launched Asia's first prepaid Forex Card powered by Visa Infinite for business travellers in October 2025?

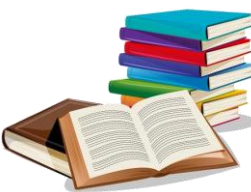
- A) HDFC Bank
- B) SBI
- C) Axis Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer
D) ICICI Bank



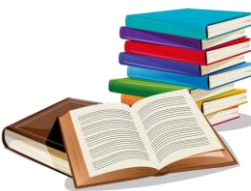
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Corporate Sapphiro Forex Card by ICICI Bank in partnership with Visa
- **Location:** Mumbai, India
- **Date:** 7 October 2025



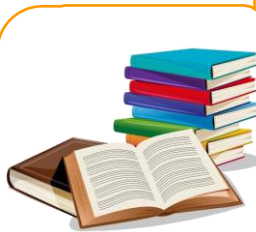
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - ICICI Bank, in partnership with Visa, has launched the Corporate Sapphire Forex Card, the first prepaid Visa Infinite-powered card in Asia, aimed at business travellers and corporate leaders.
- **Objectives:**
 - To provide premium, multi-currency travel benefits with zero cross-currency markup, global convenience, and value-added privileges to Indian entrepreneurs and professionals travelling abroad.



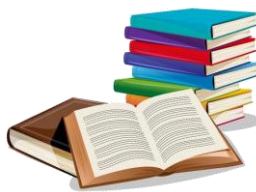
Important Terms Explained:

- **Forex Card (Foreign Exchange Card):**
 - A prepaid card loaded with multiple foreign currencies, allowing safe and convenient international transactions while travelling.
- **Visa Infinite:**
 - Visa's premium card platform, offering high-end benefits like luxury travel, global concierge services, preferential hotel and airline rates, and airport lounge access.



Important Terms Explained:

- **InstaBIZ App:**
 - ICICI Bank's business banking mobile platform, which now allows entrepreneurs to digitally apply for, load, and activate the Corporate Sapphire Forex Card instantly.
- **eSIM (Embedded SIM):**
 - A digital SIM that allows users to activate a cellular plan without a physical SIM card—offered free with the card for international connectivity.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of ICICI Bank's Corporate Sapphire Forex Card
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	ICICI Bank in partnership with Visa
Policy/series name	Corporate Sapphire Forex Card powered by Visa Infinite
Key figures	Vipul Agarwal (Head, Cards & Payments, ICICI Bank)
Purpose/reason	To cater to the financial needs of international business travellers
Feature details	15 currencies, no markup fees, free eSIM, airport lounges, digital issuance
Validity or status	Live for current account holders via InstaBIZ app
Strategic/significant value	First such card in Asia; boosts India's business travel and fintech innovation

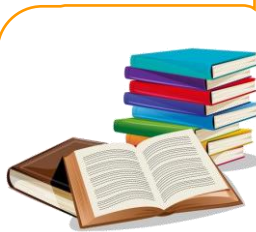


➤ What is the name of the new customizable health insurance product launched by SBI General Insurance in October 2025?

- A) Health Secure
- B) AlphaCare
- C) Health Alpha
- D) Smart Health
- E) Suraksha Plus

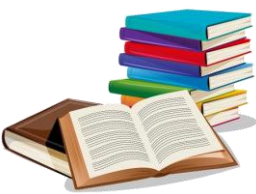


Answer
C) Health Alpha



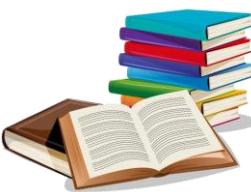
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Health Alpha, a customizable retail health insurance plan
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** 7 October 2025



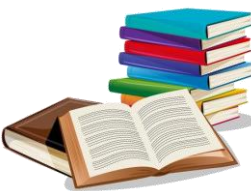
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - SBI General Insurance launched Health Alpha, a fully customizable health insurance product with over 50 coverage options, including unique outpatient and cumulative bonus benefits.
- **Objectives:**
 - To provide affordable, flexible, and comprehensive health insurance solutions that address rising medical costs and promote preventive healthcare through tailored coverage.



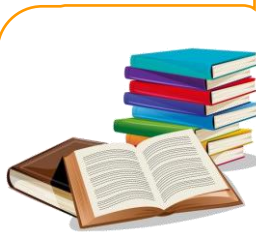
Important Terms Explained:

- **Health Alpha:**
 - A retail health insurance product by SBI General Insurance offering customization, unlimited sum insured, and industry-first features like gym/sports injury outpatient cover and the “Endless Sum Insured” benefit.
- **Endless Sum Insured:**
 - A unique feature allowing one-time unlimited hospitalization expense coverage during the policy period after exhausting the base sum insured.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cumulative Bonus:**
 - A reward for claim-free years; Health Alpha offers up to 10x cumulative bonus annually, significantly increasing the sum insured over time without added cost.
- **Retail Health Insurance:**
 - Insurance purchased directly by individuals (not through employers) to cover personal or family medical expenses including hospitalization, treatment, and preventive care.



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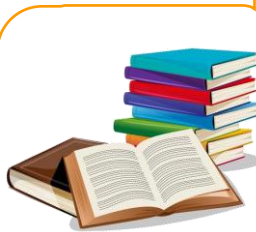
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Health Alpha health insurance plan
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	SBI General Insurance
Policy/series name	Health Alpha
Key figures	Mohd. Arif Khan (Deputy CEO)
Purpose/reason	To offer flexible, high-value health insurance addressing modern needs
Feature details	50+ add-ons, ₹5 lakh to unlimited cover, OPD gym injury, 10x bonus, endless sum insured
Validity or status	Available for purchase, 5-year policy terms offered
Strategic/significant value	Enhances retail health coverage, promotes wellness, supports rising healthcare needs



- **Which engineering college signed an MoU with Bajaj Auto Limited to establish the Bajaj Engineering Skills Training (BEST) Centre?**
- A) PSG College of Technology
 - B) Vellore Institute of Technology
 - C) Thiagarajar College of Engineering
 - D) Coimbatore Institute of Technology
 - E) SRM Institute of Science and Technology

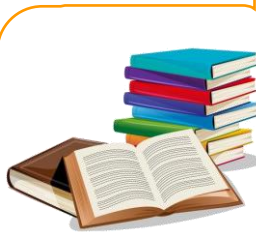
Answer

C) Thiagarajar College of Engineering



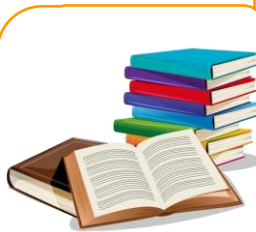
Event and Location:

- **Event:** MoU signed between TCE and Bajaj Auto to establish a skill training centre
- **Location:** Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** 7 October 2025



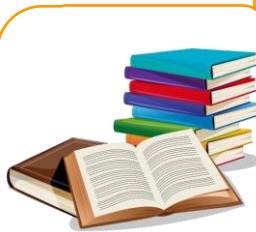
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE) signed an MoU with Bajaj Auto Limited to set up the Bajaj Engineering Skills Training (BEST) Centre on its campus.
- **Objectives:**
 - To create a Centre of Excellence in engineering skills development, benefiting not only TCE students but also learners from other engineering institutions across Tamil Nadu by providing hands-on training through advanced labs and facilities.



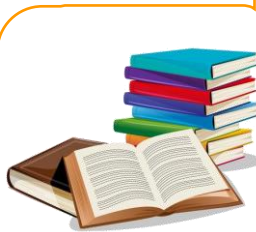
Important Terms Explained:

- **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):**
 - A formal agreement between two parties—in this case, TCE and Bajaj Auto—to collaborate on a shared goal, such as establishing a skill development centre.
- **BEST (Bajaj Engineering Skills Training) Centre:**
 - An industry-academia initiative launched by Bajaj Auto Limited to provide state-of-the-art technical skill training through modern laboratories and curriculum support.



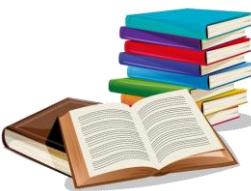
Important Terms Explained:

- **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):**
 - A business approach by which companies like Bajaj Auto contribute to societal goals—such as education and skill development—through strategic initiatives.



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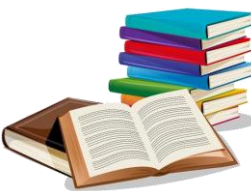
Parameter	Details
Event name	Signing of MoU between TCE and Bajaj Auto for skill centre
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Madurai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Thiagarajar College of Engineering and Bajaj Auto Ltd
Policy/series name	Bajaj Engineering Skills Training (BEST) Centre
Key figures	K. Hari Thiagarajan (TCE), Sudhakar Gudipatti (Bajaj Auto - CSR)
Purpose/reason	To provide engineering skill training through a Centre of Excellence
Feature details	State-of-the-art laboratories; training for TCE and other college students
Validity or status	MoU signed; implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens industry-academia collaboration and enhances job-ready skills



➤ How much is ONGC investing in developing 172 onshore oil and gas wells in Andhra Pradesh, as per the recent green clearance?

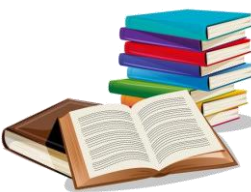
- A) ₹6,000 crore
- B) ₹7,500 crore
- C) ₹8,110 crore
- D) ₹9,200 crore
- E) ₹10,000 crore

Answer
C) ₹8,110 crore



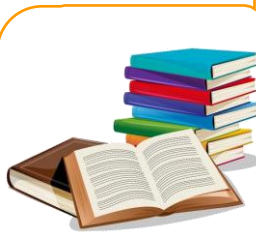
Event and Location:

- **Event:** ONGC receives environmental clearance for a ₹8,110 crore onshore oil and gas development project
- **Location:** Eight PML blocks in Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** Clearance recommended in September 2025; reported on 6 October 2025



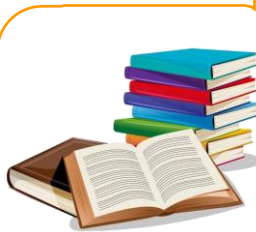
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) granted Environmental Clearance to ONGC to develop and produce oil and gas from 172 onshore wells in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance domestic hydrocarbon production, promote energy security, ensure compliance with environmental standards, and implement a sustainable Environment Management Plan (EMP) across operational sites.



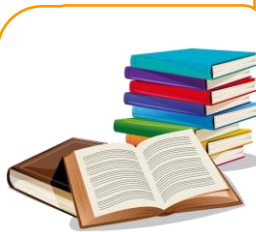
Important Terms Explained:

- **ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd):**
 - A Maharatna PSU under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas engaged in oil and gas exploration and production across India.
- **PML (Petroleum Mining Lease):**
 - A government-issued lease granting rights to explore and extract oil or gas from specified land blocks.
- **Environmental Clearance (EC):**
 - A mandatory approval from the MoEFCC for large-scale industrial and infrastructure projects after evaluation of their potential environmental impact.



Important Terms Explained:

- **EMP (Environment Management Plan):**
 - A detailed action plan prepared by industries to mitigate adverse environmental impacts during the life cycle of the project.
- **EAC (Expert Appraisal Committee):**
 - A panel constituted by MoEFCC to evaluate and recommend environmental clearances based on technical and scientific assessments.

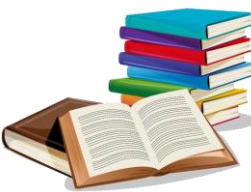


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ONGC's ₹8,110 crore onshore oil & gas development project
Announcement date	6 October 2025 (reported)
Location	Eight PML blocks in Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (via EAC)
Policy/series name	Environmental Clearance under EIA/EMP guidelines
Key figures	Arun Kumar Singh (ONGC CMD), Bhupender Yadav (MoEFCC Minister)
Purpose/reason	To develop 172 wells to boost oil & gas production
Feature details	₹8110 crore project; ₹172 cr capital EMP; ₹91.16 cr annual EMP; ₹11 cr PH commitment
Validity or status	EC granted with environmental safeguards
Strategic/significant value	Increases domestic energy production while protecting eco-sensitive zones

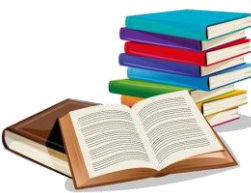


➤ **What is the issue size of Canara HSBC Life Insurance's IPO scheduled to open on October 10, 2025?**

- A) ₹1,750 crore
- B) ₹2,000 crore
- C) ₹2,517 crore
- D) ₹2,850 crore
- E) ₹3,100 crore

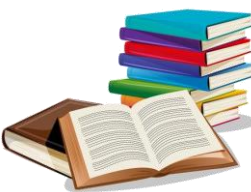


Answer
C) ₹2,517 crore



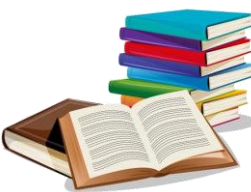
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of ₹2,517 crore IPO by Canara HSBC Life Insurance
- **Location:** Bengaluru, India (PAN-India offering)
- **Date:** Subscription opens on 10 October 2025 and closes on 14 October 2025



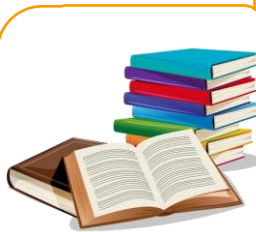
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Canara HSBC Life Insurance has announced a ₹2,517 crore Initial Public Offering (IPO), structured entirely as an Offer for Sale (OFS) by its promoters — Canara Bank, HSBC Insurance (Asia-Pacific), and Punjab National Bank.
- **Objectives:**
 - To provide an exit route for promoters and early investors; no fresh capital will be raised. The proceeds from the issue will go to the selling shareholders, not the company.



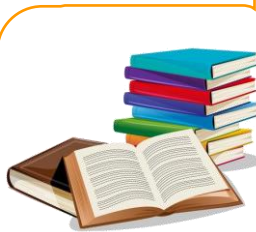
Important Terms Explained:

- **IPO (Initial Public Offering):**
 - The first sale of shares by a company to the public through stock exchanges to raise capital or facilitate share divestment by promoters/investors.
- **Offer for Sale (OFS):**
 - A method where existing shareholders sell their stakes in the IPO. The company does not receive any proceeds from the offer.



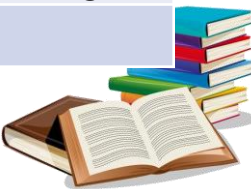
Important Terms Explained:

- **Price Band:**
 - The range within which investors can bid for shares during the IPO. For this IPO, it's ₹100–₹106 per share.
- **Anchor Investors:**
 - Institutional investors who subscribe to shares before the IPO opens to the public, helping build confidence in the offering.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of IPO by Canara HSBC Life Insurance
Announcement date	7 October 2025
IPO dates	Opens: 10 Oct 2025; Closes: 14 Oct 2025; Anchor opens: 9 Oct 2025
Location	PAN India (BSE & NSE)
IPO Size	₹2,517 crore
Price Band	₹100 – ₹106 per equity share
Lot Size	140 shares and multiples thereof
IPO Type	100% Offer for Sale (OFS)
Promoters selling shares	Canara Bank, HSBC Insurance (Asia-Pacific), Punjab National Bank
QIB/Retail/NII split	50% QIBs, 35% Retail, 15% Non-Institutional Investors
Expected Listing Date	17 October 2025
Book-running Lead Managers	SBI Cap, BNP Paribas, HSBC Sec, JM Financial, Motilal Oswal, KFin Technologies
Purpose	Shareholder exit, no fresh capital raising



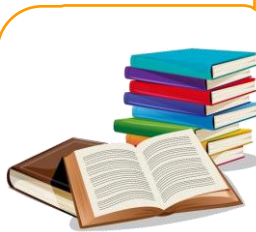
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➤ Which institution received the FICCI Higher Education Excellence Award 2025 for 'Excellence in Creating Employment and Entrepreneurship'?

- A) IIM Kozhikode
- B) NIFT Delhi
- C) KITTS
- D) IGNOU
- E) TISS Mumbai

Answer
C) KITTS

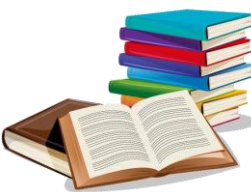


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** KITTS honoured with FICCI Higher Education Excellence Award 2025
- **Location:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- **Date:** 6 October 2025

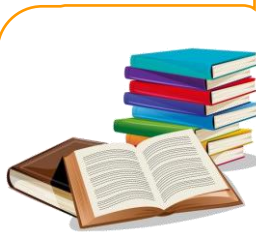


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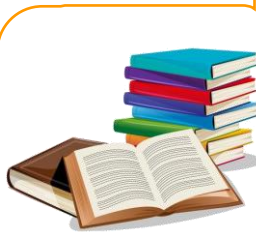
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Kerala Institute for Tourism and Travel Studies (KITTS) received the Special Jury Award under the FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2025 for its outstanding efforts in promoting employment and entrepreneurship.
- **Objectives:**
 - To recognize the contribution of higher education institutions in enhancing human resources development, fostering entrepreneurship, and aligning with industry needs in the tourism and hospitality sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **KITTS (Kerala Institute for Tourism and Travel Studies):**
 - A premier institution under the Kerala Tourism Department, focusing on training, entrepreneurship, and HR development in the tourism and hospitality sector.
- **FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry):**
 - An apex business chamber in India that promotes industry and economic growth. It also recognizes academic excellence through its annual Higher Education Excellence Awards.

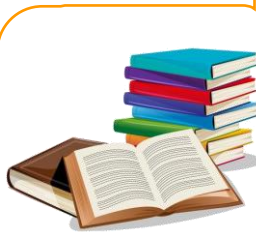


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Important Terms Explained:

- **FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards:**
 - National awards instituted to honour higher education institutions for innovation, entrepreneurship, research excellence, and employability enhancement.

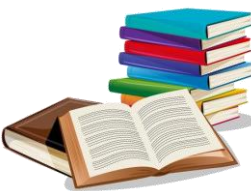


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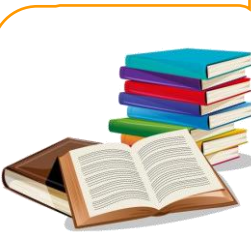
Parameter	Details
Event name	FICCI Special Jury Award to KITTS
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
Policy/series name	FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2025
Key figures	Dileep M.R. (Director, KITTS), Nitin Gadkari (Union Minister)
Purpose/reason	To recognize excellence in employment and entrepreneurship in education
Feature details	KITTS honoured for training and HR initiatives in tourism sector
Validity or status	Award presented at the 20th FICCI Higher Education Summit
Strategic/significant value	Highlights KITTS' national contribution to tourism training and job creation



- India is set to sign a joint defence and security cooperation declaration with which country during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit?

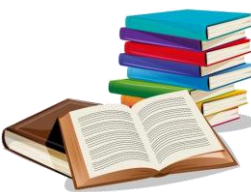
- A) United States
- B) Japan
- C) Australia
- D) France
- E) United Kingdom

Answer
C) Australia



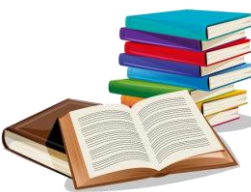
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and Australia to sign a Joint Defence and Security Cooperation Declaration
- **Location:** New Delhi (announcement); planned visit to Australia
- **Date:** 7 October 2025 (announcement)



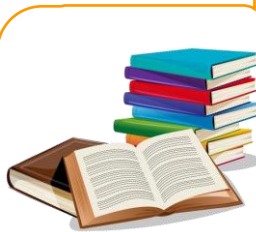
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to visit Australia to sign a Joint Defence and Security Cooperation Declaration, aimed at enhancing strategic collaboration.
- **Objectives:**
 - To strengthen bilateral defence ties, promote defence production collaboration, and support Indo-Pacific stability through coordinated efforts in maritime security, defence manufacturing, and strategic partnerships.



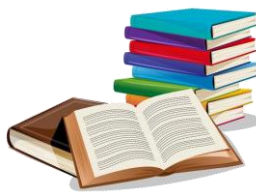
Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Defence and Security Cooperation Declaration:**
 - A formal agreement between two countries to expand collaboration in areas like joint military exercises, defence manufacturing, technology sharing, and strategic regional coordination.
- **Indo-Pacific Stability:**
 - A term that refers to maintaining peace, freedom of navigation, and balance of power in the Indo-Pacific region, a critical geopolitical zone for global trade and security.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Defence Industrial Partnership:**
 - Refers to initiatives between two nations to co-develop or co-produce defence equipment, enhancing self-reliance and reducing dependency on traditional Western suppliers.

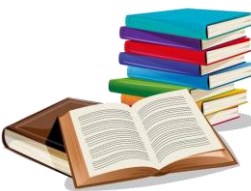


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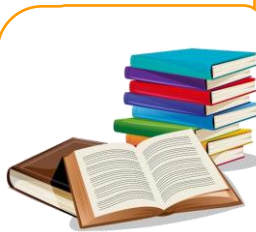
Parameter	Details
Event name	Signing of India-Australia Joint Defence & Security Cooperation Declaration
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	New Delhi (announcement), Australia (planned visit)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, Government of India
Policy/series name	Joint Defence and Security Cooperation Initiative
Key figures	Rajnath Singh (India), Anthony Albanese (Australia)
Purpose/reason	To enhance defence production, strategic coordination, and regional stability
Feature details	Boost defence manufacturing ties, recognise India's growing defence capabilities
Validity or status	Agreement to be signed during official visit
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces India-Australia strategic alignment in the Indo-Pacific



- **What is the objective of the newly launched 'Mhaje Ghar' Yojana in Goa?**
- A) To provide employment to urban youth
 - B) To build new government housing for MLAs
 - C) To grant ownership rights to residents on government and community lands
 - D) To provide free electricity in rural areas
 - E) To promote homestays in tourist zones

Answer

C) To grant ownership rights to residents on government and community lands

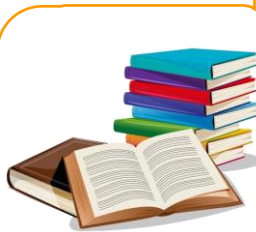


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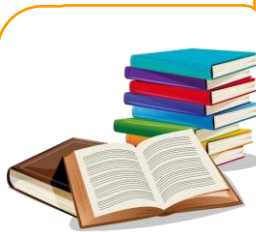
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Mhaje Ghar' Yojana for housing ownership rights in Goa
- **Location:** Taleigao, Goa (Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium)
- **Date:** 7 October 2025



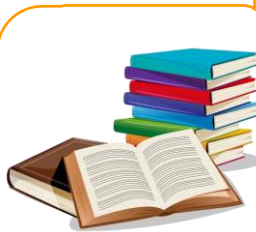
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Goa Government launched the 'Mhaje Ghar' Yojana to regularise houses constructed on government and community lands and to legally transfer ownership rights to long-term occupants.
- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure legal security, dignity, and stability by providing land titles and ownership documentation to over 11 lakh residents, addressing decades-old land regularisation issues.



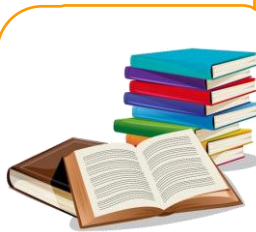
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mhaje Ghar Yojana:**
 - A flagship housing regularisation scheme by the Government of Goa that aims to provide ownership rights to residents living on government or community lands through legal recognition and documentation.
- **Goa Land Revenue Code:**
 - The legal framework in Goa governing land classification, ownership, mutation, and revenue collection; used as part of legal validation in the scheme.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Goa Regularisation of Unauthorized Constructions Act:**
 - State legislation that enables the regularisation of illegal constructions under defined parameters and safety guidelines.
- **Forest Rights Act:**
 - A central legislation providing land and resource rights to traditional forest dwellers, referenced in the context of recognising land rights under this scheme.

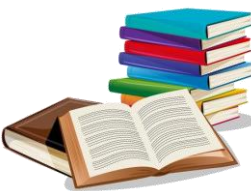


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of 'Mhaje Ghar' Yojana
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Taleigao, Goa
Issuing authority	Government of Goa, launched by Union Home Minister
Policy/series name	Mhaje Ghar Yojana
Key figures	Amit Shah, Dr. Pramod Sawant, Shripad Naik, Atanasio Monserrate
Purpose/reason	To grant legal land ownership to long-time residents on govt/community lands
Feature details	Distribution of ownership documents, application of land and forest acts
Validity or status	Scheme launched and operational
Strategic/significant value	Regularises over 11 lakh homes; aims to benefit ~50% of Goa's population



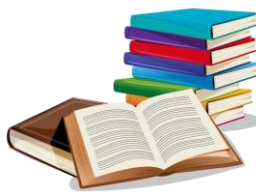
SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



➤ **What has been made mandatory for MGNREGA job card holders in Mysuru Taluk as per the latest directive?**

- A) Mobile number linking
- B) e-KYC update
- C) Aadhaar card renewal
- D) PAN card submission
- E) Ration card validation

Answer
B) e-KYC update

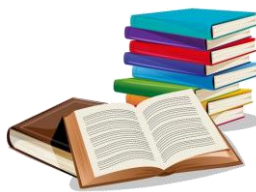


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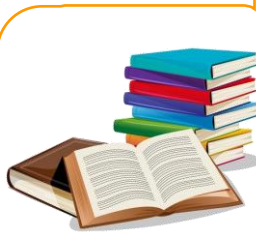
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mandatory e-KYC for MGNREGA job card holders in Mysuru
- **Location:** Mysuru Taluk, Karnataka
- **Date:** 6 October 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Executive Officer C. Krishna announced that e-KYC is compulsory for all active MGNREGA job card holders in Mysuru Taluk. The process is being carried out in all 27 Gram Panchayats.
- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure accurate beneficiary identification, eliminate duplicate entries, enhance transparency, and ensure timely wage disbursement under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA).

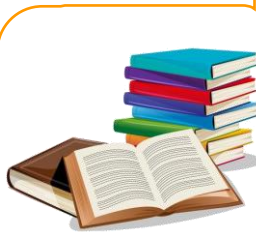


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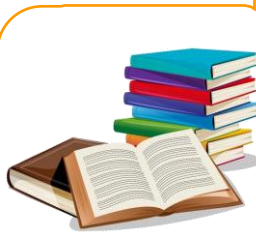
Important Terms Explained:

- **MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act):**
 - A flagship rural employment scheme guaranteeing 100 days of wage employment per year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.
- **e-KYC (Electronic Know Your Customer):**
 - A digital process to verify a person's identity using Aadhaar and biometric/demographic information to ensure authenticity and prevent fraud in government schemes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gram Panchayat:**
 - The grassroots-level institution of governance in India's rural areas, responsible for local administration, including implementation of MGNREGA.

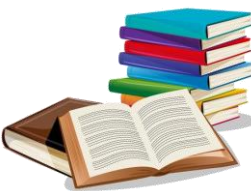


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Mandatory e-KYC for MGNREGA job card holders
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	Mysuru Taluk, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Mysuru Taluk Panchayat
Policy/series name	MGNREGA – Aadhaar/e-KYC Compliance Drive
Key figures	C. Krishna (Executive Officer, Mysuru Taluk Panchayat)
Purpose/reason	To verify identities, avoid fraud, and ensure proper wage disbursement
Feature details	e-KYC drive across 27 Gram Panchayats; document submission required
Validity or status	Active; ongoing implementation
Strategic/significant value	Improves accountability and transparency in rural employment schemes



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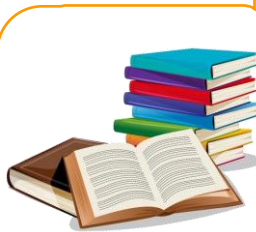


➤ **What major pension-related scheme did the Assam Cabinet approve on October 6, 2025, for state government employees?**

- A) Old Age Pension Scheme
- B) General Provident Scheme
- C) Unified Pension Scheme
- D) Prayas Pension Scheme
- E) Universal Retirement Fund

Answer

C) Unified Pension Scheme

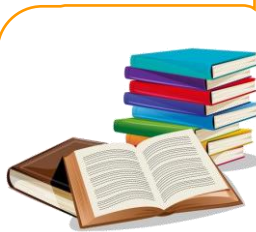


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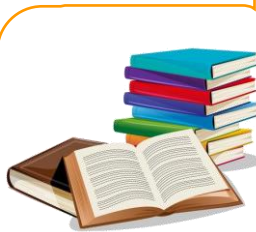
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Assam Cabinet approves Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) and other welfare and infrastructure decisions
- **Location:** Guwahati, Assam
- **Date:** 6 October 2025



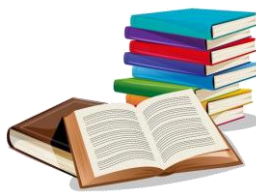
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) was introduced as an option under the National Pension System (NPS) for Assam state government employees.
 - Approval was also granted for multiple infrastructure, healthcare, education, and welfare projects.



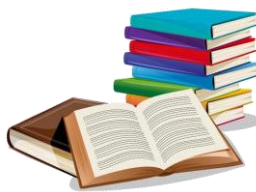
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure old age security for state government employees through a non-market-linked pension option, and to enhance healthcare, rural connectivity, education access, and disaster-resilient infrastructure across Assam.



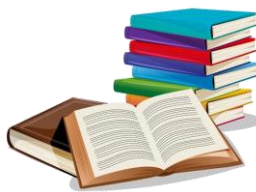
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Pension Scheme (UPS):**
 - A new pension option introduced for Assam government employees under the NPS umbrella, aimed at providing assured retirement benefits not linked to market fluctuations.
- **ASTHA Project (Assam State Tertiary Healthcare Augmentation):**
 - A ₹4,287 crore initiative to improve tertiary care infrastructure, including construction of a new Gauhati Medical College & Hospital campus and enhancement of hospital systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ARRBP (Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Programme):**
 - A ₹4,816.31 crore project focused on building climate-resilient rural bridges to enhance connectivity in disaster-prone areas.
- **Orunodoi 3.0 Scheme:**
 - A Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) welfare scheme in Assam that provides monthly financial support to economically weaker households.

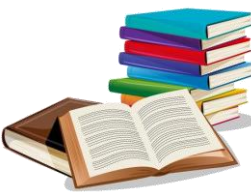


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Assam Cabinet approvals: Unified Pension Scheme, ASTHA, ARRB, Orunodoi 3.0
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	Guwahati, Assam
Issuing authority	Government of Assam
Policy/series name	Unified Pension Scheme, ASTHA, ARRB, Orunodoi 3.0
Key figures	CM Himanta Biswa Sarma
Purpose/reason	To ensure pension security and improve healthcare, infrastructure, education
Feature details	UPS for govt employees, ₹4,287 cr ASTHA project, ₹4,816 cr bridge project, ₹130 cr for bicycles
Validity or status	Cabinet-approved; implementation from October 2025 onwards
Strategic/significant value	Promotes long-term welfare, healthcare access, disaster-resilient infrastructure



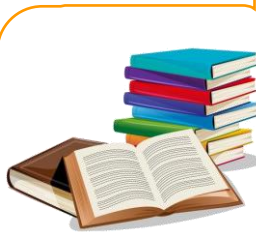
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➤ Which scheme launched in 2019 to promote solar energy use in agriculture is likely to get its implementation deadline extended again?

- A) PM-KUSUM
- B) PM-Surya Urja
- C) National Solar Mission
- D) PM-SAMPADA
- E) Solar Krishi Yojana

Answer
A) PM-KUSUM

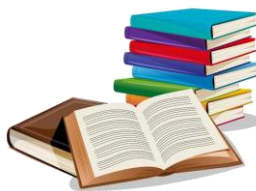


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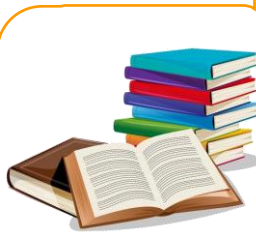
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Union Government likely to extend the deadline for PM-KUSUM Scheme
- **Location:** India (Nationwide)
- **Date:** 7 October 2025



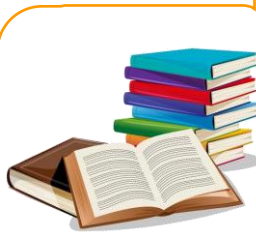
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) may further extend the PM-KUSUM scheme beyond March 2026 due to the poor performance of several components, especially Component A and C.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote solar energy adoption in agriculture, reduce diesel pump usage, increase farmer income, and install a cumulative solar capacity of 34,800 MW, with Central financial support of ₹34,422 crore.



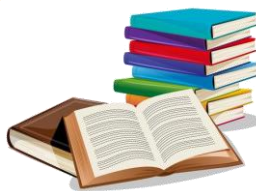
Important Terms Explained:

- **PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan):**
 - A flagship solar energy scheme launched in 2019 aimed at providing financial and infrastructure support to farmers for installing solar power plants and pumps.
- **Component A:**
 - Installation of 10,000 MW of grid-connected small solar power plants on barren/fallow lands.
- **Component B:**
 - Installation of 14 lakh off-grid standalone solar-powered agriculture pumps.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Component C:**
 - Solarisation of 35 lakh grid-connected agriculture pumps, split into:
 - IPS (Individual Pump Solarisation)
 - FLS (Feeder Level Solarisation)
- **MNRE (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy):**
 - Nodal ministry responsible for renewable energy development in India, including solar, wind, hydro, and bioenergy initiatives.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Likely extension of PM-KUSUM Scheme deadline
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Nationwide (India)
Issuing authority	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
Policy/series name	PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan)
Key figures	R. K. Singh (Union Minister for MNRE)
Purpose/reason	Poor implementation progress of Components A and C
Feature details	Component A: 6.5% complete, Component B: 71% complete, Component C: Below 26%
Validity or status	Previously extended to March 2026; further extension likely
Strategic/significant value	Supports solarisation of Indian agriculture, reduces diesel use, empowers farmers



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➤ Which campaign phase has been launched by the Government of India focusing on technology-enabled cleanliness and 'waste to wealth' methodologies?

- A) Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0
- B) Swachhta Abhiyan 4.0
- C) Swachhta Campaign 5.0
- D) Clean India Drive 2025
- E) Mission Green India 2025

Answer

C) Swachhta Campaign 5.0

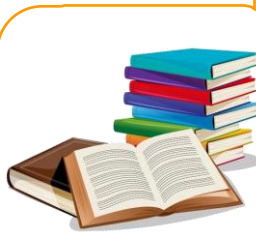


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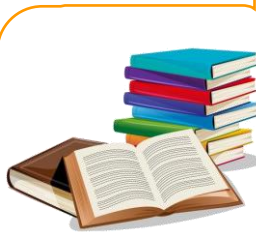
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch and promotion of Swachhta Campaign 5.0 integrating technology and waste-to-wealth initiatives
- **Location:** New Delhi (Central Government Ministries and Departments)
- **Date:** 7 October 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Launch and observance of Special Campaign 5.0 from 2nd to 31st October 2025
 - Incorporation of technology-driven waste management, e-waste recycling, and waste-to-wealth models
 - Ministries encouraged to reduce pendency, improve cleanliness, and promote digital innovation

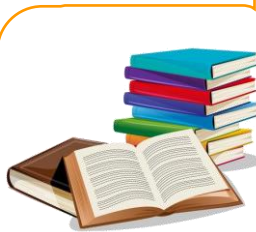


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Promote self-reliance and reduce dependence on imports by encouraging indigenous recycling solutions
 - Transform Swachhta into a daily habit by making it tech-enabled and economically viable
 - Enable ministries and public institutions to adopt digital systems, reprocess e-waste, and improve operational transparency
 - Encourage use of treated wastewater and ethanol from cooking oil as examples of sustainable practices

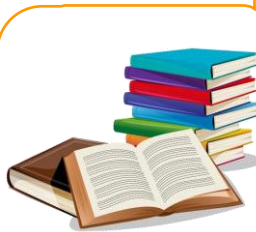


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Swachhta Campaign 5.0:**
 - The fifth phase of the Government of India's annual Special Campaign for Swachhta (cleanliness), being observed from October 2 to 31, 2025 across ministries, with a focus on clean governance, pendency reduction, and tech-led cleanliness initiatives.
- **Waste to Wealth:**
 - A strategy to convert various forms of waste—solid, liquid, or electronic—into usable resources like energy, fuel, fertilizer, or recycled products, contributing to both environmental sustainability and economic value.

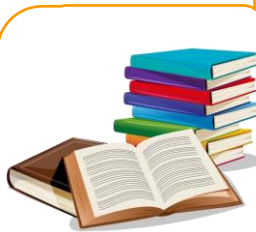


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Important Terms Explained:

- **E-Waste Recycling:**
 - The process of collecting and processing electronic waste (e.g., computers, phones, lab devices) to recover valuable materials and reduce environmental hazards. It supports the circular economy and sustainable development.
- **Digital Innovations in Governance:**
 - Use of system-based dashboards, e-filing, and data analytics for improved service delivery, transparency, and monitoring of public schemes and operations.

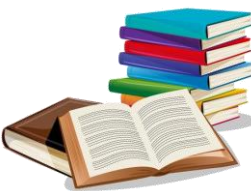


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Swachhta Campaign 5.0
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Nationwide (observed across central ministries and departments)
Issuing authority	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Policy/series name	Special Campaign 5.0
Key figures	Dr. Jitendra Singh, V. Srinivas
Purpose/reason	Promote cleanliness, efficiency, and waste-to-wealth initiatives
Feature details	Lab waste recycling vans, treated wastewater reuse, e-filing, ethanol reuse
Validity or status	Active (October 2–31, 2025)
Strategic significance	Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat and Green India through innovation and tech use



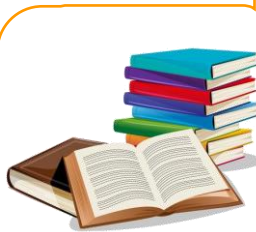
➤ **What is the revised last date for submitting comments on TRAI's draft Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Interconnection (Addressable Systems) (Seventh Amendment) Regulations, 2025?**

- A) 10 October 2025
- B) 12 October 2025
- C) 14 October 2025
- D) 16 October 2025
- E) 18 October 2025



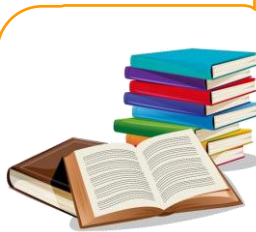
Answer

C) 14 October 2025



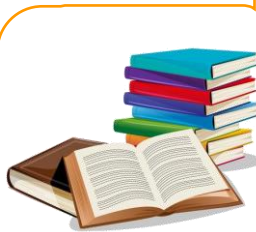
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Extension of deadline for stakeholder comments on TRAI's draft cable regulations
- **Location:** India (National Jurisdiction)
- **Date:** 7 October 2025 (Extension Announced)



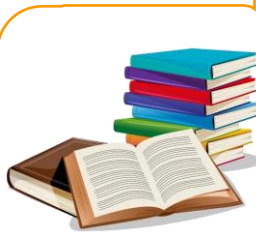
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) extended the deadline for receiving written stakeholder comments on the Seventh Amendment of the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Interconnection (Addressable Systems) Regulations, 2025.
- **Objectives:**
 - To allow more time for stakeholders to provide feedback and ensure wider public consultation on the regulatory framework for addressable systems in the broadcasting and cable sector.



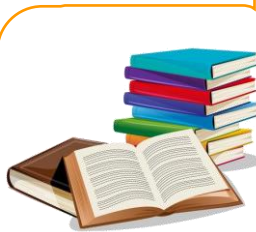
Important Terms Explained:

- **TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India):**
 - A statutory body established to regulate telecom services in India, including broadcasting and cable services, ensuring transparency, fairness, and consumer protection.
- **Interconnection Regulations (Addressable Systems):**
 - A set of TRAI regulations that govern how broadcasters and distributors (like cable operators and DTH providers) interact, focusing on pricing, transparency, and access in addressable TV systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Seventh Amendment, 2025:**
 - The latest draft proposal by TRAI to amend existing interconnection regulations, currently under consultation to receive industry and public feedback before implementation.

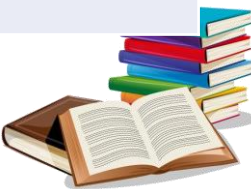


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Extension for submission of comments on TRAI draft regulations
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Policy/series name	Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Interconnection (Addressable Systems) (Seventh Amendment) Regulations, 2025
Key figures	Dr. Deepali Sharma (Advisor B&CS), Ms. Sapna Sharma (Joint Advisor B&CS)
Purpose/reason	To provide additional time for stakeholder feedback
Feature details	Extended deadline for written comments via email; final date is 14 October 2025
Validity or status	Consultation in progress
Strategic/significant value	Promotes transparency and inclusive regulatory development in broadcasting sector

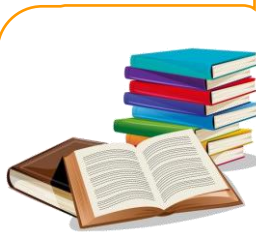


➤ **Where was Arunachal Pradesh's first commercial coal mine inaugurated in October 2025?**

- A) Roing
- B) Tawang
- C) Namchik-Namphuk
- D) Bomdila
- E) Aalo

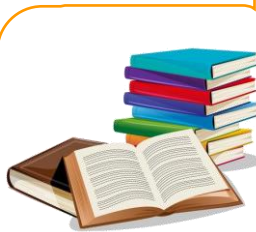
Answer

C) Namchik-Namphuk



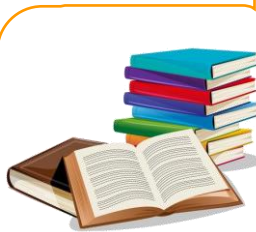
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Arunachal Pradesh's first commercial coal mine
- **Location:** Namchik-Namphuk, Longtom, Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh
- **Date:** 6 October 2025



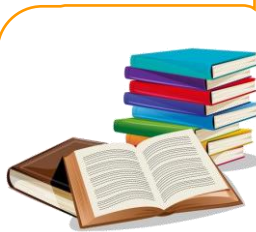
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Namchik-Namphuk coal mine was formally inaugurated with the handover of the mining lease and the ceremonial flag-off of operations by Union Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy and CM Pema Khandu.
- **Objectives:**
 - To initiate resource-based economic growth in Arunachal Pradesh, generate over ₹100 crore in annual revenue, create jobs, and develop local industries through coal extraction and allied operations.



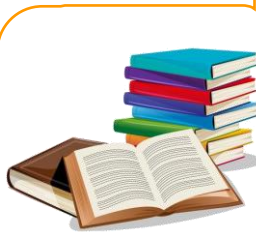
Important Terms Explained:

- **Namchik-Namphuk Coal Mine:**
 - Arunachal Pradesh's first commercial coal mining operation, located in Changlang district, with an estimated reserve of 1.5 crore tonnes of coal.
- **District Mineral Fund (DMF):**
 - A statutory fund where a portion of mining revenue is allocated for the welfare of people affected by mining operations, especially in mineral-rich districts.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility):**
 - Mandatory initiatives undertaken by companies to contribute to social development. The mine's CSR includes programs in education, healthcare, and employment for local villagers.
- **North Eastern Coalfields:**
 - A unit of Coal India Limited, whose operations were previously active in the region but ceased in 1996, leading to the suspension of mining in Namchik-Namphuk until this revival.

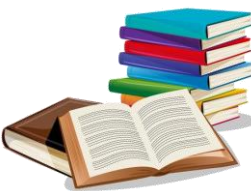


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Arunachal's first commercial coal mine
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	Namchik-Namphuk, Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh
Issuing authority	Union Ministry of Coal & Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Policy/series name	Commercial Mining Operations
Key figures	G. Kishan Reddy, Pema Khandu, Naveen Singhal
Purpose/reason	To generate revenue, employment, and local industrial development
Feature details	Lease handover, CSR launch, industry plans, coal-based economic initiatives
Validity or status	Mine operations commenced with clearances in place
Strategic/significant value	Revives mining in the region after 1996; key to energy, revenue, and infrastructure growth

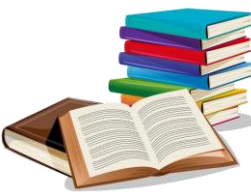


➤ What is the name of the first operational stretch of the Patna Metro Rail inaugurated in October 2025?

- A) Patliputra Corridor
- B) Express Route
- C) Central Metro Line
- D) Priority Corridor
- E) Urban Loop Line

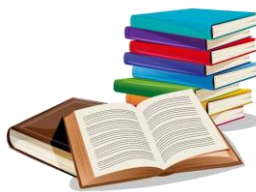
Answer

D) Priority Corridor



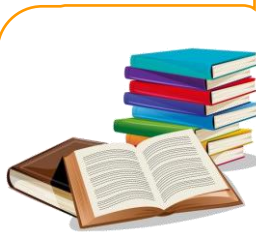
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the first phase of the Patna Metro Rail Service
- **Location:** Patna, Bihar
- **Date:** 8 October 2025



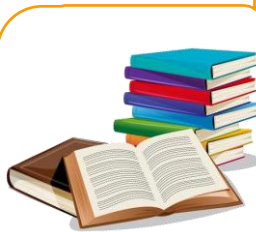
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the Priority Corridor of the Patna Metro, covering 3.6 km between New Pataliputra Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) and Bhootnath Station.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance urban mobility, reduce traffic congestion in Patna, and introduce safe, efficient, and modern rapid transit infrastructure for the city's residents.



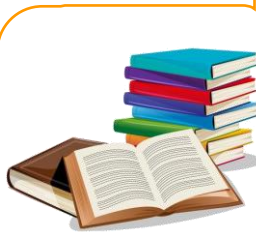
Important Terms Explained:

- **Priority Corridor:**
 - The first operational stretch of the Patna Metro, a 3.6 km elevated route from ISBT to Bhootnath Station, marking the beginning of metro rail operations in Bihar.
- **Patna Metro Rail Project:**
 - A major infrastructure project launched by PM Narendra Modi in February 2019, aimed at transforming Patna's public transport system with multiple metro lines.



Important Terms Explained:

- **B-SAP (Bihar State Auxiliary Police):**
 - A state paramilitary police force entrusted with providing security for metro operations, ensuring commuter safety and infrastructure protection.

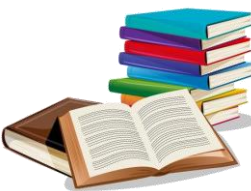


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Patna Metro Rail (Phase 1)
Announcement date	8 October 2025
Location	Patna, Bihar
Issuing authority	Government of Bihar
Policy/series name	Patna Metro Rail Project – Priority Corridor
Key figures	CM Nitish Kumar, PM Narendra Modi (project launched 2019)
Purpose/reason	To provide rapid transit and reduce urban traffic in Patna
Feature details	3.6 km elevated corridor, 3-coach trains, 900 passenger capacity
Validity or status	Phase 1 operational; public service starts from 9 October 2025
Strategic/significant value	First metro line in Bihar; key to Patna's infrastructure and mobility improvement

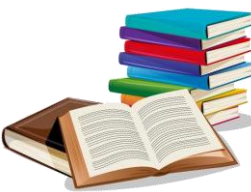


- Which Indian state aims to become a zero-garbage state by January 1, 2026, as announced by CM Chandrababu Naidu?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Telangana
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Maharashtra

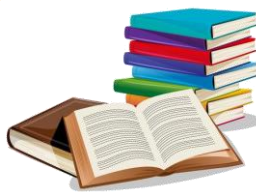
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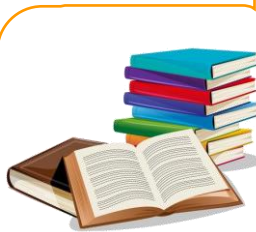
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh announces goal to become a zero-garbage state
- **Location:** Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 6 October 2025



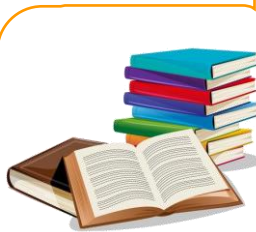
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced that Andhra Pradesh will become a zero-garbage state by January 1, 2026, during the Swachha Andhra Awards 2025 ceremony.
- **Objectives:**
 - To transform the state's urban and rural areas through solid waste management, eliminate accumulated garbage, reverse neglect from previous administrations, and promote cleanliness and hygiene across Andhra Pradesh.



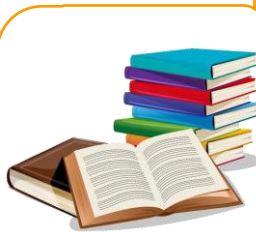
Important Terms Explained:

- **Zero-Garbage State:**
 - A goal where all municipal solid waste is either processed, recycled, or scientifically disposed of, ensuring no visible garbage in public spaces or dumping sites.
- **Swachha Andhra Awards:**
 - A state-level initiative recognizing the best-performing local bodies and institutions in implementing cleanliness, sanitation, and waste management practices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Garbage Tax:**
 - A levy reportedly introduced by the previous administration to manage waste collection, which, according to the current CM, failed to achieve proper waste disposal and led to accumulation.

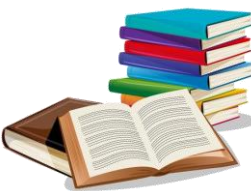


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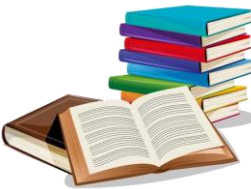
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Andhra Pradesh's declaration to become a zero-garbage state
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of Andhra Pradesh
Policy/series name	Swachha Andhra initiative
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu
Purpose/reason	To ensure effective waste management and eliminate accumulated garbage
Feature details	Target date: January 1, 2026; 85 lakh MT of legacy waste to be cleared
Validity or status	Target set; implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Supports Swachh Bharat Mission and public health improvement in Andhra Pradesh



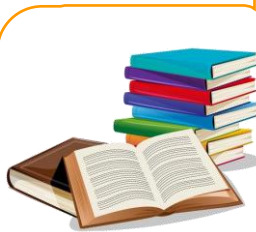
- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Odisha
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Bihar

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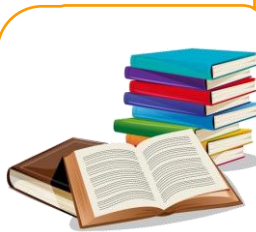
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- **Event:** Announcement of a ₹1,100 crore development package and urban upgrades for Nuapada district
- **Location:** Nuapada, Odisha
- **Date:** 6 October 2025



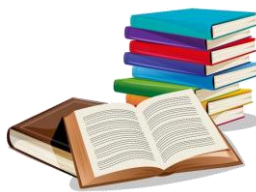
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi announced a ₹1,100 crore development package for Nuapada district and approved the urban status upgradation of three key areas ahead of the November 11 by-election.
- **Objectives:**
 - To accelerate regional development, boost infrastructure, provide urban facilities to rural areas, and strengthen public support in Nuapada ahead of the assembly bypoll following the demise of MLA Rajendra Dholakia.



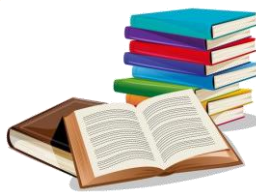
Important Terms Explained:

- **Notified Area Council (NAC):**
 - An urban administrative body for a town that is in transition from a rural to urban area; upgraded to municipality status as part of this package.
- **Development Package:**
 - A planned government investment initiative to improve infrastructure, civic amenities, and economic opportunities in a particular district or region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bypoll (By-election):**
 - An election held to fill a political office that has become vacant between general elections, in this case, due to the passing of Rajendra Dholakia, former MLA from Nuapada.

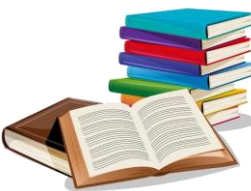


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	₹1,100 crore development package for Nuapada
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	Nuapada, Odisha
Issuing authority	Government of Odisha
Policy/series name	Nuapada District Development & Urban Upgradation Initiative
Key figures	CM Mohan Majhi, Late Rajendra Dholakia
Purpose/reason	Development of Nuapada and urban upgrade before the bypoll
Feature details	NAC status for Komna, creation of Sinapali NAC, Khariar Road upgraded to municipality
Validity or status	Cabinet-approved; projects to be implemented before and after bypoll
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens local infrastructure and civic services in a backward region



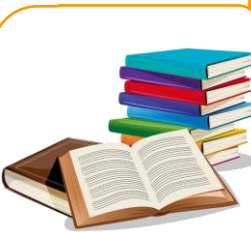
➤ **Where was India's first Cybersecurity Finishing School launched by CySeck on October 6, 2025?**

- A) IIT Madras
- B) NIT Trichy
- C) IISc Bengaluru
- D) IIIT Hyderabad
- E) BITS Pilani



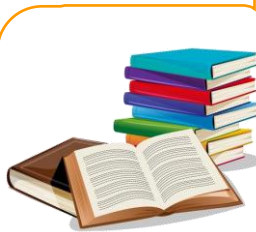
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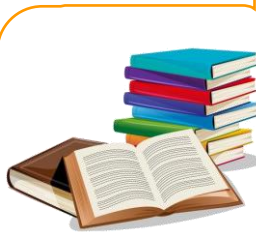
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's first Cybersecurity Finishing School by CySeck
- **Location:** Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Date:** 6 October 2025



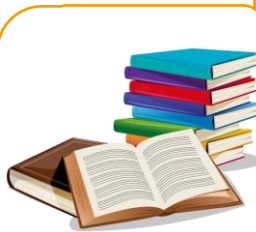
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Centre of Excellence for Cybersecurity-Karnataka (CySecK) launched the Cybersecurity Finishing School and commenced training with the first cohort of 50 selected students.
- **Objectives:**
 - To bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry needs in the cybersecurity sector by offering hands-on, advanced technical training and industry-relevant skills to aspiring cybersecurity professionals.



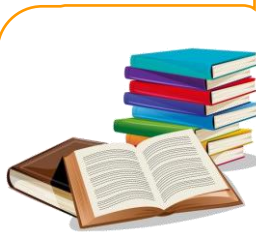
Important Terms Explained:

- **CySecK (Centre of Excellence for Cybersecurity – Karnataka):**
 - An initiative supported by the Government of Karnataka to promote cybersecurity innovation, research, and skill development, hosted at IISc, Bengaluru.
- **Cybersecurity Finishing School:**
 - A specialised training program designed to "finish" or polish students with practical, real-world cybersecurity knowledge, making them job-ready for the growing cybersecurity industry.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IISc (Indian Institute of Science):**
 - A premier research institution in India, located in Bengaluru, known for advanced scientific and technological education and research.



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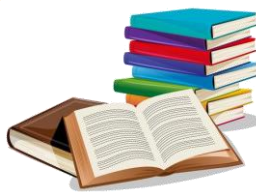
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of CySecK's first Cybersecurity Finishing School
Announcement date	6 October 2025
Location	IISc, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Issuing authority	Centre of Excellence for Cybersecurity – Karnataka (CySecK)
Policy/series name	Cybersecurity Finishing School Initiative
Key figures	50 selected students, CySecK, IISc
Purpose/reason	To develop industry-ready cybersecurity professionals
Feature details	Hands-on, advanced technical training for graduates in cybersecurity
Validity or status	First cohort launched; program commenced
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's growing need for cybersecurity talent and digital defence



➤ How much total assistance has the Centre approved from NDRF for Assam and Gujarat for 2024 flood and landslip damages?

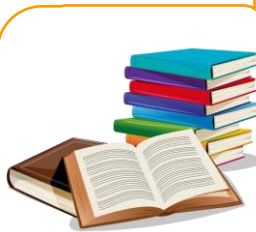
- A) ₹500 crore
- B) ₹707.97 crore
- C) ₹600 crore
- D) ₹800 crore
- E) ₹450 crore

Answer
B) ₹707.97 crore



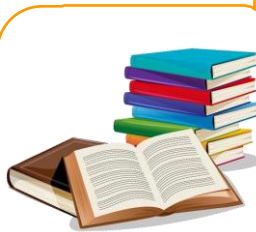
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Central Government approves ₹707.97 crore for flood and landslip relief in Assam and Gujarat
- **Location:** Assam and Gujarat, India
- **Date:** 7 October 2025 (Approval Announced)



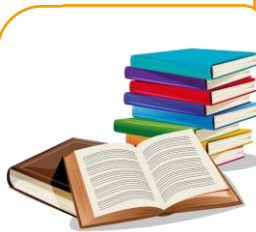
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - A High-Level Committee (HLC) chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah approved ₹707.97 crore of additional central assistance for Assam and Gujarat, which were affected by floods and landslides in 2024.
- **Objectives:**
 - To support post-disaster relief and rehabilitation efforts in the affected regions through financial assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), aiding infrastructure recovery, compensation, and immediate relief.



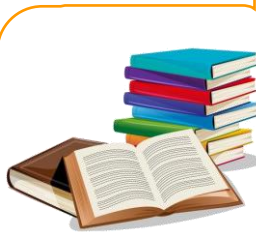
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF):**
 - A Central fund constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, used to provide relief and rehabilitation assistance during severe natural disasters when State Disaster Response Funds (SDRFs) fall short.
- **High-Level Committee (HLC):**
 - A central government committee chaired by the Union Home Minister, responsible for evaluating and approving additional disaster relief funds for states based on recommendations from inter-ministerial teams.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Flood and Landslip Relief Assistance:**
 - Financial aid provided by the Centre to help states deal with natural calamities like floods and landslides, covering rescue operations, temporary shelters, medical assistance, and infrastructure restoration.



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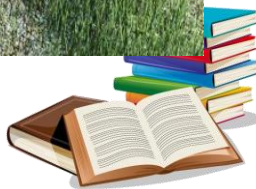
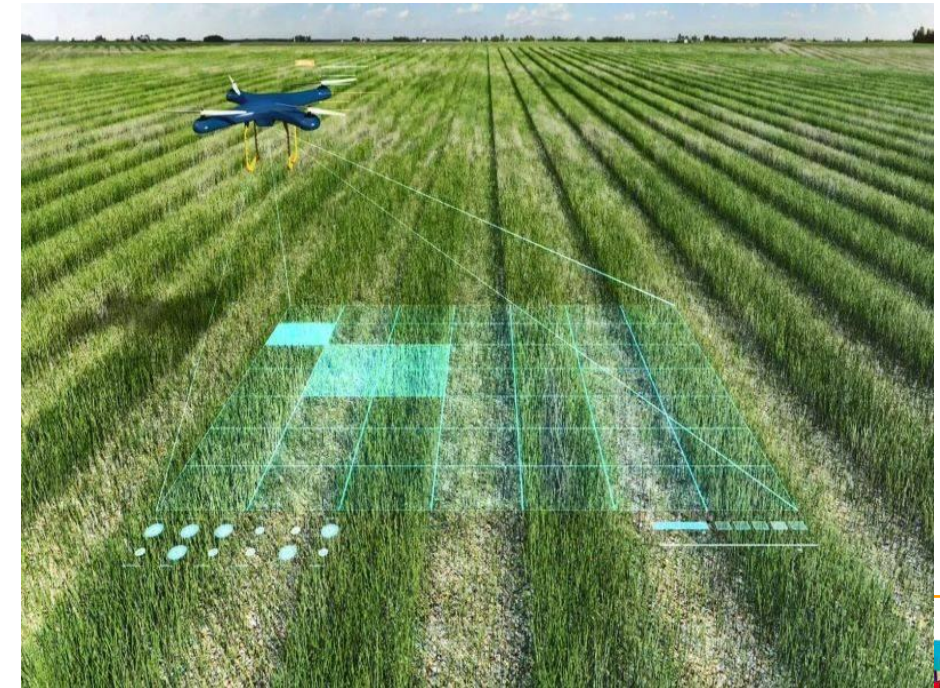
Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of ₹707.97 crore disaster relief fund for Assam and Gujarat
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Assam and Gujarat
Issuing authority	High-Level Committee, Ministry of Home Affairs
Policy/series name	National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)
Key figures	Amit Shah (Union Home Minister)
Purpose/reason	To provide post-disaster relief for 2024 floods and landslides
Feature details	₹313.69 crore for Assam, ₹394.28 crore for Gujarat
Validity or status	Approved and disbursal underway
Strategic/significant value	Supports disaster-hit states with critical financial aid and rehabilitation efforts



➤ Which Indian state is aiming to lead in digital agriculture by leveraging AI, IoT, and data systems, as per its IT Minister in October 2025?

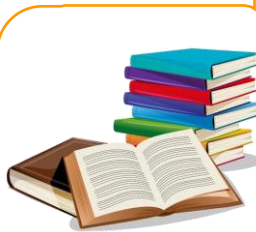
- A) Karnataka
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- C) Telangana
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Gujarat

Answer
C) Telangana



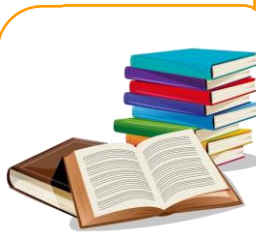
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Telangana government expresses vision to lead in digital agriculture innovation
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana
- **Date:** 7 October 2025



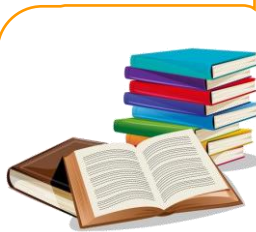
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Telangana IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu met with representatives of Germany's Fraunhofer Heinrich Hertz Institute (HHI) to discuss collaboration in digital agriculture technologies.
- **Objectives:**
 - To make agriculture more profitable, sustainable, and climate-resilient using Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and advanced data-driven systems, while reducing input costs and chemical usage.



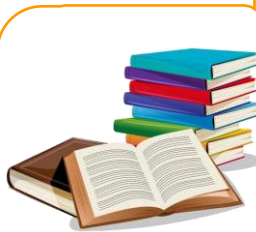
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Agriculture:**
 - The integration of modern technologies such as AI, IoT, drones, satellite data, and big data analytics to improve farming efficiency, sustainability, and crop productivity.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):**
 - A branch of computer science that enables machines to mimic human intelligence, used in agriculture for predictive analytics, pest detection, yield forecasting, etc.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Internet of Things (IoT):**
 - A network of connected devices that collect and exchange data. In agriculture, IoT enables soil sensors, climate monitors, and smart irrigation systems.
- **Fraunhofer Heinrich Hertz Institute (HHI):**
 - A German research institution under the Fraunhofer Society, specializing in digital signal processing, communication technologies, and applied innovation, now exploring collaborations in Indian agriculture.

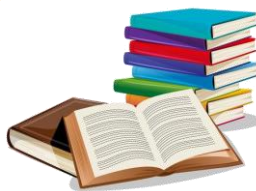


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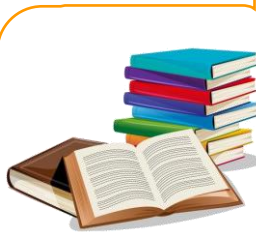
Parameter	Details
Event name	Telangana's initiative to lead in digital agriculture
Announcement date	7 October 2025
Location	Hyderabad, Telangana
Issuing authority	Government of Telangana
Policy/series name	Digital Agriculture Mission (Telangana Vision)
Key figures	D. Sridhar Babu (IT & Industries Minister), Fraunhofer HHI representatives
Purpose/reason	To reduce farming costs, increase profitability, and enhance climate resilience
Feature details	Focus on AI, IoT, data systems, international collaboration
Validity or status	Ongoing collaboration and strategic discussions
Strategic/significant value	Aims to position Telangana as a national and global hub for smart agriculture



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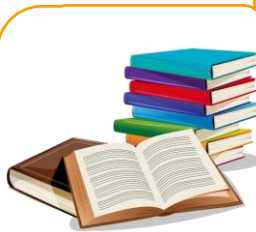
- **World Cotton Day is celebrated every year on October 7 to highlight the global economic, social, and environmental value of cotton.**
- **India observed World Cerebral Palsy Day 2025 on October 6 through nationwide events led by the DEPwD.**
- **India began their BWF World Junior Championships 2025 campaign with a dominant 45-18, 45-17 win over Nepal.**
- **RBI has granted FIDC the status of the first Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for NBFCs under the Omnibus Framework.**
- **India will soon launch a digital currency backed by the Reserve Bank of India, Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced in Doha.**
- **ICICI Bank launched the Corporate Sapphire Forex Card, Asia's first prepaid Visa Infinite card, for business travellers.**
- **SBI General Insurance launched Health Alpha, a highly customizable health plan with over 50 add-on options.**
- **Thiagarajar College of Engineering signed an MoU with Bajaj Auto Limited on 7 October 2025 to launch a skill training centre.**
- **ONGC has received environmental clearance to invest ₹8,110 crore in developing 172 onshore oil and gas wells in Andhra Pradesh.**



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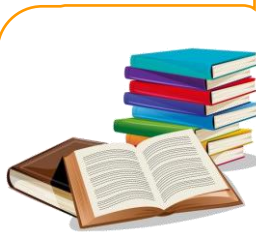
- Canara HSBC Life Insurance will launch its ₹2,517 crore IPO from October 10 to 14, 2025.
- KITTS received the FICCI Special Jury Award 2025 for excellence in creating employment and entrepreneurship.
- India and Australia will sign a Joint Defence and Security Cooperation Declaration during Rajnath Singh's upcoming visit.
- Tamil Nadu aims to attract ₹75,000 crore in investments under the Defence Industrial Corridor by 2032.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched Goa's flagship 'Mhaje Ghar' Yojana to regularise houses built on government and community lands.
- e-KYC has been made compulsory for all active MGNREGA job card holders in Mysuru Taluk.
- The Assam Cabinet approved the Unified Pension Scheme under NPS for state government employees to ensure assured old age security.
- The Central Government is likely to extend the PM-KUSUM scheme deadline beyond March 2026 due to poor progress.
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized technology-led 'waste to wealth' models under Swachhta Campaign 5.0.



QUICK RECALL



- **TRAI has extended the deadline for submitting comments on its draft cable and broadcasting regulations to 14 October 2025.**
- **Arunachal Pradesh launched its first-ever commercial coal mine at Namchik-Namphuk in Changlang district.**
- **Bihar CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated the first phase of the Patna Metro Rail Service on 8 October 2025.**
- **Andhra Pradesh aims to become a zero-garbage state by January 1, 2026, according to CM Chandrababu Naidu.**
- **Odisha CM Mohan Majhi announced a ₹1,100 crore development package for Nuapada on 6 October 2025.**
- **CySecK has launched India's first Cybersecurity Finishing School at IISc Bengaluru on 6 October 2025.**
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- **Telangana aims to lead the country in digital agriculture using AI, IoT, and advanced data analytics.**



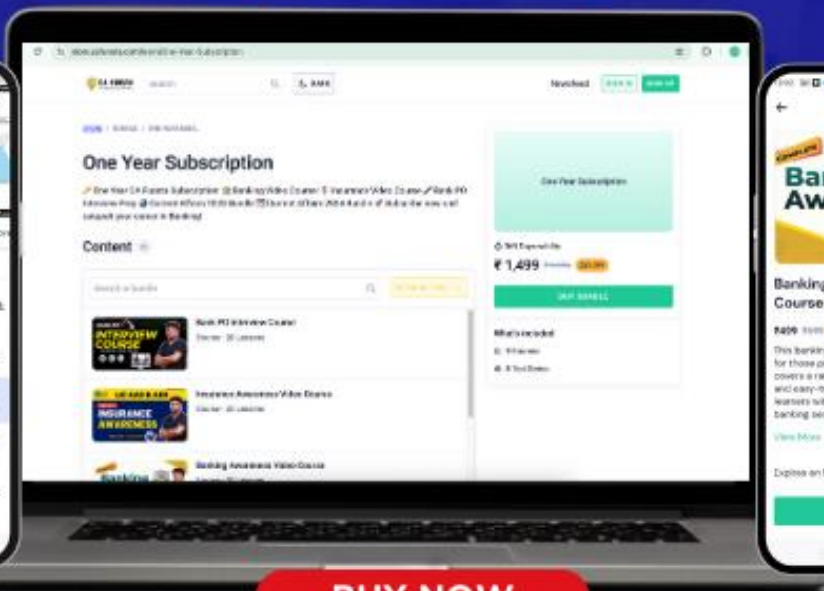
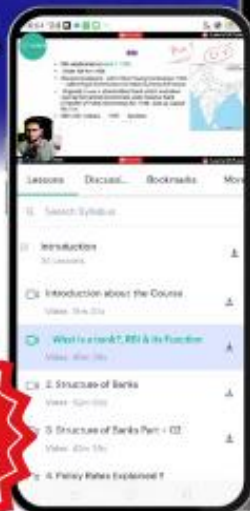


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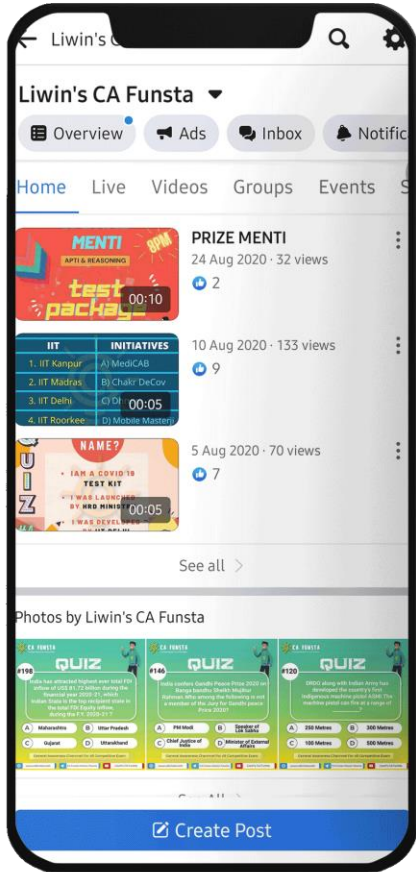
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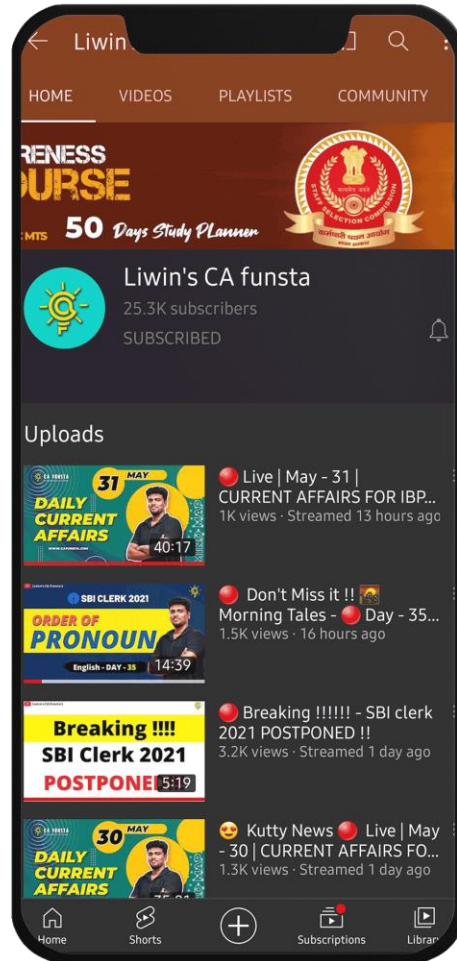


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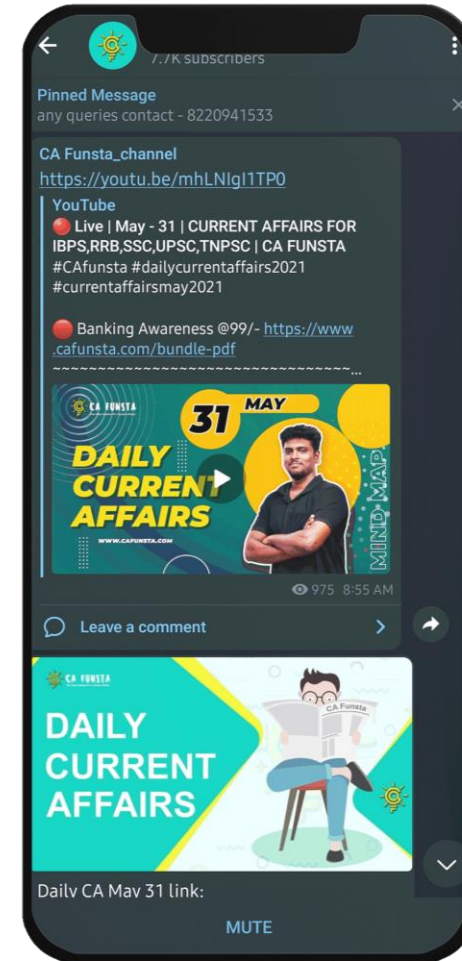
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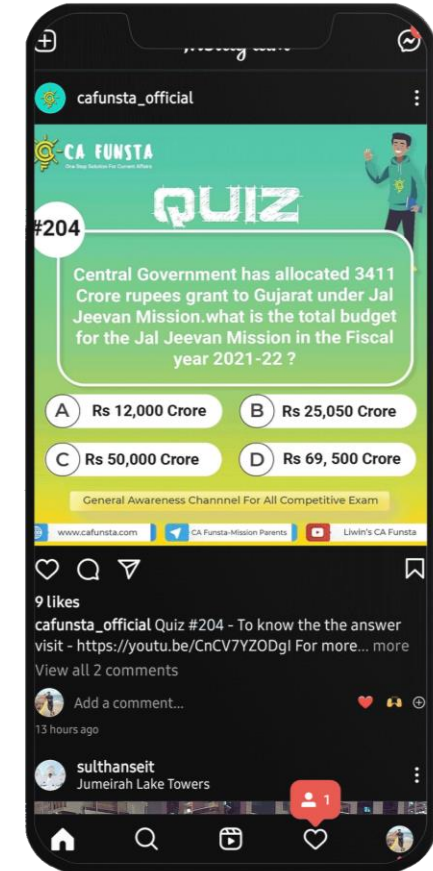
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