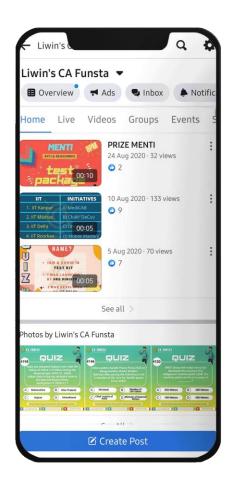
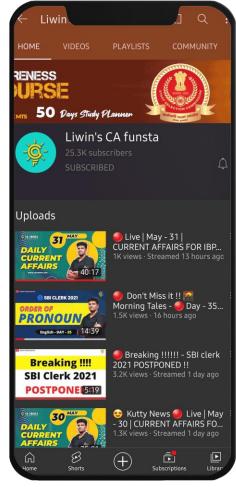


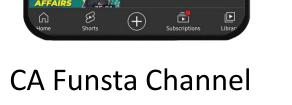
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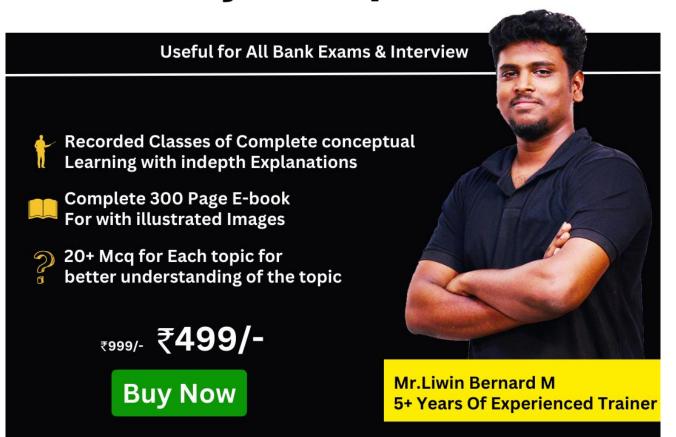


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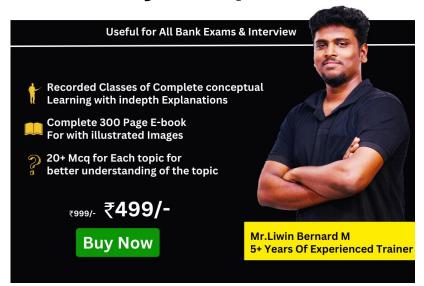
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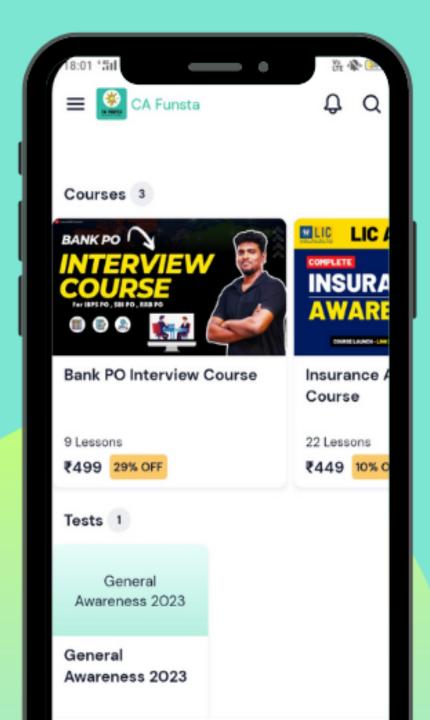
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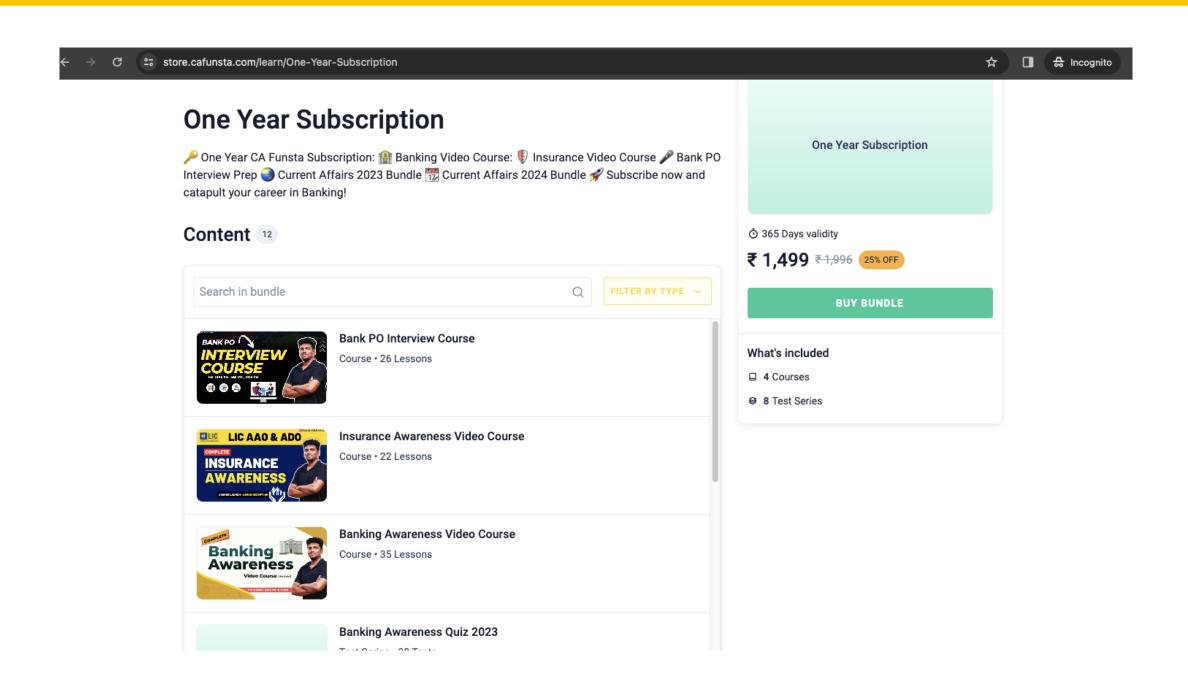


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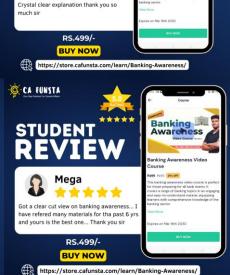






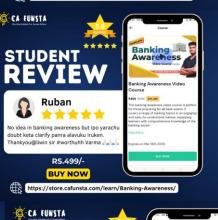






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➤ Which official inaugurated the CPR Awareness Week (13-17 October 2025) organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?

- A) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
- B) Dr V K Paul
- C) Smt Punya Salila Srivastava
- D) Shri Rajesh Bhushan
- E) Smt Apurva Chandra

**Answer** 

C) Smt Punya Salila Srivastava







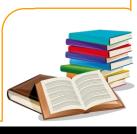


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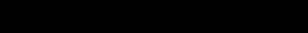
- **Event:** Inauguration of CPR Awareness Week (13–17 October 2025) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Location: Nationwide (India), with inaugural event held in New Delhi.
- **Date:** 13 October 2025



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# **Mandates and Objectives:**

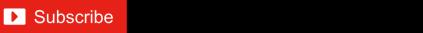
#### Mandates:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated a national CPR Awareness Week (13-17 October 2025) to promote hands-on training and community participation in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) through demonstrations, expert talks, and awareness activities.



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#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

The objective of CPR Awareness Week is to build public capability in performing CPR, ensuring that every household, school, office, and public space has at least one trained person. It aims to reduce mortality from sudden cardiac arrests, especially those occurring outside hospitals, and to enhance bystander intervention through awareness and skill-building activities.







# **Important Terms Explained:**

#### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR):

 A lifesaving emergency procedure that helps restore blood flow and oxygen to the brain and vital organs during cardiac arrest by performing chest compressions and rescue breaths.

#### Hands-only CPR:

 A simplified form of CPR focusing only on continuous chest compressions without mouthto-mouth breathing, allowing even untrained individuals to help sustain a person's life until professional medical help arrives.









#### **Important Terms Explained:**

- **MyGov and MyBharat Platforms:** 
  - Digital citizen-engagement platforms by the Government of India. For CPR Awareness Week, these platforms host the online CPR pledge and quiz to encourage nationwide participation and learning.







# **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	CPR Awareness Week 2025
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	Nationwide (India), inaugural event in New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)
Policy/series name	CPR Awareness Week Initiative
Key figures	Smt Punya Salila Srivastava (Union Health Secretary), Dr Mansukh Mandaviya (Health Minister)
Purpose/reason	To build CPR awareness and training capacity across India
Feature details	Pledge ceremonies, live demonstrations, expert sessions, panel discussions, online CPR pledge & quiz
Validity or status	Observed from 13-17 October 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes lifesaving CPR knowledge and improves survival outcomes in cardiac emergencies





➤ Who became the first player in women's ODIs to score 1,000 runs in a calendar year and the youngest and fastest to reach 5,000 runs in WODIs?

- A) Suzie Bates
- B) Stafanie Taylor
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Smriti Mandhana
- E) Mithali Raj

Answer
D) Smriti Mandhana











#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Smriti Mandhana creates history by scoring 1,000 runs in a calendar year and crossing 5,000 runs in Women's ODIs (WODIs).
- Location: ACA-VDCA International Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam, India
- **Date:** 12 October 2025









## **Mandates and Objectives:**

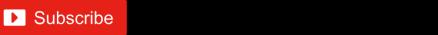
#### **Mandates:**

During the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 group match against Australia, Indian vice-captain Smriti Mandhana became the first cricketer in women's ODI history to score 1,000 runs in a single calendar year.



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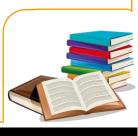




## **Mandates and Objectives:**

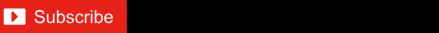
#### **Objectives:**

This achievement reflects India's growing dominance in women's cricket and highlights Mandhana's consistency, technique, and leadership. It also strengthens India's position in the Women's World Cup 2025, showcasing her as one of the most impactful players in modern cricket.



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#### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **WODI (Women's One Day International):**

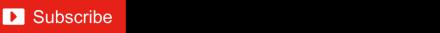
 A limited-overs cricket format for women's international teams, with each side facing up to 50 overs. Performances in WODIs are recorded officially by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

#### **ICC Women's World Cup 2025:**

The premier global tournament for women's cricket, organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC), where top international teams compete in the 50-over format.









#### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **Smriti Mandhana:**

An Indian left-handed opening batter and vicecaptain of the national women's team, renowned for her elegant stroke play. She became the youngest and fastest player to reach 5,000 WODI runs, surpassing legends Stafanie Taylor (129 innings) and Suzie Bates (6,182 balls).

#### **Belinda Clark:**

Former Australian captain who previously held the record for most WODI runs in a calendar year (970 runs in 1997), now broken by Mandhana's 1,000+ tally.









# **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Smriti Mandhana scores 1,000 runs in a calendar year and crosses 5,000 WODI runs
Announcement date	12 October 2025
Location	ACA-VDCA International Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam, India
Issuing authority	ICC / Indian Women's Cricket Team
Policy/series name	ICC Women's World Cup 2025
Key figures	Smriti Mandhana (Vice-Captain, India Women)
Purpose/reason	Record-breaking performance recognizing Mandhana's excellence in international women's cricket
Feature details	1,000 runs in a year; 5,000 total WODI runs in 112 innings and 5,569 balls
Validity or status	Achieved during India vs Australia group match
Strategic/significant value	Establishes Mandhana as the fastest and youngest to 5,000 WODI runs and first to 1,000 in a calendar year





Which team defeated Indian Navy XI by five wickets in the cricket match held at Waltair Railway Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam?

- A) South Coast Railway XI
- B) DRM Waltair XI
- C) Eastern Railway XI
- D) Visakhapatnam Port Trust XI
- E) Indian Railways XI

Answer
B) DRM Waltair XI









#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Cricket match between DRM Waltair XI and Indian Navy XI, part of a friendly competitive fixture.
- Location: Waltair Railway Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date: 12 October 2025**



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#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

The DRM Waltair XI team participated in an interorganizational cricket match against Indian Navy XI to foster sportsmanship and camaraderie between civil and defense institutions in Visakhapatnam.

#### **Objectives:**

The match aimed to promote sporting culture, enhance team coordination and morale, and strengthen community engagement through friendly sports events between Indian Railways and Indian Navy personnel.









#### **Important Terms Explained:**

- DRM Waltair (Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair Division):
  - Part of the East Coast Railway Zone, Waltair
    Division oversees railway operations in and
    around Visakhapatnam and encourages
    employee welfare activities including sports and
    community outreach.
- Indian Navy XI:
  - The cricket team representing the Indian Navy's
     Eastern Naval Command, headquartered in
     Visakhapatnam, regularly participates in regional sports tournaments and inter-institutional matches.







#### **Important Terms Explained:**

- Waltair Railway Cricket Stadium:
  - A sports facility managed by the Waltair Division of Indian Railways, used for organizing interdepartmental and public sports events in Visakhapatnam.







# **Tabular Summary:**

Details Details
Cricket Match: DRM Waltair XI vs Indian Navy XI
12 October 2025
Waltair Railway Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
East Coast Railway (Waltair Division)
Inter-Institutional Friendly Cricket Match
Ashok Mummana (27*), Surya (22*), Avinash (26), Ganesh Siriki (20), K. Pavan Kumar (Senior DCM, Waltair Division)
o promote sportsmanship and institutional bonding between Indian Railways and Indian Navy
DRM Waltair XI chased the target in 17 overs; won by five wickets
Match completed successfully on 12 October 2025

Strategic/significant value Strengthens civil-defense coordination through sports and team-building initiatives







Which Indian squash player won the Japan Open 2025 women's title by defeating Egypt's Haya Ali in the final?

- A) Tanvi Khanna
- B) Anahat Singh
- C) Joshna Chinappa
- D) Dipika Pallikal Karthik
- E) Sunayna Kuruvilla

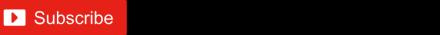
**Answer** C) Joshna Chinappa





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#### **Event and Location:**

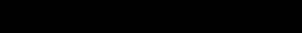
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• Event: Japan Open 2025 (PSA Challenger) – Women's Final

• Location: Yokohama, Japan

• **Date**: 13 October 2025







# **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

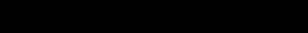
Indian squash veteran Joshna Chinappa won her 11th PSA Tour title by defeating Egypt's Haya Ali in the final of the Japan Open 2025, a USD 15,000 Challenger event. She secured victory in four games with scores of 11-5, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8, completing the win in 38 minutes.

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#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### . Objectives:

 The win highlights India's continued excellence in international squash, showcasing Joshna's resilience and experience on the global stage. The event aims to promote emerging and professional squash players through competitive PSA Challenger tournaments worldwide.









#### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### PSA (Professional Squash Association):

 The global governing body for professional squash players, organizing world tour events and ranking tournaments across multiple tiers, including Challenger, Silver, Gold, and Platinum events.

#### PSA Challenger Tour:

 A series of tournaments designed to help emerging and mid-level players gain experience, ranking points, and exposure on the PSA circuit. The Japan Open 2025 was a USD 15,000 Challenger event.









#### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### Joshna Chinappa:

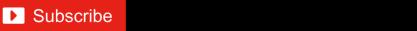
 A veteran Indian squash player and former World No. 10, known for her longevity and consistency. She has represented India in multiple Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and World Championships, and remains one of India's most accomplished women's squash players.

#### . Haya Ali:

• An Egyptian squash player ranked among the top seeds in the Japan Open 2025, known for her emerging success on the PSA circuit.









# **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Japan Open 2025 (PSA Challenger)
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	Yokohama, Japan
Issuing authority	Professional Squash Association (PSA)
Policy/series name	PSA Challenger Tour
Key figures	Joshna Chinappa (India), Haya Ali (Egypt)
Purpose/reason	To recognize international squash excellence and provide ranking opportunities
Feature details	Joshna Chinappa defeated Haya Ali 11-5, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8 in 38 minutes
Validity or status	Concluded successfully; Joshna clinched her 11th PSA title
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's standing in international squash and marks a comeback for Joshna Chinappa







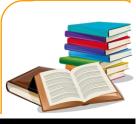


➤ Who became the highest wicket-taker in Test cricket in 2025, surpassing Zimbabwe's Blessing Muzarabani?

- A) Jasprit Bumrah
- B) Mohammed Siraj
- C) Ravichandran Ashwin
- D) Pat Cummins
- E) Shaheen Afridi

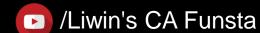
Answer
B) Mohammed Siraj













#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Mohammed Siraj becomes the highest wicket-taker in Test matches in 2025, surpassing Blessing Muzarabani.
- . Location: Arun Jaitley Stadium, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 13 October 2025







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

During the second Test match against West Indies, Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj dismissed Shai Hope (103) to claim his 37th Test wicket in 2025, surpassing Blessing Muzarabani's 36 wickets to become the leading wicket-taker in Tests for the year.









### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

- The milestone underscores Siraj's consistency, form, and evolution as India's strike bowler across conditions.
- His disciplined seam bowling and aggressive spells have made him a key component of India's pace attack, reinforcing India's strength in Test cricket in 2025.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### . Test Cricket:

- The longest and most traditional format of cricket, played over five days between national teams with two innings per side.
- It tests endurance, skill, and strategy.

#### . Wicket-Taker in Tests:

- Refers to a bowler's success in dismissing batters during a Test year.
- The "highest wicket-taker" title represents the bowler with the most dismissals in that calendar year.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### Mohammed Siraj:

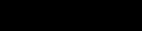
- An Indian right-arm fast bowler known for his ability to swing the ball both ways and maintain consistent line and length.
- By October 2025, Siraj had played 8 Tests, claiming 37 wickets at an average of 26.91, including two five-wicket hauls.

#### . Blessing Muzarabani:

• A Zimbabwean fast bowler, known for his height and bounce, who previously led the Test wicket charts in 2025 with 36 wickets from 9 matches before Siraj overtook him.









## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Mohammed Siraj becomes highest wicket-taker in Tests (2025)
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	Arun Jaitley Stadium, New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
Policy/series name	India vs West Indies Test Series (2025)
Key figures	Mohammed Siraj (India), Blessing Muzarabani (Zimbabwe)
Purpose/reason	Recognition of Siraj's achievement as top Test wicket-taker in 2025
Feature details	Siraj: 37 wickets in 8 Tests, average 26.91, 2 five-fors, best 6/70
Validity or status	Active record for the 2025 calendar year
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's strong pace bowling legacy and Siraj's emergence as a world- class fast bowler









> Which Indian city became the first to introduce a QR-based self-service kiosk for instant traffic challan payments?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Mumbai
- C) Gurugram
- D) Hyderabad
- E) Pune

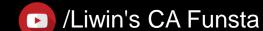
**Answer** C) Gurugram













#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Launch of India's first QR-based traffic challan payment kiosk.
- Location: Ambience Mall, Gurugram, Haryana
- **Date:** 12 October 2025



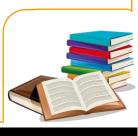


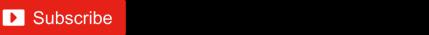


### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

The Gurugram Traffic Police, in partnership with the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), launched India's first QRbased kiosk for instant payment of traffic fines under a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative supported by Narayana Hospital Trust and Ambience Mall Management.





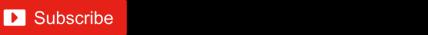


### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

The initiative aims to digitize traffic fine payments, reduce manual intervention, and enhance transparency and convenience for citizens. It supports the government's Digital India and Smart City Mission objectives by enabling motorists to check and pay fines instantly, promoting contactless, paperless, and corruption-free services.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### QR-Based Kiosk:

 A self-service digital terminal equipped with a QR code scanning system, allowing users to check pending traffic challans using their vehicle registration number and make payments through digital modes such as UPI or e-wallets.

#### "Challan Nahi, Salah Milegi" Campaign:

 A citizen-sensitization campaign launched by the Gurugram Traffic Police to encourage responsible driving habits, focusing on education and behavioral change instead of punishment.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility):**

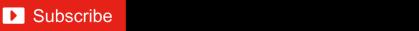
 A business model in which companies contribute to societal goals—such as public welfare, environment, or digital empowerment-beyond their primary commercial objectives.

#### **Smart City Mission:**

 A Government of India initiative launched in 2015 to promote sustainable and technology-driven urban infrastructure that enhances citizens' quality of life through smart governance and innovation.





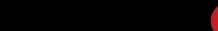




## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Launch of India's First QR-Based Traffic Challan Payment Kiosk
Announcement date	12 October 2025
Location	Ambience Mall, Gurugram, Haryana
Issuing authority	Gurugram Traffic Police & Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA)
Policy/series name	Smart City Traffic Digitization Initiative
Key figures	Dr. Rajesh Mohan (DCP, Traffic), Vikas Arora (Police Commissioner)
Purpose/reason	To simplify traffic fine payments through digital kiosks and promote transparency
Feature details	Self-service QR-based payment, real-time challan updates, video-based emergency calling, 24×7 operation
Validity or status	Pilot phase operational; expansion planned citywide
Strategic/significant value	Enhances citizen convenience, supports Digital India & Smart City goals, reduces police workload

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➤ Which small finance bank, headquartered in Jalandhar, recently crossed the milestone of 200 branches and announced plans to open 20-25 new branches across North India?

- A) AU Small Finance Bank
- B) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- C) Capital Small Finance Bank
- D) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- E) Suryoday Small Finance Bank



Answer
C) Capital Small Finance Bank









#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Capital Small Finance Bank crosses 200branch milestone and announces expansion across North India.
- Location: Headquartered in Jalandhar, Punjab; new branches opened in Haryana and Rajasthan
- **Date:** 13 October 2025







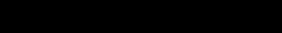
### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

Capital Small Finance Bank (Capital SFB) opened five new branches—one in Jaipur (Rajasthan) and four in Haryana (Pinjore, Jakhod Khera, Tohana, and Bahadurgarh)—taking its total branch count to 200. The bank aims to open 20-25 more branches during the FY 2025-26, focusing primarily on Haryana and Rajasthan as emerging markets.

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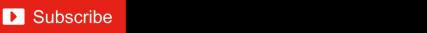
### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

The expansion aligns with the bank's "combining and carpeting" strategy—first building presence, understanding regional needs, and then deepening outreach to create community-level financial inclusion. The initiative supports the bank's mission to extend quality banking services and strengthen financial accessibility across semi-urban and rural areas in North India.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **Small Finance Bank (SFB):**

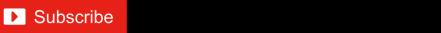
 A category of banks licensed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to provide basic banking services such as deposits and loans, particularly to unserved and underserved sections of society, including small businesses, farmers, and micro industries.

### **Combining and Carpeting Strategy:**

 A branch expansion approach followed by Capital SFB that emphasizes initial presence (combining) in a new geography, followed by deep penetration (carpeting) based on customer understanding and local economic needs.





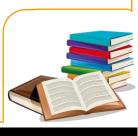




### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **Financial Inclusion:**

A national objective focused on providing affordable financial services—savings, credit, insurance, and digital banking—to marginalized and low-income populations.







## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Capital Small Finance Bank opens new branches, crosses 200-branch milestone
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	New branches in Jaipur (Rajasthan) and Haryana (Pinjore, Jakhod Khera, Tohana, Bahadurgarh)
Issuing authority	Capital Small Finance Bank
Policy/series name	North India Expansion and Financial Inclusion Strategy
Key figures	Sarvjit Singh Samra (MD & CEO), Munish Jain (Executive Director)
Purpose/reason	To expand branch network and strengthen presence across North India
Feature details	Total branches reach 200; focus on Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, NCR, Chandigarh, J&K
Validity or status	Active expansion for FY 2025–26 (20–25 more branches planned)
Strategic/significant value	Promotes regional banking access, strengthens customer outreach, and enhances financial inclusion in North India





➤ What is the loan book expansion goal of Tata Capital Ltd over the next three years, as announced by its MD & CEO Rajiv Sabharwal?

- A) To increase by 25%
- B) To double the loan book
- C) To cut it by half
- D) To maintain the same level
- E) To expand only in rural markets



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Answer
B) To double the loan book



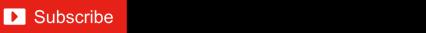




#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Tata Capital Ltd announces post-IPO expansion targets to double its loan book and reduce credit costs.
- Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** 13 October 2025







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

Following its stock market debut, Tata Capital Ltd announced plans to double its loan book in the next three years while reducing credit costs to below 1%. The statement was made by Rajiv Sabharwal, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, during a press interaction.







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

The goal is to leverage the fresh capital raised via IPO to fuel growth in retail, SME, and infrastructure lending segments, while maintaining strong asset quality and cost efficiency. The company aims to sustain its digital-first, risk-resilient growth model and strengthen its leadership position among nonbanking financial companies (NBFCs) in India.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

- **Loan Book (Assets Under Management AUM):** 
  - The total value of loans or credit extended by a financial institution. Tata Capital's current loan book stands at ₹2.3 lakh crore, with plans to double it within three years.

#### **Credit Cost:**

Represents the percentage of total loans lost due to non-performing assets (NPAs) or defaults. Tata Capital aims to bring it below 1%, emphasizing efficient risk management.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### IPO (Initial Public Offering):

• The process through which a private company offers shares to the public for the first time. Tata Capital's IPO was priced at ₹326 per share, with the stock debuting 1% higher on listing day.

#### NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company):

 A financial institution that provides banking services such as loans and credit facilities but does not hold a banking license. NBFCs play a crucial role in India's credit ecosystem, especially for retail and MSME sectors.







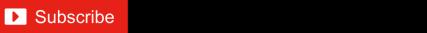


### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **SME Loans:**

Loans extended to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)—a growing segment in Tata Capital's portfolio, constituting 26% of its AUM.







## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Tata Capital announces post-IPO expansion and credit cost target
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Tata Capital Ltd
Policy/series name	Post-IPO Growth and Risk Management Plan
Key figures	Rajiv Sabharwal (MD & CEO), Saurabh Agrawal (Chairman), N.
	Chandrasekaran (Tata Sons Chairman)
Purpose/reason	To outline the company's strategic growth roadmap post-IPO
Feature details	Plans to double loan book ( $₹2.3$ lakh crore $\rightarrow ₹4.6$ lakh crore) and
	reduce credit costs to <1%
Validity or status	Active for next three years (FY 2026-28)
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens Tata Capital's market position as a leading NBFC with
	sustainable growth and strong asset quality





Which tech giant is signing an MoU with the Andhra Pradesh Government to establish a \$10 billion hyperscale data centre in Visakhapatnam?

- A) Microsoft
- B) Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- C) Google
- D) Meta
- E) IBM



**Answer** C) Google







#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh Government to sign an MoU with Google for a \$10 billion, 1-gigawatt hyperscale data centre project.
- Location: MoU signing in New Delhi; Project site -Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

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Date: 13 October 2025 (MoU scheduled for 14 October 2025)







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

The Government of Andhra Pradesh, led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Google to establish a 1-gigawatt hyperscale data centre in Visakhapatnam. The project represents an investment of approximately \$10 billion (₹83,000 crore).









### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

The initiative aims to make Visakhapatnam a digital innovation hub, accelerating AI-driven transformation across India by deploying Google's full AI and cloud technology stack. The project will support data localization, cloud infrastructure, and digital skilling, and create high-value jobs in the state's technology ecosystem.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):**

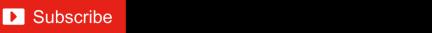
 A formal agreement between two or more parties outlining mutual cooperation on a project. It signifies intent to collaborate before final contractual commitments.

### **Hyperscale Data Centre:**

 A large-scale facility designed to support massive data storage and cloud computing operations, typically exceeding 100 megawatts of IT load capacity. Google's 1-gigawatt (1000 MW) centre in Visakhapatnam will be among the largest in Asia.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### . Al Stack:

 A suite of artificial intelligence technologies and tools—including data analytics, machine learning, and cloud computing—used by companies like Google to drive innovation, automation, and advanced digital capabilities.

#### Data Localization:

 A policy that requires companies to store and process data within the country's borders, ensuring data security and compliance with national regulations.









### **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Andhra Pradesh Government to sign MoU with Google for data centre project
Announcement date	13 October 2025
MoU signing date	14 October 2025
Location	New Delhi (signing); Visakhapatnam (project site)
Issuing authority	Government of Andhra Pradesh & Google LLC
Policy/series name	Andhra Pradesh Digital Infrastructure and Al Advancement Initiative
Purpose/reason	To establish a \$10 billion, 1-gigawatt hyperscale data centre in Visakhapatnam
Feature details	Will deploy Google's full AI stack, enabling cloud and AI-driven transformation across India
Validity or status	MoU signing scheduled; project in planning stage
Strategic/significant value	Marks one of Google's largest projects in Asia; boosts India's AI and digital infrastructure capability





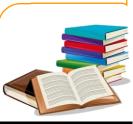


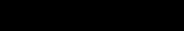
➤ Which countries among the following have reduced their US Treasury bond holdings between July 2024 and July 2025, as per the latest US Treasury data?

- A) India, China, and Brazil
- B) Japan, France, and the UK
- C) Germany, UAE, and Saudi Arabia
- D) US, Canada, and Mexico
- E) Russia, Germany, and Italy

Answer
A) India, China, and Brazil









#### **Event and Location:**

- Event: India, China, and Brazil reduce holdings of US Treasury bonds over a 12-month period (July 2024 – July 2025).
- **Location:** Global (US Treasury data analysis)
- **Date:** 13 October 2025







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

According to data from the US Treasury Department, India, China, and Brazil-key BRICS economies—reduced their holdings of US government securities between July 2024 and July 2025, signaling a strategic diversification in foreign exchange reserves away from the US dollar.



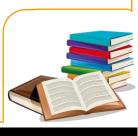




### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Objectives:

This shift reflects concerns over US economic uncertainty, weakened dollar performance, and trade tensions resulting from tariff hikes by the US. Emerging economies are gradually rebalancing their reserves through gold accumulation, alternative assets, and regional currency diversification to mitigate risks tied to dollar dependency.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **US Treasury Bonds:**

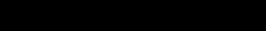
Debt instruments issued by the US government to finance its spending. These securities are considered one of the safest global investments, widely held by foreign governments and central banks as part of their foreign exchange reserves.

#### **BRICS**:

An alliance of major emerging economies — Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa established to promote cooperation in trade, finance, and development as an alternative economic bloc to Western dominance.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **Forex Reserves:**

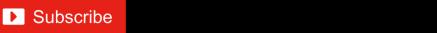
Foreign exchange assets held by a country's central bank, including foreign currencies, gold, and special drawing rights (SDRs). These reserves ensure currency stability and international payment capacity.

#### **Dollar Index (DXY):**

 A measure that compares the US dollar's strength against a basket of major world currencies. The index reportedly fell 9% in 2025, indicating a weakened dollar.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### Gold Reserves:

 Part of a country's official reserves, held by central banks as a hedge against currency risk.
 India's RBI added 33.8 metric tonnes of gold between July 2024 and July 2025 to offset dollar decline.







## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	BRICS nations reduce US Treasury bond holdings (2024–2025)
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	Global (US Treasury data – Washington D.C.)
Issuing authority	US Department of the Treasury
Policy/series name	Global Foreign Exchange Reserve Holdings Report
Key figures	India (RBI), China (PBOC), Brazil (BCB)
Purpose/reason	Strategic diversification away from dollar-based assets amid global trade tensions
Feature details	India's holdings fell to \$219B (-8%); RBI added 33.8 tonnes of gold; global dollar index down 9%
Validity or status	Reflects trend for FY 2024-25
Strategic/significant value	Indicates economic polarization—BRICS reducing US exposure, while advanced economies increase holdings

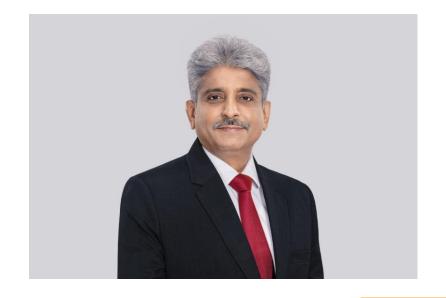




> Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Hinduja Renewables Energy Pvt. Ltd. effective October 1, 2025?

- A) Rajiv Agarwal
- B) Deepak Thakur
- C) S. Krishnan
- D) Ajay Mathur
- E) Ramesh Gajria

**Answer B) Deepak Thakur** 











#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Appointment of Deepak Thakur as MD & CEO of Hinduja Renewables Energy Pvt. Ltd.
- Location: New Delhi, India
- Date: 13 October 2025 (effective from 1 October 2025)







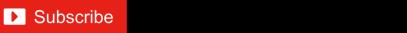
### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

Hinduja Renewables Energy Pvt. Ltd. (HREPL) announced the appointment of Deepak Thakur as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective October 1, 2025.



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### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

- The appointment aims to strengthen leadership and accelerate growth in the renewable energy sector, particularly in solar, wind, hybrid, and storage systems.
- With Thakur's extensive experience in project development, EPC, O&M, and asset monetization, the company seeks to enhance its position as a leading independent renewable power producer in India.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

- Hinduja Renewables Energy Pvt. Ltd. (HREPL):
  - Part of the Hinduja Group, HREPL is an independent renewable power producer (IPP) involved in developing, owning, and operating solar, wind, and hybrid energy projects across India.
- **EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction):** 
  - A project delivery model where a company handles the design, supply, and execution of energy infrastructure, ensuring turnkey project delivery.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

- **O&M (Operations and Maintenance):** 
  - Refers to the ongoing management and servicing of renewable energy assets to maintain performance efficiency and longevity.
- **InvITs (Infrastructure Investment Trusts):** 
  - A financial structure allowing developers to monetize infrastructure assets by pooling operational projects into a trust, enabling investors to earn stable returns.





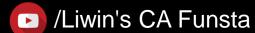




## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Appointment of Deepak Thakur as MD & CEO of Hinduja Renewables Energy Pvt. Ltd.
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Effective date	1 October 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Hinduja Renewables Energy Pvt. Ltd.
Policy/series name	Leadership Appointment Initiative
Key figures	Deepak Thakur (MD & CEO)
Purpose/reason	To strengthen leadership for renewable expansion and project growth
Feature details	Deepak Thakur has 25+ years' experience in Mahindra Group, L&T, Honeywell, Sterling & Wilson, and Thermax
Validity or status	Appointment effective and operational from October 1, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces Hinduja Group's commitment to clean energy leadership and innovation







Which two Indian women cricketers were honoured with a stand and a gate named after them at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam?

- A) Harmanpreet Kaur and Deepti Sharma
- B) Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma
- C) Mithali Raj and Raavi Kalpana
- D) Jhulan Goswami and Veda Krishnamurthy
- E) S. Meghana and Arundhati Reddy

**Answer** C) Mithali Raj and Raavi Kalpana





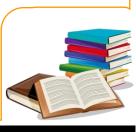


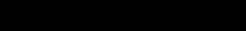


#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Inauguration of Mithali Raj Stand and Raavi Kalpana Gate at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium.
- Location: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 12 October 2025









#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

The Andhra Cricket Association (ACA), in collaboration with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), inaugurated a stand and gate at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium to honour Indian women cricketers Mithali Raj and Raavi Kalpana.





#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

This initiative aims to celebrate women athletes, recognize their contributions to Indian cricket, and promote gender inclusivity and equality in sports. The gesture aligns with the broader efforts to address gender stereotyping in Indian sports infrastructure and inspire the next generation of women cricketers from Andhra Pradesh and India.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### . ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium:

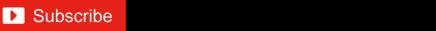
 Located in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, this international venue is managed by the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) and has hosted multiple men's and women's international matches.

#### . Mithali Raj:

• Former Indian women's cricket team captain, the highest run-scorer in women's internationals with 10,868 runs across formats. Recognized globally as a pioneer of Indian women's cricket, she led India to two World Cup finals.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### . Raavi Kalpana:

 A wicket-keeper batter from Andhra Pradesh, who represented India in international cricket and is known for her contributions to domestic and national women's cricket development.

#### Gender Stereotyping Roundtable (August 2025):

 A policy discussion that called for recognition of women athletes in public sports spaces. The naming of the stand and gate at Vizag Stadium was a direct response to this initiative.





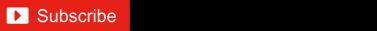




## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Inauguration of Mithali Raj Stand and Raavi Kalpana Gate
Announcement date	12 October 2025
Location	ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Andhra Cricket Association (ACA)
Policy/series name	Women's Recognition Initiative in Indian Cricket
Key figures	Jay Shah (ICC Chairman), Nara Lokesh (AP IT Minister), Mithali Raj, Raavi Kalpana
Purpose/reason	To honour women cricketers and promote gender inclusivity in Indian sports
Feature details	Mithali Raj Stand and Raavi Kalpana Gate inaugurated; Mithali presented handcrafted silver cricket ball
Validity or status	Permanent installation at ACA-VDCA Stadium
Strategic/significant value	First-of-its-kind initiative celebrating women's contributions to Indian cricket, inspiring future generations







## Who won the second prize at the BRICS Young Innovator Prize 2025 held in Brazil?

- A) Riya Menon
- B) Sakthi Jaya Sundar Rajasekar
- C) Pranav Krishnan
- D) Ananya Iyer
- E) S. Shashwat Reddy

#### **Answer**

B) Sakthi Jaya Sundar Rajasekar











#### **Event and Location:**

- Event: 10th BRICS Young Scientist Forum and 8th BRICS Young Innovator Prize 2025
- . Location: Brazil
- Date: September 2025 (announcement published on 12 October 2025)







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### . Mandates:

• The BRICS Young Innovator Prize 2025 recognized innovative projects addressing global scientific and technological challenges. Sakthi Jaya Sundar Rajasekar, a medical graduate from Tamil Nadu, represented India among 11 young scientists and secured the second prize.









#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Objectives:

The competition aims to encourage scientific collaboration, innovation, and entrepreneurship among youth from BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa). It provides a global platform for young innovators to showcase solutions that contribute to sustainable development and technological advancement in their countries.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **BRICS**:

An association of five major emerging economies-Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—that collaborates in areas like trade, science, technology, and innovation to promote mutual development.

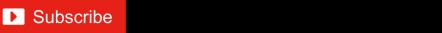
#### **BRICS Young Innovator Prize:**

An annual competition recognizing young scientists and innovators from BRICS nations who contribute to solving global issues through research, technology, and innovation.



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### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR):

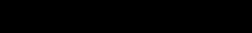
 A critical global health challenge where microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi develop the ability to resist drugs designed to kill them, making infections harder to treat.

#### AI-Powered Rapid Diagnostic Solution:

 A diagnostic system using artificial intelligence (AI) and nanomotion dynamics at the singlebacterium level to detect antimicrobial resistance quickly, enhancing clinical efficiency and reducing misuse of antibiotics.



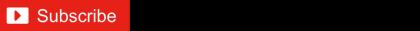






## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	10th BRICS Young Scientist Forum & 8th BRICS Young Innovator Prize 2025
Announcement date	12 October 2025
Location	Brazil
Issuing authority	BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Framework
Policy/series name	BRICS Young Innovator Programme
Key figures	Sakthi Jaya Sundar Rajasekar (Tamil Nadu, India)
Purpose/reason	To recognize innovative scientific projects addressing global challenges
Feature details	Al-based rapid diagnostic tool to combat antimicrobial resistance using single-bacterium nanomotion dynamics
Validity or status	Second Prize Winner (India)
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's growing strength in Al-driven medical innovation and youth research leadership among BRICS nations





- ➤ What are the key focus areas under the new India-Canada bilateral roadmap announced in October 2025?
  - A) Defence manufacturing and nuclear power
  - B) Space research and tourism promotion
  - C) Critical minerals, trade, and agricultural value chains
  - D) Immigration policy and health cooperation
  - E) Cybersecurity and digital payments

#### Answer

C) Critical minerals, trade, and agricultural value chains



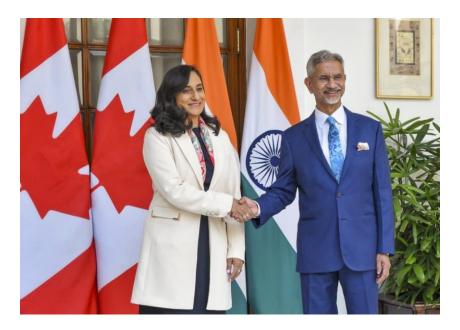


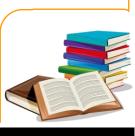


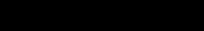


#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** India and Canada agree on a new roadmap for bilateral relations following ministerial-level talks.
- Location: New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 13 October 2025





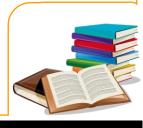




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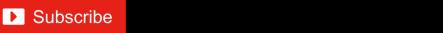
#### **Mandates:**

- India and Canada have agreed to adopt a new roadmap for bilateral relations, marking a significant step toward restoring diplomatic and economic ties after nearly two years of strained relations.
- The agreement was reached following meetings between India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Canada's Foreign Minister Anita Anand, and a courtesy call by Anand on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



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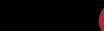


### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Objectives:

- The renewed framework focuses on collaboration in critical minerals, trade diversification, and agricultural value chains.
- Both countries aim to reduce dependency on the United States amid global tariff uncertainties and strengthen supply chain resilience through diversified partnerships.
- The roadmap also seeks to revive mutual trust, expand trade cooperation, and enhance economic opportunities through shared strategic and commercial interests.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **Critical Minerals:**

Natural resources like lithium, cobalt, and nickel essential for electric vehicles, batteries, and clean energy technologies. India seeks to secure access to Canada's abundant mineral reserves to support its energy transition and industrial growth.

#### **Trade Diversification:**

 A policy approach aimed at expanding trade partnerships beyond dominant markets such as the United States, helping countries mitigate risks from tariff hikes and supply chain disruptions.



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### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **Agricultural Value Chain:**

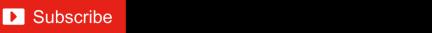
The full process from farm production to market, involving storage, logistics, and processing. India and Canada plan to enhance collaboration in pulses trade and food security systems.

#### **Khalistan Issue:**

A long-standing point of tension, involving Sikh separatist movements advocating for an independent Khalistan state. India has repeatedly expressed concern over fringe separatist activities in Canada, impacting bilateral trust.









### **Tabular Summary:**

<b>Details</b>
India and Canada agree on a new roadmap for bilateral relations
13 October 2025
New Delhi, India
Ministries of External Affairs, India and Canada
India-Canada Bilateral Cooperation Roadmap 2025
Dr. S. Jaishankar (India), Anita Anand (Canada), Narendra Modi, Mark
Carney
To restore and strengthen bilateral ties after diplomatic tensions
Collaboration on critical minerals, trade diversification, and
agricultural value chains
Agreement announced and roadmap adopted
Enhances Indo-Canadian trade relations, mitigates US tariff impact, and supports economic recovery







Which Union Minister launched a series of transformative initiatives marking four years of PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP)?

- A) Shri Hardeep Singh Puri
- B) Shri Piyush Goyal
- C) Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Smt Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Shri Rajnath Singh



**Answer B) Shri Piyush Goyal** 







#### **Event and Location:**

• **Event:** Launch of new transformative initiatives under PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP) on its 4th anniversary.

. Location: New Delhi, India

**Date:** 13 October 2025





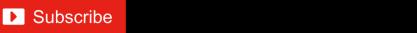


### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Mandates:

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, launched multiple initiatives including the PM GatiShakti District Master Plan (PMGS-DMP) rollout, Knowledge Management System (KMS), Decentralized Data Uploading and Management System (DUMS), NMP Dashboard, and PM GatiShakti Compendium Volume-3 to strengthen integrated infrastructure planning.







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

- These initiatives aim to promote data-driven, geospatial-based district planning, enhance multi-sectoral coordination, improve infrastructure efficiency, and encourage replicability and cross-learning across ministries and states.
- They collectively contribute to inclusive and evidence-based development in line with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

- PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP):
  - Launched in October 2021, it integrates geospatial data from 57 Central Ministries, Departments, and States/UTs for coordinated infrastructure planning, reducing logistics costs, and improving efficiency.
- PM GatiShakti District Master Plan (PMGS-DMP):
  - A geospatial-based planning tool being rolled out across 112 Aspirational Districts to support infrastructure projects like roads, schools, health centers, and water pipelines using integrated datasets.

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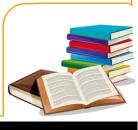






### **Important Terms Explained:**

- Knowledge Management System (KMS):
  - A centralized digital repository containing standard operating procedures (SOPs), best practices, training modules, and use cases to enable replicability, scalability, and learning across different government entities.
- Decentralized Data Uploading and Management System (DUMS):
  - A digital workflow-based system ensuring accurate, transparent, and accountable data management, with a three-stage validation process involving data managers, nodal officers, and BISAG-N.





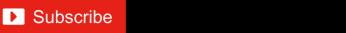




### **Important Terms Explained:**

- **BISAG-N** (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for **Space Applications and Geo-informatics):** 
  - A Gujarat-based institution under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) responsible for providing technical and geospatial support to PM GatiShakti initiatives.







## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Celebration of 4 Years of PM GatiShakti & Launch of New Initiatives
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
Policy/series name	PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP)
Key figures	Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Purpose/reason	To enhance geospatial-based planning, transparency, and efficiency in infrastructure development
Feature details	Launch of PMGS-DMP, KMS, DUMS, NMP Dashboard, and Compendium Volume-3
Validity or status	Ongoing; progressively implemented across 112 Aspirational Districts
Strategic/significant value	Promotes integrated, data-driven, and transparent governance for holistic infrastructure growth





Which Union Minister launched the 'PM GatiShakti Public' platform aimed at democratizing access to geospatial and infrastructure data?

- A) Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) Shri Rajnath Singh
- C) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- D) Shri Piyush Goyal
- E) Smt Nirmala Sitharaman

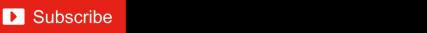
**Answer** D) Shri Piyush Goyal





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#### **Event and Location:**

- Event: Launch of 'PM GatiShakti Public' platform through the Unified Geospatial Interface (UGI).
- Location: New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 13 October 2025







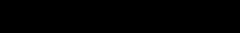
### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### . Mandates:

Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the 'PM GatiShakti Public' platform via the Unified Geospatial Interface (UGI) to provide public access to selected geospatial and infrastructure datasets.

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### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

- The initiative aims to democratize access to nonsensitive geospatial data, enabling private sector entities, researchers, consultants, and citizens to utilize 230 approved datasets for infrastructure planning, investment analysis, and policy decisions.
- It strengthens data transparency, integrated planning, and collaboration under the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, contributing toward Viksit Bharat 2047.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

- PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP):
  - Launched on 13 October 2021, it integrates geospatial data from over 57 Central Ministries, Departments, and States/UTs for coordinated infrastructure development, aiming to reduce logistics costs and enhance project efficiency.
- Unified Geospatial Interface (UGI):
  - A query-based web platform providing secure access to selected datasets under the PM GatiShakti framework, enabling users to perform data visualization, connectivity mapping, and analytical reporting.









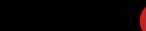
### **Important Terms Explained:**

- Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N):
  - An autonomous organization under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) that developed the PM GatiShakti Public platform, specializing in geospatial technologies and GIS solutions.
- National Geospatial Data Registry (NGDR):
  - A centralized system for managing, securing, and sharing geospatial data across ministries and organizations, ensuring accuracy and compliance with data policies.



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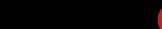






## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Launch of 'PM GatiShakti Public' Platform
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
Policy/series name	PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP)
Key figures	Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Purpose/reason	To democratize access to geospatial and infrastructure data
Feature details	Provides access to 230 datasets; developed by BISAG-N; powered by NGDR; available via Unified Geospatial Interface
Validity or status	Active; evolving platform with phased data and analytics updates
Strategic/significant value	Enhances transparency, promotes private participation, and supports evidence-based infrastructure planning toward Viksit Bharat 2047





Which state government launched the "Excise Suraksha App" to curb spurious liquor and illegal sales?

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

Answer
B) Andhra Pradesh











#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Launch of the Excise Suraksha App to combat the sale of spurious liquor and illegal outlets.
- Location: Camp Office of Chief Minister N.
   Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 12 October 2025



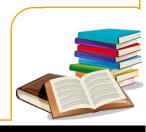


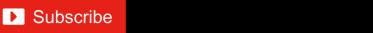


### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

- The Government of Andhra Pradesh, led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, launched the Excise Suraksha App to monitor, trace, and prevent the manufacturing and sale of spurious liquor across the state.
- The app requires shop owners to scan liquor bottles before sale, ensures all retail liquor shops are geo-tagged, and provides consumers with a way to verify product authenticity.







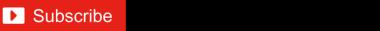
### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

- The initiative aims to curb the proliferation of illegal "belt shops", detect fake liquor factories, and promote transparency and accountability within the Excise Department.
- Additionally, it intends to safeguard public health, ensure excise revenue integrity, and digitally modernize liquor regulation in the state.



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### **Important Terms Explained:**

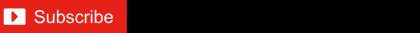
#### **Excise Suraksha App:**

 A digital monitoring platform launched by the Andhra Pradesh Government to track liquor bottles from manufacture to sale. It allows bottle authentication, geo-tagging of shops, and digital record-keeping to prevent counterfeit alcohol distribution.

### **Spurious Liquor:**

Illegally produced or adulterated alcoholic beverages that pose serious health risks and violate excise laws. Its production often involves unlicensed distilleries and results in revenue losses to the state.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **SIT (Special Investigation Team):**

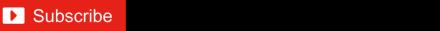
 A multi-departmental task force formed by CM Naidu to investigate the spurious liquor cases, comprising GVG Ashok Kumar, Rahul Dev Sharma, K Chakravarthi, Mallika Garg, and an Excise Department expert.

#### **Belt Shops:**

Unlicensed or illegal liquor outlets operating without government authorization, often linked to liquor syndicates and black-market operations.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### . Excise Revenue:

• The tax collected by state governments from the production and sale of alcoholic beverages. Andhra Pradesh's 2025–26 excise revenue rose only 3.10%, below the projected 10% growth, prompting the crackdown.







## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Launch of Excise Suraksha App
Announcement date	12 October 2025
Location	Camp Office of CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of Andhra Pradesh
Policy/series name	Digital Excise Surveillance and Anti-Spurious Liquor Initiative
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy (Opposition
	Leader), SIT led by GVG Ashok Kumar
Purpose/reason	To trace and eliminate the production and sale of spurious liquor
Feature details	Bottle-scanning verification, shop geo-tagging, SIT investigation team
	formed
Validity or status	Active; part of excise modernization and enforcement reform
Strategic/significant value	Enhances excise transparency, safeguards public health, and combats
	illicit liquor trade





### Where did HSBC inaugurate its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual 'Helping Hands Mela' to support NGOs?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Chennai
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Mumbai
- E) New Delhi

**Answer** B) Chennai



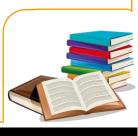






#### **Event and Location:**

- Event: Launch of 23rd annual 'Helping Hands Mela' expo by HSBC to support NGOs.
- Location: HSBC Chennai Branch, Cathedral Road, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** 13 October 2025







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

- HSBC inaugurated its 23rd annual 'Helping Hands Mela' at its Cathedral Road branch in Chennai, featuring 10 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that showcased handicrafts, fabrics, jewellery, home linen, and food products.
- The expo was inaugurated by prominent personalities including Nina Reddy (Joint MD, Savera Group), Kasi Viswanathan (MD, Chennai Super Kings), Vincent Asokan (actor), and Muthukrishnan Ramanujam (MD & Head -Financial Accounting, Global Finance, HSBC).









### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Objectives:

- The mela aims to support NGOs and self-help groups by providing them a platform to exhibit and sell handcrafted goods, thereby promoting social entrepreneurship, women empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods.
- The 2025 theme, "Vishwaboomi A Miniature World of Geography", symbolizes "The World within India", celebrating cultural diversity and inclusion.







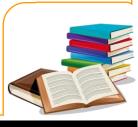
### **Important Terms Explained:**

### **Helping Hands Mela:**

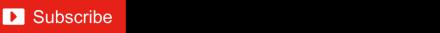
 An annual corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative by HSBC India to promote and financially support NGOs, artisans, and smallscale entrepreneurs through exhibitions and employee engagement.

### **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):**

A corporate practice of contributing to social, environmental, and economic development by supporting community-based initiatives beyond the company's primary business goals.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

- NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation):
  - A non-profit, voluntary organization working for social welfare and community development, often involved in education, empowerment, and livelihood creation.
- Vishwaboomi A Miniature World of Geography:
  - The 2025 theme of the Helping Hands Mela, symbolizing India's cultural richness and global diversity, expressed through arts, crafts, and social enterprise.









## **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	23rd Annual 'Helping Hands Mela' by HSBC
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	HSBC Branch, Cathedral Road, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	HSBC India
Policy/series name	HSBC Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative
Key figures	Nina Reddy, Kasi Viswanathan, Vincent Asokan, Muthukrishnan
	Ramanujam, Ayshwarya Desikan
Purpose/reason	To support NGOs and promote handcrafted products under CSR initiative
Feature details	10 NGOs exhibited handicrafts, jewellery, fabrics, and food items; theme –
	"Vishwaboomi: The World within India"
Validity or status	23rd annual edition successfully launched
Strategic/significant value	Promotes sustainable livelihoods, inclusivity, and community engagement
	through corporate outreach





> Which institution organized the National Homoeopathy Conference on the theme "Access to Services - Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies" to mark World Mental Health Day 2025?

- A) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)
- B) National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)
- C) National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health (NHRIMH), Kottayam
- D) Ministry of AYUSH
- E) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)

#### **Answer**

C) National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health (NHRIMH), Kottayam









#### **Event and Location:**

- Event: Two-day National Homoeopathy Conference on "Access to Services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies" marking World Mental Health Day 2025.
- Location: NHRIMH Auditorium, Kottayam, Kerala
- **Date:** 10−11 October 2025









### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Mandates:

The National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health (NHRIMH), under the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), organized a two-day national conference bringing together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss integrative and research-based approaches in mental health care.







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

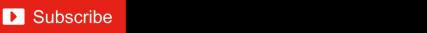
#### **Objectives:**

- The conference aimed to promote evidencebased integration of Homoeopathy into mental health frameworks, particularly in disaster and emergency situations.
- It focused on enhancing accessibility, developing resilience, and strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration to address mental health needs during catastrophes and crises.



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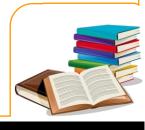






### **Important Terms Explained:**

- . NHRIMH (National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health):
  - An apex research institute under CCRH, located in Kottayam, Kerala, dedicated to research, education, and clinical services in Homoeopathy for mental health care.
- . CCRH (Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy):
  - An autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH, responsible for conducting, coordinating, and promoting scientific research in the field of Homoeopathy across India.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### World Mental Health Day:

 Observed annually on 10 October, this day aims to raise awareness about mental health issues and promote efforts to improve mental health globally. The 2025 theme was "Access to Services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies."

### Homoeopathic Approaches in Mental Health:

 Focus on individualized, holistic treatment methods to support emotional regulation, resilience, and recovery in patients experiencing psychiatric and post-traumatic conditions.



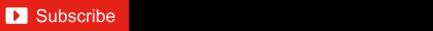






# **Tabular Summary:**

P	arameter	<b>Details</b>
E۱	ent name	National Homoeopathy Conference on World Mental Health Day 2025
Annou	incement date	10−11 October 2025
	Location	NHRIMH Auditorium, Kottayam, Kerala
Issu	ing authority	National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health (NHRIMH)
Policy	//series name	World Mental Health Day Observance 2025
K	ey figures	Dr. C.T. Aravind Kumar (VC, MG University), Shri Chetan Kumar Meena (District Collector, Kottayam), Dr. Subhash Kaushik (DG, CCRH)
Purp	oose/reason	To explore integrative, evidence-based approaches for mental health care in disasters and emergencies
Feature details		Sessions on disaster mental health, community-based management, Homoeopathic trials, and resilience building
Valid	dity or status	Two-day conference successfully concluded on 11 October 2025
Strategic/significant value		Reinforces the role of Homoeopathy in psychosocial care and emergency mental health frameworks

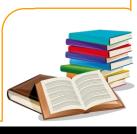




- Which institution organized the two-day planning and review meeting "Manthan-2025" to strengthen research and administrative planning in Ayurveda?
  - A) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)
  - B) All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)
  - C) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
  - D) National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA)
  - E) Ministry of AYUSH

Answer

C) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)





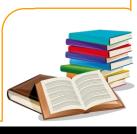




#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Organization of "Manthan-2025", a two-day planning and review meeting by CCRAS.
- Location: Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **Date:** 13–14 October 2025









#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### . Mandates:

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) organized "Manthan-2025" as part of its annual strategic review and planning mechanism.
- The event brought together institute heads, programme officers, and nodal officers from across India to deliberate on research and administrative priorities for the financial year 2026–27.



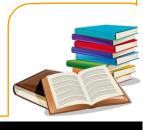




#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Objectives:

- The meeting aimed to strengthen interinstitutional collaborations, promote multidisciplinary and translational research, and align the Council's research activities with the vision of evidence-based growth and global credibility of Ayurveda.
- It sought to review ongoing projects, identify key focus areas such as clinical research, drug development, and public health, and ensure effective administrative and financial planning across CCRAS institutes.

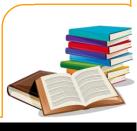






### **Important Terms Explained:**

- **CCRAS** (Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences):
  - An autonomous body under the Ministry of Ayush, engaged in the formulation, coordination, and promotion of scientific research in Ayurveda through its network of research institutes and centers across India.
- Manthan-2025:
  - An annual strategic planning and review meeting of CCRAS focusing on administrative efficiency, inter-institutional synergy, and advancement of evidence-based Ayurvedic research.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### RARI (Regional Ayurveda Research Institute):

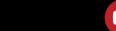
 A field research center under CCRAS that conducts regional and clinical studies in Ayurveda. The RARI Lucknow served as the host for Manthan-2025.

### Translational Research in Ayurveda:

 Refers to the process of transforming traditional Ayurvedic knowledge into scientifically validated practices and evidence-based health solutions applicable to modern healthcare systems.



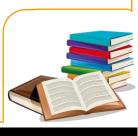


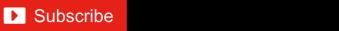




### **Important Terms Explained:**

- Avalokana-2025:
  - A review meeting held earlier in 2025 at Jaipur by CCRAS to assess institutional performance and gather strategic inputs from the Ministry of Ayush for research advancement.







# **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	"Manthan-2025" - CCRAS Planning and Review Meeting
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Issuing authority	Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
Policy/series name	Annual Planning and Review Mechanism of CCRAS
Key figures	Prof. (Vd.) Rabinarayan Acharya (DG, CCRAS), Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany (Director, CSIR-NBRI), Dr. Narayanam Srikanth (DDG, CCRAS)
Purpose/reason	To strengthen research coordination, planning, and evidence-based growth in Ayurveda
Feature details	Review of ongoing research, planning for FY 2026–27, and discussion on translational research and administrative reforms
Validity or status	Two-day event held on 13-14 October 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances inter-institutional collaboration and global credibility of Ayurveda through scientific validation





- Which organization organized Vijayawada's first heritage walk and car rally to promote awareness of the city's cultural heritage?
  - A) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
  - B) Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
  - C) Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department
  - D) Ministry of Culture
  - E) National Heritage Board of India

#### **Answer**

B) Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)







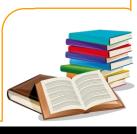




#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Vijayawada's first heritage walk and car rally showcasing the city's cultural and architectural legacy.
- Location: P.B. Siddhartha College of Arts and Science, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 12 October 2025









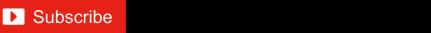
#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

The Vijayawada chapter of INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) organized a heritage walk and car rally to highlight historically significant landmarks, caves, and canals across the city. The event was flagged off by INTACH National Chairman Ashok Singh Thakur and NTR District Collector G. Lakshmisha.



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#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### . Objectives:

• The initiative aimed to create awareness about Vijayawada's cultural, architectural, and historical heritage, engage students and families in heritage conservation efforts, and promote community participation in safeguarding heritage sites through education and experience-based learning.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

- INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage):
  - A non-profit organization founded in 1984, INTACH is dedicated to heritage conservation and awareness across India. It works to preserve architectural sites, art, culture, and traditions through local chapters and educational initiatives.
- . Heritage Walk:
  - An interactive public initiative that involves guided walks through culturally significant areas to raise awareness of heritage value, architectural uniqueness, and local history.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **NTR District:**

A district in Andhra Pradesh, named after former Chief Minister Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), with Vijayawada as its headquarters.







# **Tabular Summary:**

Event name Vijayawada's First Heritage Walk and Car Rally Announcement date 12 October 2025 Location P.B. Siddhartha College of Arts and Science, Vijayawada Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Vijayawada Chapter Policy/series name Heritage Awareness and Conservation Initiative Key figures  Key figures Ashok Singh Thakur (INTACH Chairman), G. Lakshmisha (NTR District Collector) Purpose/reason Feature details Walk and car rally through caves, canals, and landmarks of Vijayawada Validity or status Conducted successfully on 12 October 2025 Promotes community involvement in preserving Vijayawada's heritage and		
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Strategic/significant value history	Strategic/significant value	Promotes community involvement in preserving Vijayawada's heritage and history





Who inaugurated the new Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) headquarters building in Amaravati?

- A) Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
- B) P. Narayana
- C) N. Chandrababu Naidu
- D) Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar
- E) Sravan Kumar

**Answer** C) N. Chandrababu Naidu











#### **Event and Location:**

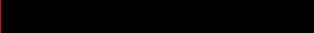
**Event:** Inauguration of the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) headquarters building.

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- Location: Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date**: 13 October 2025



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#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Mandates:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the newly constructed APCRDA headquarters in Amaravati, marking a symbolic revival of the state's capital development project. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Minister P. Narayana, and local MLA Sravan Kumar, along with farmers who had given land under the Amaravati land pooling scheme.

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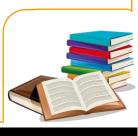




#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

The event aimed to reaffirm the government's commitment to developing Amaravati as the capital city and ensure justice and fair compensation for farmers who contributed land. The Chief Minister emphasized transparent governance, rapid urban development, and farmers' welfare as the cornerstones of Amaravati's revival plan.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

- APCRDA (Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority):
  - A statutory body established to plan, coordinate, and oversee the development of the Amaravati capital region, focusing on infrastructure, governance, and land management for the new capital city.
- Amaravati Capital Project:
  - Proposed as the new capital city of Andhra
     Pradesh after the bifurcation of Telangana in
     2014, envisioned as a world-class, green, and
     smart city built through land pooling
     contributions from local farmers.









### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **Land Pooling Scheme:**

 A collaborative model introduced by the AP government wherein farmers voluntarily contributed agricultural land for capital development in exchange for developed plots and compensation, ensuring shared growth benefits.

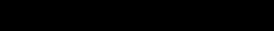
#### **Farmers' Assurance:**

CM Naidu reiterated that the sacrifices of Amaravati farmers would not be forgotten, promising direct engagement to resolve pending compensation and rehabilitation issues.

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# **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Inauguration of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) Headquarters
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of Andhra Pradesh
Policy/series name	Amaravati Capital Region Development Initiative
Key figures	CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, Union MoS Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Minister P. Narayana, MLA Sravan Kumar
Purpose/reason	To inaugurate APCRDA HQ and reaffirm commitment to Amaravati's capital development and farmer welfare
Feature details	Event held amid Vedic chants; attended by officials and Amaravati farmers under land pooling scheme
Validity or status	APCRDA headquarters operational as of October 2025
Strategic/significant value	Marks revival of Amaravati as capital and ensures renewed focus on farmer justice and infrastructure planning









Who announced the launch of "White Revolution-2", aimed at strengthening India's milk cooperatives and expanding milk procurement?

- A) Tarun Shridhar
- B) Meenesh C. Shah
- C) R.S. Sodhi
- D) Amitabh Kant
- E) Giriraj Singh

**Answer** B) Meenesh C. Shah











#### **Event and Location:**

- **Event:** Announcement of White Revolution-2 to strengthen milk cooperatives and boost procurement.
- Location: Kochi, Kerala (State-level seminar jointly organized by NDDB & Milma)
- **Date:** 13 October 2025







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Mandates:**

The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Chairman Meenesh C. Shah announced that India is set to launch White Revolution-2, a major dairy sector initiative aimed at strengthening milk cooperatives and expanding the network of dairy farmers nationwide.







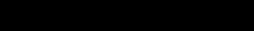
#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

- The new phase aims to:
  - Increase country-wide milk procurement by cooperatives to over 10 crore litres per day within the next 4-5 years.
  - Empower milk cooperative societies by adding more farmers to the organized dairy ecosystem.
  - Combat challenges such as adulteration and unorganized milk trade, which still accounts for nearly 65% of the total market.
  - Promote quality, transparency, and digital traceability in dairy supply chains to ensure fair prices and farmer welfare.

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### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### White Revolution:

India's dairy development movement initiated in the 1970s under Operation Flood by NDDB and spearheaded by Dr. Verghese Kurien. It transformed India from a milk-deficient country into the world's largest milk producer.

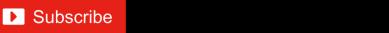
#### White Revolution-2:

A proposed second wave of dairy modernization, focused on strengthening cooperative structures, improving milk quality, expanding capacity, and increasing farmers' incomes through technological and structural reforms.



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### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### NDDB (National Dairy Development Board):

 An autonomous body under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, responsible for planning and implementing dairy development programs across India.

#### Milma (KCMMF):

Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, popularly known by its brand Milma, is a key state-level dairy federation engaged in milk procurement, processing, and marketing.

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# **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Launch of White Revolution-2 by NDDB
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	Kochi, Kerala
Issuing authority	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
Policy/series name	White Revolution-2 (Milk Cooperative Strengthening Initiative)
Key figures	Meenesh C. Shah (Chairman, NDDB), K.S. Mani (Chairman, Milma)
Purpose/reason	To boost milk procurement capacity and strengthen cooperative dairy networks
Feature details	Target: 10 crore litres/day procurement within 4–5 years; expand organized milk market share
Validity or status	Implementation phase to begin in FY 2025-26
Strategic/significant value	Enhances dairy sector sustainability, ensures farmer empowerment, and promotes food safety





- > Which of the following is a key feature of the Draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025 introduced by the Ministry of Power?
  - A) Privatization of all state distribution utilities
  - B) Empowering regulators to revise tariffs suo motu and promoting non-fossil energy sources
  - C) Nationalization of power generation units
  - D) Elimination of all state electricity commissions
  - E) Exclusive control of transmission by private players

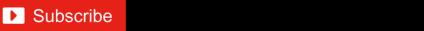
#### Answer

B) Empowering regulators to revise tariffs suo motu and promoting non-fossil energy sources



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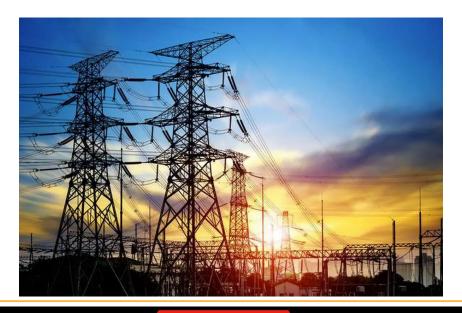


#### **Event and Location:**

• Event: Introduction of the Draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025 to modernize India's power sector and invite stakeholder feedback.

• Location: New Delhi, India

• **Date:** 13 October 2025







### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### Mandates:

The Ministry of Power has released the Draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025 for public consultation, seeking to align India's electricity framework with evolving industry requirements, renewable energy goals, and market competition standards.







#### **Mandates and Objectives:**

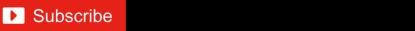
#### **Objectives:**

- To ensure cost-reflective electricity tariffs and financial sustainability of distribution utilities.
- To empower state regulators to revise electricity tariffs suo motu (on their own motion).
- To introduce competition in the power distribution sector by enabling multiple suppliers to operate over a shared network.
- To strengthen cooperative federalism through an Electricity Council, similar to the GST Council model.



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### **Mandates and Objectives:**

#### **Objectives:**

To promote a clean energy transition by mandating power procurement from non-fossil sources and recognizing energy storage systems as an integral part of the power system.







### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### • Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025:

 A proposed amendment to the Electricity Act, 2003, focusing on reforms such as tariff transparency, open access, financial discipline, and renewable energy integration.

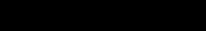
#### Suo Motu Tariff Revision:

The draft Bill empowers State Electricity
Regulatory Commissions to revise tariffs
independently before the financial year begins,
preventing delays that often lead to distribution
losses and financial strain on utilities.

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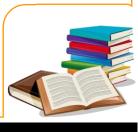
#### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### Non-Discriminatory Open Access:

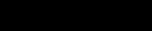
 Allows multiple distribution licensees to use the same network infrastructure efficiently without duplication—encouraging competition akin to telecom or cable service markets.

#### • Electricity Council:

 A proposed coordinating body comprising the Union Power Minister as Chairperson and State Power Ministers as members. It will build consensus, align policies, and advise governments on electricity reforms—modeled after the GST Council structure.







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#### **Important Terms Explained:**

#### **Non-Fossil Sources:**

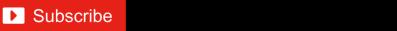
The Bill replaces "renewable energy" with the broader term "non-fossil sources", encompassing solar, wind, nuclear, green hydrogen, waste-to-energy, and other low-carbon technologies, thereby expanding India's clean energy scope.

#### **Energy Storage Systems (ESS):**

Recognized as a formal part of the power system, ESS will include battery storage, pumped hydro, and hybrid renewable systems, ensuring grid stability and demand-supply balancing.







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#### **Tabular Summary:**

Parameter	<b>Details</b>
Event name	Draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025 released for consultation
Announcement date	13 October 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Power, Government of India
Policy/series name	Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025
Key figures	R.K. Singh (Union Power Minister), Jishnu Barua (CERC Chairperson)
Purpose/reason	To modernize India's power sector and promote competition, accountability, and sustainability
Feature details	Suo motu tariff revision, Electricity Council, open access, recognition of ESS, promotion of non-fossil sources
Validity or status	Draft stage; stakeholder comments invited
Strategic/significant value	Enhances regulatory autonomy, clean energy adoption, and financial health of power distribution



#### **QUICK RECALL**



- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the CPR Awareness Week 2025 to promote nationwide awareness on lifesaving CPR techniques.
- Indian vice-captain Smriti Mandhana became the first player in women's ODIs to score 1,000 runs in a single calendar year.
- DRM Waltair XI defeated Indian Navy XI by five wickets in a cricket match held at Waltair Railway Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam.
- Indian squash ace Joshna Chinappa won the Japan Open 2025 title, defeating Egypt's Haya Ali in four games.
- Mohammed Siraj became the highest wicket-taker in Test cricket in 2025, surpassing Zimbabwe's Blessing Muzarabani.
- Gurugram became the first city in India to launch a QR-based kiosk for instant traffic challan payments.
- Capital Small Finance Bank, headquartered in Jalandhar, achieved the 200-branch milestone with new openings in Haryana and Rajasthan.
- Tata Capital Ltd aims to double its ₹2.3 lakh crore loan book within three years, said MD & CEO Rajiv Sabharwal.

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The Andhra Pradesh Government will sign an MoU with Google for a \$10 billion, 1gigawatt hyperscale data centre in Visakhapatnam.



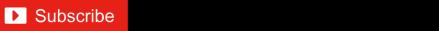


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- India, China, and Brazil—three founding BRICS nations—reduced their US Treasury bond holdings between July 2024 and July 2025.
- Hinduja Renewables Energy Pvt. Ltd. appointed Deepak Thakur as its new MD & CEO, effective October 1, 2025.
- The Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) honoured Mithali Raj and Raavi Kalpana by naming a stand and gate after them at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam.
- Sakthi Jaya Sundar Rajasekar, a medical graduate from Tamil Nadu, won the second prize at the BRICS Young Innovator Prize 2025 in Brazil.
- India and Canada have agreed to a new roadmap for bilateral relations to restore ties strained since 2023.
- The PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP) completed four years with new initiatives launched by Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal.
- The 'PM GatiShakti Public' platform was launched by Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal to democratize access to geospatial and infrastructure data.
- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu launched the Excise Suraksha App to combat the sale and manufacture of spurious liquor in the state.
- HSBC Chennai inaugurated its 23rd 'Helping Hands Mela' on 13 October 2025 at its Cathedral Road branch.





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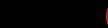


- The National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health (NHRIMH), Kottayam organized a two-day national conference to mark World Mental Health Day 2025.
- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) organized "Manthan-2025" from 13-14 October 2025 at RARI, Lucknow.
- Vijayawada's first heritage walk and car rally was organized by the INTACH Vijayawada Chapter on 12 October 2025.
- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the new APCRDA headquarters in Amaravati on 13 October 2025.
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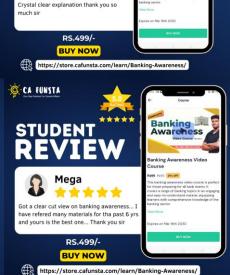






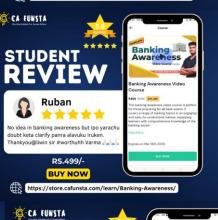






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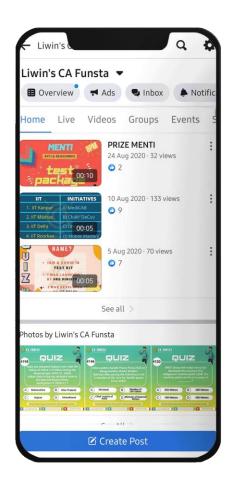
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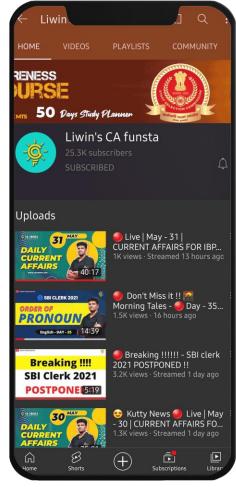


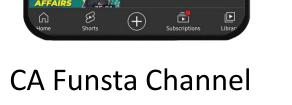


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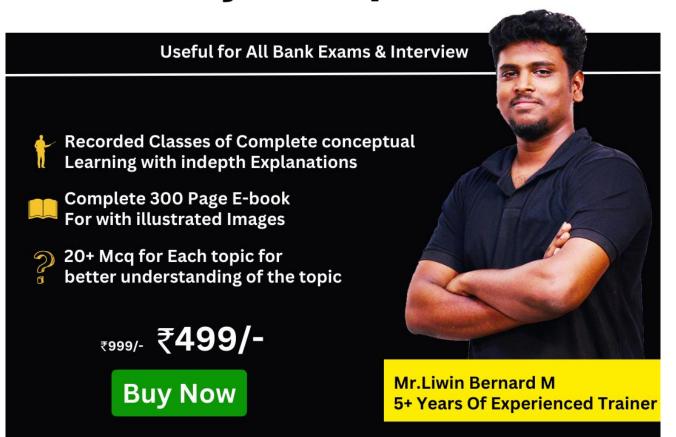


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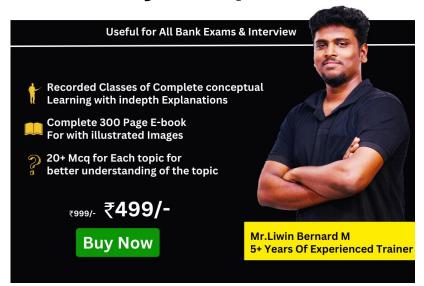
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