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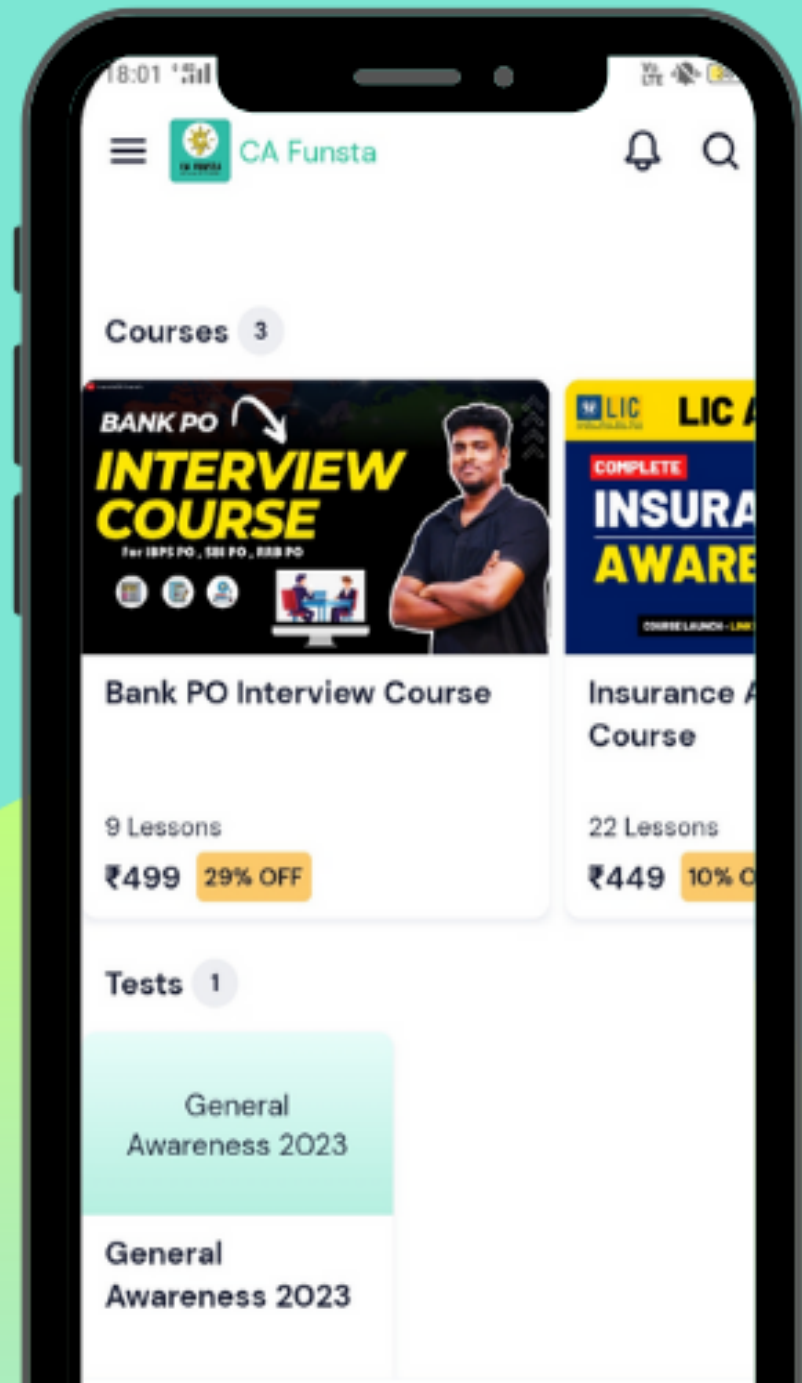
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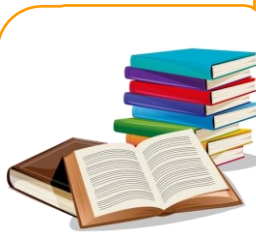


➤ **Why is Police Commemoration Day observed on October 21 every year in India?**

- A) To mark the foundation of Indian Police Service
- B) To honour police medal awardees
- C) To remember police personnel killed in the 1959 Hot Springs incident
- D) To celebrate Indian police modernization
- E) To mark the retirement of British-era police system

Answer

C) To remember police personnel killed in the 1959 Hot Springs incident

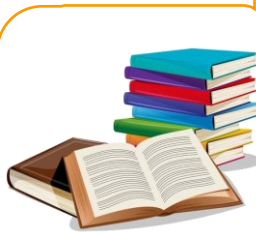


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Police Commemoration Day observed to honour fallen police personnel
- **Location:** Nationwide observance; wreath-laying at Tirunelveli police memorial (Tamil Nadu)
- **Date:** 21 October 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Senior police officials across India, including in Tirunelveli, observed Police Commemoration Day by laying wreaths at police memorials.
- **Objectives:**
 - Pay tribute to police personnel martyred in the line of duty
 - Remember the sacrifice of 10 CRPF personnel killed in 1959 at Hot Springs, Ladakh by the Chinese Army
 - Reinforce the value of service, bravery, and national security



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Police Commemoration Day:** Observed annually on 21st October to honour police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty, especially remembering the 1959 Hot Springs incident involving Central Police Forces.
- **Hot Springs Incident (1959):** A clash between Indian Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Chinese Army near the Hot Springs in Ladakh, resulting in the death of 10 Indian personnel, marking one of the earliest confrontations between India and China.

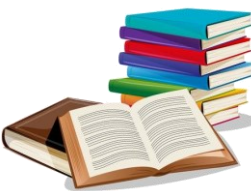


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Police Commemoration Day 2025
Announcement date	21 October 2025
Location	Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu); observed nationwide
Issuing authority	Ministry of Home Affairs / State Police Departments
Policy/series name	Annual Police Memorial Observance
Key figures	Santosh Hadimani (Police Commissioner, Tirunelveli)
Purpose/reason	Honour police martyrs; recall 1959 Hot Springs incident
Feature details	Wreath-laying at memorials, remembrance events across police departments
Validity or status	Annual observance; commemorated every 21st October
Strategic/significant value	Builds public respect for police, reinforces values of duty and national service



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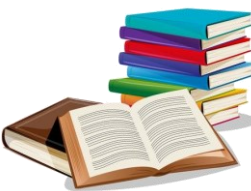


➤ Which Indian space scientist and Padma Bhushan awardee, known for mentoring Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, passed away in October 2025?

- A) Udupi Ramachandra Rao
- B) Eknath Vasant Chitnis
- C) K. Radhakrishnan
- D) Mylswamy Annadurai
- E) G. Madhavan Nair

Answer

B) Eknath Vasant Chitnis

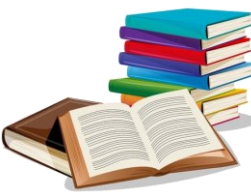


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of veteran ISRO scientist Eknath Vasant Chitnis
- **Location:** Pune, Maharashtra, India
- **Date:** 22 October 2025

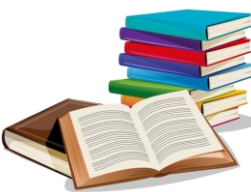


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Honour the legacy of Eknath Vasant Chitnis, a foundational figure in Indian space research
 - Acknowledge his contributions to INCOSPAR, ISRO, Thumba site selection, and Space Applications Centre

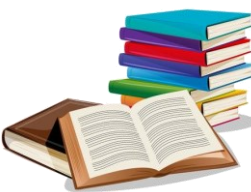


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Important Terms Explained:

- **INCOSPAR (Indian National Committee for Space Research):** Predecessor to ISRO, established in 1962 under the leadership of Dr Vikram Sarabhai to initiate India's space program.
- **ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation):** India's national space agency, known for its satellite and space exploration programs. Chitnis played a key role in its formative years.

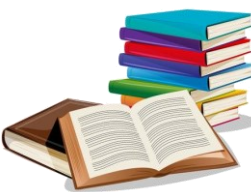


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Thumba Launching Station:** India's first rocket launching station, located in Kerala. Dr Chitnis was instrumental in selecting this location due to its proximity to the magnetic equator.
- **Padma Bhushan:** The third-highest civilian award in India, awarded to Chitnis for his contributions to science and engineering.

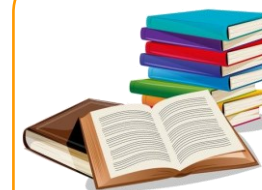


OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Death of ISRO scientist Eknath Vasant Chitnis
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	Pune, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Family and media reports (PTI)
Policy/series name	N/A (Obituary)
Key figures	Eknath Vasant Chitnis, Dr Vikram Sarabhai, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
Purpose/reason	Recognize the legacy and contributions of a space science pioneer
Feature details	Thumba site selection, SAC Director (1981–1985), mentor to Dr Kalam
Validity or status	Deceased on 22 October 2025 at age 100
Strategic/significant value	Foundational contributor to India's space program; key ISRO figure in early decades



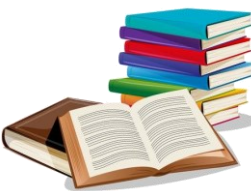
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➤ **According to the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025, what is India's current global rank in total forest area?**

- A) 5th
- B) 7th
- C) 9th
- D) 10th
- E) 3rd

Answer
C) 9th

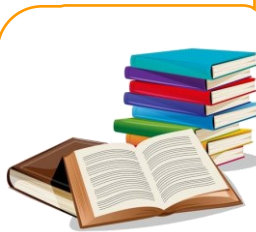


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** India ranked 9th globally in total forest area and 3rd in annual forest gain
- **Location:** Global; Assessment released by FAO in Bali, Indonesia
- **Date:** 22 October 2025

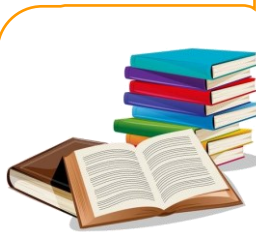


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Release of the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) ranking India 9th in total forest area and reaffirming its 3rd position in annual forest area gain.
- **Objectives:** Recognize and validate India's efforts in afforestation, sustainable forest management, and community-driven environmental actions, promoting ecological balance and green cover expansion.



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Global Forest Area Ranking (GFRA 2025)

Rank	Country	Total Forest Area (approx.)	Remarks
1	Russia	~815 million ha	Largest forest area globally
2	Brazil	~495 million ha	Home to the Amazon Rainforest
3	Canada	~347 million ha	Boreal forests dominate
4	United States	~310 million ha	Extensive temperate forests
5	China	~220 million ha	Large-scale afforestation programs
6	Democratic Republic of Congo	~154 million ha	Largest forest cover in Africa
7	Australia	~134 million ha	Includes tropical and temperate forests
8	Indonesia	~125 million ha	Tropical rainforests with high biodiversity
9	India	~72 million ha	Moved up from 10th to 9th in GFRA 2025
10	Peru	~71 million ha	Amazonian forest cover

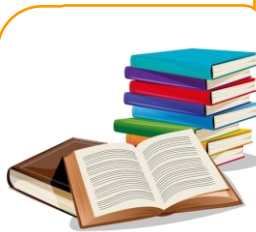


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Annual Forest Area Gain Ranking (as per GFRA 2025)

Rank	Country	Annual Forest Area Gain	Remarks
1	China	Highest net annual forest gain	Through massive tree-planting campaigns
2	Australia	Significant recovery post-wildfires	Natural regeneration + afforestation
3	India	3rd globally	Through national programs and community efforts

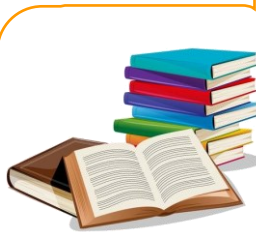


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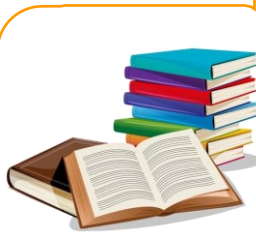
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA):** A comprehensive report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) published every 5 years that evaluates the global status and trends of forests and forest resources.
- **Annual Forest Area Gain:** Refers to the yearly increase in forest cover through afforestation, reforestation, or natural regeneration, an indicator of a country's ecological conservation progress.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam:** A public movement initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, encouraging citizens to plant and dedicate a tree in the name of their mother, aiming to build an emotional connection with environmental stewardship.

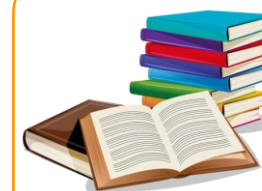


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India moves up in Global Forest Area ranking – GFRA 2025
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	Global (Report released in Bali, Indonesia)
Issuing authority	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Policy/series name	Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA)
Key figures	Shri Bhupender Yadav, PM Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	Highlight India's success in afforestation and forest conservation
Feature details	India ranks 9 th in total forest area, 3 rd in annual forest gain
Validity or status	Current global standing as per GFRA 2025
Strategic/significant value	Demonstrates India's leadership in environmental conservation and global sustainability



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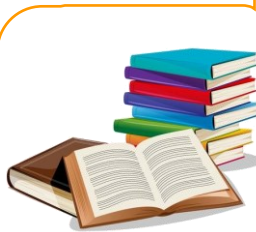
➤ **On which date will Kerala be officially declared free from extreme poverty?**

- A) October 22, 2025
- B) November 1, 2025
- C) December 15, 2025
- D) January 26, 2026
- E) October 31, 2025



Answer

B) November 1, 2025

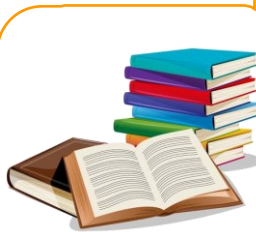


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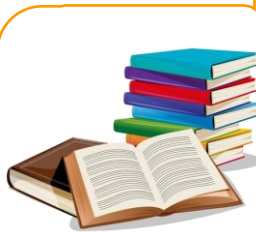
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Official declaration of Kerala as free from extreme poverty
- **Location:** Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** Scheduled for 1 November 2025



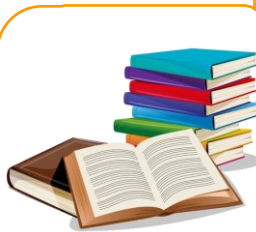
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will announce the eradication of extreme poverty in the state at a formal event in Thiruvananthapuram.
- **Objectives:**
 - Mark the success of the extreme poverty eradication programme launched in 2021
 - Highlight the achievements of the LDF government in inclusive development
 - Inspire further efforts toward social equity, welfare, and dignified living standards for all citizens



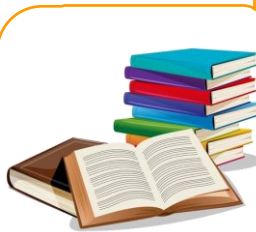
Important Terms Explained:

- **Extreme Poverty:** A condition characterized by severe deprivation of basic human needs, including food, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, health, shelter, education, and information. Kerala's success means all households in the state now meet a minimum standard of dignified living.
- **Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme:** A targeted social welfare initiative launched by the LDF government in 2021 as one of its first cabinet decisions, aimed at identifying and uplifting the state's most economically deprived families.



Important Terms Explained:

- **LDF (Left Democratic Front):** A political alliance in Kerala led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist), currently in power under the leadership of CM Pinarayi Vijayan.

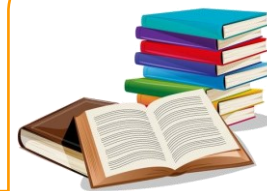


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Kerala to be declared free from extreme poverty
Announcement date	Scheduled for 1 November 2025
Location	Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala
Policy/series name	Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme (Launched in 2021)
Key figures	CM Pinarayi Vijayan, M.B. Rajesh, Mohanlal, Mammooty, Kamal Haasan
Purpose/reason	To formally announce that Kerala has eradicated extreme poverty
Feature details	Large public function with dignitaries, cross-party and celebrity presence
Validity or status	Declaration scheduled for November 1
Strategic/significant value	First Indian state to be declared free of extreme poverty; model of inclusive growth



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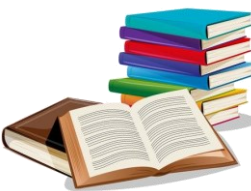
➤ Which honorary military rank was Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra conferred with in October 2025?

- A) Major
- B) Captain
- C) Lieutenant Colonel
- D) Colonel
- E) Brigadier



Answer

C) Lieutenant Colonel

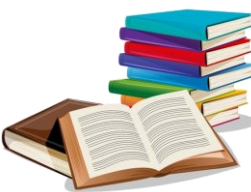


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Neeraj Chopra conferred honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army
- **Location:** South Block, New Delhi
- **Date:** 22 October 2025

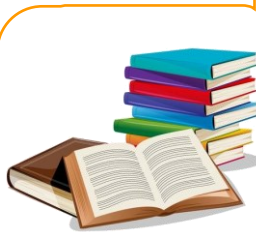


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Neeraj Chopra, two-time Olympic medalist in javelin throw, was conferred with the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army
- **Objectives:**
 - Recognize Chopra's exceptional contribution to Indian sports and his role in enhancing national pride
 - Symbolize the civil-military connect by honouring individuals who embody discipline, dedication, and national service
 - Encourage youth by celebrating sports icons as national role models

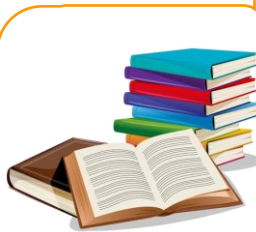


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Territorial Army (TA):** A part-time volunteer force that supports and augments the Indian Army. Honorary ranks are awarded to distinguished civilians in recognition of their national contribution.
- **Pipping Ceremony:** A formal military event where rank insignias are pinned (or “pipped”) on individuals receiving a new or honorary rank.
- **Lieutenant Colonel (Honorary):** A mid-level officer rank in the Indian Army, often awarded as an honorary title to eminent personalities in recognition of national service or excellence.

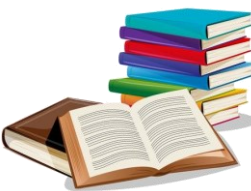


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Neeraj Chopra conferred honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	South Block, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, Government of India
Policy/series name	Honorary Rank Conferment (Territorial Army)
Key figures	Neeraj Chopra, Rajnath Singh, Gen. Upendra Dwivedi
Purpose/reason	Recognize Chopra's achievements in sports and contribution to national pride
Feature details	Honorary military title, pipping ceremony, presence of Defence Minister
Validity or status	Conferred; Honorary status
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens national identity and promotes civil-military harmony through sports icons



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been reappointed as a trustee for life by Tata Trusts in October 2025?**

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Noel Tata
- C) Mehli Mistry
- D) Venu Srinivasan
- E) Natarajan Chandrasekaran

Answer
D) Venu Srinivasan

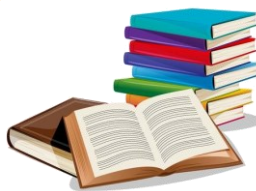


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tata Trusts reappoints Venu Srinivasan as trustee for life
- **Location:** New Delhi (Announcement); Tata Trusts – headquartered in Mumbai
- **Date:** 21 October 2025

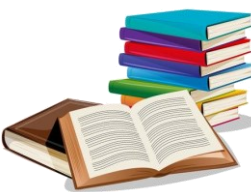


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Tata Trusts has unanimously reappointed Venu Srinivasan as trustee for life, just ahead of his term's expiry on 23 October 2025.
- **Objectives:**
 - Retain institutional continuity amid reported internal factionalism
 - Reinforce stability within the governance structure of Tata Trusts
 - Shift focus to pending decisions such as Mehli Mistry's term renewal, which may influence internal dynamics

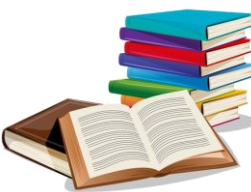


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Tata Trusts:** One of India's oldest philanthropic institutions, established by Jamsetji Tata, and currently serving as a major shareholder of Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata Group.
- **Trustee for Life:** A status granted to a member of a trust's governing body, indicating permanent tenure unless resigned or removed under extraordinary circumstances.

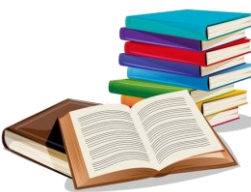


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Venu Srinivasan:** Industrialist and Chairman Emeritus of TVS Motor Company, also a Padma Bhushan awardee, long associated with corporate philanthropy and Tata Trusts.
- **Mehli Mistry:** A key figure within Tata Trusts and seen as close to the late Ratan Tata, whose term renewal is being closely watched amid perceived internal factionalism.

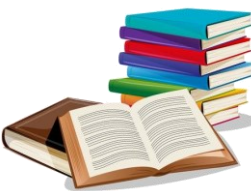


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Venu Srinivasan reappointed as trustee for life at Tata Trusts
Announcement date	21 October 2025
Location	New Delhi (reported); Mumbai (Tata Trusts HQ)
Issuing authority	Tata Trusts Board
Policy/series name	Trustee Appointments and Renewals
Key figures	Venu Srinivasan, Noel Tata, Mehli Mistry
Purpose/reason	Ensure governance continuity amid internal differences
Feature details	Lifetime appointment ahead of term expiry on 23 October
Validity or status	Confirmed; effective immediately
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces board stability during leadership transition and factional tensions



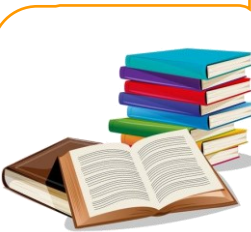
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➤ Which institution do the newly selected 2024 Fellows of the Telangana Academy of Sciences, Labani Ray and H.V.S. Satyanarayana, belong to?

- A) IISc Bengaluru
- B) CSIR-NGRI
- C) IIT Hyderabad
- D) ISRO-SAC
- E) BARC

Answer
B) CSIR-NGRI

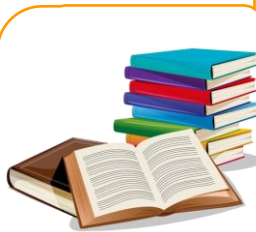


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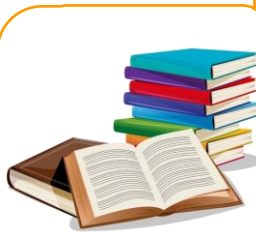
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Two scientists from CSIR-NGRI selected as 2024 Fellows of the Telangana Academy of Sciences
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana
- **Date:** 22 October 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Recognition of Labani Ray and H.V.S. Satyanarayana, senior scientists from CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), as Fellows of the Telangana Academy of Sciences (TAS) 2024

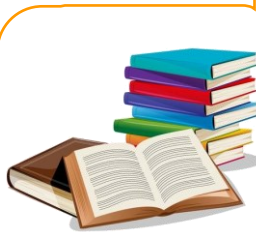


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Acknowledge outstanding contributions in geophysical research and geothermal energy
 - Promote scientific excellence and research leadership in Telangana and India
 - Support national capability in thermal conductivity modeling and Indian lithosphere studies

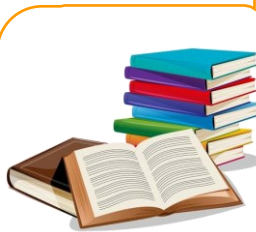


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Important Terms Explained:

- **CSIR-NGRI (National Geophysical Research Institute):** A premier institute under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), based in Hyderabad, specializing in earth sciences and geophysics.
- **Telangana Academy of Sciences (TAS):** A scientific body that recognizes contributions of scientists from Telangana across various disciplines through Fellowship honours.
- **Centre for Geothermal Energy Research (CGER):** A unique lab established by Labani Ray, dedicated to measuring rock thermal conductivity at elevated temperatures to improve geothermal models.

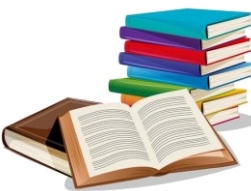


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	CSIR-NGRI scientists selected as TAS Fellows 2024
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	Hyderabad, Telangana
Issuing authority	Telangana Academy of Sciences
Policy/series name	TAS Fellowship 2024
Key figures	Labani Ray (Senior Principal Scientist), H.V.S. Satyanarayana (Chief Scientist)
Purpose/reason	Recognize scientific contributions in geophysics and geothermal research
Feature details	Only lab in India for high-temperature rock thermal conductivity at CGER
Validity or status	Fellowships awarded for 2024
Strategic/significant value	Enhances Telangana's and India's scientific recognition and geothermal capability

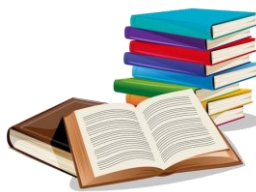


➤ Which Indian naval ship participated in the Sea and Harbour phases of JAIMEX-25 in October 2025?

- A) INS Vikrant
- B) INS Shivalik
- C) INS Sahyadri
- D) INS Kolkata
- E) INS Vela

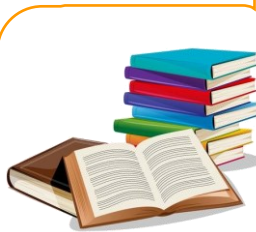


Answer
C) INS Sahyadri



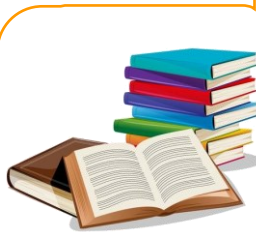
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India-Japan joint naval exercise JAIMEX-25 involving INS Sahyadri
- **Location:** Yokosuka, Japan and Indo-Pacific waters
- **Date:** 16–18 October 2025 (Sea Phase), 21 October 2025 (Harbour Phase)



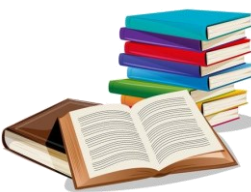
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conducting joint Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX-25) with participation from INS Sahyadri and JMSDF ships Asahi, Oumi, and submarine Jinryu. Activities included sea-based drills and harbour engagements.
- **Objectives:** Enhance interoperability, strengthen defence ties, and uphold the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between India and Japan, aiming to ensure peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region.



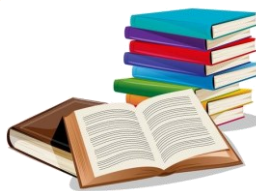
Important Terms Explained:

- **JAIMEX (Japan-India Maritime Exercise):** A bilateral maritime exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) to improve coordination, interoperability, and strategic ties.
- **INS Sahyadri:** A Shivalik-class Guided Missile Stealth Frigate, commissioned in 2012 and built indigenously under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Designed for multi-role operations including anti-submarine warfare and air defence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Strategic and Global Partnership:** A diplomatic and defence framework signed in 2014 between India and Japan, aiming at deeper cooperation across political, economic, and military spheres.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	JAIMEX-25 – Japan-India Maritime Exercise
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	Yokosuka, Japan and Indo-Pacific waters
Issuing authority	Indian Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF)
Policy/series name	JAIMEX (Japan-India Maritime Exercise)
Key figures	INS Sahyadri, JMSDF Ships Asahi, Oumi, Submarine Jinryu
Purpose/reason	Strengthen naval cooperation and ensure regional security in Indo-Pacific
Feature details	ASW drills, missile defence, cross-deck visits, joint yoga, operational planning
Validity or status	Conducted – Sea Phase (16–18 Oct), Harbour Phase (21 Oct)
Strategic/significant value	Supports the India-Japan Special Strategic Partnership and free Indo-Pacific vision



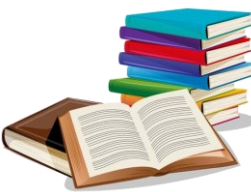
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➤ **Under Special Campaign 5.0, how much scrap was disposed of by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting?**

- A) 1.20 lakh kg
- B) 1.43 lakh kg
- C) 2.00 lakh kg
- D) 1.00 lakh kg
- E) 1.75 lakh kg

Answer
B) 1.43 lakh kg

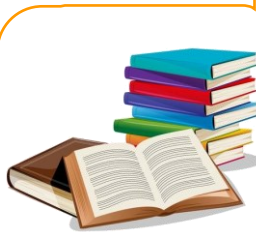


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Special Campaign 5.0 implemented by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- **Location:** Nationwide (including Ministry HQ, Media Units, Field Offices)
- **Date:** Implementation from 2nd October to 17th October 2025 (Fortnight progress reported on 22 October)

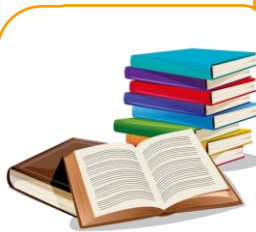


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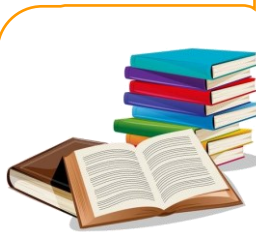
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Conduct outdoor and indoor Swachhata activities
 - Dispose of physical and electronic files
 - Clear public grievances and pending government communications
 - Condemn unserviceable vehicles and manage scrap disposal
- **Objectives:**
 - Institutionalize Swachhata in government offices
 - Improve workplace cleanliness and efficiency
 - Ensure timely disposal of pending matters
 - Promote sustainable practices including responsible e-waste management



Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Campaign 5.0:** A centrally driven campaign launched across Ministries to promote cleanliness, reduce pendency, and enhance administrative efficiency, continuing from previous Swachhata-based campaigns.
- **Swachhata:** A Hindi term meaning "cleanliness", central to India's national initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, aimed at promoting hygiene and sanitation.
- **Weeding Out of Files:** A government administrative process of reviewing and disposing of old or unnecessary physical and electronic documents to improve efficiency and free up space.

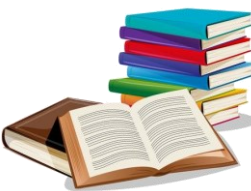


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Special Campaign 5.0 – Cleanliness & Efficiency Initiative
Announcement date	Progress released on 22 October 2025
Location	Ministry of I&B HQ, Media Units, Field Offices (Pan-India)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB)
Policy/series name	Special Campaign 5.0
Key figures	R. K. Jena (Sr. Economic Adviser, Nodal Officer), Ministry Officials
Purpose/reason	Improve cleanliness, reduce pendency, and increase efficiency
Feature details	1.43 lakh kg scrap disposed, 973 sites cleaned, 14,000+ files reviewed
Validity or status	Ongoing campaign (implementation phase)
Strategic/significant value	Promotes sustainable administration and contributes to Swachh Bharat goals



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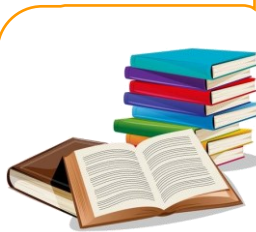


➤ Under the AI for India 2030 initiative, which framework is central to both AI Playbooks launched for Agriculture and SMEs?

- A) SMART India
- B) DIGITAL Mission
- C) IMPACT AI
- D) AI Connect
- E) Bharat AI Grid

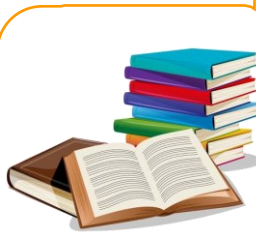


Answer
C) IMPACT AI



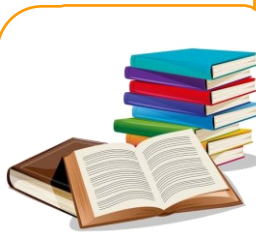
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of AI Playbooks for Agriculture and SMEs, and AI Sandbox White Paper under AI for India 2030
- **Location:** India (National launch coordinated by Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution – C4IR India, WEF)
- **Date:** 22 October 2025



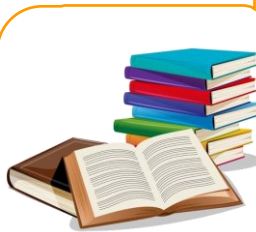
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Launch of three strategic publications:
 - Future Farming in India: AI Playbook for Agriculture
 - Transforming Small Businesses: AI Playbook for India's SMEs
 - Shaping the AI Sandbox Ecosystem: White Paper



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Accelerate responsible AI adoption across agriculture and MSME sectors
 - Provide actionable implementation roadmaps for AI integration
 - Support India's digital transformation through inclusive, scalable, and context-driven AI solutions
 - Foster multi-stakeholder collaboration via the IMPACT AI framework

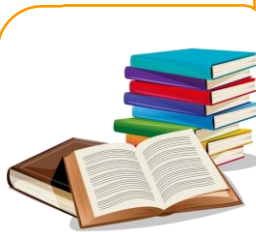


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Important Terms Explained:

- **AI for India 2030:** A national initiative led by C4IR India (World Economic Forum) and supported by the Government of India, aiming to promote responsible and inclusive AI adoption across critical sectors.
- **IMPACT AI Framework:** A strategic model guiding AI adoption across sectors through a phased approach—Inspiration, Mentorship, Policy support, Access to tools, Collaboration, and Trust-building—to ensure inclusive and impactful implementation.
- **AI Sandbox:** A controlled, regulatory-compliant environment that allows for testing, refining, and scaling AI innovations safely, aligned with India's national priorities and ethical standards.

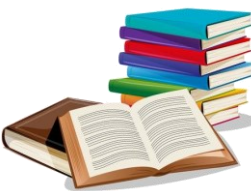


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of AI Playbooks and AI Sandbox White Paper
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	India (coordinated by C4IR India – WEF)
Issuing authority	Office of PSA, MeitY, MSME, Agriculture Ministry, C4IR India
Policy/series name	AI for India 2030 Initiative
Key figures	Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Shri S. Krishnan, Shri S.C.L. Das, Dr. Parvinder Maini
Purpose/reason	Guide responsible AI adoption in agriculture and SME sectors
Feature details	Three publications, IMPACT AI framework, multi-sector implementation model
Validity or status	Released; Implementation coalitions and tracking underway
Strategic/significant value	Positions India as a global AI innovation hub with grassroots-level application



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➤ **By which year does Chittoor district aim to achieve 50% green cover under Mission Haritha Andhra Pradesh?**

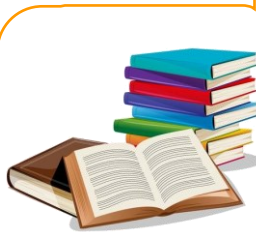
- A) 2027
- B) 2030
- C) 2035
- D) 2047
- E) 2050

Answer
D) 2047



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Chittoor district sets target to increase green cover to 50% under Mission Haritha Andhra Pradesh
- **Location:** Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 22 October 2025

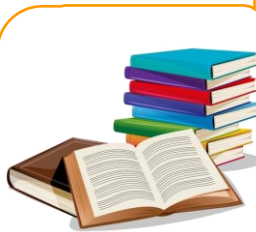


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Implementation of Mission Haritha Andhra Pradesh in Chittoor to expand forest and green cover
 - Combined use of Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) and Artificial Regeneration (AR) methods
 - Conducting inter-departmental coordination meetings to mobilize collective action

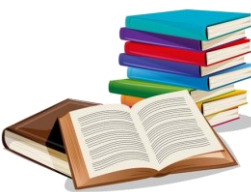


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Increase the district's green cover from 34% to 50% by 2047
 - Promote mass plantation drives, ecological restoration, and public participation
 - Involve youth and community stakeholders to build long-term environmental stewardship

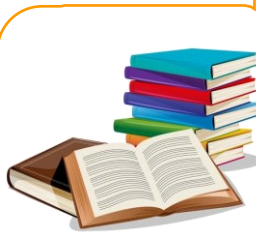


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission Haritha Andhra Pradesh:** A flagship afforestation and green development program by the Government of Andhra Pradesh aimed at increasing forest and green cover through community involvement and departmental coordination.
- **Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR):** A forest restoration method that supports natural regrowth of vegetation by protecting and nurturing existing plant life and saplings in degraded forests.
- **Artificial Regeneration (AR):** A technique where trees are manually planted in areas with poor or no vegetation to create forest cover, often using nursery-grown seedlings.

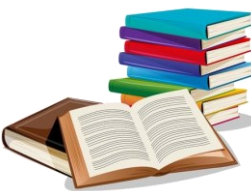


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Chittoor targets 50% green cover under Mission Haritha Andhra Pradesh
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	District Administration, Chittoor
Policy/series name	Mission Haritha Andhra Pradesh
Key figures	District Collector Sumit Kumar
Purpose/reason	Enhance ecological sustainability and forest restoration
Feature details	Use of ANR and AR methods, mass plantation, inter-departmental efforts
Validity or status	Target set for achievement by 2047
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's long-term climate goals and sustainable development vision

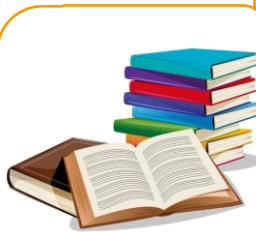


➤ **What is the objective of the new scheme launched by the Tamil Nadu HR&CE Department regarding cotton dhotis and saris in large temples?**

- A) To sell them to textile mills
- B) To export them abroad
- C) To reuse them in one-time puja and village temples
- D) To distribute them to devotees as prasad
- E) To recycle them into uniforms

Answer

C) To reuse them in one-time puja and village temples

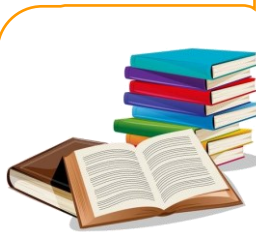


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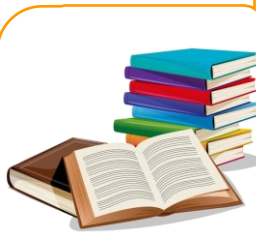
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of scheme to utilise excess cotton dhotis and saris from large temples
- **Location:** Thiruveleeswarar Temple, Padi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** 22 October 2025



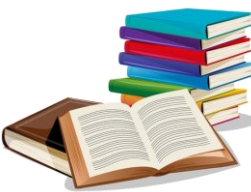
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department of Tamil Nadu launched a scheme to repurpose vasthrams (cotton dhotis and saris) offered in large temples.



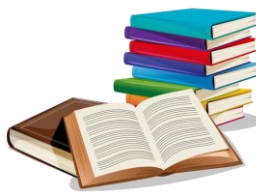
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Address storage challenges faced by large temples due to excess cloth offerings
 - Ensure optimal and respectful use of unused garments by distributing them to one-time puja temples and village temples
 - Promote resource sharing within the temple ecosystem and support smaller religious institutions



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vasthrams:** Traditional garments such as cotton dhotis and saris offered by devotees to deities in temples as part of religious rituals.
- **One-time Puja Temples:** Smaller temples that conduct limited or occasional rituals and lack regular resources for deity attire.
- **HR&CE Department (Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments):** A Tamil Nadu government department responsible for the administration and regulation of Hindu temples and charitable endowments in the state.

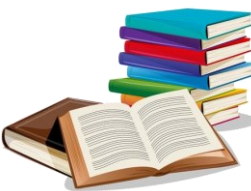


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of scheme to reuse cotton vasthrams in small temples
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	Padi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department
Policy/series name	Temple Cloth Reuse Scheme
Key figures	Minister P. K. Sekarbabu
Purpose/reason	Efficient use of cotton garments offered to deities in large temples
Feature details	Distribution of dhotis and saris to one-time puja and village temples
Validity or status	Recently launched; implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Promotes temple resource optimization and support for rural temple traditions



- **What is the primary aim of the Centre for Sustainable Energy established by Coal India and IIT Madras?**
- A) Increase coal extraction
 - B) Export coal-based energy
 - C) Promote low-carbon energy solutions
 - D) Develop AI technologies
 - E) Privatize coal mines

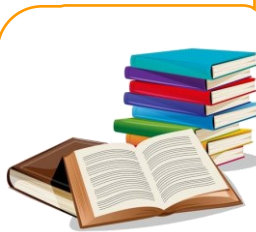
Answer

C) Promote low-carbon energy solutions



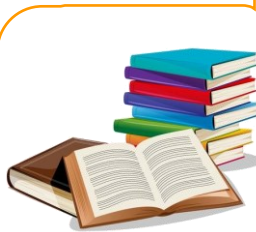
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Coal India signed MoU with IIT Madras to set up Centre for Sustainable Energy
- **Location:** IIT Madras, Tamil Nadu, India
- **Date:** 22 October 2025



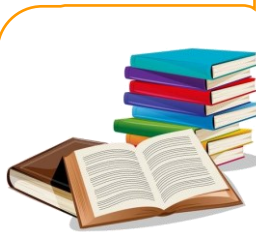
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Establishment of the Centre for Sustainable Energy through a MoU between Coal India Limited and IIT Madras to drive R&D and capacity building in sustainable energy technologies.
- **Objectives:** To repurpose coal mines, develop low-carbon technologies, and position coal as a clean energy feedstock in line with India's net-zero emissions target for 2070, while also fostering indigenous research and human capital development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Coal India Limited (CIL):** A central public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Coal, responsible for coal mining and production in India, now aligning with clean energy goals.
- **Centre for Sustainable Energy:** A research and development initiative launched at IIT Madras focusing on innovation in sustainable energy, coal mine repurposing, and low-carbon solutions.
- **Net-Zero Emissions by 2070:** India's climate target to achieve a balance between greenhouse gases emitted and removed from the atmosphere by the year 2070.



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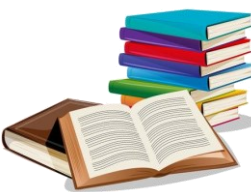
Parameter	Details
Event name	MoU between Coal India and IIT Madras to set up Centre for Sustainable Energy
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Coal India Limited and Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Policy/series name	Centre for Sustainable Energy
Key figures	Shri P.M. Prasad, Shri Achyut Ghatak, Prof. V. Kamakoti
Purpose/reason	To enable India's clean energy transition and repurpose coal mines
Feature details	Research, low-carbon tech, coal as feedstock, PhD and internship programs
Validity or status	MoU signed; implementation underway
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's 2070 net-zero goal and energy diversification objectives



- **What was the main objective of the Pan-India CPR Awareness Week organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in October 2025?**
- A) Promote use of advanced medical equipment
 - B) Train professionals in robotic surgery
 - C) Strengthen community response through CPR awareness
 - D) Celebrate doctors' contribution to public health
 - E) Launch health insurance schemes

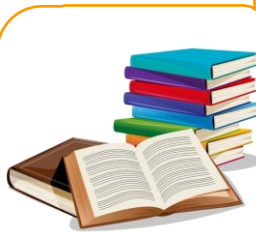
Answer

C) Strengthen community response through CPR awareness



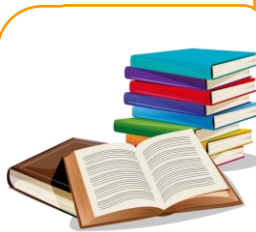
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Pan-India CPR Awareness Week organized by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- **Location:** Across India
- **Date:** 13th to 17th October 2025



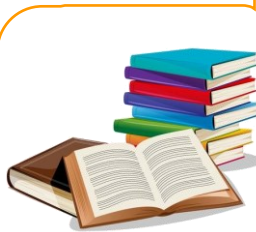
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized CPR Awareness Week 2025 to increase public knowledge and practical ability in Compression-only Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).



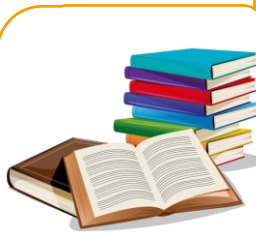
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Raise awareness on CPR as a life-saving emergency intervention
 - Provide hands-on CPR training and demonstrations
 - Mobilize youth volunteers and professional bodies for community outreach
 - Utilize digital platforms (e.g., MyGov, MyBharat) for mass engagement
 - Encourage early bystander intervention in cardiac emergencies



Important Terms Explained:

- **Compression-only CPR:** A simplified method of cardiopulmonary resuscitation where only chest compressions are administered without mouth-to-mouth breathing, crucial in cardiac arrest situations.
- **MyGov Platform:** A citizen engagement portal of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, used for pledges, quizzes, and awareness campaigns.
- **Volunteer for Bharat:** A youth-led outreach initiative under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, promoting national participation in public welfare activities, including health awareness.

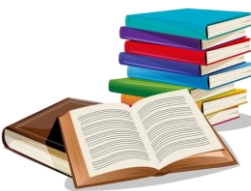


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Pan-India CPR Awareness Week 2025
Announcement date	22 October 2025 (PIB release)
Location	Nationwide (India)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Policy/series name	CPR Awareness Initiative
Key figures	Secretary (Health), experts from AIIMS, RML, Safdarjung
Purpose/reason	Improve community response to cardiac arrest through CPR training
Feature details	Physical & digital CPR training, youth engagement, expert sessions
Validity or status	Completed (13–17 October 2025)
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's emergency health preparedness and public health awareness

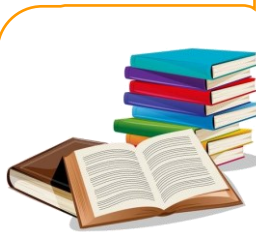


➤ **What benefits will Agniveers retiring from 2026 receive in UP Police recruitment as per CM Yogi's announcement?**

- A) Reservation in higher education
- B) Free housing
- C) 3-year age relaxation and 20% reservation
- D) Free healthcare for life
- E) Direct recruitment in Indian Army

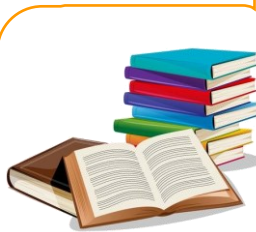
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C) 3-year age relaxation and 20% reservation



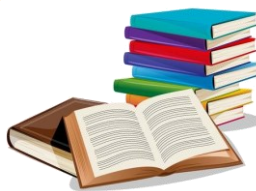
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of recruitment benefits for Agniveers and police modernization plans in Uttar Pradesh
- **Location:** Reserve Police Lines, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **Date:** 22 October 2025



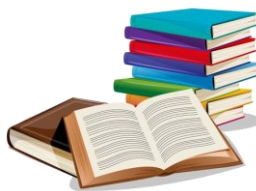
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - CM Yogi Adityanath announced that retiring Agniveers (from 2026) will get 3-year age relaxation and 20% horizontal reservation in UP Police recruitment for Constable, Mounted Constable, and Fireman posts.
 - Announcement made during Police Commemoration Day 2025.
 - Rs 4,061.87 crore allocated for police in FY 2025–26 for modernization and infrastructure.



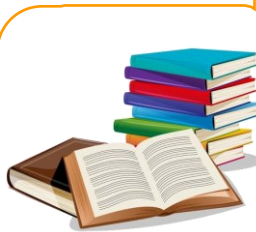
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Support the reintegration of Agniveers into civilian roles post-service
 - Strengthen policing infrastructure, women's safety, and cybercrime prevention
 - Recognize police martyrs and ensure support for their families
 - Promote transparent, tech-enabled, and citizen-centric policing



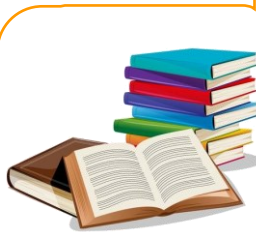
Important Terms Explained:

- **Agniveer Scheme:** A short-term recruitment scheme in the Indian Armed Forces under the Agnipath scheme, where selected youth serve for 4 years. Post-retirement, many are to be absorbed in civilian roles.
- **Horizontal Reservation:** A reservation model applied across all categories (General, OBC, SC, ST), giving Agniveers a fixed quota in each.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Police Modernisation Scheme:** A central and state-funded initiative to equip police forces with modern technology, mobility, training, and cyber capabilities.
- **Mission Shakti:** A flagship initiative by the UP Government aimed at women's safety, dignity, and empowerment, including dedicated police outposts, helpdesks, and trained women officers.

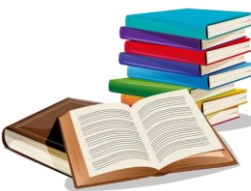


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UP announces police recruitment benefits for Agniveers and modernization plans
Announcement date	22 October 2025
Location	Reserve Police Lines, Lucknow
Issuing authority	Government of Uttar Pradesh
Policy/series name	Agniveer Recruitment Quota in UP Police; Police Modernisation
Key figures	CM Yogi Adityanath, STF Inspector Sunil Kumar, Durgesh Kumar Singh, Saurabh Kumar
Purpose/reason	Absorb Agniveers into police force; modernize policing; honor martyrs
Feature details	3-year age relaxation, 20% horizontal quota, ₹4,061.87 Cr budget, 31,000 new posts
Validity or status	Announced and budgeted for FY 2025–26
Strategic/significant value	Encourages youth military service, strengthens law enforcement, and boosts public trust

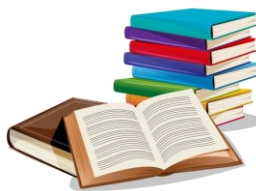


➤ **Where was the foundation stone for a new petting zoo of global standard laid in October 2025?**

- A) Nandankanan Zoological Park
- B) Puthur Zoological Park
- C) Vandalur Zoo
- D) Mysore Zoo
- E) Kanpur Zoo

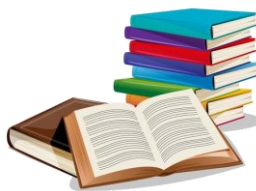
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B) Puthur Zoological Park



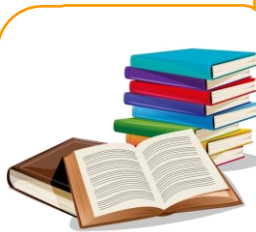
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Foundation stone laid for petting zoo at Puthur Zoological Park
- **Location:** Puthur Zoological Park, Thrissur, Kerala
- **Date:** 21 October 2025



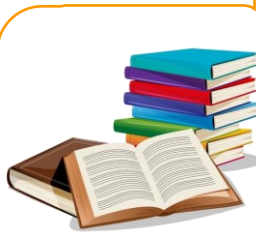
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Speaker A.N. Shamseer inaugurated the foundation stone laying ceremony for a petting zoo of international standard as part of the expansion of Puthur Zoological Park
- **Objectives:**
 - Foster compassion and empathy in children and adults through direct interaction with animals
 - Create a visitor-friendly, interactive facility that connects people with nature and wildlife
 - Transform Puthur Zoological Park into one of the world's finest zoological experiences



Important Terms Explained:

- **Petting Zoo:** A hands-on educational facility where visitors, especially children, can interact with and touch domesticated animals or certain wildlife under supervision, often used for learning and emotional development.
- **Puthur Zoological Park:** A zoological park located in Thrissur, Kerala, undergoing major expansion to become a globally competitive facility with modern enclosures and interactive zones.
- **Compassion through Nature:** A principle in environmental education focusing on how humane animal interaction can build empathy, particularly in younger generations.

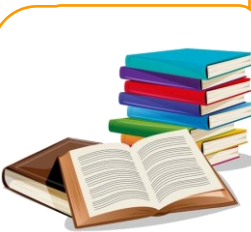


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Foundation stone laying for Petting Zoo at Puthur Zoological Park
Announcement date	21 October 2025
Location	Puthur Zoological Park, Thrissur, Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala; Inaugurated by Speaker A.N. Shamseer
Policy/series name	Zoological Park Expansion Project
Key figures	A.N. Shamseer (Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly)
Purpose/reason	Create an animal-interactive zone to educate and foster empathy
Feature details	Global-standard petting zoo, interactive animal and bird enclosures
Validity or status	Foundation stone laid; project under implementation
Strategic/significant value	Enhances wildlife education, emotional learning, and tourism appeal in Kerala



➤ Which temple is President Droupadi Murmu scheduled to visit during her 4-day tour of Kerala in October 2025?

- A) Padmanabhaswamy Temple
- B) Guruvayur Temple
- C) Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple
- D) Sivagiri Madhom
- E) Vaikom Mahadeva Temple

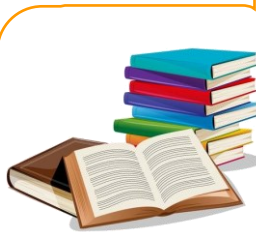
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C) Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple



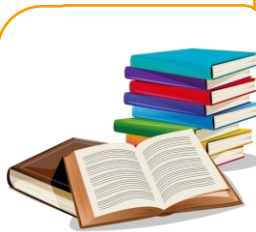
Event and Location:

- **Event:** President Droupadi Murmu begins 4-day official visit to Kerala
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Sabarimala, Varkala, Pala, and Ernakulam (Kerala)
- **Date:** 21–24 October 2025



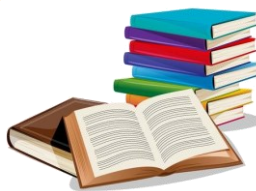
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Official 4-day state visit by President Droupadi Murmu to Kerala, covering religious, educational, and commemorative engagements.



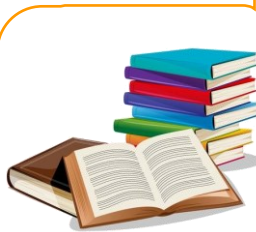
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Offer darshan at Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple
 - Unveil the bust of former President K.R. Narayanan at Raj Bhavan
 - Inaugurate the Mahasamadhi Centenary of Sree Narayana Guru at Sivagiri Madhom, Varkala
 - Attend key educational institutional events in Pala and Ernakulam
 - Promote national unity and pay tribute to Kerala's cultural and historical icons



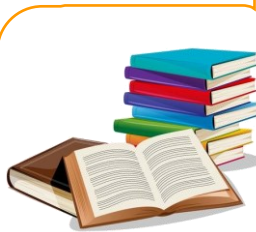
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple:** One of the most famous Hindu pilgrimage sites in South India, dedicated to Lord Ayyappa and located in the Western Ghats of Kerala. It sees millions of devotees annually.
- **Sivagiri Madhom:** A spiritual retreat and pilgrimage centre associated with Sree Narayana Guru, a renowned social reformer and saint.



Important Terms Explained:

- **K.R. Narayanan:** The 10th President of India (1997–2002) and the first Dalit President, born in Kerala, remembered for his contributions to social justice and diplomacy.
- **Raj Bhavan:** The official residence of the Governor of a state; also used to host key dignitaries during official state visits.

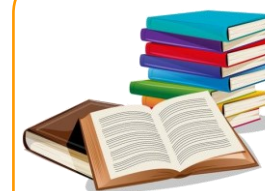


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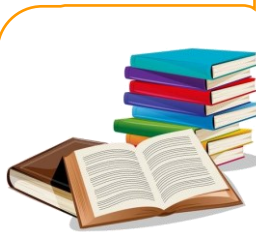
Parameter	Details
Event name	President Droupadi Murmu's 4-day official visit to Kerala
Announcement date	21 October 2025 (arrival)
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Sabarimala, Varkala, Pala, Ernakulam
Issuing authority	Rashtrapati Bhavan / State Government of Kerala
Policy/series name	Presidential State Visit Events
Key figures	President Droupadi Murmu, CM Pinarayi Vijayan, MoS George Kurian
Purpose/reason	Religious pilgrimage, unveilings, centenary events, and educational outreach
Feature details	Sabarimala darshan, bust unveiling of K.R. Narayanan, Sivagiri event, college inaugurations
Validity or status	Visit ongoing (21–24 October 2025)
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces cultural diplomacy, social reform remembrance, and state-centre engagement



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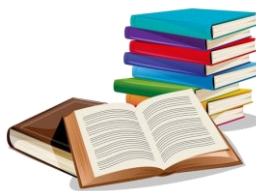
- **Police Commemoration Day** was observed on **October 21, 2025**, to honour the sacrifices of police personnel.
- **Veteran space scientist and ISRO pioneer Eknath Vasant Chitnis** passed away in **Pune** at the age of **100**.
- **India** has moved up to **9th position** globally in total forest area as per the **GFRA 2025** released by **FAO**.
- **Kerala** will officially be declared free from extreme poverty on **November 1, 2025**.
- **Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra** was conferred with the honorary rank of **Lieutenant Colonel** on **22 October 2025**.
- **Tata Trusts** has reappointed industrialist **Venu Srinivasan** as trustee for life ahead of his term expiry.
- **Two CSIR-NGRI scientists** were selected as **Fellows of the Telangana Academy of Sciences** for **2024**.
- **INS Sahyadri** participated in the **Sea Phase of JAIMEX-25** with **Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force** ships.
- The **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting** is actively implementing **Special Campaign 5.0** to promote cleanliness and reduce administrative backlog.



QUICK RECALL



- **Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood launched three major AI-related publications under the AI for India 2030 initiative on 22 October 2025.**
- **Chittoor district has set a target to reach 50% green cover by 2047 under Mission Haritha Andhra Pradesh.**
- **Tamil Nadu HR&CE Minister P. K. Sekarbabu launched a scheme to reuse excess cotton dhotis and saris from major temples.**
- **Coal India Limited signed an MoU with IIT Madras to establish a Centre for Sustainable Energy.**
- **The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized CPR Awareness Week 2025 across India from 13th to 17th October.**
- **UP CM Yogi Adityanath announced 3-year age relaxation and 20% horizontal reservation for retiring Agniveers in UP Police.**
- **The foundation stone for a world-class petting zoo was laid at Puthur Zoological Park on 21 October 2025.**
- **President Droupadi Murmu began her four-day official visit to Kerala on 21 October 2025.**





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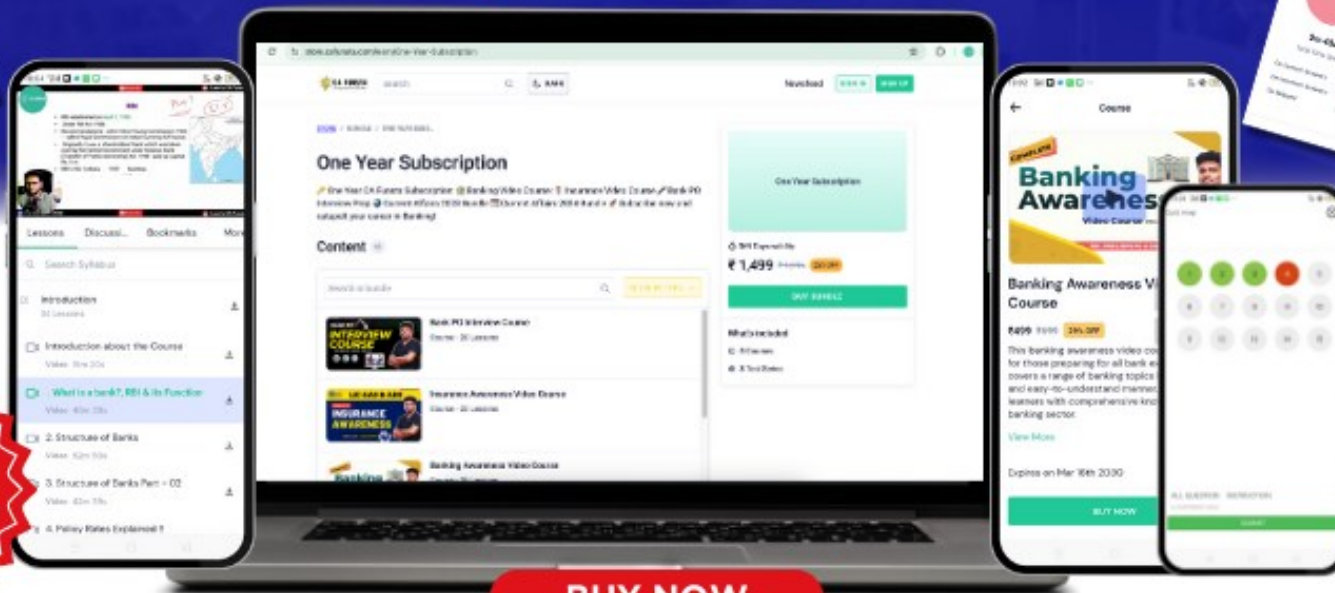
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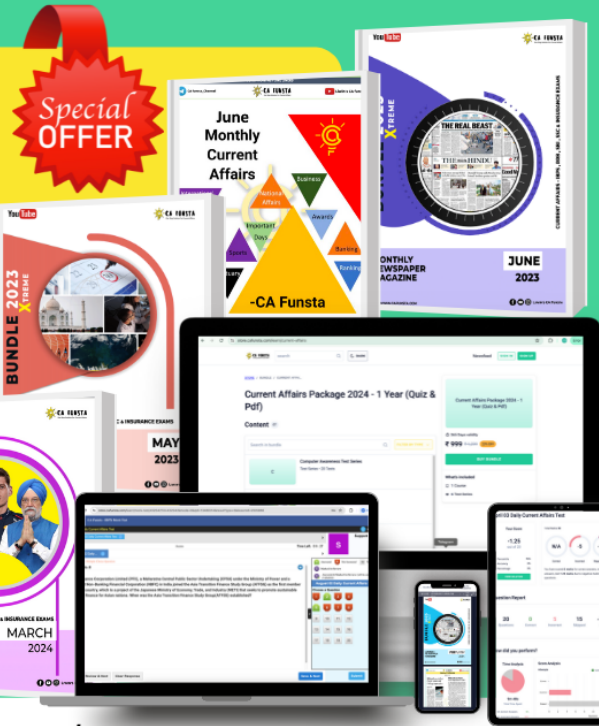
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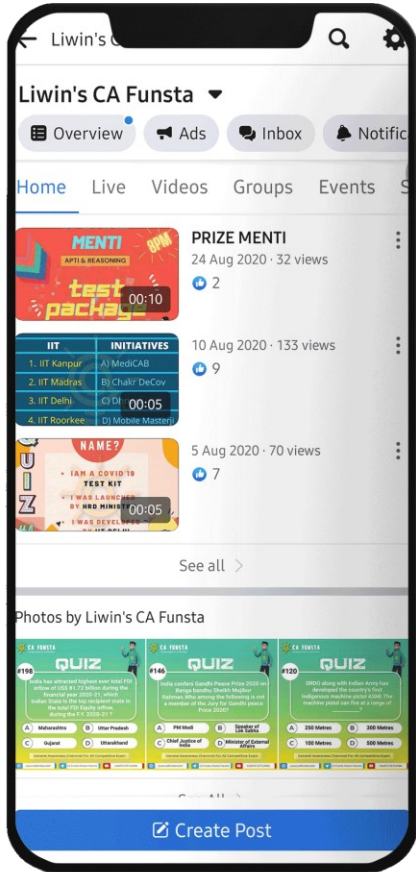
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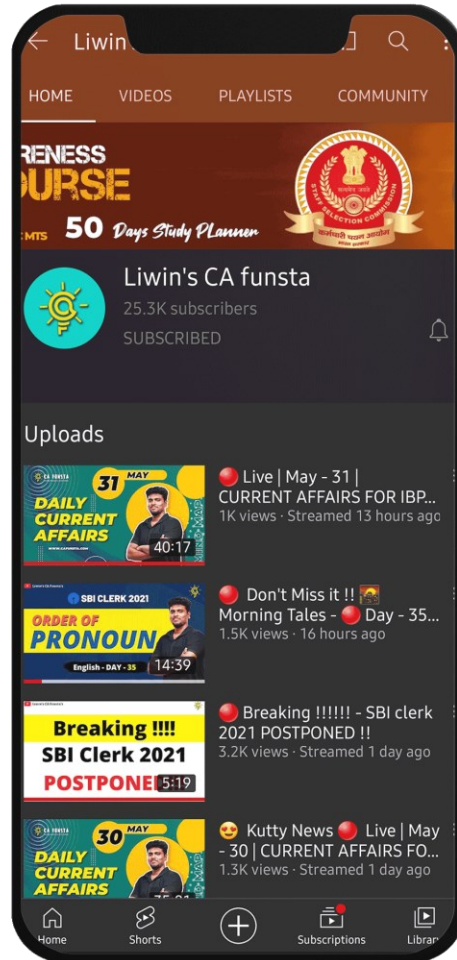


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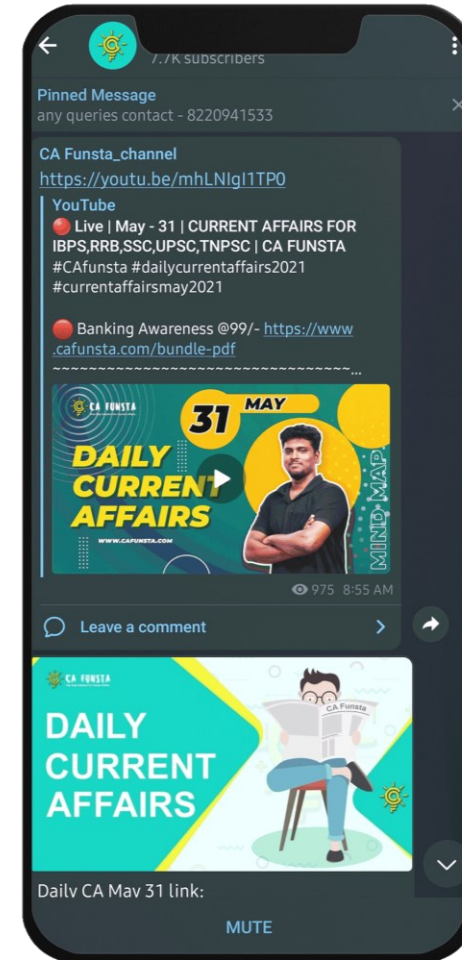
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