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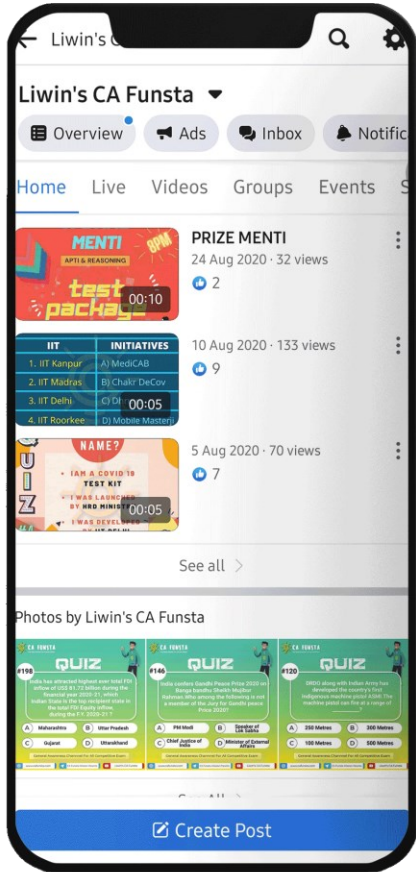
  

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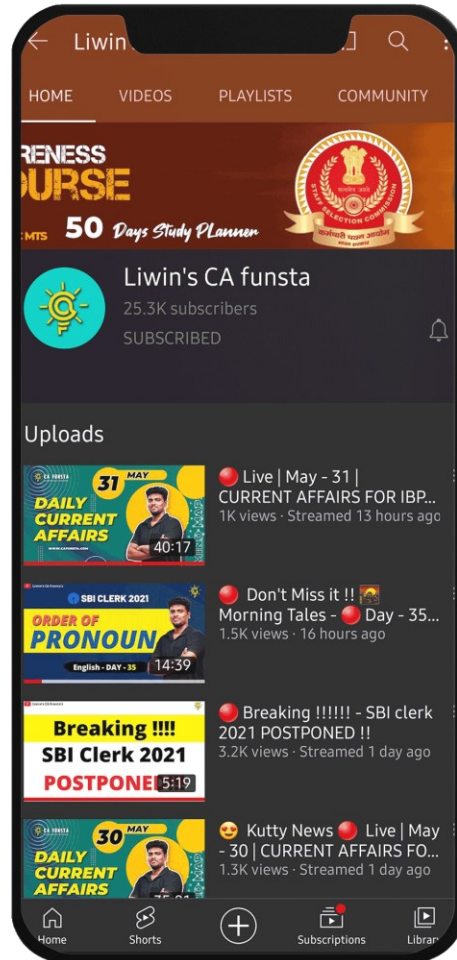
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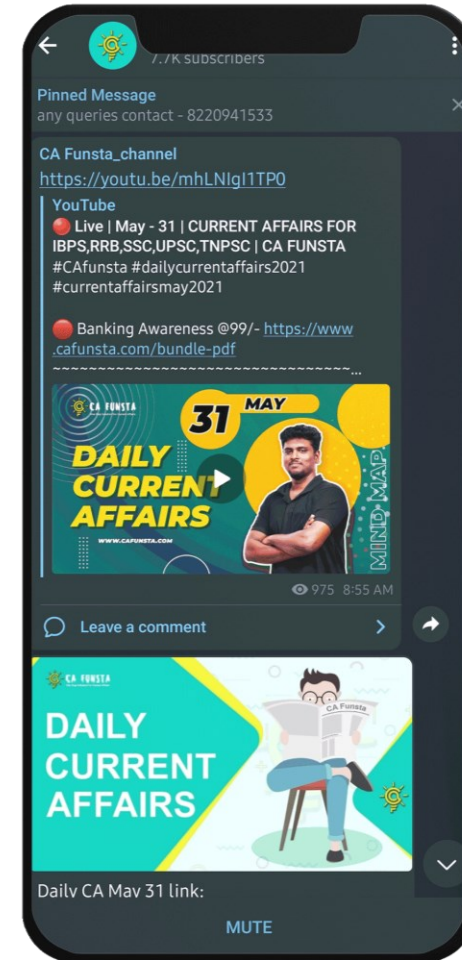
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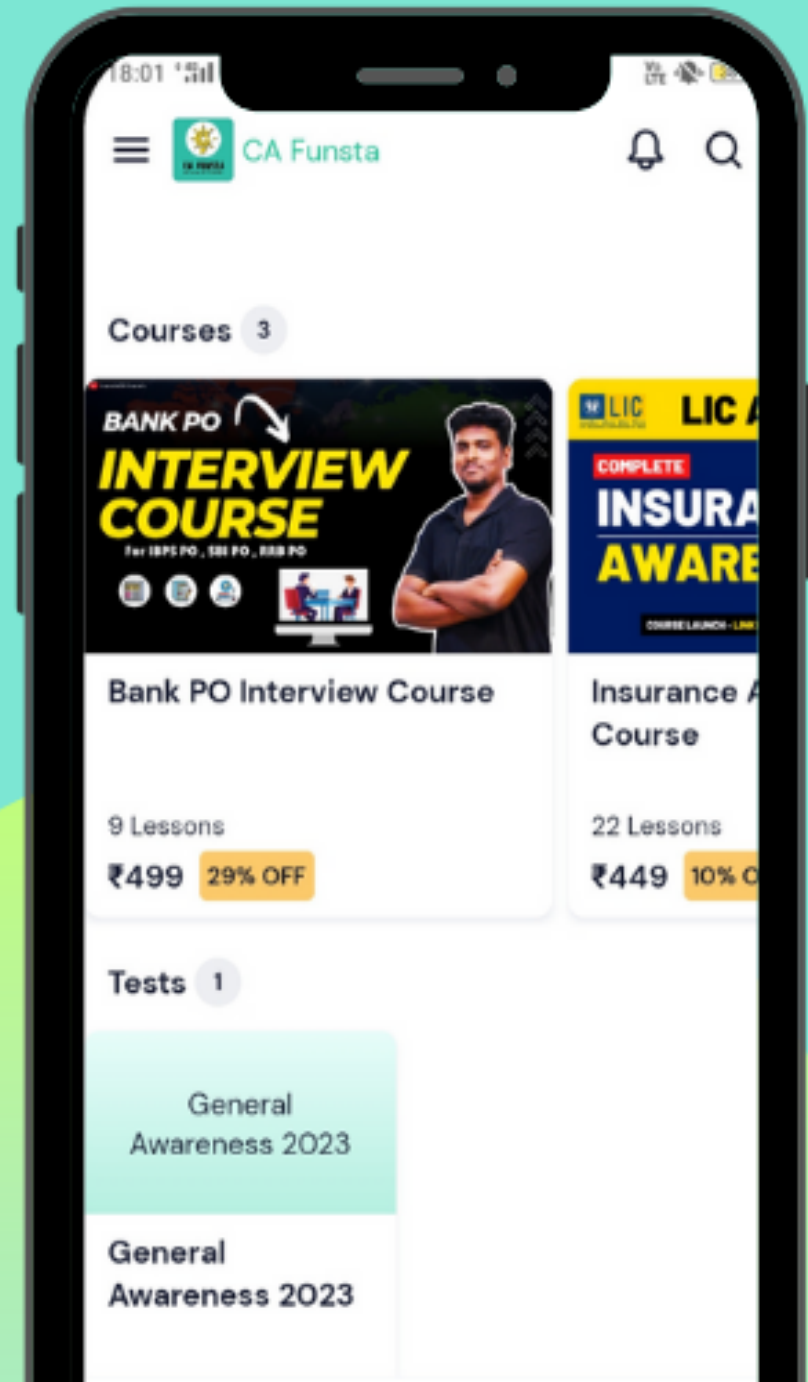
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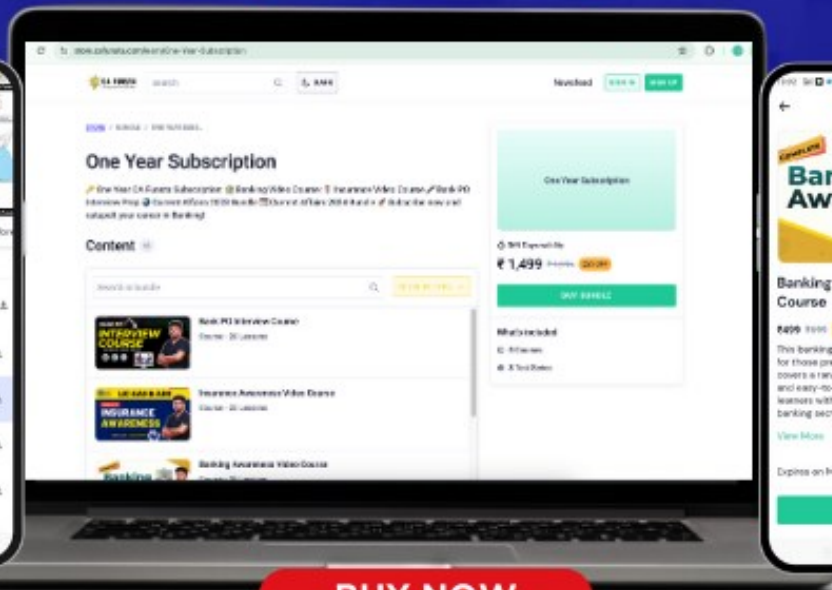
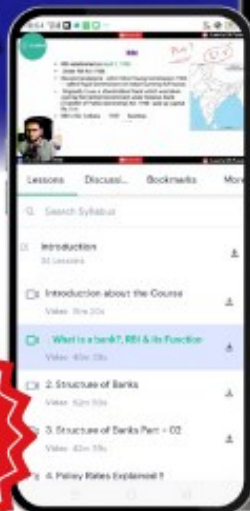
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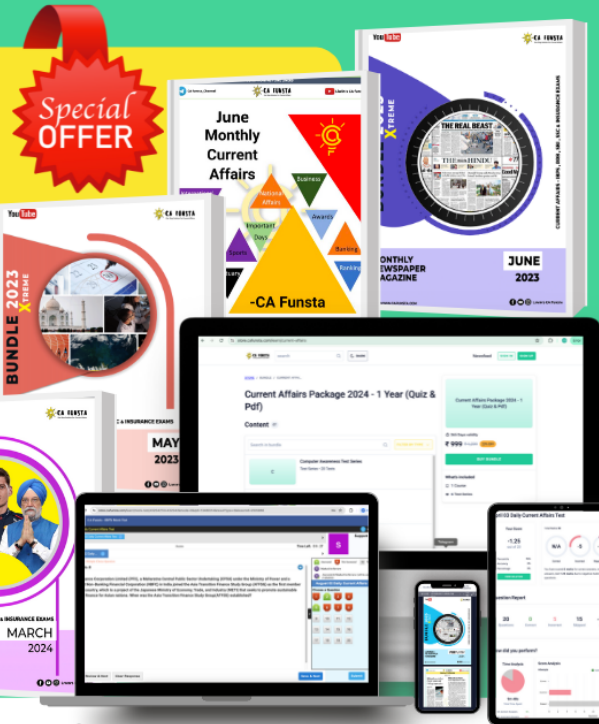


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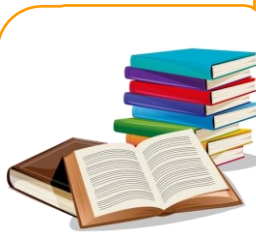
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- Which of the following states was formed on November 1, 2000, after being carved out of Madhya Pradesh?

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Haryana
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer
C) Chhattisgarh

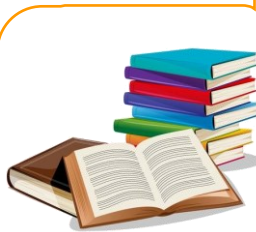


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** State Formation Day of Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, and Madhya Pradesh
- **Location:** India (respective states)
- **Date:** November 1, 2025

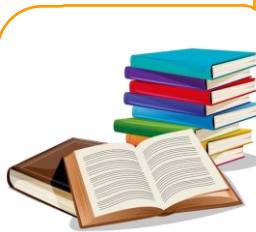


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Annual celebrations of the foundation days of five Indian states – Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, and Madhya Pradesh – on November 1.
- **Objectives:**
 - To commemorate the historical reorganization of states and honor each state's unique cultural, linguistic, and developmental identity.

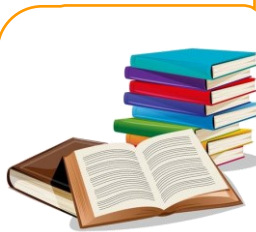


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Kannada Rajyotsava:**
 - Statehood day of Karnataka celebrated on November 1, marking the unification of Kannada-speaking regions in 1956.
- **Kerala Piravi:**
 - The birth of the state of Kerala on November 1, 1956, after merging Malabar, Cochin, and Travancore regions.
- **State Reorganization Act, 1956:**
 - Major legislation that reorganized Indian states based on linguistic and administrative lines, effective from November 1, 1956.

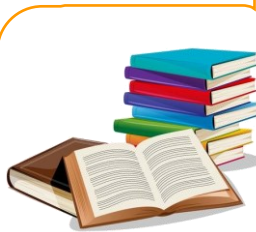


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	State Foundation Day Celebrations
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh
Issuing authority	Respective state governments, Ministry of Home Affairs
Policy/series name	State Reorganization Celebrations
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, State CMs and Governors
Purpose/reason	To mark the formation and progress of five states
Feature details	Parades, cultural programs, award ceremonies, PM greetings
Validity or status	Annual observance on November 1
Strategic/significant value	Promotes unity, regional pride, and recognition of state identity



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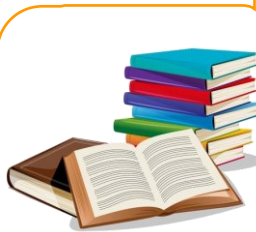
➤ **What is the primary goal of World Vegan Day celebrated on November 1?**

- A) Promote wildlife conservation
- B) Encourage plant-based and cruelty-free lifestyle
- C) Raise funds for underprivileged farmers
- D) Promote interfaith harmony
- E) Celebrate International Yoga Day



Answer

B) Encourage plant-based and cruelty-free lifestyle

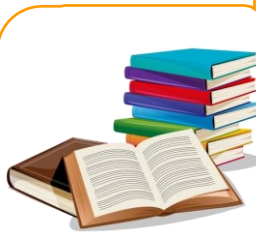


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of World Vegan Day 2025
- **Location:** Globally observed
- **Date:** November 1, 2025

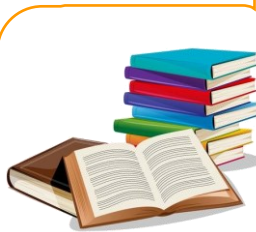


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Global observance of World Vegan Day through awareness campaigns, vegan food festivals, eco-conscious initiatives, and plant-based living promotions.
- **Objectives:**
 - To promote compassionate, sustainable, and health-conscious lifestyles by encouraging people to adopt veganism and reduce dependence on animal products.

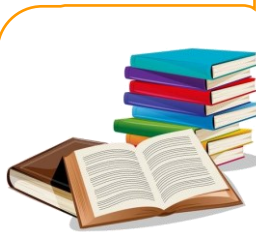


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Important Terms Explained:

- **World Vegan Day:**
 - An international day observed on November 1 to celebrate and spread awareness about the benefits of a vegan lifestyle for health, animals, and the environment.
- **Veganism:**
 - A lifestyle and dietary choice that avoids animal products and exploitation, emphasizing plant-based food, cruelty-free goods, and sustainable living.

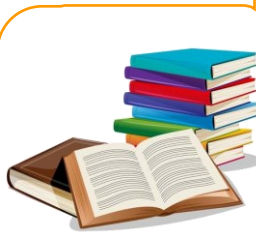


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Vegan Society:**
 - A UK-based organization that coined the term “vegan” in 1944 and founded World Vegan Day in 1994 to commemorate its 50th anniversary.

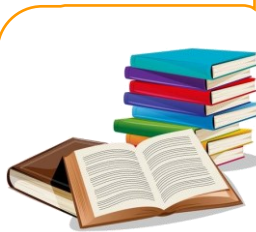


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Vegan Day 2025
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Worldwide
Issuing authority	The Vegan Society (UK), supported by global NGOs and communities
Policy/series name	World Vegan Month
Key figures	Louise Wallis (established the day), Donald Watson (Vegan Society founder)
Purpose/reason	Promote cruelty-free, plant-based, sustainable, and healthy lifestyles
Feature details	Vegan fairs, awareness events, cooking demos, online campaigns
Validity or status	Annually observed on November 1
Strategic value	Supports climate goals, animal welfare, and public health awareness



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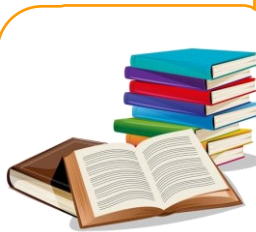


- Which company completed 50 years of its establishment on November 1, 2025, marking a tenfold rise in coal production?

- A) NTPC
- B) NLC India
- C) Coal India Limited
- D) ONGC
- E) Indian Oil Corporation

Answer

C) Coal India Limited

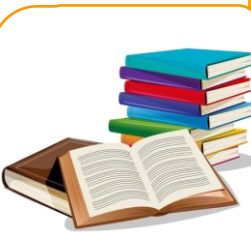


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 50th Foundation Day of Coal India Limited
- **Location:** India (Headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal)
- **Date:** November 1, 2025

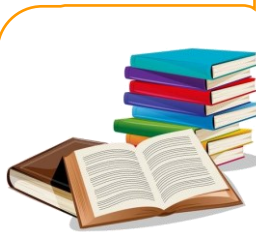


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Coal India Limited marked its 50th year since establishment and celebrated its foundational contributions to India's energy security and coal sector growth.
- **Objectives:**
 - To commemorate CIL's journey from 79 MT to 781 MT coal production, highlight its diversification into renewable and mineral sectors, and announce strengthened welfare measures for workers.

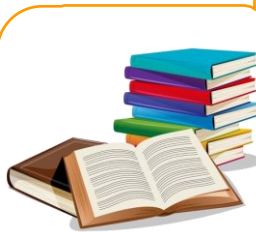


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Maharatna:** A status granted to top-tier CPSEs in India with enhanced financial and operational autonomy for strategic investment and expansion.
- **Coal Gasification:** A clean energy process where coal is converted into synthetic natural gas and ammonia for industrial uses, reducing carbon emissions.
- **We Care Initiative:** A welfare scheme by CIL providing enhanced insurance, compensation, and social security for both regular and contractual coal mine workers.

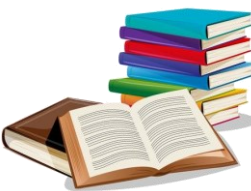


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Coal India Limited's 50th Foundation Day
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Pan-India (Headquartered in Kolkata)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Coal, Government of India
Policy/series name	We Care Initiative, Coal Gasification Mission
Key figures	Shri Sanoj Kumar Jha (Acting Chairman), Shri B. Sairam (CMD Designate)
Purpose/reason	Celebrating five decades of CIL's contributions to India's energy sector
Feature details	Tenfold production growth, diversification, enhanced worker welfare
Validity or status	Ongoing, entering 51st year with diversification targets by FY 2028
Strategic/significant value	Powers 75% of India's coal output, driving energy security and green energy



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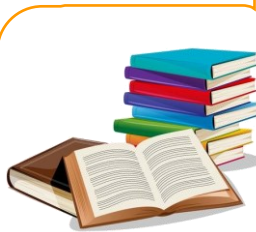


➤ **Which initiative by PDUNASS won the Special Initiative Bhavishya Nidhi Award 2025?**

- A) Digital PF Drive
- B) Employee Engagement Series
- C) Reimagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence
- D) Samarthya Training Programme
- E) Smart Compliance Initiative

Answer

C) Reimagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence

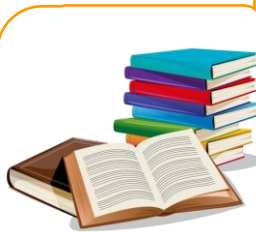


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** EPFO's 73rd Foundation Day celebration and felicitation of PDUNASS
- **Location:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** November 1, 2025

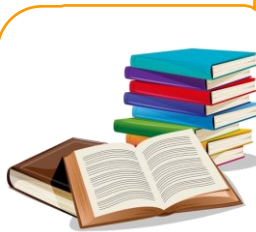


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Celebrating the 73rd Foundation Day of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
 - Honouring PDUNASS with two Bhavishya Nidhi Awards 2025:
 1. Best Achievement in Capacity Building
 2. Special Initiative – Reimagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence (RGDE)

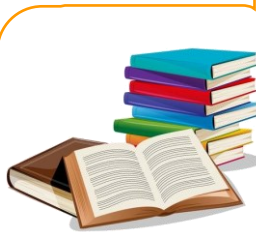


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To recognize transformative training, governance innovation, and capacity building within EPFO.
 - To promote ethical, people-centric public administration and encourage institutional learning across EPFO ranks.
 - To disseminate innovative tools for developing empathetic, creative, and policy-aware officers.

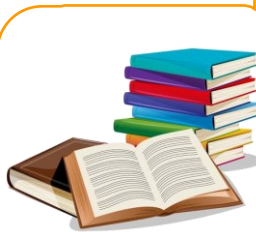


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Important Terms Explained:

- **PDUNASS (Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security):**
 - EPFO's apex training and capacity-building institute, located in Faridabad.
 - It plays a central role in designing training for new recruits and ongoing officer development programs.

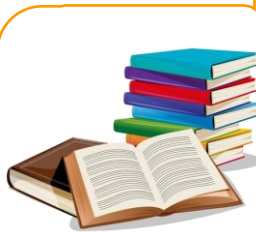


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Reimagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence (RGDE):**
 - A governance dialogue platform launched in 2023 on Good Governance Day, encouraging exchange of ideas with thought leaders, policy experts, and public servants.
 - Speakers include Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, Dr. Devi Shetty, Sanjeev Sanyal, Adil Hussain, and others.
- **Bhavishya Nidhi Awards:**
 - Annual awards instituted by EPFO to recognize excellence in service delivery, innovation, capacity building, and governance.

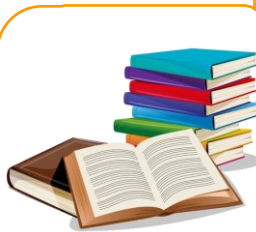


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Parameter	Details
Event name	EPFO 73rd Foundation Day & PDUNASS Award Ceremony
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
Policy/series name	RGDE Series, APFC Training Modules
Key figures	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Shri Kumar Rohit, Shri Ankur Gupta
Purpose/reason	To honour capacity building and innovation in governance
Feature details	RGDE, Book Reviews, Design Thinking module, Delicious Initiatives
Validity or status	Ongoing institutional development programs
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens EPFO's leadership in public sector training & social security administration

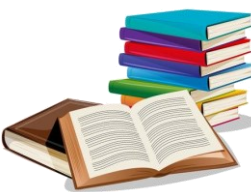


➤ **Who was the leading wicket-taker for India in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 final against South Africa?**

- A) Shafali Verma
- B) Renuka Singh Thakur
- C) Amanjot Kaur
- D) Deepti Sharma
- E) Sree Charani

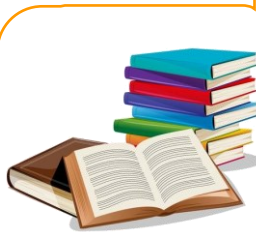
Answer

D) Deepti Sharma



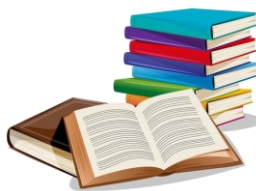
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India wins its maiden ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title
- **Location:** Dr. DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, India
- **Date:** November 2, 2025



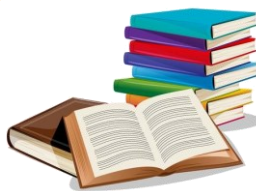
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India defeated South Africa by 52 runs in the final of the 13th ICC Women's ODI Cricket World Cup to claim their first-ever World Cup title.
- **Objectives:** To clinch the elusive ICC crown, inspire a new era for women's cricket in India, and showcase the country's depth in women's sports on a global platform.



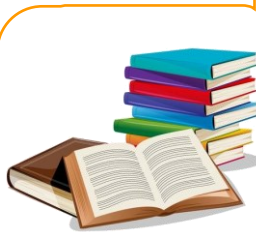
Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup:** A quadrennial global tournament organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC). The 2025 edition was hosted by India and saw India winning the title for the first time.
- **DY Patil Stadium:** A cricket stadium in Navi Mumbai, known for hosting women's cricket matches including the 2025 final, which witnessed a high-scoring thriller.



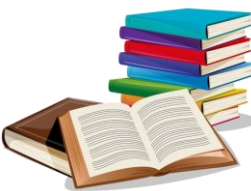
Important Terms Explained:

- **Deepti Sharma:** India's star all-rounder who took 5 wickets for 39 runs in the final, playing a pivotal role in South Africa's collapse and sealing India's historic win.
- **Shafali Verma:** Contributed with both bat and ball, scoring 87 runs and taking two key wickets, including Marizanne Kapp and Sune Luus.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 Final
Announcement date	November 2, 2025
Location	DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, India
Issuing authority	International Cricket Council (ICC)
Policy/series name	ICC Women's Cricket World Cup
Key figures	Deepti Sharma, Shafali Verma, Laura Wolvaardt, Harmanpreet Kaur
Purpose/reason	To crown the new world champion in women's ODI cricket
Feature details	India 298/7; South Africa 246 all out; India won by 52 runs
Validity or status	India crowned World Champions for the first time in women's cricket
Strategic/significant value	Historic win for India; could trigger nationwide support for women's sports

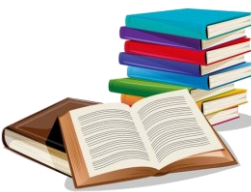


➤ **Which Grand Slam title did Rohan Bopanna win in 2024 before announcing his retirement?**

- A) Wimbledon Men's Doubles
- B) French Open Mixed Doubles
- C) US Open Men's Singles
- D) Australian Open Men's Doubles
- E) French Open Men's Doubles

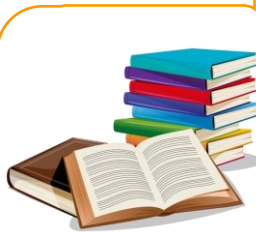
Answer

D) Australian Open Men's Doubles



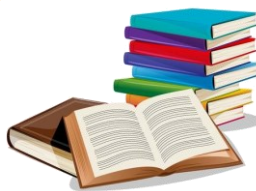
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Retirement of Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna after over 20 years on tour
- **Location:** Paris Masters (final ATP appearance), global tour representation for India
- **Date:** November 1, 2025 (announcement date)



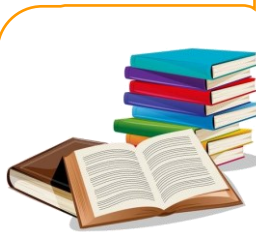
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian tennis legend Rohan Bopanna officially announced his retirement from professional tennis through a public statement following his final appearance at the Paris Masters.
- **Objectives:** To mark the conclusion of a distinguished tennis career spanning over two decades and celebrate his contributions to Indian and global tennis.



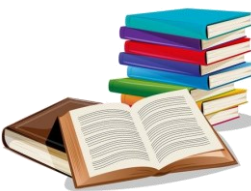
Important Terms Explained:

- **ATP Tour:** The main professional tennis tour for men organized by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP). Rohan Bopanna competed in doubles events on this tour for over 20 years.
- **Davis Cup:** The premier international team event in men's tennis. Bopanna represented India in several Davis Cup ties before retiring from the format in 2023.
- **Grand Slam Titles:** Rohan Bopanna won two Grand Slam titles—French Open Mixed Doubles (2017) and Australian Open Men's Doubles (2024). These titles represent the highest level of achievement in professional tennis.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Retirement of Rohan Bopanna from professional tennis
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Final match at Paris Masters; global tour presence
Issuing authority	Rohan Bopanna (Personal announcement)
Policy/series name	ATP Tour, Grand Slam circuit, Davis Cup, Olympics
Key figures	Rohan Bopanna, Gabriela Dabrowski, Matthew Ebden
Purpose/reason	Retirement after a successful 22-year professional tennis career
Feature details	Final appearance with Alexander Bublik at Paris Masters
Validity or status	Retirement announced and effective
Strategic/significant value	Marks the end of an era for Indian tennis and celebrates his legacy



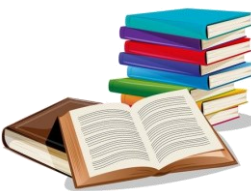
OBITUARY



➤ **Manuel Frederick, who passed away recently at age 78, was known for representing India in which sport at the Olympics?**

- A) Football
- B) Field Hockey
- C) Volleyball
- D) Shooting
- E) Athletics

Answer
B) Field Hockey

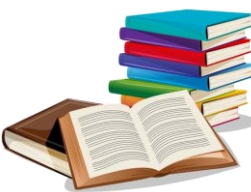


OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of former Indian hockey goalkeeper Manuel Frederick
- **Location:** India (Kerala origin, represented India globally)
- **Date:** November 1, 2025

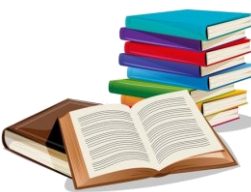


OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Former Indian Olympic medallist Manuel Frederick passed away at the age of 78.
- **Objectives:**
 - To honour the legacy and achievements of Manuel Frederick, who was Kerala's first Olympic medallist and a legendary figure in Indian hockey.

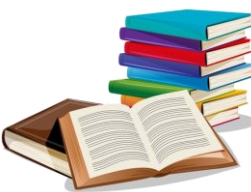


OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **1972 Munich Olympics:** The edition where India won the bronze medal in men's field hockey, with Manuel Frederick as goalkeeper.
- **Dhyan Chand Award:** India's highest award for lifetime achievement in sports and games, awarded to Frederick in 2019 for his contribution to hockey.
- **Penalty Strokes in Hockey:** One-on-one scoring opportunity between a striker and goalkeeper; Frederick was renowned for saving these under pressure.

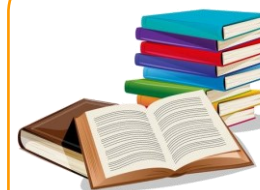


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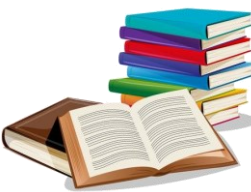
Parameter	Details
Event name	Death of Manuel Frederick
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	India (originally from Kannur, Kerala)
Issuing authority	Not applicable (obituary news reported)
Policy/series name	Dhyan Chand Award recipient, 2019
Key figures	Manuel Frederick, Dilip Tirkey, Bhola Nath Singh
Purpose/reason	To honour India's first Olympic medallist from Kerala
Feature details	Represented India at 1972 Olympics and two Hockey World Cups
Validity or status	Passed away at age 78
Strategic/significant value	Inspirational figure in Indian hockey history, esp. for Kerala



➤ Where did the Reserve Bank of India hold its 619th Central Board of Directors meeting in October 2025?

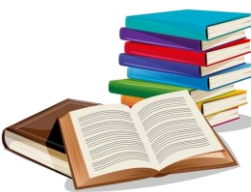
- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Udaipur
- E) Ahmedabad

Answer
D) Udaipur



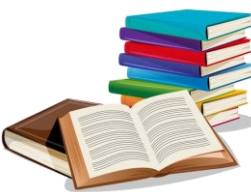
Event and Location:

- **Event:** 619th Central Board Meeting of the Reserve Bank of India
- **Location:** Udaipur, Rajasthan
- **Date:** October 31, 2025



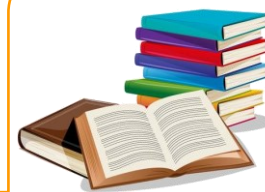
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The RBI Central Board of Directors, under the chairmanship of Governor Sanjay Malhotra, convened to assess global and domestic economic conditions, geopolitical risks, and financial market challenges.
- **Objectives:** To review the functioning of RBI departments and sub-committees, assess key institutional activities (like Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation - DICGC), and address consumer protection and financial sector health.



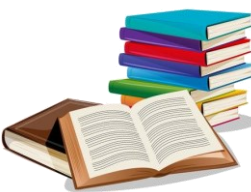
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Board of Directors (RBI):** The apex decision-making body of the Reserve Bank of India, responsible for reviewing policy decisions, financial stability, and the functioning of RBI departments and subsidiaries.
- **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC):** A wholly owned subsidiary of the RBI that provides insurance for depositors in Indian banks, currently insuring up to ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Education and Protection Department (CEPD):** A department of the RBI that focuses on grievance redressal, financial literacy, and protecting consumer rights in the banking system.

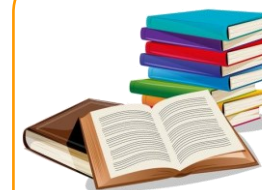


BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	619 th Meeting of RBI Central Board of Directors
Announcement date	October 31, 2025
Location	Udaipur, Rajasthan
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	RBI Central Board Deliberations
Key figures	RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, RBI Deputy Governors, DFS and DEA Secretaries
Purpose/reason	Review global/domestic economic challenges and functioning of RBI departments
Feature details	Assessment of DICGC, CEPD, and sub-committees
Validity or status	Meeting concluded, deliberations held
Strategic/significant value	Enhances institutional governance, financial stability, and consumer protection



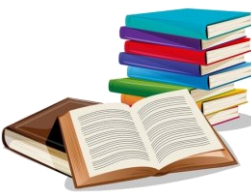
➤ **What is the primary purpose of the Reserve Bank of India's Unified Lending Interface (ULI)?**

- A) Enhance ATM interoperability
- B) Promote cryptocurrency lending
- C) Enable faster and more efficient loan processing
- D) Replace the UPI platform
- E) Monitor inflation across states



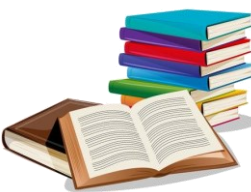
Answer

C) Enable faster and more efficient loan processing



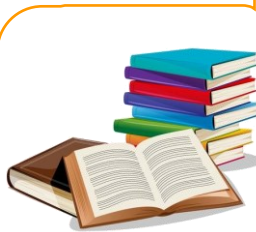
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) by the Reserve Bank of India
- **Location:** India (nationwide implementation)
- **Date:** November 1, 2025 (reported)



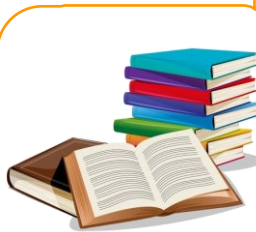
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) to create a streamlined, tech-based platform that connects borrowers and lenders for efficient and data-driven loan approvals.
- **Objectives:** To simplify the loan origination process, especially for self-employed, informal sector workers, gig workers, farmers, and first-time borrowers by integrating digital data sources, reducing paperwork, and speeding up decisions.



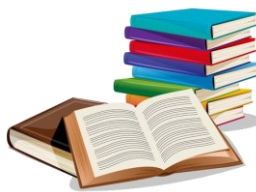
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Lending Interface (ULI):** A digital public infrastructure platform initiated by the RBI, similar in spirit to UPI, designed to standardize and digitize loan processing across financial institutions by securely aggregating borrower data for faster and fairer credit decisions.
- **Borrower Categories Benefited:** Includes self-employed individuals, freelancers, small business owners, informal workers, and others who typically lack traditional credit history or formal documents but have digital financial footprints.



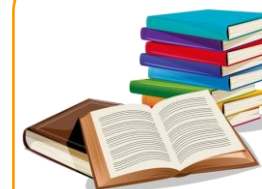
Important Terms Explained:

- **NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies):**
Financial institutions that provide banking services like loans and credit facilities without holding a banking license. NBFCs are expected to be key adopters of the ULI for faster credit delivery.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Unified Lending Interface (ULI)
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	India (Nationwide)
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India
Policy/series name	ULI – Unified Lending Interface
Key figures	RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
Purpose/reason	To improve access to credit for informal sector and underserved borrowers
Feature details	Digital borrower profiling, reduced paperwork, faster credit decisioning
Validity or status	Platform announced; phased rollout expected
Strategic/significant value	Boosts financial inclusion, digital lending, and formal credit access

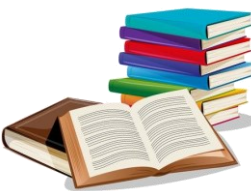


➤ **Which organization signed a ₹3,800 crore MoU with Cochin Port Authority for a block fabrication facility?**

- A) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B) IGTPL DP World
- C) Adani Ports
- D) HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering
- E) Indian Navy

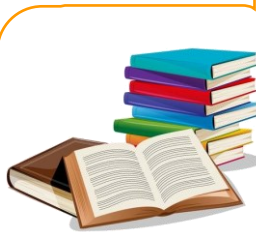
Answer

D) HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering



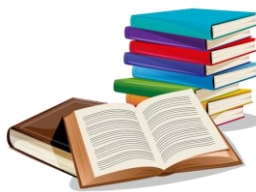
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of MoUs worth ₹10,000 crore during India Maritime Week 2025
- **Location:** Cochin Port Authority (CPA), MoUs signed in Mumbai
- **Date:** October 31, 2025 (event conclusion date)



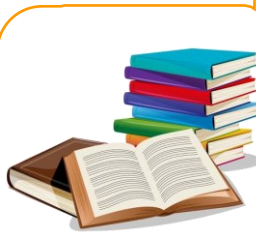
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Cochin Port Authority signed 10 MoUs with various stakeholders during India Maritime Week 2025, including two key agreements with Cochin Shipyard Limited for infrastructure development and ship repair facilities.
- **Objectives:** To enhance maritime infrastructure, increase port handling capacity, and foster international collaborations in the shipbuilding and logistics sectors.



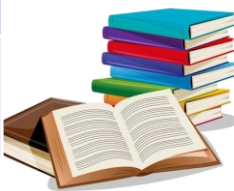
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cochin Port Authority (CPA):** A government-owned port authority managing the operations of Cochin Port in Kerala. CPA plays a pivotal role in India's maritime trade and infrastructure development.
- **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL):** A major shipbuilding and ship repair facility under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. CSL partnered with CPA on two major MoUs for infrastructure and repair facilities.
- **HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering:** A South Korean shipbuilding firm collaborating on a ₹3,800 crore block fabrication facility project as part of CPA's international infrastructure expansion.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MoU signing by Cochin Port Authority during India Maritime Week 2025
Announcement date	October 31, 2025
Location	Mumbai (event), Kochi (CPA base)
Issuing authority	Cochin Port Authority
Policy/series name	India Maritime Week 2025
Key figures	CPA, Cochin Shipyard Limited, HD Korea Shipbuilding, IGTPL DP World
Purpose/reason	To strengthen India's maritime infrastructure and global partnerships
Feature details	₹3,800 crore block fabrication facility, ₹1,500 crore ship repair centre, Vallarpadam terminal upgrade
Validity or status	MoUs signed and announced
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's shipbuilding, port logistics, and transshipment capacity



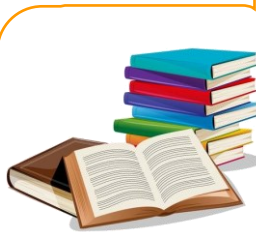
➤ **Which organization did the State Bank of India join as a Special Category Client for bullion trading?**

- A) NSE Commodity Exchange
- B) MCX Gold Platform
- C) India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)
- D) National Bullion Trading Bureau
- E) SEBI Precious Metals Board



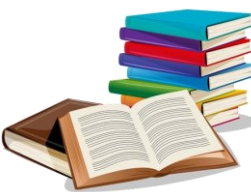
Answer

C) India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)



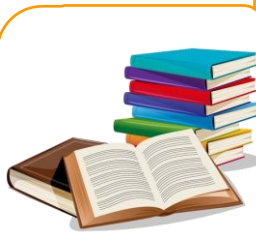
Event and Location:

- **Event:** SBI makes historic debut as Special Category Client (SCC) on India's bullion exchange
- **Location:** India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX), GIFT City, Gujarat
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



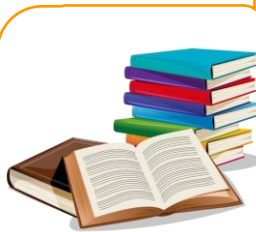
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** State Bank of India (SBI) executed its first gold trade as a Special Category Client on the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX), marking a milestone in modernizing India's bullion trade ecosystem.
- **Objectives:** To facilitate transparent, efficient, and compliant bullion imports, especially benefiting MSME jewellers, and to support GIFT City's emergence as a global financial hub.



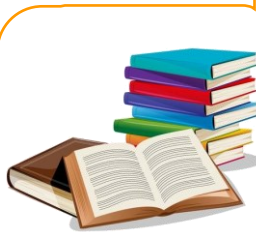
Important Terms Explained:

- **India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX):** The first International Bullion Exchange in India, located at GIFT City, Gujarat. It provides a transparent platform for importing and trading bullion (gold and silver) in compliance with international standards.
- **Special Category Client (SCC):** A category on IIBX allowing entities like banks or large institutions to directly trade bullion, ensuring greater control, transparency, and efficiency in bullion import and distribution.



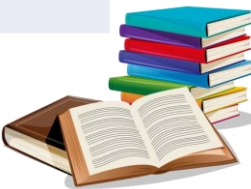
Important Terms Explained:

- **Trading-cum-Clearing Member (TCM):** A member of the exchange authorized to trade and also settle trades (clearing). SBI became a TCM at IIBX in 2024, paving the way for its deeper integration into India's bullion market.
- **GIFT City:** Gujarat International Finance Tec-City – India's first operational International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), aimed at offering world-class infrastructure for finance and fintech sectors.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	SBI's debut bullion trade as Special Category Client on IIBX
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	IIBX, GIFT City, Gujarat
Issuing authority	State Bank of India (SBI)
Policy/series name	Bullion Market Reforms and Financial Sector Modernization
Key figures	SBI Chairman C S Setty
Purpose/reason	Enhance transparency and efficiency in gold imports for jewellers and MSMEs
Feature details	First gold trade executed under SCC status; platform supports global standards
Validity or status	Initiative launched and active
Strategic/significant value	Supports 'Make in India' and GIFT City; modernizes bullion imports and boosts MSME access



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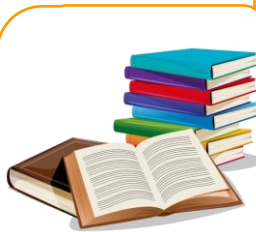


➤ Who is the author of the book **A Woman of No Consequence**, launched in Chennai in November 2025?

- A) Mythily Sivaraman
- B) V. Geetha
- C) Kalpana Karunakaran
- D) Nivedita Louis
- E) Arundhati Roy

Answer

C) Kalpana Karunakaran

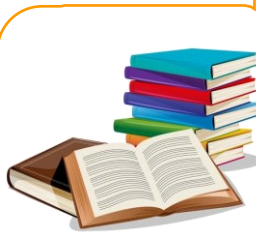


BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the book A Woman of No Consequence
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** November 1, 2025 (book launch date)

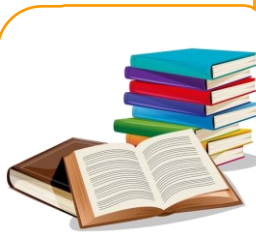


BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The book *A Woman of No Consequence* by Kalpana Karunakaran, Associate Professor at IIT Madras, was officially launched at an event attended by authors and social historians.
- **Objectives:** To document and reflect on the life and legacy of Pankajam (1911–2007), the author's grandmother, and explore themes of women's agency, class, and silent resistance in 20th-century India.

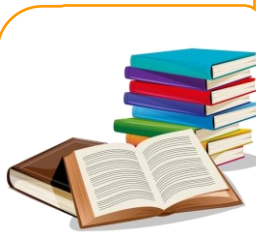


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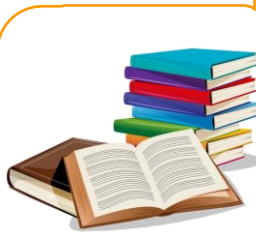
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kalpana Karunakaran:** An Associate Professor at IIT-Madras, author, and daughter of noted Communist leader Mythily Sivaraman. She wrote this book based on autobiographical notes left by her maternal grandmother.
- **Mythily Sivaraman:** A prominent Communist leader, writer, and women's rights activist, known for her documentation of women's labour and activism in Tamil Nadu.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pankajam (1911–2007):** The subject of the biography, maternal grandmother of the author. Though not formally educated, she was a voracious reader and embodied the quiet strength and intellect of many unsung women in Indian history.

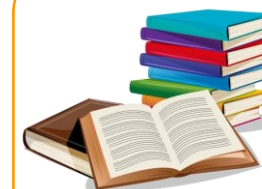


BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Book launch of A Woman of No Consequence
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Author and academic Kalpana Karunakaran
Policy/series name	Biography/Life narrative publication
Key figures	Kalpana Karunakaran, Pankajam, Mythily Sivaraman, V. Geetha, Nivedita Louis
Purpose/reason	Document the life and experiences of Pankajam, a woman outside formal history
Feature details	Based on autobiographical notes; intergenerational feminist legacy
Validity or status	Book officially launched
Strategic/significant value	Highlights the untold contributions of ordinary women in shaping history



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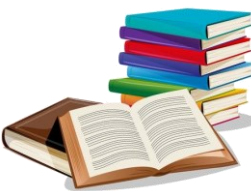


➤ **Who was appointed as the new Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) in November 2025?**

- A) Sanjay Malhotra
- B) Vishvajit Sahay
- C) Anurag Jain
- D) Kumar Rohit
- E) Rajiv Gauba

Answer

B) Vishvajit Sahay

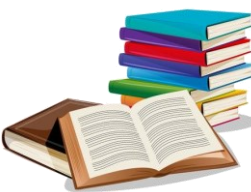


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Shri Vishvajit Sahay as Controller General of Defence Accounts
- **Location:** Ministry of Defence, Government of India
- **Date:** November 1, 2025

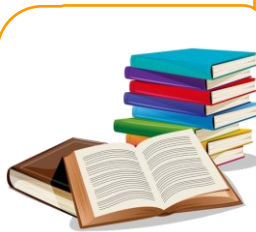


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Shri Vishvajit Sahay, a 1990-batch IDAS officer, took over as the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).
 - He brings over 30 years of experience in defence finance and public administration.
- **Objectives:**
 - To oversee and modernize the financial management of the Defence Services.
 - Strengthen budgetary oversight, pension systems, procurement finance, and international cooperation in defence accounting.

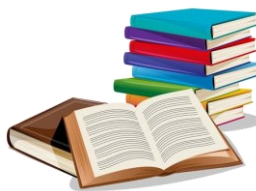


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA):**
 - The highest-ranking officer in the Defence Accounts Department (DAD), responsible for auditing, budgeting, and accounting of defence expenditure in India.
 - The CGDA reports to the Ministry of Defence and plays a key role in acquisition planning, pension disbursement, and financial advisory.

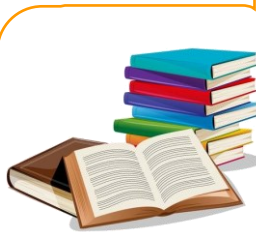


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS):**
 - A Group 'A' civil service under the Ministry of Defence, responsible for the accounting and financial management of defence services.
 - Officers serve in varied roles such as Finance Managers, Principal Controllers of Defence Accounts, and Financial Advisors.
- **Defence Accounts Department (DAD):**
 - A central government department under the Ministry of Defence that provides financial services to the Armed Forces and other allied organizations.

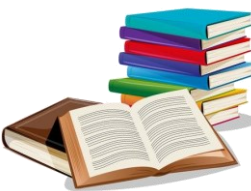


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Controller General of Defence Accounts
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Ministry of Defence, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Government of India
Position appointed	Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)
Appointee name	Shri Vishvajit Sahay
Service Cadre	Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS), 1990 batch
Previous roles	Addl. Secretary (DST), JS (Heavy Industry), Fin. Manager (Acquisition)
International experience	Cambridge University (UK), George C. Marshall Centre (Germany)
Strategic value	Strengthens India's defence financial oversight and modernization initiatives



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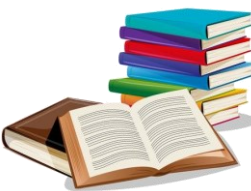


➤ **Which of the following campaigns helped India achieve three GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ titles in 2025?**

- A) Fit India Movement
- B) Ayushman Bharat Abhiyaan
- C) Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan
- D) Poshan Abhiyaan
- E) Viksit Bharat Yatra

Answer

C) Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan

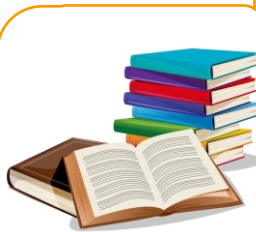


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** India sets 3 GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ under health campaign
- **Location:** Nationwide (All Indian districts)
- **Date:** October 31, 2025 (record recognition)

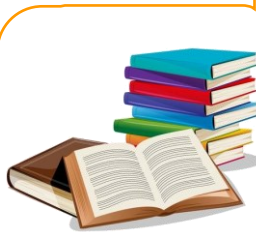


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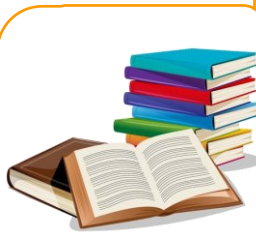
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To conduct a nationwide women-focused health campaign achieving record-breaking public participation in preventive screenings and health platform enrolments.
- **Objectives:**
 - To improve early disease detection, strengthen access to essential health services, empower women, and promote healthier family lifestyles through collective governance and community action.



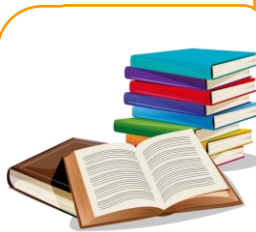
Important Terms Explained:

- **Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan (SNSPA):**
 - A national campaign launched in 2025 focused on women's and family health, integrating screenings, counselling, and wellness across all districts.
- **Nikshay Mitra:**
 - Volunteers supporting tuberculosis patients under India's TB Mukht Bharat initiative by providing nutritional, emotional, and community support.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Guinness World Records Titles (2025):**
 - India achieved global recognition for:
 - Most healthcare platform registrations in one month (3.21 crore+)
 - Most breast cancer screening sign-ups in one week (9.94 lakh+)
 - Most vital signs screening sign-ups online at state level in one week (1.25 lakh+)

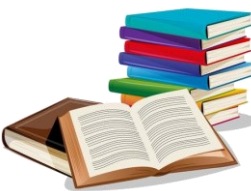


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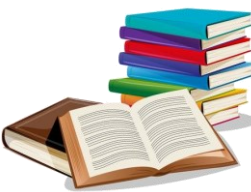
Parameter	Details
Event name	India sets 3 Guinness World Records under SNSPA
Announcement date	October 31, 2025
Location	All districts of India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Policy/series name	Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Purpose/reason	Promote women's preventive healthcare and strengthen family health systems
Feature details	19.7 lakh health camps, screenings, awareness drives, community participation
Validity or status	Concluded, officially recognized by Guinness World Records
Strategic value	Strengthens early disease detection, empowers women, supports Viksit Bharat vision



➤ What is the name of ISRO's first uncrewed mission under the Gaganyaan programme, targeted for launch by March 2026?

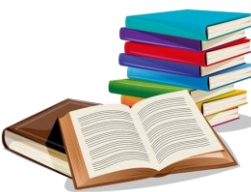
- A) PSLV-N1
- B) GSLV-F17
- C) G1 Mission
- D) CMS-03
- E) LVM3-M05

Answer
C) G1 Mission



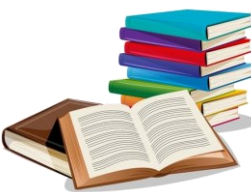
Event and Location:

- **Event:** ISRO announces 7 mission launches by March 2026, including Gaganyaan's first uncrewed flight
- **Location:** Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (ISRO spaceport)
- **Date:** November 2, 2025 (announcement and CMS-03 launch)



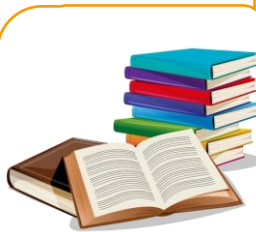
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan announced plans to launch seven space missions, including the G1 uncrewed mission under Gaganyaan, by March 2026.
- **Objectives:** To advance India's human spaceflight programme, strengthen strategic satellite capabilities, and support the Prime Minister's vision of 50 space missions in five years.



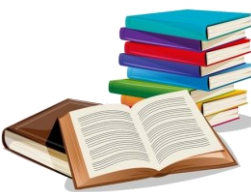
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gaganyaan Programme:** India's first human spaceflight mission initiated by ISRO, aimed at sending Indian astronauts (Vyomanauts) into low-Earth orbit. The programme includes three uncrewed test missions before the final crewed launch.
- **G1 Mission:** The first uncrewed test mission under Gaganyaan, targeted for launch before March 2026 to validate systems for future crewed flights.
- **CMS-03 Satellite:** A 4,410 kg military communication satellite, launched onboard LVM3-M05, replacing GSAT-7, and aimed at enhancing naval communication and maritime security.



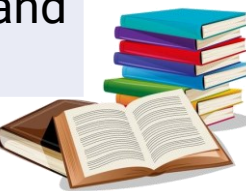
Important Terms Explained:

- **LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3):** Also called Bahubali rocket, it is India's heaviest and most powerful launch vehicle used for high-payload missions including Chandrayaan-3 and Gaganyaan.
- **NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL):** The commercial arm of ISRO, responsible for promoting and commercializing Indian space technologies.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ISRO outlines 7 mission launches before March 2026
Announcement date	November 2, 2025
Location	Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)
Policy/series name	Gaganyaan Programme; CMS-03 launch series
Key figures	ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan, PM Narendra Modi, ATL, ISpA
Purpose/reason	Launch strategic satellites, Gaganyaan test flights, and tech/commercial payloads
Feature details	Includes G1 uncrewed mission, LVM3 launches, PSLV-N1, GSLV-F17, CMS-03
Validity or status	CMS-03 launched; G1 and other missions scheduled before FY end
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's human spaceflight readiness, secure communication, and global space presence



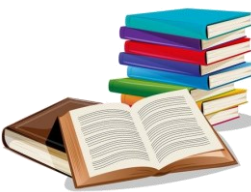
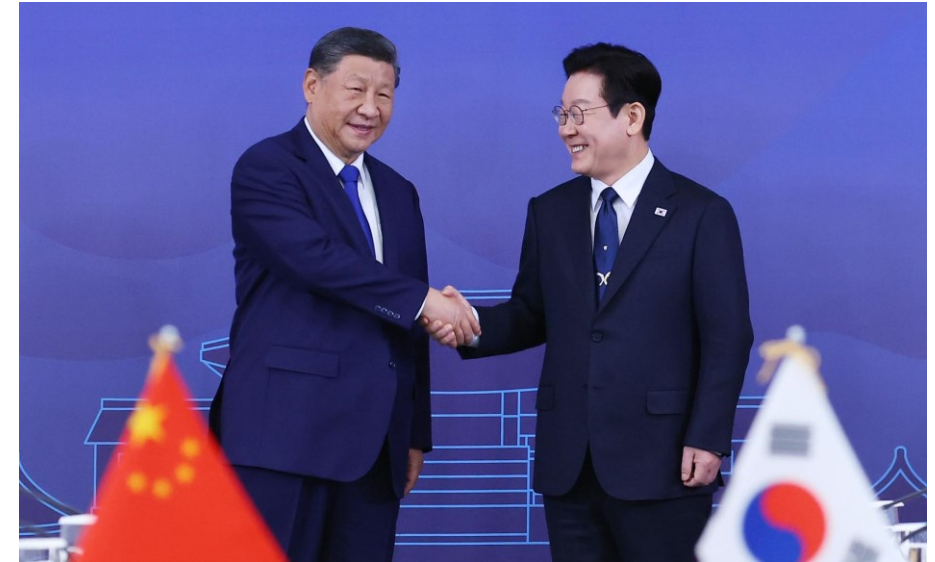
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➤ Which country did Chinese President Xi Jinping visit in November 2025, marking his first trip there in over a decade?

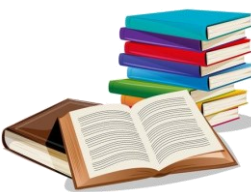
- A) Canada
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea
- D) Vietnam
- E) Thailand

Answer
C) South Korea



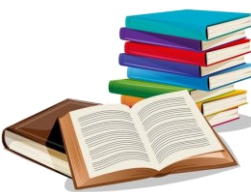
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Xi Jinping's official visit to South Korea and bilateral talks with President Lee Jae Myung
- **Location:** Gyeongju, South Korea (on the sidelines of APEC Summit)
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



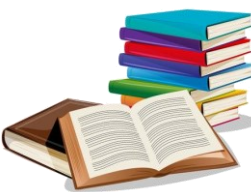
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Chinese President Xi Jinping met with South Korean President Lee Jae Myung for the first time, aiming to reset and strengthen diplomatic ties during his visit to South Korea after more than a decade.
- **Objectives:** To rekindle China–South Korea relations, engage in high-level diplomatic dialogue, and promote regional cooperation during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit 2025.



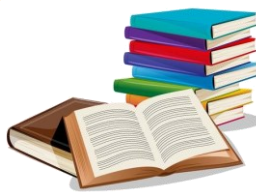
Important Terms Explained:

- **APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation):** A regional economic forum with 21 member economies that promotes free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The 2025 summit was the platform for Xi's meetings with global leaders.
- **Bilateral Talks:** Direct discussions between two nations to improve diplomatic, economic, and strategic ties. Xi's meeting with South Korea follows his efforts to repair strained relations with countries like Canada.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Xi Jinping:** The President of the People's Republic of China and General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, focusing on restoring and enhancing China's diplomatic influence in Asia-Pacific and globally.

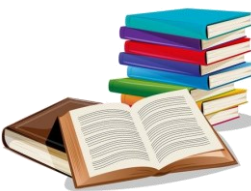


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Xi Jinping's visit to South Korea and bilateral meeting with President Lee
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Gyeongju, South Korea (APEC Summit venue)
Issuing authority	Government of China and Government of South Korea
Policy/series name	Diplomatic Bilateral Relations; APEC Engagement
Key figures	Xi Jinping, Lee Jae Myung
Purpose/reason	Restore diplomatic ties and promote regional cooperation
Feature details	High-level talks, first state visit in over a decade, regional summit setting
Validity or status	Visit completed; discussions held
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens Asia-Pacific diplomacy and multilateral relations framework



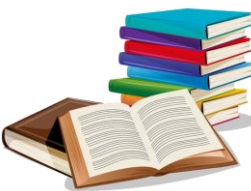
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➤ What is the amount of financial assistance given to each beneficiary under the Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana?

- A) ₹1,500
- B) ₹2,100
- C) ₹2,500
- D) ₹3,000
- E) ₹5,000

Answer
B) ₹2,100

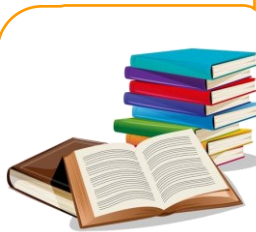


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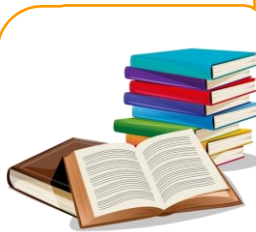
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Disbursal of financial assistance under 'Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana' on Haryana Day
- **Location:** Haryana (statewide implementation)
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



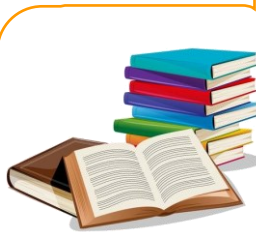
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini released ₹2,100 each to 5,22,162 eligible women under the 'Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana' via direct bank transfer.
- **Objectives:** To promote women's self-reliance and economic empowerment through direct benefit transfer, using a transparent and digital verification system.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana:** A state welfare scheme for women in Haryana, launched to mark Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's birth anniversary. It offers financial aid to women aged 23 or above from families with annual income below ₹1 lakh.
- **SEWA Department:** The department responsible for implementing the scheme and verifying applications using Aadhaar-based e-KYC.
- **HKRN (Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam):** A government agency that facilitates employment opportunities for youth in Haryana through transparent recruitment processes.

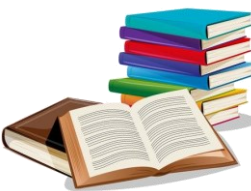


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Disbursal of ₹2,100 to women under Lado Lakshmi Yojana on Haryana Day
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Haryana (Statewide)
Issuing authority	Government of Haryana
Policy/series name	Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana
Key figures	CM Nayab Singh Saini; total of 5,22,162 verified beneficiaries
Purpose/reason	Promote financial independence and self-reliance among eligible women
Feature details	Direct transfer of ₹2,100 each, Aadhaar-based e-KYC, mobile app application
Validity or status	Active and disbursed
Strategic/significant value	Empowers women, ensures digital inclusion, and supports financial access



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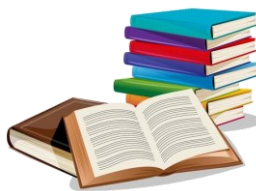


➤ **Which community group benefits from the CM-ARISE scheme implemented in Tamil Nadu?**

- A) Fisherfolk communities
- B) Urban entrepreneurs
- C) Adi Dravidar and tribal communities
- D) Women-led SHGs
- E) Agricultural landowners

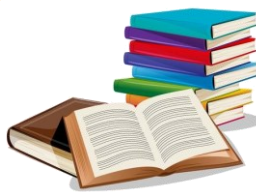
Answer

C) Adi Dravidar and tribal communities



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Disbursal of ₹9.38 crore in subsidy-linked loans under CM-ARISE scheme
- **Location:** Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** November 1, 2025 (reported)

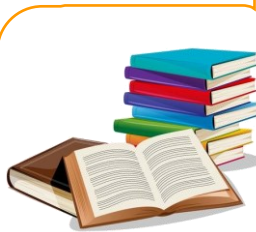


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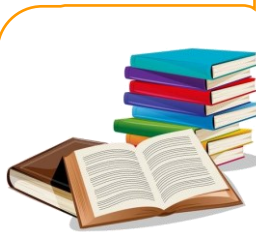
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Under the Chief Minister's Adi Dravidar and Tribal Economic Development scheme (CM-ARISE), 135 individuals received financial assistance through subsidy-linked loans implemented via TAHDCO in Coimbatore district.
- **Objectives:** To empower economically weaker sections of Adi Dravidar and tribal communities by supporting self-employment and entrepreneurship through financial aid.



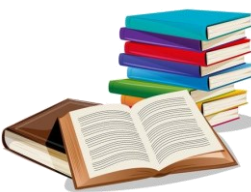
Important Terms Explained:

- **CM-ARISE Scheme:** A state government initiative to promote economic development among Adi Dravidar and tribal communities through subsidy-linked loans for self-employment. It provides up to 35% of the project cost or ₹3.5 lakh, whichever is lower.
- **TAHDCO (Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation):** A government agency implementing welfare schemes for Adi Dravidar and tribal people in Tamil Nadu, focusing on housing, development, and financial empowerment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Subsidy-Linked Loan:** A financial support mechanism where a part of the loan amount is subsidized (not repayable) to reduce the repayment burden on the borrower, especially for marginalized communities.

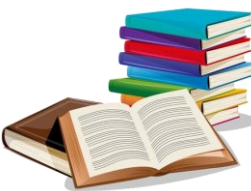


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Distribution of subsidy-linked loans under CM-ARISE scheme
Announcement date	November 1, 2025 (reported)
Location	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	TAHDCO, Government of Tamil Nadu
Policy/series name	CM-ARISE (Chief Minister's Adi Dravidar and Tribal Economic Development Scheme)
Key figures	135 total beneficiaries (79 in 2024–25, 56 in 2025–26)
Purpose/reason	Promote entrepreneurship among Adi Dravidar and tribal communities
Feature details	₹9.38 crore disbursed over 2 years; 35% subsidy or ₹3.5 lakh max per person
Validity or status	Ongoing implementation in Tamil Nadu
Strategic/significant value	Supports inclusive economic development, social upliftment, and employment



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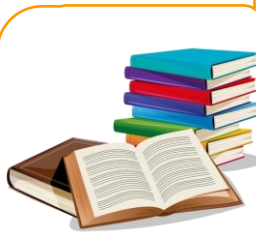
➤ **What is the primary goal of the Kudumbashree Vision Building-2025 workshop?**

- A) Promote digital banking for women
- B) Train women for sports events
- C) Provide two lakh job opportunities
- D) Offer microloans for startups
- E) Establish women-only cooperatives



Answer

C) Provide two lakh job opportunities

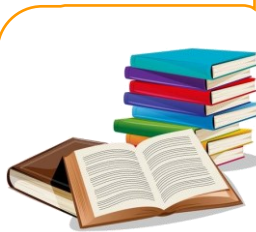


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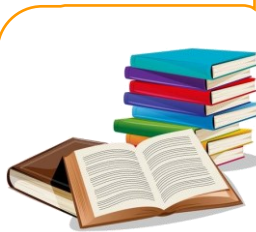
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kudumbashree Vision Building-2025 Workshop to enhance women's labour force participation
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** November 1, 2025 (workshop concluded)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A two-day workshop was conducted under Kudumbashree Mission to prepare an action plan for the second phase of its ongoing job campaign.
- **Objectives:** To generate two lakh employment opportunities and increase women's participation in the labour force, aligning with inclusive growth and livelihood empowerment goals.

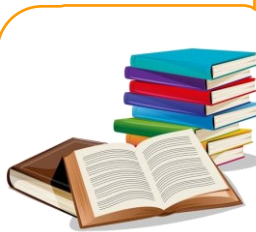


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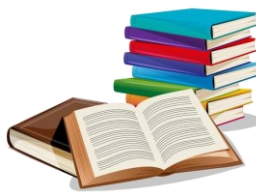
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kudumbashree Mission:** A poverty eradication and women empowerment program launched by the Government of Kerala in 1998. It functions through a community network of women, working on self-help groups (SHGs), microenterprises, and employment campaigns.
- **Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR):** The proportion of a country's working-age population that engages actively in the labour market, either by working or seeking work. Increasing women's LFPR is a key socio-economic indicator for inclusive development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Job Campaign (Phase II):** The second phase of Kudumbashree's employment initiative aimed at scaling job creation and skill-building for underrepresented women, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.

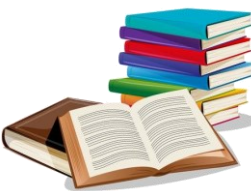


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Kudumbashree Vision Building-2025 Workshop
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Kudumbashree Mission, Government of Kerala
Policy/series name	Kudumbashree Job Campaign (Phase II)
Key figures	Kudumbashree officials, Kerala state government
Purpose/reason	Increase women's labour force participation and employment generation
Feature details	Action plan for 2 lakh jobs; FY planning based on Vision-2025 outcomes
Validity or status	Workshop concluded; action plan prepared for implementation
Strategic/significant value	Empowers women economically, supports livelihood missions, boosts state GDP

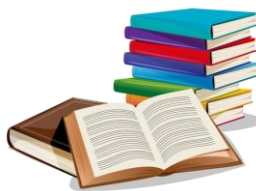


➤ **What is the duration of the EPFO Employees' Enrolment Scheme – 2025?**

- A) 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
- B) 1st November 2025 to 30th April 2026
- C) 1st July 2025 to 31st March 2026
- D) 1st October 2025 to 30th March 2026
- E) 1st August 2025 to 31st January 2026

Answer

B) 1st November 2025 to 30th April 2026

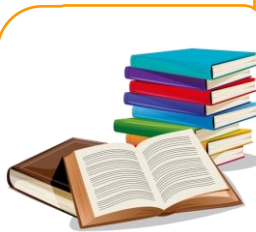


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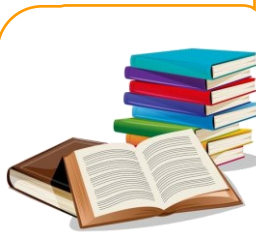
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Employees' Enrolment Scheme – 2025 by EPFO
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



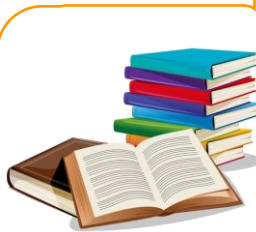
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) launched a special enrolment scheme to bring unregistered employees under EPF coverage.
 - The scheme was announced during EPFO's 73rd Foundation Day celebrations.



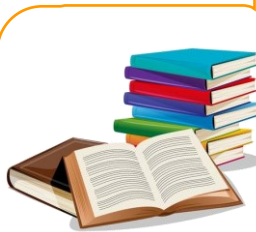
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To regularize past non-compliance by employers for the period between 1st July 2017 and 31st October 2025.
 - To extend EPF coverage to all eligible employees and ensure Social Security for All.
 - To simplify the process of voluntary declaration and limit penalties for past omissions.



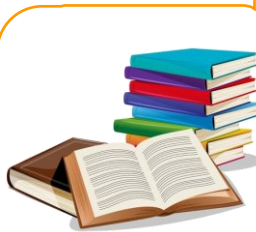
Important Terms Explained:

- **Employees' Enrolment Scheme – 2025:**
 - A special 6-month scheme (1st Nov 2025 – 30th Apr 2026) launched by EPFO allowing employers to voluntarily declare and enrol eligible employees who were left out of EPF coverage between 01.07.2017 to 31.10.2025.
- **EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation):**
 - A statutory body under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, it manages retirement savings schemes for employees in the organized sector under the EPF Act, 1952.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Section 7A / Para 26B / Para 8 of EPS-1995:**
 - These refer to provisions in the EPF and EPS schemes dealing with employer obligations, inquiries into non-compliance, and default handling. The scheme waives major penalties and protects employers from action during the compliance window.

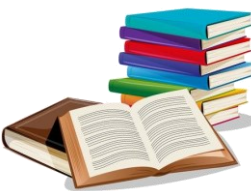


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Employees' Enrolment Scheme – 2025
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
Policy/series name	Employees' Enrolment Scheme – 2025
Key figures	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Union Labour Minister)
Purpose/reason	To regularize EPF coverage for employees missed from 2017 to 2025
Feature details	Voluntary declaration, employer share only, employee share waived if undeducted
Validity or status	Open from 1st November 2025 to 30th April 2026
Strategic/significant value	Boosts social security inclusion and formal workforce integration

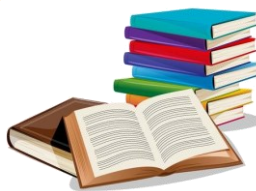


➤ Which of the following projects was inaugurated or launched in the Sri Renukaji constituency under a Rs 29.50 crore development plan?

- A) Government Industrial Training Institute at Maina Bag
- B) Four-lane highway from Shimla to Solan
- C) Railway terminal at Paonta Sahib
- D) Smart classrooms in Nahan colleges
- E) Industrial Park in Baddi

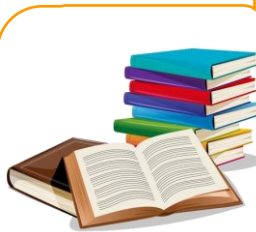
Answer

A) Government Industrial Training Institute at Maina Bag



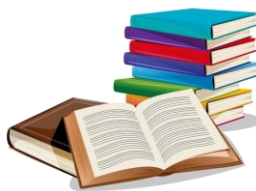
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Virtual inauguration and foundation stone laying of development projects worth Rs 29.50 crore
- **Location:** Sri Renukaji constituency, Sirmaur district, Himachal Pradesh
- **Date:** October 31, 2025



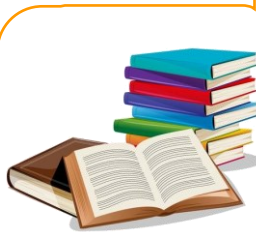
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu virtually inaugurated two completed projects and laid foundation stones for three new projects across the Sri Renukaji constituency.
- **Objectives:** To enhance rural education infrastructure, irrigation facilities, market accessibility, and water supply systems in the Sirmaur region for holistic development.



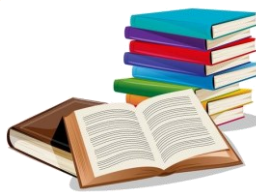
Important Terms Explained:

- **Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI):** A vocational training institute aimed at equipping youth with technical and industrial skills to improve employment opportunities. The ITI building in Maina Bag was inaugurated at a cost of Rs 6.47 crore.
- **Jal Shakti Vibhag:** The Himachal Pradesh Department of Water Resources, responsible for irrigation and water supply schemes across the state. An irrigation project worth Rs 17.89 crore was launched under this department.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gravity Water Supply Scheme:** A system that delivers water to households using gravitational force without the need for pumps. A scheme worth Rs 94 lakh was started to serve multiple villages in the Bharari gram panchayat.

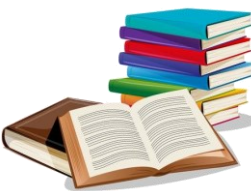


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Virtual inauguration and foundation stone laying of development projects
Announcement date	October 31, 2025
Location	Sri Renukaji constituency, Sirmaur district, Himachal Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of Himachal Pradesh
Policy/series name	Rural Development and Infrastructure Projects
Key figures	CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
Purpose/reason	To enhance infrastructure and basic services in rural regions
Feature details	Includes ITI building, market yard, irrigation, water supply, and road
Validity or status	Inaugurated and foundation stones laid
Strategic/significant value	Supports employment, water access, agriculture, and education improvements

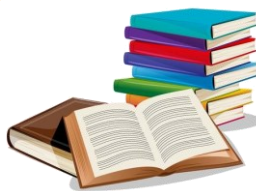


➤ **What is the primary focus of the first phase of the 118-acre Environmental Park launched by CM Stalin in Chennai?**

- A) Construction of a bio-diversity museum
- B) Restoration of water bodies and landscaping
- C) Development of a public zoo
- D) Creation of urban housing blocks
- E) Building of a new metro terminal

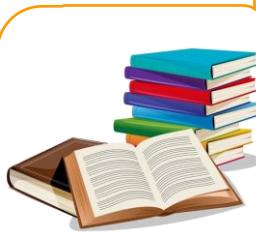
Answer

B) Restoration of water bodies and landscaping



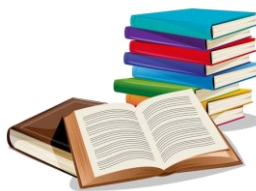
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of first phase of 118-acre Environmental Park and related infrastructure projects
- **Location:** Kandan Chavadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



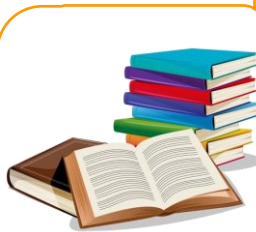
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin inaugurated the development of an Environmental Park and other infrastructure projects remotely from the Secretariat.
- **Objectives:** To promote urban environmental sustainability, restore water ecosystems, and improve public infrastructure including roadways and emergency medical services.



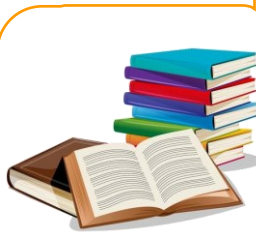
Important Terms Explained:

- **Environmental Park:** A designated green zone developed to promote ecological balance and biodiversity through landscaping, planting of rare species, and water body restoration. The park spans 118 acres in Kandan Chavadi.
- **108 Ambulance Service:** A free emergency medical response service operated under a government-private partnership with EMRI GHS, launched originally in 2008. A total of 87 new ambulances were inducted under this scheme.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kabristans:** Burial grounds used by the Muslim community. The Tamil Nadu government allocated funds for developing government-aided kabristans and Christian burial grounds with essential infrastructure.

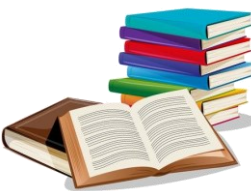


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Environmental Park Phase 1 and infrastructure projects
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Kandan Chavadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Government of Tamil Nadu
Policy/series name	Environmental Park Development and Public Infrastructure Enhancements
Key figures	CM M. K. Stalin, Dy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin, senior ministers and officials
Purpose/reason	Promote green urban development and improve healthcare and road access
Feature details	Environmental Park, 10 roads, 2 overbridges, burial grounds, ambulances
Validity or status	Projects inaugurated and sanctioned funds released
Strategic/significant value	Boosts environmental conservation, public health, and minority welfare



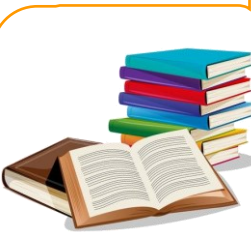
➤ Which major component is part of the Rs 1,200 crore projects inaugurated by CM Stalin across Tamil Nadu?

- A) Establishment of AIIMS Hospital in Coimbatore
- B) Metro rail extension in Salem
- C) Eco-park project in Guindy
- D) New airport terminal in Madurai
- E) Smart classroom scheme in Chennai



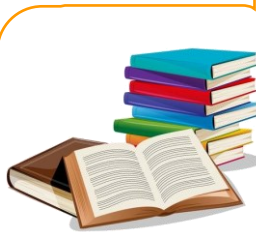
Answer

C) Eco-park project in Guindy



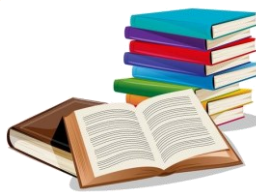
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of development projects worth Rs 1,200 crore across Tamil Nadu
- **Location:** Various districts across Tamil Nadu, including Guindy, Erode, Tiruvarur, Vellore, Tiruvallur, and Madurai
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



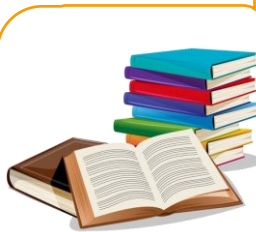
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated an eco-park project, launched road and bridge infrastructure projects worth over Rs 1,177 crore, and flagged off 87 new 108 ambulances to boost emergency services in Tamil Nadu.
- **Objectives:** To enhance urban greenery, strengthen transportation infrastructure, improve connectivity across districts, and upgrade emergency medical response systems across the state.



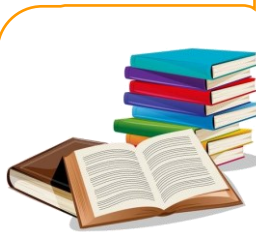
Important Terms Explained:

- **Eco-Park:** A large urban green space developed for environmental sustainability and public recreation. The 118-acre eco-park in Guindy focuses on restoring water bodies, planting rare trees, and horticultural development.
- **108 Ambulance Service:** A free emergency medical transport system run under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with EMRI Green Health Services (GVK Enterprise). The service handles medical emergencies, accident cases, and neonatal transport in Tamil Nadu.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Road Overbridges (ROBs):** Infrastructure built to replace railway level crossings to reduce traffic congestion and improve connectivity. Two such bridges were inaugurated in Vellore district.

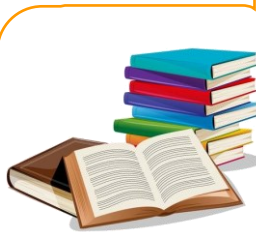


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	CM Stalin inaugurates Rs 1,200 crore worth development projects
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Across Tamil Nadu (Guindy, Vellore, Erode, Tiruvarur, Tiruvallur, etc.)
Issuing authority	Government of Tamil Nadu
Policy/series name	State Infrastructure Development & Emergency Services Enhancement
Key figures	CM M. K. Stalin, Dy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin, senior ministers and officials
Purpose/reason	Enhance infrastructure, green spaces, and healthcare emergency services
Feature details	Eco-park, road projects, overbridges, 108 ambulances
Validity or status	Projects inaugurated and active
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens infrastructure, public health access, and environmental sustainability

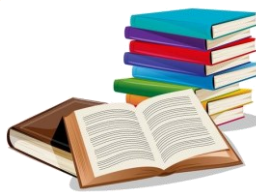


➤ Who inaugurated the 28th Kochi International Book Festival held in November 2025?

- A) C V Ananda Bose
- B) K V Thomas
- C) M J Akbar
- D) Anandiben Patel
- E) Claire Le Michel

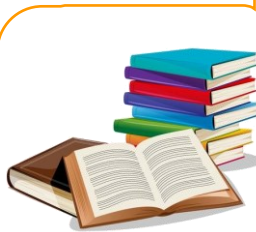
Answer

D) Anandiben Patel



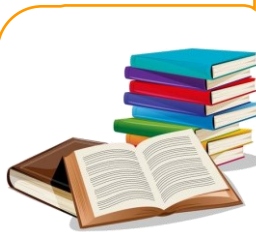
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the 28th Kochi International Book Festival
- **Location:** Kochi, Kerala (Ernakulathappan Ground)
- **Date:** November 1, 2025 (inauguration day)



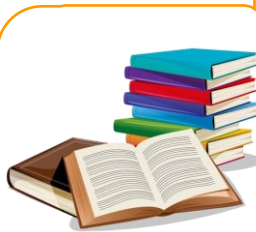
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel inaugurated the 28th Kochi International Book Festival, while other dignitaries participated in cultural programs and book releases.
- **Objectives:** To promote literary exchange, cultural dialogue, and appreciation of reading and writing through a multi-day book and culture festival.



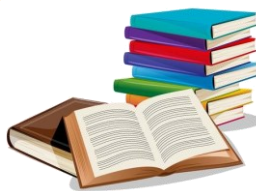
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kochi International Book Festival:** An annual literary and cultural event held in Kochi, Kerala, aiming to bring together authors, publishers, artists, and the public in celebration of literature and knowledge.
- **Malayalaratnam Puraskaram:** A literary award presented during the Kochi International Book Festival. In 2025, it was awarded to C V Ananda Bose for his book "Myth and Science – Oru Punarvayana."



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gujarat Craft Roots Exhibition:** A side exhibition during the festival showcasing traditional handicrafts and textiles from Gujarat and other Indian states, highlighting the link between literature and heritage crafts.

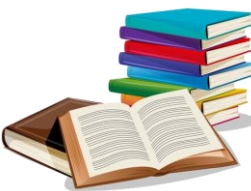


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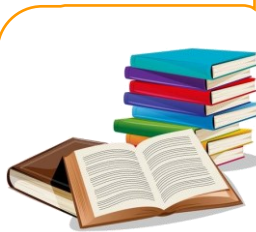
Parameter	Details
Event name	28th Kochi International Book Festival
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Ernakulathappan Ground, Kochi, Kerala
Issuing authority	Kochi International Book Festival Committee
Policy/series name	Annual Book and Cultural Festival
Key figures	Anandiben Patel, C V Ananda Bose, K V Thomas, M J Akbar, Claire Le Michel
Purpose/reason	Celebrate literature, foster cultural and intellectual engagement
Feature details	Book releases, awards, cultural events, international author participation
Validity or status	10-day festival, currently ongoing
Strategic/significant value	Promotes reading, cross-cultural dialogue, and literary appreciation



➤ Which Indian city was recently designated as a UNESCO 'Creative City of Gastronomy'?

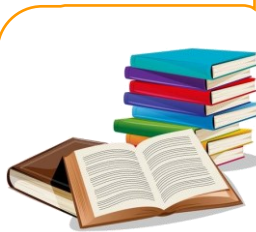
- A) Hyderabad
- B) Varanasi
- C) Lucknow
- D) Amritsar
- E) Ahmedabad

Answer
C) Lucknow



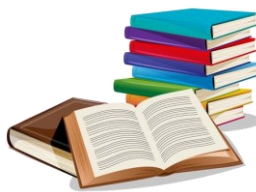
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Lucknow designated as a UNESCO 'Creative City of Gastronomy'
- **Location:** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (recognized globally at UNESCO General Conference, Uzbekistan)
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



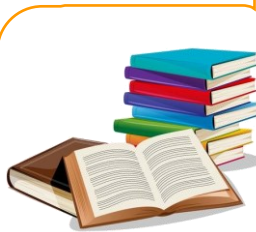
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The 43rd Session of the UNESCO General Conference officially declared Lucknow as a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field of Gastronomy.
- **Objectives:** To recognize and promote Lucknow's centuries-old Awadhi cuisine, encourage cultural diplomacy, and support sustainable tourism through food heritage.



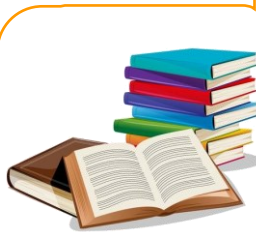
Important Terms Explained:

- **UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN):** A global initiative launched by UNESCO in 2004 to promote cooperation among cities that recognize creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development. Cities are designated in fields like Gastronomy, Literature, Music, Design, Crafts & Folk Art, Film, and Media Arts.
- **Creative City of Gastronomy:** A title given by UNESCO to cities that showcase rich culinary traditions, local ingredients, food-related festivals, and innovation in gastronomy. Lucknow joins this list due to its vibrant Awadhi cuisine and living food culture.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Awadhi Cuisine:** A traditional culinary style from Lucknow known for its dum-style cooking (slow cooking in sealed containers), signature dishes like Tunday Kebab, Galouti Kebab, Biryani, Nihari, and refined use of spices and ingredients.

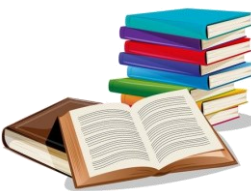


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Lucknow declared UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (recognition at UNESCO meet in Uzbekistan)
Issuing authority	UNESCO General Conference
Policy/series name	UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)
Key figures	City of Lucknow, UP Government, UNESCO
Purpose/reason	Recognize Awadhi cuisine and promote cultural heritage and food diplomacy
Feature details	Living food traditions, inclusive culinary culture, sustainable gastronomy
Validity or status	Officially designated in November 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes tourism, food heritage, and global cultural recognition

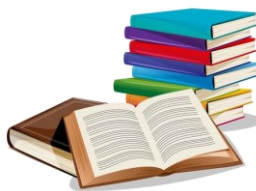


➤ **Which route do the newly inaugurated Road Over Bridges near Katpadi improve access to?**

- A) Chennai–Thanjavur route
- B) Madurai–Tirunelveli route
- C) Chennai–Bengaluru and Coimbatore route
- D) Salem–Kanyakumari route
- E) Tiruchirapalli–Puducherry route

Answer

C) Chennai–Bengaluru and Coimbatore route

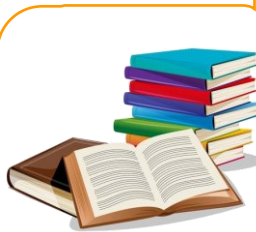


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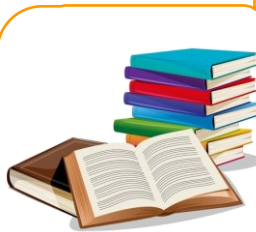
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Virtual inauguration of two Road Over Bridges (ROBs) by CM M.K. Stalin
- **Location:** Near Katpadi, Vellore district, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



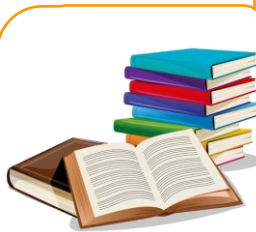
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin virtually inaugurated two new Road Over Bridges to replace manned level crossings at Melpatti and Melalathur villages, completed under the Railway Works Scheme 2015–16 with joint funding by Southern Railway and State Highways.
- **Objectives:** To enhance connectivity, reduce travel distance, and improve safety and convenience for commuters and residents near the busy Katpadi railway junction.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Road Over Bridge (ROB):** A bridge constructed over railway tracks to replace level crossings, ensuring uninterrupted road traffic and improved safety where rail movement is heavy.
- **Railway Works Scheme 2015–16:** A central scheme under which road infrastructure like ROB's are developed jointly by state and railway departments on a 50:50 cost-sharing basis to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion at railway crossings.
- **Katpadi Junction:** A major railway junction in Vellore district, Tamil Nadu, lying on the Chennai–Bengaluru and Chennai–Coimbatore express train routes with frequent train movement.

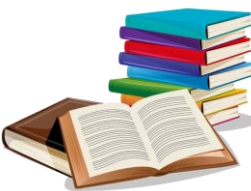


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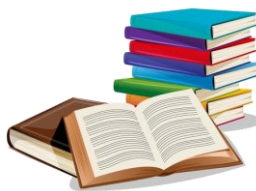
Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) near Katpadi by CM Stalin
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Melpatti, Melalathur, Valathur villages near Katpadi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Government of Tamil Nadu & Southern Railway
Policy/series name	Railways Works Scheme 2015–16
Key figures	CM M.K. Stalin, Southern Railway, State Highways Department
Purpose/reason	To eliminate manned level crossings and reduce detour for local residents
Feature details	Two ROBs built with 50:50 funding; improve access on Chennai–Bengaluru route
Validity or status	Projects completed and inaugurated
Strategic/significant value	Improves safety, reduces travel time, and enhances rural-urban connectivity



➤ Who was felicitated as a Fit India Icon at the National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025?

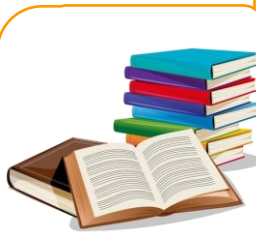
- A) MS Dhoni
- B) Saiyami Kher
- C) PV Sindhu
- D) Anil Kumble
- E) Neeraj Chopra

Answer
B) Saiyami Kher



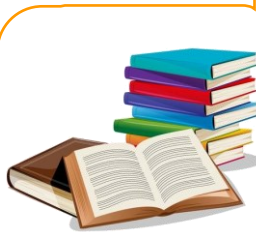
Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025 promoting Fit India Mission
- **Location:** The Trident, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** November 1, 2025



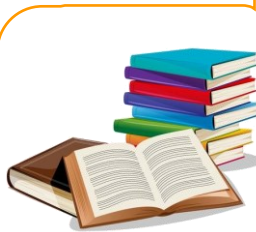
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the first-ever National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025.
 - Multiple celebrities were felicitated as Fit India Icons and Ambassadors for promoting fitness and wellness.
- **Objectives:**
 - To strengthen the Fit India Movement as a core part of the vision for a Viksit Bharat by 2047.
 - To highlight the economic and societal value of fitness, including its role in youth empowerment, business growth, and public health.



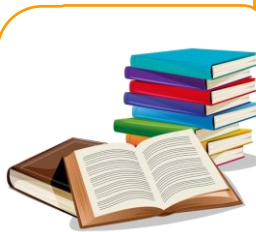
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fit India Mission:**
 - A flagship initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019 to encourage citizens to incorporate fitness and wellness into their daily lives.
 - Focuses on awareness, physical activity, and lifestyle improvement.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat 2047:**
 - A vision statement for transforming India into a fully developed nation by the 100th year of Independence (2047).
 - It encompasses economic, social, digital, and human development, including health and fitness as foundational pillars.
- **Fit India Icons and Ambassadors:**
 - Individuals recognized for their contribution in promoting fitness culture and healthy living across India.
 - In 2025, icons included Rohit Shetty, Harbhajan Singh, Saina Nehwal, Saiyami Kher, and others.

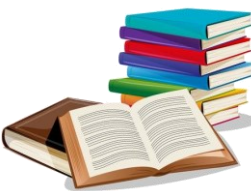


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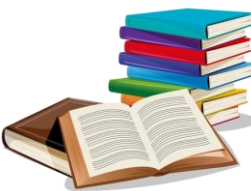
Parameter	Details
Event name	National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025
Announcement date	November 1, 2025
Location	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Policy/series name	Fit India Movement; Vision Viksit Bharat 2047
Key figures	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Smt. Raksha Khadse, Harbhajan Singh, Saina Nehwal
Purpose/reason	Promote national awareness on fitness, youth empowerment, and health culture
Feature details	Felicitation of Fit India Icons, panel discussions on fitness & industry
Validity or status	First edition held; expected to become annual
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens national fitness ecosystem and links wellness to economic growth



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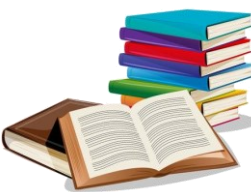
- November 1 marks the Foundation Day of Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, and Madhya Pradesh.
- World Vegan Day 2025 is celebrated on November 1 to promote plant-based living and animal welfare.
- Coal India Limited completed 50 years since its founding in 1975 and entered its 51st year on November 1, 2025.
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation celebrated its 73rd Foundation Day at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- India clinched their maiden ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title by defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the final.
- Rohan Bopanna announced his retirement from professional tennis on November 1, 2025, ending a career of over two decades.
- Manuel Frederick, the first Olympic medallist from Kerala, passed away at the age of 78.
- The Reserve Bank of India held its 619th Central Board of Directors meeting in Udaipur on October 31, 2025.
- The RBI has introduced the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) to make loan processing more efficient and inclusive.



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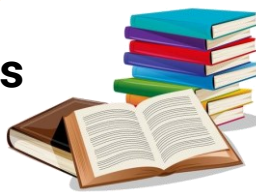
- The Cochin Port Authority signed 10 MoUs worth nearly ₹10,000 crore during India Maritime Week 2025 held in Mumbai.
- State Bank of India has executed its first bullion trade as a Special Category Client on the India International Bullion Exchange.
- The book A Woman of No Consequence by Kalpana Karunakaran was launched in Chennai on November 1, 2025.
- Shri Vishvajit Sahay assumed charge as the new Controller General of Defence Accounts on November 1, 2025.
- India set three Guinness World Records under the Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan in October 2025.
- ISRO has set a target to launch seven missions, including the first Gaganyaan uncrewed mission, by March 2026.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping visited South Korea on November 1, 2025, for the first time in over ten years.
- On Haryana Day, CM Nayab Singh Saini disbursed ₹2,100 each to over 5.22 lakh women under the Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana.
- A total of 135 beneficiaries from Adi Dravidar and tribal communities received ₹9.38 crore under the CM-ARISE scheme in Coimbatore.



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- The Kudumbashree Vision Building-2025 workshop concluded on November 1 in Thiruvananthapuram with an action plan to enhance women's workforce participation.
- The EPFO launched the Employees' Enrolment Scheme – 2025 to provide a voluntary window for regularizing EPF coverage.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for five development projects in Sri Renukaji constituency from New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin inaugurated the first phase of the 118-acre Environmental Park at Kandan Chavadi, focusing on ecological restoration and landscaping.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated projects worth Rs 1,200 crore across multiple districts, including the first phase of a 118-acre eco-park in Guindy.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel inaugurated the 28th Kochi International Book Festival in Kerala on November 1, 2025.
- Lucknow has been included in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a 'Creative City of Gastronomy'.
- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin virtually inaugurated two new Road Over Bridges in Vellore district on November 1, 2025.
- The first-ever National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025 was held in Mumbai with top sports and film personalities in attendance.





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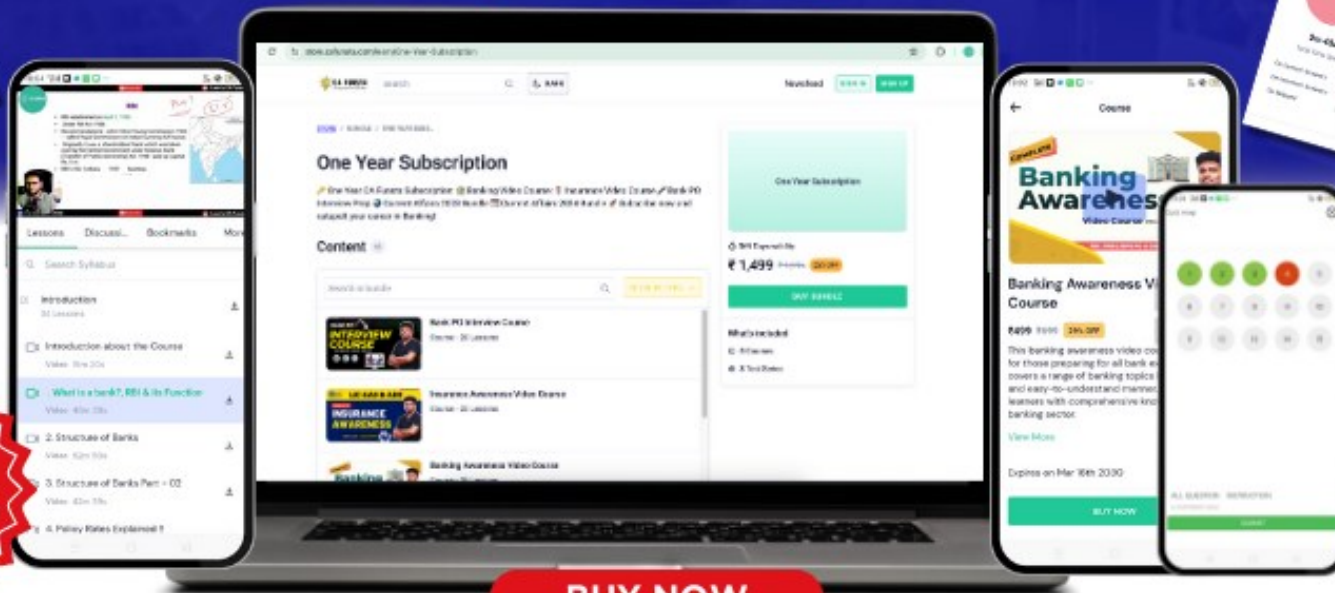
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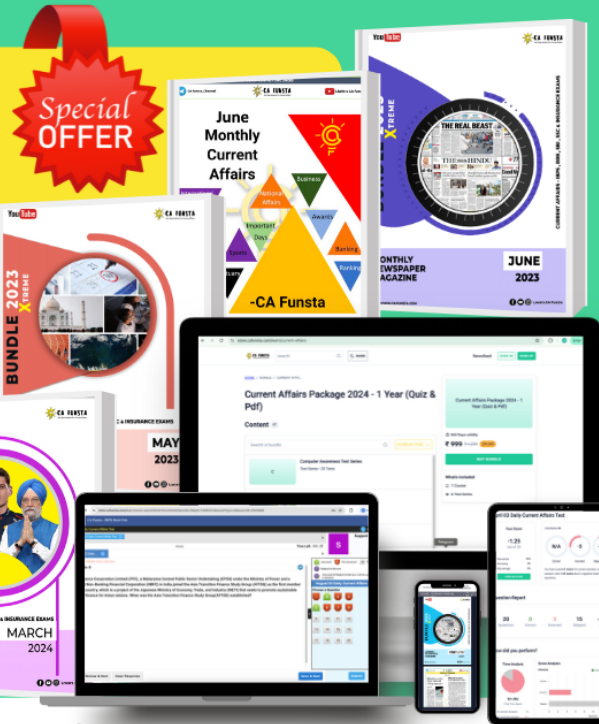


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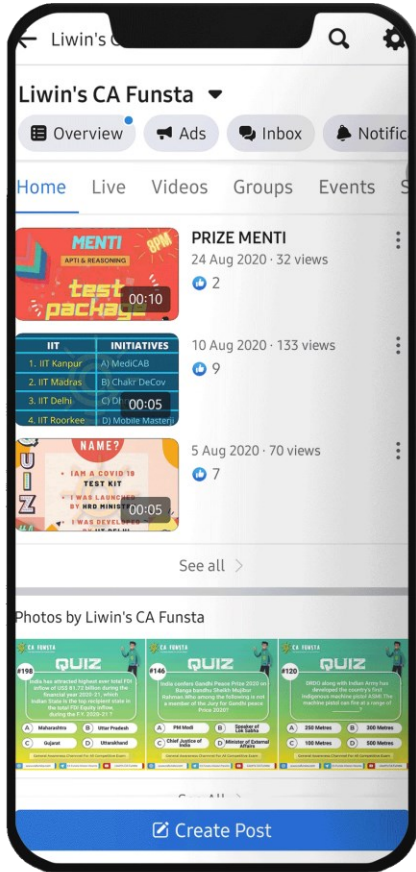
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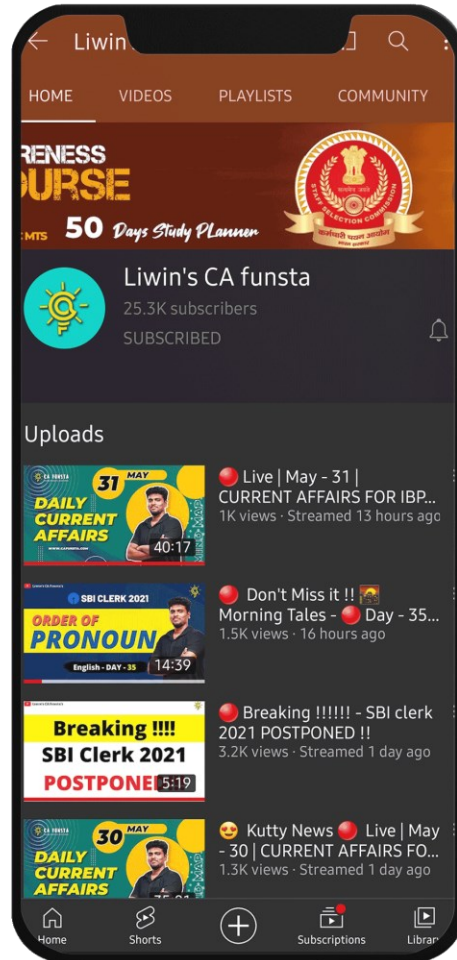


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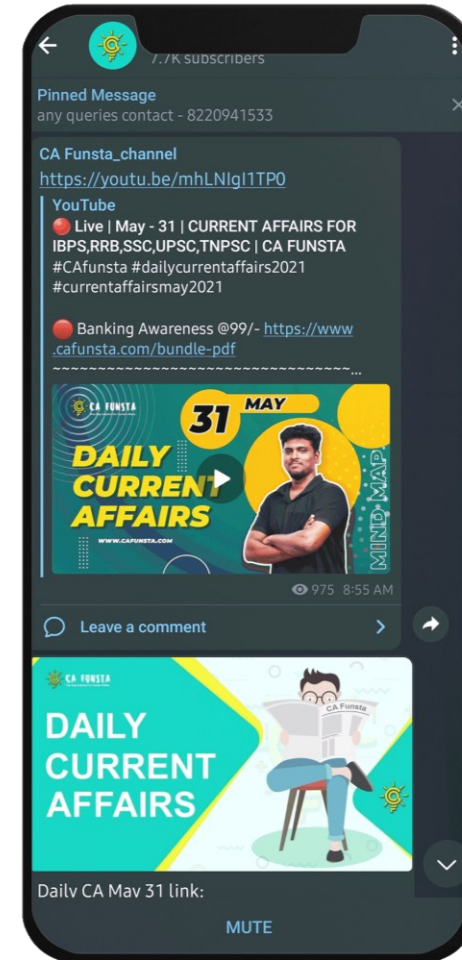
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