



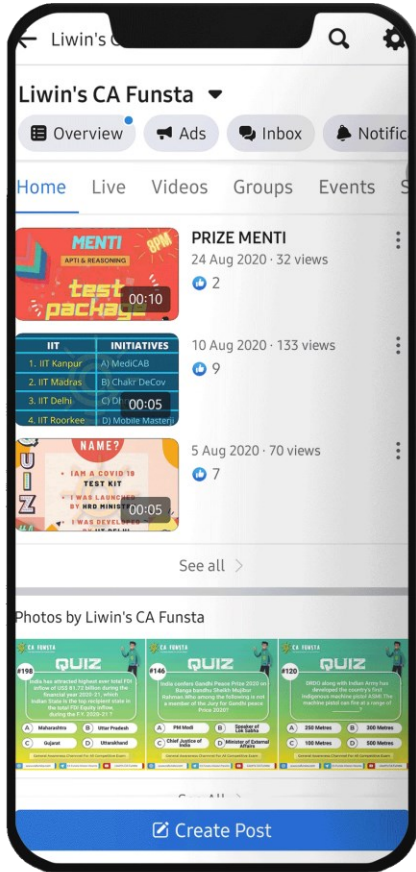
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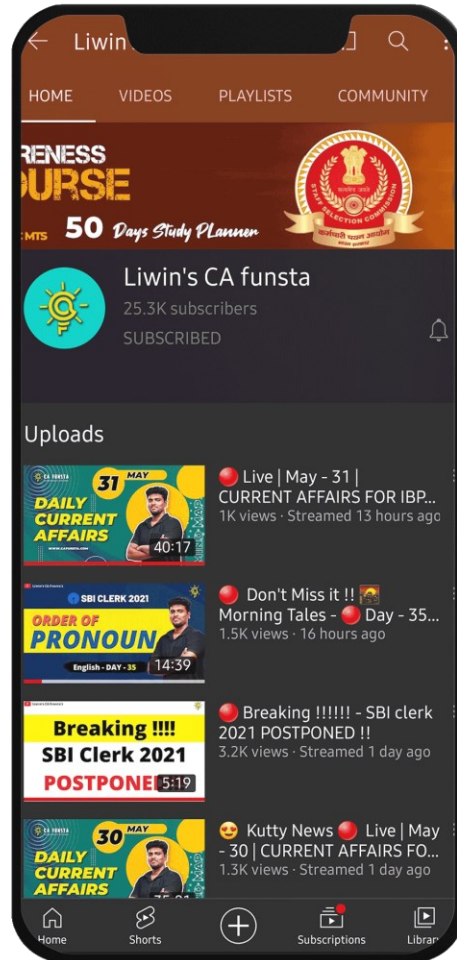
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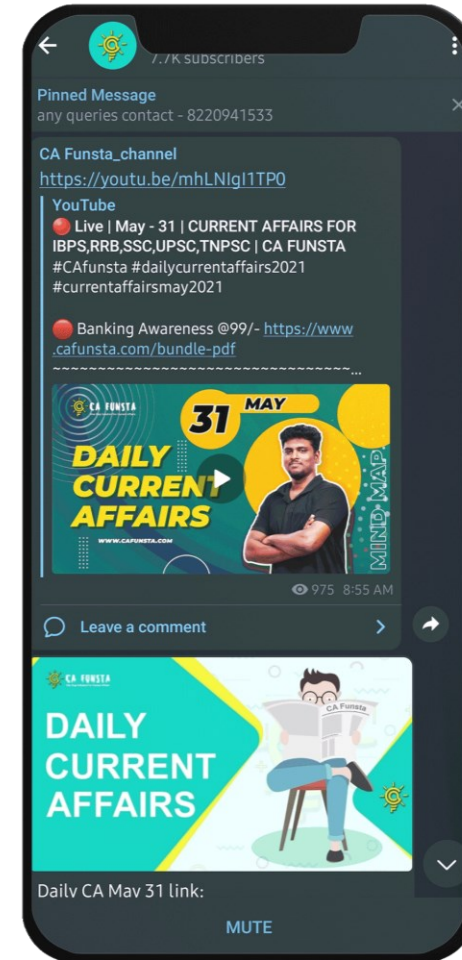
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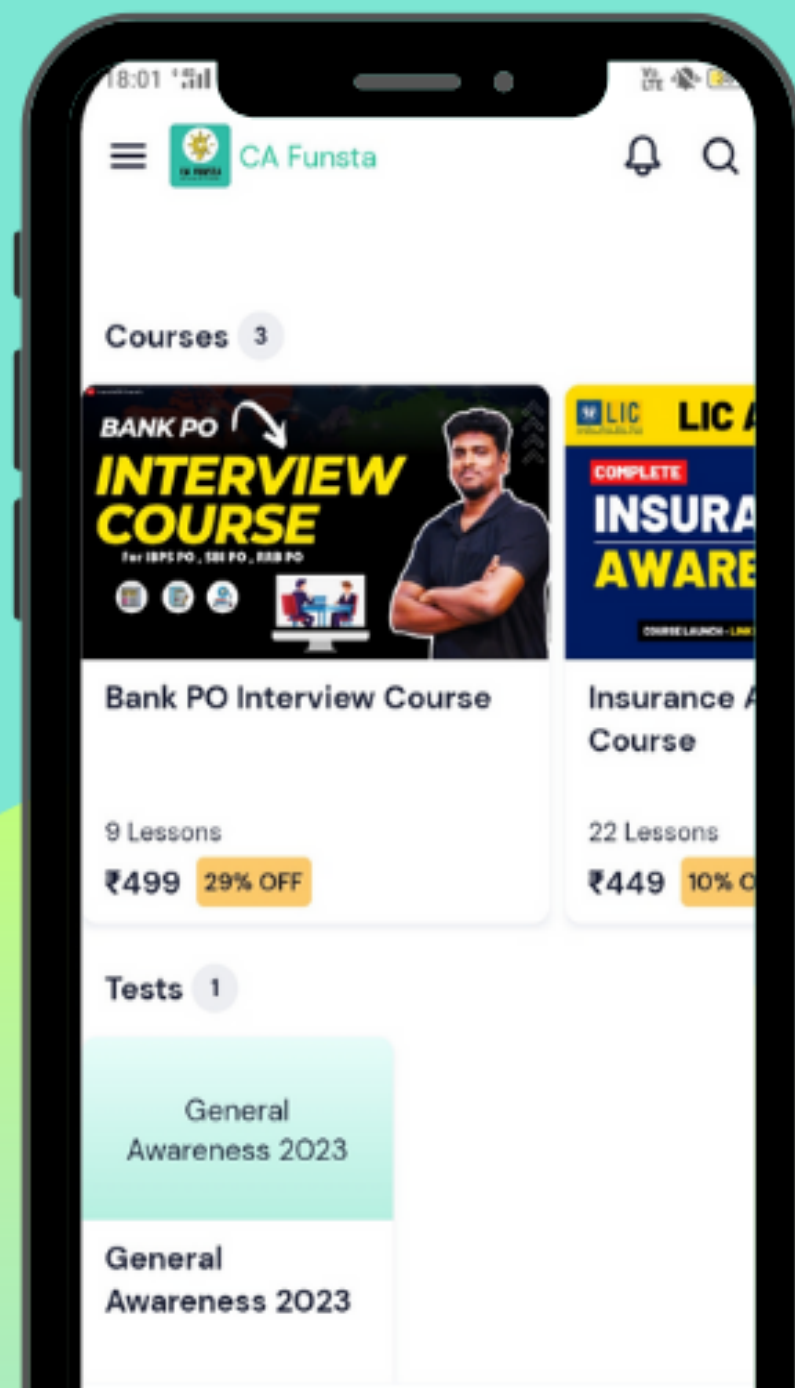
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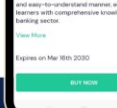
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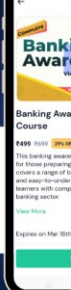


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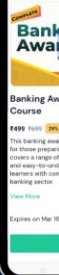
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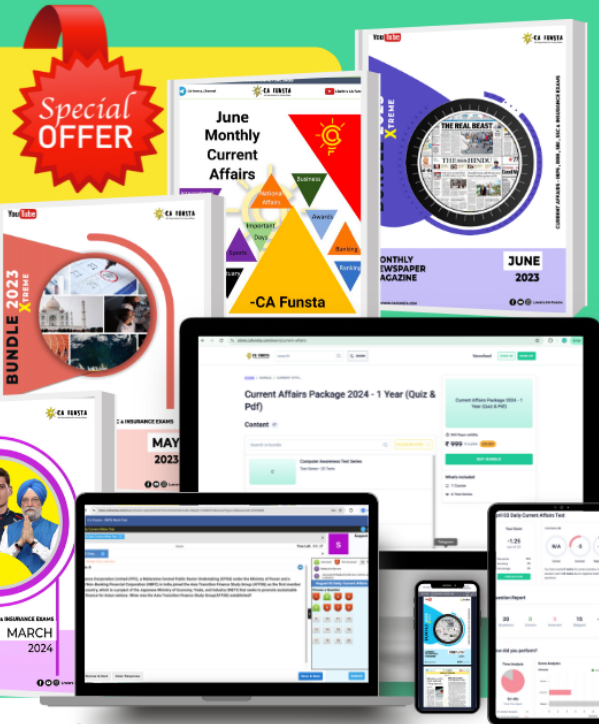


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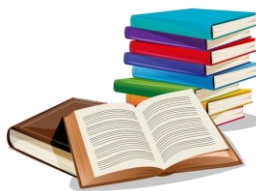


➤ **What is the theme of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025?**

- A) Early Warning Saves Lives
- B) Tsunami Safety Begins at Home
- C) Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness
- D) Building Coastal Resilience Together
- E) Preparedness Through Innovation

Answer

C) Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness

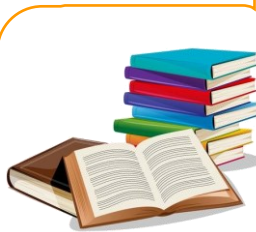


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025
- **Location:** Global (UN Member States)
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day by governments and communities worldwide through awareness campaigns, drills, education, and preparedness initiatives
- **Objectives:** To promote investment in early warning systems, coastal resilience, public education, and international cooperation to reduce tsunami risk



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Tsunami Awareness Day:** An annual UN-designated day observed on November 5 to raise awareness about tsunami risks and the importance of preparedness and early warning systems
- **Early Warning Systems:** Technological systems used to detect natural hazards like tsunamis and send alerts to vulnerable populations to facilitate timely evacuations
- **Inamura-no-hi:** A Japanese legend ("Burning of the Rice Sheaves") where a farmer saved villagers from a tsunami, symbolizing early action and awareness

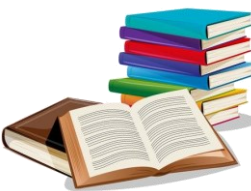


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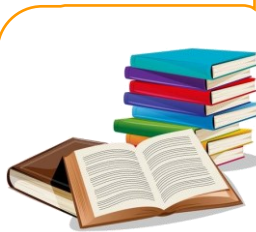
Parameter	Details
Event name	World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Global (UN Member States)
Issuing authority	United Nations General Assembly
Policy/series name	Tsunami Awareness Campaign
Key figures	António Guterres, UN Members, Global Communities
Purpose/reason	To raise awareness and encourage tsunami risk reduction and preparedness
Feature details	Early warning drills, educational campaigns, infrastructure planning
Validity or status	Annual observance
Strategic/significant value	Reduces disaster-related loss of life and strengthens global coastal resilience



- How much cash reward did the Maharashtra government announce for each of the three women cricketers after India's ICC Women's World Cup triumph?

- A) ₹50 lakh
- B) ₹1 crore
- C) ₹1.5 crore
- D) ₹2.25 crore
- E) ₹3 crore

Answer
D) ₹2.25 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maharashtra government announces cash rewards for women cricketers after World Cup win
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Maharashtra government announced ₹2.25 crore each for Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, and Radha Yadav, and ₹22.5 lakh for head coach Amol Muzumdar as per the state sports policy for World Cup winners.
- **Objectives:** To honour and recognize the contribution of women cricketers from Maharashtra who were part of India's historic ICC Women's World Cup victory and encourage excellence in sports.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup:** A premier international championship organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC), featuring women's national cricket teams from around the world.
- **Maharashtra State Sports Policy:** A state-level guideline that offers financial rewards and recognitions to sportspersons winning medals or titles at international events such as World Cups, Olympics, and Asian Games.
- **Amol Muzumdar:** Former Indian domestic cricketer and current head coach of the Indian women's cricket team, originally from Mumbai, Maharashtra.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Maharashtra govt reward to cricketers after ICC Women's World Cup win
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Maharashtra State Cabinet
Policy/series name	Maharashtra Sports Policy for International Achievements
Key figures	Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Radha Yadav, Amol Muzumdar
Purpose/reason	To recognize and reward sports excellence in international cricket
Feature details	₹2.25 crore to each player, ₹22.5 lakh to coach
Validity or status	Announced; to be awarded at felicitation ceremony in Mumbai
Strategic/significant value	Encourages youth in sports and honors women's contribution to Indian cricket

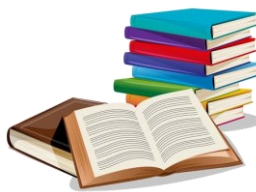


➤ What was the total cumulative profit reported by all Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in Q2 FY26?

- A) ₹45,547 crore
- B) ₹49,456 crore
- C) ₹50,000 crore
- D) ₹44,218 crore
- E) ₹93,674 crore

Answer

B) ₹49,456 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PSU banks post ₹49,456 crore record profit in Q2 FY26
- **Location:** India (National coverage)
- **Date:** November 5, 2025 (Q2 data of FY26)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Public Sector Banks (PSBs) released Q2 FY26 financial results showing a 9% YoY growth in profit, totalling ₹49,456 crore.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the financial performance and profitability of government-owned banks, indicating sectoral strength and investor confidence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Public Sector Banks (PSBs):** Banks in which the majority stake is held by the Government of India. There are currently 12 PSBs.
- **Net Profit:** The amount left after subtracting total expenses from total revenue; reflects the bank's earnings.
- **Q2 FY26:** The second quarter of the financial year 2025–26 (July–September 2025).

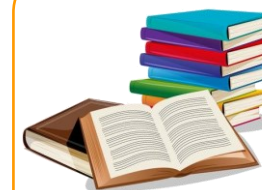


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PSU banks post ₹49,456 crore profit in Q2 FY26
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Nationwide (India)
Issuing authority	Public Sector Banks (12 in total)
Policy/series name	Q2 Financial Results FY26
Key figures	SBI (₹20,160 cr), IOB (₹1,226 cr), Central Bank (₹1,213 cr)
Purpose/reason	Financial performance disclosure, YoY analysis
Feature details	9% YoY growth, SBI contributed 40%, IOB showed highest growth (58%)
Validity or status	Q2 FY26 completed; comparison with Q1 and previous FY data included
Strategic/significant value	Indicates stability, profitability and efficiency in the PSU banking sector

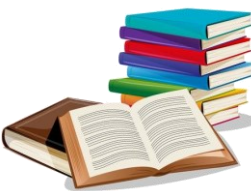


➤ Which Indian automaker recently crossed the 3 crore cumulative domestic sales mark?

- A) Hyundai Motors India
- B) Tata Motors
- C) Mahindra & Mahindra
- D) Maruti Suzuki India
- E) Honda Cars India

Answer

D) Maruti Suzuki India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maruti Suzuki crosses 3 crore cumulative domestic sales milestone
- **Location:** Pan India (domestic market)
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL) announced it has achieved 3 crore cumulative vehicle sales in the Indian domestic market since its inception in 1983.
- **Objectives:** To celebrate a historic sales milestone, reinforce brand leadership in India's automobile sector, and renew commitment to increasing car ownership and mobility access in India.



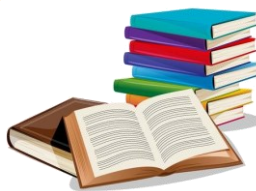
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cumulative Sales:** The total number of units sold over a period, representing long-term brand performance and market presence.
- **Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL):** India's largest car manufacturer, originally established as Maruti Udyog Ltd in 1981 and later partnered with Japan's Suzuki Motor Corporation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Maruti 800:** The first model launched by Maruti Suzuki in December 1983, considered a revolutionary vehicle that made car ownership accessible to Indian middle-class families.
- **Alto, Wagon R, Swift:** Bestselling compact car models from Maruti Suzuki, each with sales in the millions, helping the company dominate the small car segment in India.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Maruti Suzuki crosses 3 crore domestic sales milestone
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	India (nationwide domestic sales)
Issuing authority	Maruti Suzuki India Ltd
Policy/series name	Domestic Sales Performance
Key figures	Hisashi Takeuchi (MD & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India)
Purpose/reason	To mark cumulative domestic sales of 3 crore units
Feature details	Top-selling models: Alto (47 lakh), Wagon R (34 lakh), Swift (32 lakh)
Validity or status	Achievement reached; announced officially
Strategic/significant value	Reinforces MSIL's leadership in Indian auto sector and affordable mobility

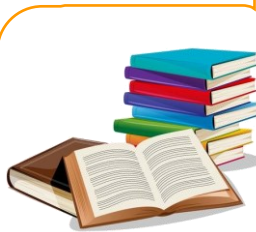


➤ How much investment has SAEL Industries proposed in Andhra Pradesh across renewable energy, data centres, and ports?

- A) ₹10,000 crore
- B) ₹15,000 crore
- C) ₹22,000 crore
- D) ₹30,000 crore
- E) ₹50,000 crore



Answer
C) ₹22,000 crore



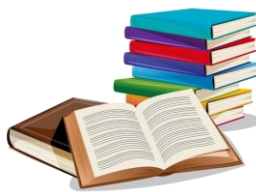
Event and Location:

- **Event:** SAEL Industries to invest across multiple sectors in Andhra Pradesh
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh, India
- **Date:** November 5, 2025 (MoU to be signed on November 14–15, 2025)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SAEL Industries and the Andhra Pradesh Government during the CII Partnership Summit.
- **Objectives:** To boost industrial and infrastructure development in AP through large-scale investments in renewable energy, biomass power, data centres, and port-linked logistics infrastructure.



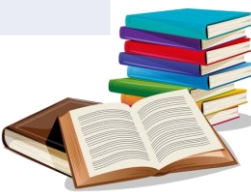
Important Terms Explained:

- **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):** A formal agreement indicating mutual intentions to cooperate, typically used before final contracts are signed.
- **BESS (Battery Energy Storage System):** Technology that stores renewable energy for use when generation is low, enabling round-the-clock power supply.
- **CII Partnership Summit:** An annual event organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to promote investment and collaboration between businesses and state governments.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	SAEL Industries ₹22,000 crore investment announcement
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	SAEL Industries & Government of Andhra Pradesh
Policy/series name	MoU at CII Partnership Summit 2025
Key figures	SAEL Industries Management, AP Government
Purpose/reason	Boost multi-sectoral growth including renewable power, logistics, and digital infrastructure
Feature details	1,750 MW solar+BESS, 200 MW biomass plants, ₹3,000 cr data centre, ₹4,000 cr port investment
Validity or status	MoU to be signed on Nov 14–15, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Expected creation of 7,000 direct and 70,000 indirect jobs



➤ What was MOIL's manganese ore production in October 2025, its highest-ever for the month?

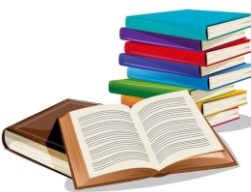
- A) 1.20 lakh tonnes
- B) 1.45 lakh tonnes
- C) 1.60 lakh tonnes
- D) 1.75 lakh tonnes
- E) 1.90 lakh tonnes



Manganese Ore India Limited

Answer

C) 1.60 lakh tonnes



Event and Location:

- **Event:** MOIL achieves highest-ever October production of manganese ore
- **Location:** India (MOIL operational areas)
- **Date:** November 5, 2025 (PIB announcement)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Recording highest-ever October production of 1.60 lakh tonnes of manganese ore and intensified core drilling exploration
- **Objectives:** To boost domestic manganese ore output, reduce import dependence, and scale resource discovery through exploratory core drilling



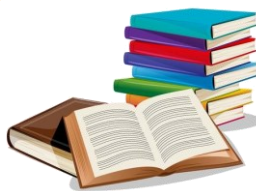
Important Terms Explained:

- **MOIL:** A Miniratna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Steel, engaged in manganese ore mining
- **Manganese Ore:** A key raw material for steelmaking and alloy production
- **Exploratory Core Drilling:** A geological technique to identify mineral reserves by drilling into the earth and analyzing rock samples for mineral content



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Best-ever October production of manganese ore by MOIL
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	MOIL Limited, Ministry of Steel
Policy/series name	Annual production update FY26
Key figures	Shri Ajit Kumar Saxena (CMD, MOIL)
Purpose/reason	To highlight strong operational performance and exploration output
Feature details	1.60 lakh tonnes produced in Oct 2025, 11.04 lakh tonnes in Apr–Oct FY26
Validity or status	Ongoing production & exploration performance
Strategic value	Enhances India's self-reliance in steel-grade manganese ore



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



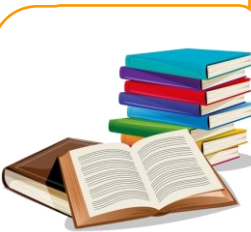
➤ Which company is acquiring Tata Steel's ferrochrome plant in Kalinganagar, Odisha, for ₹610 crore?

- A) Jindal Steel
- B) Hindalco
- C) Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys
- D) Vedanta Resources
- E) SAIL



Answer

C) Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** IMFA to acquire Tata Steel's ferrochrome plant in a ₹610 crore deal
- **Location:** Kalinganagar, Odisha
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys (IMFA) announced the acquisition of Tata Steel's ferrochrome plant in Kalinganagar for ₹610 crore, funded via internal accruals.
- **Objectives:** The acquisition aims to significantly expand IMFA's ferro alloy production capacity, enable operational cost savings, and establish the company as India's largest and world's sixth-largest ferro alloy producer.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys (IMFA):** A leading Indian producer of ferro alloys, headquartered in Odisha, with major exports and domestic operations in chrome-based alloys used in stainless steel manufacturing.
- **Ferrochrome:** An alloy of chromium and iron used as a critical raw material in the production of stainless steel, enabling hardness and corrosion resistance.
- **Internal Accruals:** A method of financing business operations or acquisitions using a company's own profit reserves, without borrowing externally.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	IMFA's acquisition of Tata Steel's Kalinganagar ferrochrome plant
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Kalinganagar, Odisha
Issuing authority	Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys (IMFA)
Policy/series name	IMFA Expansion Plan – Phase II
Key figures	Subhrakant Panda (MD, IMFA), T. V. Narendran (CEO, Tata Steel)
Purpose/reason	To boost ferro alloy production and achieve operational scale
Feature details	₹610 crore deal; 4+1 furnaces; 100,000–150,000 TPA capacity addition
Validity or status	Deal to close in 3–6 months, pending approvals
Strategic/significant value	Makes IMFA India's largest and world's sixth-largest ferro alloy producer



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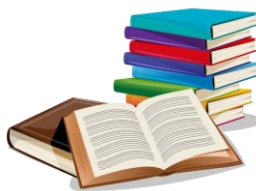


- **Who has been appointed as the Global Director of Cricket for Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) ahead of IPL 2026?**

- A) Kane Williamson
- B) Justin Langer
- C) Trevor Bayliss
- D) Tom Moody
- E) Zaheer Khan



Answer
D) Tom Moody



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Tom Moody as Global Director of Cricket at Lucknow Super Giants
- **Location:** Lucknow (LSG Franchise Headquarters), Global Operations
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) franchise has appointed Tom Moody as their Global Director of Cricket, placing him in charge of all cricket operations across their IPL, SA20, and The Hundred teams.
- **Objectives:** To bring in experienced leadership to oversee strategic cricketing operations across LSG franchises globally and help revive LSG's performance after a disappointing IPL 2025 season.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Director of Cricket:** A high-level executive role responsible for overseeing the overall cricketing strategy, recruitment, performance, and development across multiple franchise teams under one ownership group.
- **Lucknow Super Giants (LSG):** An Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise owned by RP Sanjiv Goenka Group, introduced in 2022.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **The Hundred & SA20:** The Hundred is a 100-ball cricket league in England; SA20 is South Africa's top T20 franchise league. LSG's ownership group owns franchises in both.
- **Tom Moody:** Former Australian cricketer and seasoned coach, known for title wins and high-performance leadership in leagues like the IPL, The Hundred, and ILT20.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Tom Moody appointed as Global Director of Cricket at LSG
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Lucknow (Global operations across IPL, SA20, The Hundred)
Issuing authority	Lucknow Super Giants (RP Sanjiv Goenka Group)
Policy/series name	LSG Global Cricket Leadership Restructuring
Key figures	Tom Moody, Justin Langer, Kane Williamson, Zaheer Khan
Purpose/reason	To bring strategic leadership across multiple cricket franchises
Feature details	Oversight of LSG (IPL), Durban's Super Giants (SA20), Manchester team (The Hundred)
Validity or status	Appointment confirmed; contract duration not yet disclosed
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens LSG's global cricketing footprint and rebuilds after IPL 2025 dip



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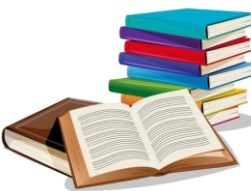


➤ **Who has been elected as Virginia's first woman governor in a historic victory in November 2025?**

- A) Winsome Earle-Sears
- B) Mikie Sherrill
- C) Abigail Spanberger
- D) Hillary Clinton
- E) Kamala Harris

Answer

C) Abigail Spanberger



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Election of Abigail Spanberger as the first woman governor of Virginia
- **Location:** Virginia, United States
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Democrat Abigail Spanberger won the Virginia gubernatorial election, defeating Republican Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears, and flipping the state leadership from Republican to Democratic control.
- **Objectives:** To provide pragmatic, bipartisan governance focused on economic stability, protect civil service jobs, defend abortion rights, and shield Virginians from federal policy impacts, particularly under Trump's second presidency.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Governor:** The elected executive head of a U.S. state, responsible for implementing state laws and overseeing the operation of the state executive branch.
- **Democratic Trifecta:** A situation where one political party holds the governorship and majorities in both legislative chambers of a state government.
- **Abigail Spanberger:** Former CIA officer and three-term U.S. Congresswoman, known for bipartisan work, security background, and moderate policy positions.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Abigail Spanberger elected Virginia's first woman governor
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Virginia, United States
Issuing authority	Virginia State Election Commission
Policy/series name	Virginia Gubernatorial Election 2025
Key figures	Abigail Spanberger, Winsome Earle-Sears, Donald Trump
Purpose/reason	To elect the executive head of the state of Virginia
Feature details	First woman elected governor of Virginia; Democrat flips governorship
Validity or status	Election result declared; Governor-elect set to assume office
Strategic/significant value	Historic first; momentum for Democrats ahead of 2026 U.S. midterms



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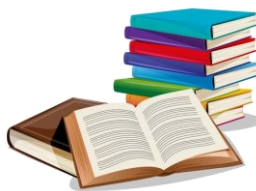


➤ **Who has become the first Muslim and South Asian to be elected as the Mayor of New York City?**

- A) Andrew Cuomo
- B) Zohran Mamdani
- C) Curtis Sliwa
- D) Eric Adams
- E) Bernie Sanders

Answer

B) Zohran Mamdani



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Zohran Mamdani elected as the 111th Mayor of New York City
- **Location:** New York City, United States
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Zohran Mamdani, representing the Democratic Socialists, was elected as New York City's 111th mayor, defeating high-profile candidates Andrew Cuomo and Curtis Sliwa.
- **Objectives:** To implement a progressive urban governance model focused on rent freezes, expanded affordable housing, a \$30 minimum wage, police reform, and climate action — aimed at tackling inequality and improving quality of life for working-class New Yorkers.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Zohran Mamdani:** A Ugandan-born, Queens-raised American politician of Indian descent, affiliated with the Democratic Socialists of America. He made history as the first Muslim, first South Asian, and youngest mayor in over a century to lead New York City.
- **Democratic Socialists of America (DSA):** A U.S. political movement that advocates for democratic control of the economy and progressive policies such as universal healthcare, housing rights, and labor protections.

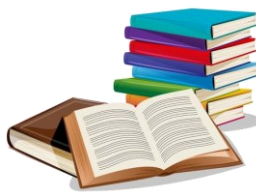


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Rent Freeze:** A policy proposal to cap or halt increases in residential rent across a city to protect tenants from unaffordable housing costs.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Zohran Mamdani elected as 111th Mayor of New York City
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	New York City, United States
Issuing authority	New York City Board of Elections
Policy/series name	New York Mayoral Election 2025
Key figures	Zohran Mamdani, Andrew Cuomo, Curtis Sliwa, Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump
Purpose/reason	Election of city's executive leader
Feature details	First Muslim, South Asian, and youngest mayor in over 100 years
Validity or status	Election concluded; Mamdani declared winner
Strategic/significant value	Reflects rising support for progressive urban governance and immigrant representation



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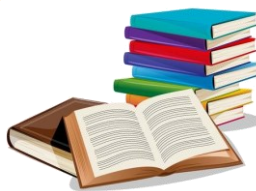


➤ **Who has been appointed as Tesla's new Country Head for India in November 2025?**

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Isabel Fan
- C) Sharad Agarwal
- D) Anand Mahindra
- E) Elon Musk



Answer
C) Sharad Agarwal



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Sharad Agarwal as Tesla India Country Head
- **Location:** India (Headquarters expected in NCR region)
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tesla Inc. has appointed Sharad Agarwal, the former head of Lamborghini India, as its Country Head for India to lead operations directly from within the country.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen Tesla's on-ground leadership in India, enhance luxury EV sales, and overcome market barriers like high import duties and low EV penetration.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Tesla Inc.:** An American electric vehicle and clean energy company headquartered in Texas, known for revolutionizing global EV markets with high-performance, tech-driven cars.
- **Sharad Agarwal:** A luxury automobile executive credited with expanding Lamborghini's presence in India beyond metros, now appointed to lead Tesla's India strategy.

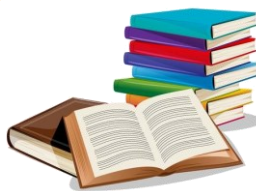


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Import Duties:** Taxes levied on imported goods; in India, steep duties on EVs have made Tesla's entry models cost over ₹60 lakh, limiting market reach.
- **Luxury EV Strategy:** A focused business approach that prioritizes high-end consumers with premium products to build brand presence before scaling to mass-market models.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Tesla appoints new Country Head for India
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	India (operations to be led on-ground)
Issuing authority	Tesla Inc.
Policy/series name	Tesla India Leadership Restructuring
Key figures	Sharad Agarwal, Isabel Fan, Elon Musk
Purpose/reason	To build a local leadership base and target premium EV buyers
Feature details	Localised management, mall installations, luxury-market entry model
Validity or status	Appointment effective this week
Strategic/significant value	Shifts Tesla's India strategy from remote control to domestic leadership



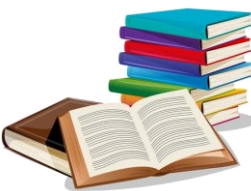
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➤ **Who was re-elected as the Mayor of Cincinnati in 2025, defeating JD Vance's half-brother?**

- A) Zohran Mamdani
- B) Cory Bowman
- C) Vivek Ramaswamy
- D) Aftab Pureval
- E) Raja Krishnamoorthi

Answer
D) Aftab Pureval



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Re-election of Aftab Pureval as Mayor of Cincinnati
- **Location:** Cincinnati, Ohio, United States
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Aftab Pureval, an Indian-origin politician, won re-election as Mayor of Cincinnati, defeating Cory Bowman, the half-brother of U.S. Vice President JD Vance, in the general election.
- **Objectives:** To retain Democratic leadership in Cincinnati's local government and continue Pureval's urban policy initiatives in infrastructure, equity, and public services.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Aftab Pureval:** An Indian-origin and Tibetan-descended U.S. politician, first elected as Mayor of Cincinnati in 2021. He is the first Asian American to serve in the role and previously worked as a federal prosecutor and Clerk of Courts.
- **Cory Bowman:** Republican challenger and half-brother of U.S. Vice President JD Vance, who contested his first political race in 2025.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **JD Vance:** Vice President of the United States in 2025 and a prominent Republican figure; he supported Bowman's candidacy via social media.
- **Democratic Mayoral Win:** Reflects continued Democratic control of Cincinnati's local administration, reinforcing Pureval's political presence in Ohio.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Aftab Pureval re-elected as Cincinnati Mayor
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
Issuing authority	Cincinnati Election Commission
Policy/series name	Cincinnati Mayoral Election 2025
Key figures	Aftab Pureval, Cory Bowman, JD Vance
Purpose/reason	Mayoral general election to elect city leadership
Feature details	Pureval won re-election after defeating Bowman in both primary and general elections
Validity or status	Victory declared; Pureval begins second term
Strategic/significant value	Maintains Democratic leadership in Cincinnati and boosts Pureval's political stature



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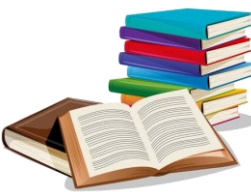


➤ **Which two awards did Nara Bhuvaneshwari receive in London for her contributions to public service and corporate governance?**

- A) Padma Shri and Bharat Gaurav Award
- B) Distinguished Fellowship and CII Women Leader Award
- C) Golden Globe and UN Social Impact Award
- D) IOD Distinguished Fellow Award and Golden Peacock Award
- E) Pravasi Bharatiya Award and UK Parliament Honour

Answer

D) IOD Distinguished Fellow Award and Golden Peacock Award

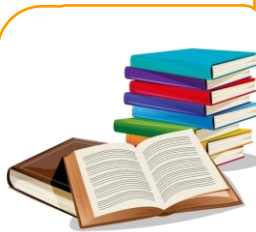


AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nara Bhuvaneshwari receives international awards for leadership and governance
- **Location:** Mayfair Hall, London, United Kingdom
- **Date:** November 4, 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Nara Bhuvaneshwari, Managing Director of Heritage Foods and Managing Trustee of NTR Memorial Trust, was honoured with two prestigious awards by the Institute of Directors (IOD), UK.
- **Objectives:** To recognize her outstanding leadership in public service and corporate governance, through impactful initiatives in healthcare, education, women's empowerment, and ethical business practices.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **IOD Distinguished Fellow Award:** An honour bestowed by the Institute of Directors (UK) to individuals demonstrating exemplary leadership, public service, and contributions to societal welfare.
- **Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance:** An internationally recognized award that honours companies demonstrating best practices in governance, transparency, and ethics.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Heritage Foods:** A leading Indian dairy and food-processing company founded by the Nara family, known for its focus on quality, sustainability, and innovation in the agri-food sector.
- **NTR Memorial Trust:** A not-for-profit organisation committed to healthcare, education, and women empowerment, named after former Andhra Pradesh CM N. T. Rama Rao.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Nara Bhuvaneshwari honoured with IOD and Golden Peacock awards
Announcement date	November 4, 2025
Location	Mayfair Hall, London, United Kingdom
Issuing authority	Institute of Directors (UK)
Policy/series name	Corporate Governance and Public Service Recognition
Key figures	Nara Bhuvaneshwari, N. Chandrababu Naidu, Nara Lokesh, Nara Brahmani
Purpose/reason	To honour leadership in corporate ethics and impactful public service
Feature details	Recognised for leadership at Heritage Foods and NTR Trust's social work
Validity or status	Awards conferred; widely acknowledged on global platform
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's leadership in ethical governance and social development globally

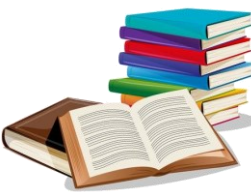


➤ **When will the jointly developed NASA–ISRO NISAR satellite be declared operational?**

- A) November 5 2025
- B) November 6 2025
- C) November 7 2025
- D) December 7 2025
- E) January 2026

Answer

C) November 7 2025



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Declaration of NISAR satellite as operational
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** November 7, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The NISAR satellite, jointly developed by NASA and ISRO, will be declared operational after data calibration is completed.
- **Objectives:** To provide high resolution Earth observation by monitoring land and ice surfaces every 12 days using dual band radar systems for environmental, climate, and disaster response applications.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NISAR (NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar):** The most expensive Earth observation satellite ever built, designed to monitor Earth's land and ice surfaces using L band and S band radar.
- **Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR):** Advanced radar technology that captures high resolution images day and night, and through clouds, rain, or snow.
- **L Band & S Band Systems:**
 - **L Band** penetrates forests to measure biomass, soil moisture, and land/ice motion.
 - **S Band** detects vegetation, snow moisture, and agriculture/grassland features.

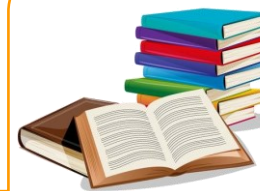


SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



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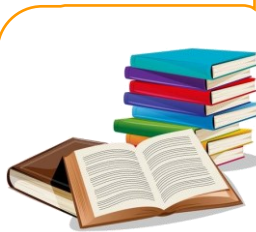
Parameter	Details
Event name	NISAR satellite declared operational
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
Policy/series name	NASA–ISRO Joint Earth Observation Mission
Key figures	V. Narayanan (ISRO Chairman)
Purpose/reason	To operationalize the dual-band SAR satellite for Earth observation
Feature details	2,400-kg satellite; dual L-Band & S-Band SAR; scans Earth every 12 days; launched by GSLV
Validity or status	Declared operational on November 7, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enables global environmental monitoring; supports climate, disaster & agriculture studies



➤ According to Wood Mackenzie, what is India's projected solar module manufacturing capacity by 2025?

- A) 50 GW
- B) 75 GW
- C) 100 GW
- D) 125 GW
- E) 150 GW

Answer
D) 125 GW



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Surge in India's solar module manufacturing capacity amid overcapacity concerns
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Rapid expansion of solar manufacturing units under the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme, driving India's capacity beyond 125 GW by 2025.
- **Objectives:** To promote domestic solar manufacturing, reduce reliance on imports, and position India as a global solar supply chain alternative.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PLI Scheme (Production Linked Incentive):** A government initiative providing financial incentives to companies for setting up and expanding domestic manufacturing in strategic sectors.
- **ALMM (Approved List of Models and Manufacturers):** A list of approved solar PV manufacturers whose products are eligible for government-supported solar projects.
- **Anti-Dumping Duty:** A tariff imposed on imported goods believed to be priced below fair market value to protect domestic industries from unfair competition.



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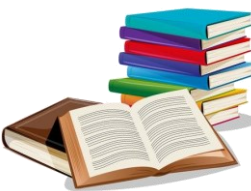
Parameter	Details
Event name	India's solar manufacturing capacity crosses 125 GW milestone
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Wood Mackenzie, CareEdge Advisory
Policy/series name	PLI Scheme for Solar Manufacturing
Key figures	Yana Hryshko (Wood Mackenzie), CareEdge Advisory
Purpose/reason	To boost domestic solar production and reduce import dependency
Feature details	PLI-fueled 125 GW capacity by 2025; demand only 40 GW; export drop to US due to 50% tariffs
Validity or status	Active; nearing overcapacity phase
Strategic/significant value	India positioned as a potential alternative to China's solar dominance



- Which country is India close to finalizing a BrahMos missile export deal with, following a similar export to the Philippines?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Indonesia
- C) Thailand
- D) Malaysia
- E) UAE

Answer
B) Indonesia



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India nears BrahMos missile export agreement with Indonesia
- **Location:** New Delhi, India & Jakarta, Indonesia
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India is set to finalize a \$450 million BrahMos missile export deal with Indonesia, following all major procedural clearances except for final approval from Russia, its joint development partner.
- **Objectives:** To expand defence exports, enhance strategic ties with Indonesia, and support the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative by strengthening India's defence production and global footprint.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BrahMos Missile:** A supersonic cruise missile jointly developed by India and Russia, known for its speed (Mach 2.8–3.0), precision, and versatility. Used in land-attack and anti-ship roles.
- **Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA):** A bilateral pact between India and Indonesia signed in January 2025, outlining joint military initiatives, defence technology exchange, and strategic coordination.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** A flagship initiative launched by the Indian government to promote self-reliance in key sectors, including defence, with a focus on domestic manufacturing and export promotion.



DEFENCE



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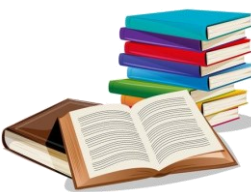
Parameter	Details
Event name	India-Indonesia BrahMos missile export deal
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	New Delhi, India / Jakarta, Indonesia
Issuing authority	Ministry of Defence, Government of India
Policy/series name	BrahMos Export Initiative under Atmanirbhar Bharat
Key figures	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, President Prabowo Subianto, CDS Gen. Chauhan
Purpose/reason	Strengthen bilateral defence ties, expand defence exports
Feature details	BrahMos missile system export; estimated value \$450 million
Validity or status	Final Russian approval awaited; deal near finalization
Strategic/significant value	Boost to defence exports, maritime security, regional power projection



- **What is the primary objective of the MoU signed between India and Israel during the 17th Joint Working Group meeting?**
- A) Launching a joint space program
 - B) Promoting tourism between the two nations
 - C) Expanding bilateral defence cooperation
 - D) Setting up new embassies
 - E) Conducting joint agricultural research

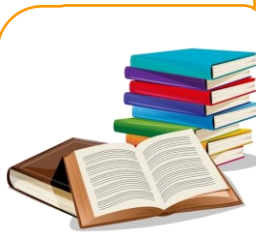
Answer

C) Expanding bilateral defence cooperation



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of MoU to expand India-Israel defence cooperation
- **Location:** Tel Aviv, Israel
- **Date:** November 4, 2025 (based on “yesterday” from article dated November 5, 2025)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India and Israel signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the 17th Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting to enhance bilateral defence cooperation.
- **Objectives:** The MoU aims to establish a unified vision for defence partnership, promote co-development and co-production of defence technologies, and foster sharing of advanced technologies to address mutual security challenges including terrorism.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A formal agreement between two or more parties indicating an intended common line of action, often used for defence, trade, or technology collaboration.
- **Joint Working Group (JWG):** A bilateral platform where officials from two countries meet regularly to review and strengthen specific sectors—in this case, defence cooperation.
- **Co-development and Co-production:** Collaborative efforts by two countries or organizations to jointly design, develop, and manufacture defence or technological products, reducing dependence on imports and enhancing innovation.

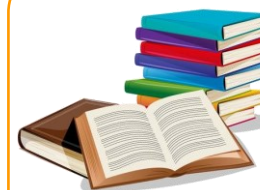


INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MoU signed to expand India-Israel defence ties
Announcement date	November 4, 2025
Location	Tel Aviv, Israel
Issuing authority	Ministries of Defence of India and Israel
Policy/series name	17th Joint Working Group (JWG) Meeting on Defence Cooperation
Key figures	Rajesh Kumar Singh, Amir Baram, Israel Katz
Purpose/reason	To enhance bilateral defence collaboration and strategic technology sharing
Feature details	MoU covers advanced tech sharing, co-development, co-production
Validity or status	MoU signed; ongoing implementation expected
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens long-standing defence ties and counter-terrorism cooperation



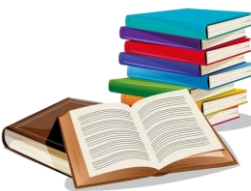
➤ **What is the main goal of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY)?**

- A) To support rural education
- B) To promote formal job creation
- C) To subsidize agricultural exports
- D) To encourage renewable energy
- E) To provide free digital devices



Answer

B) To promote formal job creation



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) under Viksit Bharat @2047
- **Location:** India (National coverage; training in Bengaluru)
- **Date:** November 04, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The government launched PMVBRY with a budget allocation of ₹99,446 crore and directed EPFO to conduct training sessions to expand employer coverage under the scheme.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to generate over 3.5 crore new formal jobs and incentivise both employers and employees to formalise employment under India's workforce development vision.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY):** A central scheme launched to promote employment generation and formalisation of workforce through financial incentives for formal job creation.
- **Viksit Bharat @2047:** A government vision to transform India into a developed nation by the 100th year of independence, focusing on inclusive growth, innovation, and sustainability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation):** A statutory body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment responsible for managing provident fund, pension, and insurance for organized sector workers in India.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana
Announcement date	November 04, 2025
Location	Pan India (with outreach in Bengaluru)
Issuing authority	Government of India via Ministry of Labour and Employment
Policy/series name	Viksit Bharat @2047 initiative
Key figures	EPFO, Neelam Shami Rao (CPFC), Union Labour Minister
Purpose/reason	Promote formal employment and expand social security coverage
Feature details	Financial incentives for employers/employees, ₹99,446 crore budget, 3.5 Cr jobs
Validity or status	Active as of November 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports formalisation, social security expansion, and national development goals



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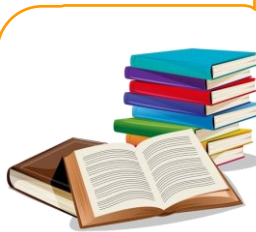


➤ **What is the main focus of the Kerala government's new project at Padiyoor-Pazhassi Eco Planet?**

- A) Launching a wildlife conservation zone
- B) Constructing a national highway
- C) Enhancing recreational and tourism facilities
- D) Building a sports training center
- E) Opening a new shopping complex

Answer

C) Enhancing recreational and tourism facilities

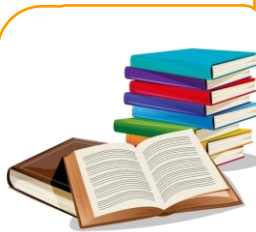


SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval for development project at Padiyoor-Pazhassi Eco Planet
- **Location:** Kannur district, Kerala
- **Date:** November 4, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Kerala government approved a ₹2.38 crore project to develop a children's play park, garden, and recreation zone at the Padiyoor-Pazhassi Eco Planet.
- **Objectives:** The goal is to boost eco-tourism and provide a modern, family-friendly recreational space with enhanced infrastructure and amenities.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Important Terms Explained:

- **Padiyoor-Pazhassi Eco Planet:** An eco-tourism project in Kannur, Kerala, designed to promote sustainable tourism through recreational zones, gardens, ropeways, solar boats, and nature-focused infrastructure.
- **Caravan Park:** A designated area for parking caravans or camper vans, often used in eco-tourism to accommodate tourists with mobile lodging.
- **Solar Boats:** Eco-friendly boats powered by solar energy, intended for pollution-free boating experiences in eco-tourism zones.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Administrative sanction for Phase 2 development of Padiyoor-Pazhassi Eco Planet
Announcement date	November 4, 2025
Location	Kannur district, Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala, Department of Tourism and Public Works
Policy/series name	Eco-Tourism Infrastructure Development
Key figures	PA Muhammed Riyas (Minister for Tourism and Public Works)
Purpose/reason	To enhance recreational infrastructure and promote eco-tourism
Feature details	Play park, garden, civil works, solar boats, ropeway, caravan park
Validity or status	Phase 2 sanctioned; Phase 1 nearing completion
Strategic/significant value	Aims to convert the site into a major family-friendly eco-tourism hub



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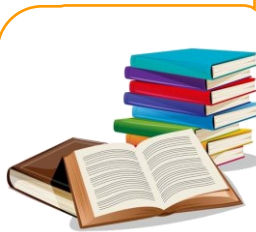


➤ **What is the key feature of Kerala Savari 2.0 that differentiates it from private ride-hailing services?**

- A) Operates only on Sundays
- B) Offers free rides for women
- C) Uses government-fixed fares
- D) Runs only electric vehicles
- E) Operates only in rural areas

Answer

C) Uses government-fixed fares



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Kerala Savari 2.0 digital ride-hailing platform
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi, Kerala
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Kerala government launched Kerala Savari 2.0, an upgraded version of its state-run ride-hailing platform, starting operations in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to provide affordable, commission-free, and government-regulated transportation, while ensuring fair earnings for drivers and a scalable, unified public mobility platform.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Kerala Savari 2.0:** A state-operated ride-hailing app offering autorickshaw and cab services at government-fixed fares, avoiding commission-based charges, and promoting fair driver compensation.
- **Multi-modal transport platform:** A unified system integrating various public transport options like Metro, Water Metro, feeder buses, autos, and cabs to streamline urban mobility.
- **Government-fixed fares:** Fare structure determined and regulated by the government to prevent surge pricing and ensure affordability for passengers.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Kerala Savari 2.0
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi, Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala, Labour Department
Policy/series name	Kerala Savari Ride-Hailing Initiative
Key figures	Labour Minister V Sivankutty, Labour Commissioner Safna Nazaruddin
Purpose/reason	To provide fair, government-regulated, digital mobility services
Feature details	Autorickshaws flagged off, no commission model, govt-fixed fares, app-based operations
Validity or status	Operational in 2 cities; planned expansion to other districts
Strategic/significant value	Promotes digital public transport, ensures driver welfare, models unified urban mobility



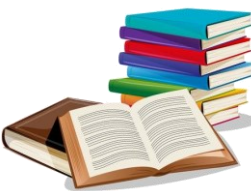
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- **What is the main aim of the 'Hridaya Vaishalya Yojane' launched in Mandya district, Karnataka?**
- A) To support online education in rural areas
 - B) To distribute food kits to urban poor
 - C) To improve rural cardiac healthcare infrastructure
 - D) To provide employment to youth
 - E) To build new schools in Mandya

Answer

C) To improve rural cardiac healthcare infrastructure

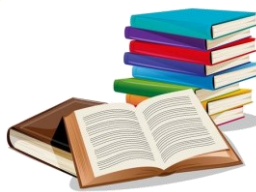


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Distribution of ECG machines under 'Hridaya Vaishalya Yojane'
- **Location:** Mandya district, Karnataka
- **Date:** November 4, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** As part of the ongoing Hridaya Vaishalya Yojane, 14 ECG machines were distributed to Community Health Centres (CHCs) in Mandya district by district in-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to improve early detection and diagnosis of cardiac conditions in rural areas, promoting proactive health monitoring and reducing late-stage health interventions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hridaya Vaishalya Yojane:** A district-level healthcare scheme launched in 2023 in Mandya, Karnataka, aimed at improving cardiovascular health infrastructure by providing medical equipment such as ECG machines to rural health centres.
- **Community Health Centres (CHCs):** Government-run secondary-level healthcare facilities catering to multiple villages, providing general medical and diagnostic services.
- **ECG (Electrocardiogram) Machines:** Medical devices used to measure electrical activity of the heart, crucial for diagnosing heart conditions.

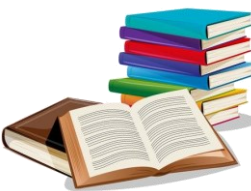


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Distribution of ECG machines under Hridaya Vaishalya Yojane
Announcement date	November 4, 2025
Location	Mandya district, Karnataka
Issuing authority	District Administration of Mandya
Policy/series name	Hridaya Vaishalya Yojane
Key figures	Minister N. Cheluvaryaswamy, DC Kumar
Purpose/reason	To enhance rural cardiac care infrastructure
Feature details	14 ECG machines distributed to CHCs, focus on early cardiac diagnosis
Validity or status	Ongoing since 2023
Strategic/significant value	Promotes timely health interventions and rural public health improvements



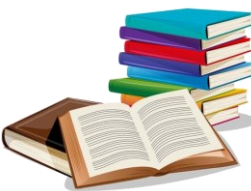
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➤ **As of October 22, 2025, what was the total balance held in PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts?**

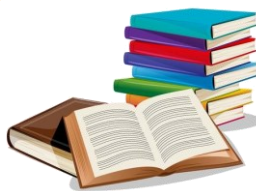
- A) ₹1.85 lakh crore
- B) ₹2.15 lakh crore
- C) ₹2.50 lakh crore
- D) ₹2.75 lakh crore
- E) ₹3.00 lakh crore

Answer
D) ₹2.75 lakh crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Jan Dhan Yojana total account balance crosses ₹2.75 lakh crore
- **Location:** Nationwide (India)
- **Date:** October 22, 2025 (latest data update)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tracking financial inclusion metrics and account activity under PMJDY, including reactivating inoperative accounts.
- **Objectives:** To ensure universal financial inclusion, boost usage of dormant accounts, and deepen access to other schemes like PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **PMJDY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana):** A no-frills banking scheme launched in 2014 to provide every household with access to a basic savings bank account, insurance, and pension.
- **FI Saturation Campaign:** A nationwide financial inclusion drive (July–Sept 2025) to promote re-KYC and extend benefits of Jan Dhan, insurance, and pension schemes to all eligible citizens.
- **KYC (Know Your Customer):** A mandatory process for verifying a customer's identity used to prevent financial fraud and maintain active banking operations.

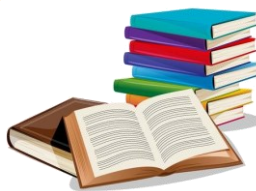


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PMJDY accounts cross ₹2.75-lakh crore balance
Announcement date	October 22, 2025 (data reference)
Location	India
Issuing authority	Government of India, Department of Financial Services
Policy/series name	Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
Key figures	56.85 crore accounts, ₹2.75 lakh crore balance
Purpose/reason	Promote inclusive banking and financial empowerment
Feature details	Re-activation of dormant accounts through saturation campaign and KYC re-verification
Validity or status	Active, ongoing reactivation and inclusion initiatives
Strategic value	Strengthens India's financial inclusion and credit delivery infrastructure



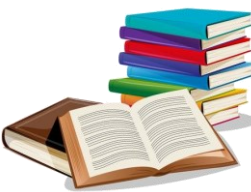
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➤ **At which location did Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan attend the 'Lakhpati Didi Sammelan' in November 2025?**

- A) Bilaspur
- B) Jagdalpur
- C) Rajnandgaon
- D) Nava Raipur
- E) Raipur

Answer
C) Rajnandgaon



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Vice-President lauds Lakhpati Didi initiative at national Sammelan
- **Location:** Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Promotion of Lakhpatti Didi initiative and recognition of women-led development at grassroots level
- **Objectives:** To empower women through self-help groups (SHGs), ensure financial independence, encourage participatory democracy, and recognize development strides in Chhattisgarh



Important Terms Explained:

- **Lakhpati Didi Initiative:** A government initiative aiming to make over 3 crore women financially independent with an income of ₹1 lakh+ annually through SHGs and entrepreneurship
- **Mahila Samman Yojana:** A direct benefit transfer program offering financial assistance to women, improving their socio-economic status
- **Ayushman Bharat:** Flagship health insurance and infrastructure scheme offering free medical care to eligible families through PM-JAY and Ayushman Arogya Mandirs



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Lakhpatri Didi Sammelan
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
Issuing authority	Vice-President's Office & Ministry of Rural Development
Policy/series name	Lakhpatri Didi Initiative
Key figures	VP C. P. Radhakrishnan, CM Vishnu Deo Sai, Governor Ramen Deka
Purpose/reason	Women empowerment, grassroots democracy, rural development
Feature details	Over 1 lakh women connected via 9,663 SHGs; ₹700 crore financial assistance; ₹13,000 crore direct benefit transfers
Validity or status	Active & expanding
Strategic/significant value	Boosts financial independence, decentralised governance, and social equity for rural women



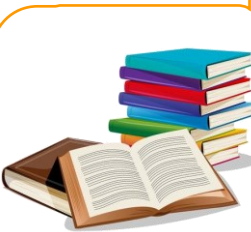
➤ **What is the main role of the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) in the state's development, as highlighted by the Chief Minister?**

- A) Promoting tourism abroad
- B) Regulating financial markets
- C) Funding large-scale infrastructure projects
- D) Issuing ration cards
- E) Conducting teacher training programs



Answer

C) Funding large-scale infrastructure projects



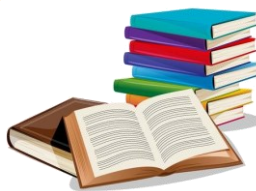
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Silver Jubilee celebrations of Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB)
- **Location:** Nishagandhi Auditorium, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** November 4, 2025 (event held on Tuesday as per article dated November 5, 2025)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Kerala government restructured KIIIFB to serve as a dedicated financial vehicle for funding infrastructure projects in education, health, transport, and sports sectors.
- **Objectives:** To bridge the development gap caused by limited state budget outlays, support futuristic projects, and enable rapid infrastructure growth that would otherwise take decades under standard budgeting.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB):** A statutory body under the Kerala government, acting as a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to fund large-scale infrastructure projects by raising capital from financial markets, bypassing budgetary constraints.
- **Nava Keralam:** A term meaning “New Kerala,” used by the state government to describe its long-term developmental vision involving modern infrastructure, healthcare, education, and social reforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV):** A legal entity created for a specific objective, often used in public finance to raise funds and manage projects independently of traditional budgetary limitations.

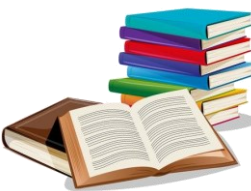


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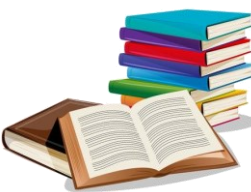
Parameter	Details
Event name	Silver Jubilee of KIIFB
Announcement date	November 4, 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Government of Kerala, KIIFB
Policy/series name	Nava Keralam development mission
Key figures	Pinarayi Vijayan, K N Balagopal, K M Abraham, A Jayathilak
Purpose/reason	To accelerate infrastructure development outside traditional budgets
Feature details	Smart classrooms, family health centres, super-speciality hospitals, roads
Validity or status	Ongoing; KIIFB outlay exceeds state budget allocations
Strategic/significant value	Enables rapid, futuristic development through off-budget financing



- **What change has the Centre made to the e-bus tender norms to attract more participation?**
- A) Reduced the tender size
 - B) Restricted bidding to only state governments
 - C) Allowed non-manufacturers like operators and municipal bodies to bid
 - D) Cancelled the existing tender
 - E) Increased the minimum investment required

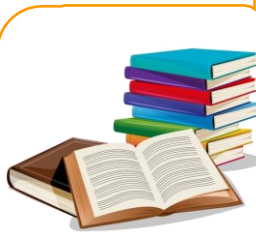
Answer

C) Allowed non-manufacturers like operators and municipal bodies to bid



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Revision of qualification norms for e-bus tender under PM e-Bus Sewa scheme
- **Location:** New Delhi; cities covered include Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, Surat, Ahmedabad
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Centre revised its largest electric bus tender to include operators, municipal bodies, and infrastructure developers—beyond just bus manufacturers—as eligible participants.
- **Objectives:** To increase participation in the ₹10,900 crore PM E-Bus Sewa Scheme, ensuring greater competition and faster adoption of electric public transport in Indian cities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM E-Bus Sewa Scheme (PM E-Drive):** A central government initiative to deploy 10,900 electric buses across Indian cities, promoting green public transport under a ₹10,900 crore budget. It also supports EV adoption in two-wheelers, three-wheelers, ambulances, and commercial vehicles.
- **Electric Bus Tender:** A public procurement invitation issued by the government to deploy electric buses under specified terms; this tender is the largest-ever e-bus procurement in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Municipal Bodies & Operators:** Government and private urban transport stakeholders like city transport corporations and bus service providers, now made eligible to bid under the revised norms.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Centre revises norms for e-bus tenders under PM E-Bus Sewa
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	New Delhi; cities include Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, Surat, Ahmedabad
Issuing authority	Government of India (Ministry of Heavy Industries/Transport)
Policy/series name	PM E-Bus Sewa (PM E-Drive)
Key figures	Not specified (Senior Government Officials)
Purpose/reason	To enhance participation and speed up electric bus deployment
Feature details	Tender for 10,900 e-buses; ₹10,900 crore outlay; revised bidder eligibility
Validity or status	Tender bids to be opened on November 6, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Promotes EV adoption and clean mobility in Indian urban transport

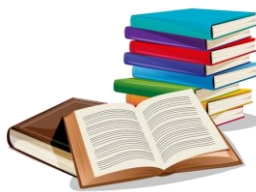


➤ According to a PRS Legislative Research study, how much are 12 Indian states projected to spend in FY 2025-26 on unconditional cash transfers to women?

- A) ₹1.2 lakh crore
- B) ₹2.5 lakh crore
- C) ₹1.7 lakh crore
- D) ₹90,000 crore
- E) ₹3.1 lakh crore

Answer

C) ₹1.7 lakh crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rise in direct cash transfer schemes for women across 12 Indian states
- **Location:** Nationwide (Key states: Karnataka, MP, Maharashtra, Bihar, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand)
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

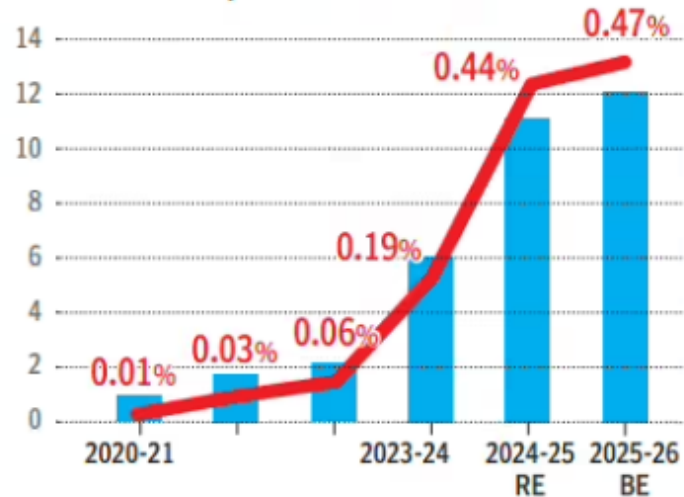
- **Mandates:** As per PRS Legislative Research, 12 states are now implementing unconditional direct cash transfers to women, up from just 2 in FY 2022–23.
- **Objectives:** These schemes aim to economically empower women, enhance welfare outreach, and provide quick relief or electoral incentives, especially in pre-election contexts.



JHARKHAND TOPS UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFERS

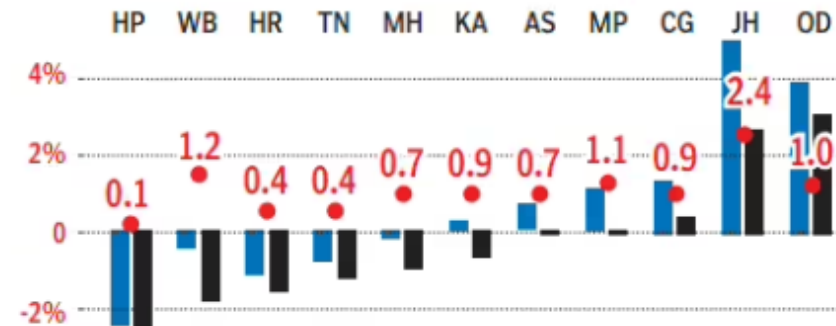
Unconditional cash transfers to women have increased across states...

- Number of states
- Total expenditure as % of GDP



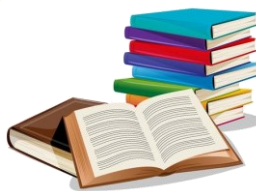
... affecting revenue balances (2025-26)

- Revenue balance excluding cash transfer as % of GSDP
- Revenue balance as a % of GSDP
- Unconditional cash transfer as % of GSDP



Himachal Pradesh has introduced the cash transfer scheme in a phased manner which will later be expanded to all women in the state. Delhi is excluded due to unavailability of GSDP estimates.

Sources: State Budget Documents; PRS



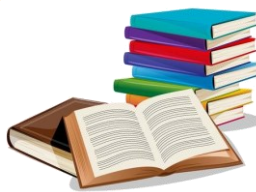
Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Cash Transfers:** A form of government support where funds are directly transferred to beneficiaries' bank accounts, promoting transparency and reducing leakages.
- **PRS Legislative Research:** An Indian think tank providing non-partisan analysis on legislative and governance issues.
- **Gruh Lakshmi (Karnataka):** A state welfare scheme offering monthly cash assistance to women heads of households.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ladli Behna (MP) & Ladki Bahin (Maharashtra):** Similar welfare initiatives providing financial aid to women to ensure social security.
- **CM Maiyan Samman Yojana (Jharkhand):** A direct benefit scheme aimed at supporting women in rural areas, recently revised with increased monthly payouts.



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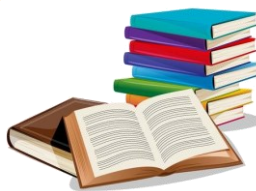
Parameter	Details
Event name	Expansion of women's cash transfer schemes across Indian states
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Pan India (notable states: Karnataka, MP, Maharashtra, Bihar, Assam, WB, Jharkhand)
Issuing authority	PRS Legislative Research (study cited)
Policy/series name	Various state-run women welfare DBT schemes
Key figures	₹1.68 lakh crore outlay; 0.5% of GDP in FY 2025–26
Purpose/reason	To provide direct financial support to women and boost welfare outreach
Feature details	12 states involved; schemes like Gruh Lakshmi, Ladli Behna, etc.
Validity or status	Active in FY 2025–26; rising trend since 2022
Strategic/significant value	Empowers women economically; also seen as an electoral mobilization tool



- What is the estimated cost of the solar-powered parking canopy project at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat?

- A) ₹10 crore
- B) ₹25 crore
- C) ₹17 crore
- D) ₹5 crore
- E) ₹30 crore

Answer
C) ₹17 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Telangana to construct a solar-powered parking canopy at Secretariat
- **Location:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Roads and Buildings Department of Telangana has invited bids for the construction of a solar-panel roof canopy over the parking lot at the state's Secretariat complex.
- **Objectives:** To promote clean energy, improve energy efficiency, and create a sustainable infrastructure model by utilizing solar energy in government buildings.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Solar-Powered Canopy:** A structure installed over parking spaces equipped with solar panels that generate electricity, typically used for powering adjacent facilities or feeding into the grid.
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat:** The administrative headquarters of the Telangana government, named after Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, built at a cost of ₹616 crore to serve as a modern governance hub.
- **Green Infrastructure:** Environmentally sustainable construction practices and features, like solar panels, aimed at reducing carbon footprints and improving energy efficiency in public buildings.

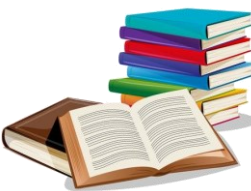


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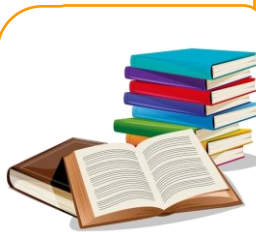
Parameter	Details
Event name	Solar-powered parking canopy at Telangana Secretariat
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad
Issuing authority	Telangana Roads and Buildings Department
Policy/series name	Secretariat Green Infrastructure Upgrade
Key figures	NA (Tender floated; government project)
Purpose/reason	To generate clean energy and reduce carbon footprint
Feature details	₹17 crore budget; capacity for 650 cars & 500 two-wheelers; 6-month timeline
Validity or status	Tender invited; project expected to start soon
Strategic/significant value	Promotes renewable energy in governance infrastructure



- Which city has been declared as Odisha's future green hydrogen hub and will host a ₹500 crore cruise terminal?

- A) Puri
- B) Bhubaneswar
- C) Paradip
- D) Cuttack
- E) Rourkela

Answer
C) Paradip



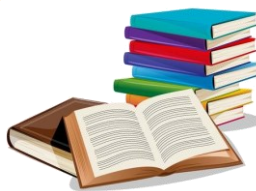
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Odisha CM announces ₹500 crore cruise terminal and green hydrogen hub at Paradip
- **Location:** Paradip, Odisha
- **Date:** November 4, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi announced the construction of a cruise terminal on the Mangala river and unveiled plans for a new airport in Paradip.
- **Objectives:** To promote tourism, strengthen infrastructure, and establish Paradip as a green hydrogen hub and gateway for economic transformation in Eastern India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cruise Terminal:** A docking and boarding facility designed to handle cruise ships, enhancing tourism and passenger movement through water transport.
- **Green Hydrogen Hub:** A region designated for the production and distribution of green hydrogen, which is produced using renewable energy and considered a key component in sustainable energy transition.
- **Paradip Port:** One of India's major ports, pivotal for trade, employment, and industrial development, strategically located on Odisha's coastline.



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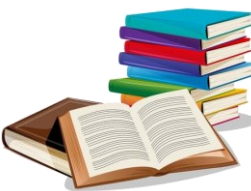
Parameter	Details
Event name	Announcement of cruise terminal and hydrogen hub in Paradip
Announcement date	November 4, 2025
Location	Paradip, Odisha
Issuing authority	Odisha Government
Policy/series name	Paradip Development Plan under Kalinga Bali Yatra
Key figures	CM Mohan Charan Majhi, Minister Sampad Chandra Swain
Purpose/reason	To boost tourism, trade, and port-led development
Feature details	₹500 crore cruise terminal, new airport, green hydrogen hub designation
Validity or status	Announced; project implementation phase to follow
Strategic/significant value	Promotes economic transformation, connectivity, and green infrastructure



➤ How much financial assistance has the Kerala government sanctioned in November 2025 for retired anganwadi workers' pension and benefits?

- A) ₹10 crore
- B) ₹15 crore
- C) ₹20 crore
- D) ₹25 crore
- E) ₹30 crore

Answer
C) ₹20 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kerala government sanctions ₹20 crore for pension and benefits of retired anganwadi workers
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Kerala government has sanctioned ₹20 crore for the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Welfare Fund Board to distribute pensions and death benefits to retired members.
- **Objectives:** To ensure timely disbursement of pensions and welfare benefits to retired anganwadi workers, addressing the financial shortfall faced by the Board.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Welfare Fund Board:** A state-managed welfare fund that provides pensions and benefits to retired anganwadi workers, who are frontline child care workers under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme.
- **Pension Assistance:** Government aid extended to retired employees when the welfare fund is insufficient to meet recurring liabilities such as pensions and death benefits.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Financial Shortfall:** The gap between monthly collections (₹2.15 crore) and required funds (₹4.26 crore) for pension disbursement, leading to state intervention.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	₹20 crore sanctioned for anganwadi workers' pensions
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram)
Issuing authority	Kerala Finance Ministry
Policy/series name	Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Welfare Fund Support
Key figures	Finance Minister KN Balagopal
Purpose/reason	To cover pension and death benefits for retired anganwadi workers
Feature details	Monthly requirement of ₹4.26 crore; current fund income only ₹2.15 crore
Validity or status	Active disbursal to continue with government support
Strategic/significant value	Ensures social welfare and security for grassroots women workers

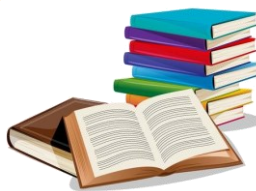


➤ **Which department achieved 100% targets under Special Campaign 5.0 conducted in October 2025?**

- A) Department of Rural Development
- B) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- E) Ministry of Skill Development

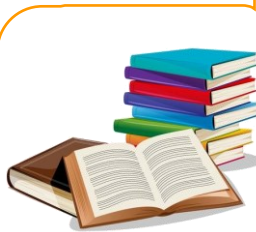
Answer

B) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying



Event and Location:

- **Event:** DAHD successfully concludes Special Campaign 5.0 with 100% target achievement
- **Location:** Pan India (Ministry-wide campaign)
- **Date:** October 2–31, 2025 (concluded), announced November 5, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Execution of Special Campaign 5.0 to resolve public grievances, manage records, enhance cleanliness, and promote sustainability
- **Objectives:** To institutionalize Swachhata, improve grievance redressal, enhance workplace hygiene, ensure effective disposal of files and scrap, and promote resource-efficient practices



Important Terms Explained:

- **DAHD:** Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, responsible for livestock welfare and policy implementation
- **Special Campaign 5.0:** A government initiative to improve public service delivery through cleanliness drives, grievance resolution, and record management across ministries and departments
- **Waste to Art:** A sustainability initiative that creatively transforms waste materials into art, promoting environmental consciousness and reuse

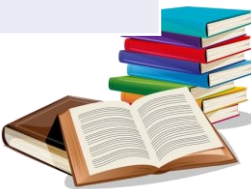


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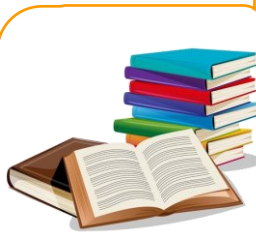
Parameter	Details
Event name	Special Campaign 5.0 by DAHD
Announcement date	November 5, 2025
Location	Pan India
Issuing authority	Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Policy/series name	Special Campaign 5.0
Key figures	Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar
Purpose/reason	Grievance resolution, cleanliness, record disposal, sustainability
Feature details	100% target achievement in 13 categories; 5,334 sft. space freed; ₹5.86 lakh revenue from scrap
Validity or status	Concluded and successful
Strategic value	Enhances public administration efficiency, promotes Swachhata, and showcases best practices like Waste to Art



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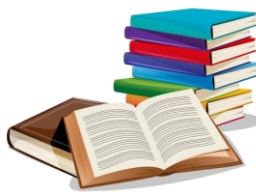
- **World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025** was observed globally on November 5 with the theme “Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness.”
- The Maharashtra government announced ₹2.25 crore each for Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, and Radha Yadav after India’s ICC Women’s World Cup victory.
- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) collectively reported a record ₹49,456 crore profit in Q2 FY26, showing a 9% year-on-year growth.
- Maruti Suzuki India has achieved a historic milestone by crossing 3 crore cumulative vehicle sales in the domestic market.
- SAEL Industries will invest ₹22,000 crore in Andhra Pradesh across renewable energy, biomass, data centres, and ports.
- MOIL recorded its best-ever October production at 1.60 lakh tonnes of manganese ore in 2025.
- IMFA has agreed to acquire Tata Steel’s ferrochrome plant in Kalinganagar, Odisha, for ₹610 crore.
- Tom Moody has been appointed Global Director of Cricket for Lucknow Super Giants, overseeing their IPL, SA20, and Hundred teams.
- Abigail Spanberger made history by becoming the first woman governor of Virginia, defeating Republican Winsome Earle-Sears.



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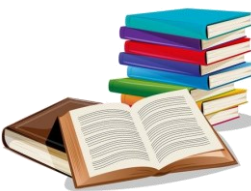
- Zohran Mamdani was elected as New York City's 111th mayor, becoming the first Muslim, first South Asian, and youngest mayor in over a century.
- Aftab Pureval has been re-elected as Mayor of Cincinnati, defeating Republican Cory Bowman, half-brother of VP JD Vance.
- Nara Bhuvaneshwari, MD of Heritage Foods, was honoured with the IOD Distinguished Fellow Award and Golden Peacock Award in London.
- Tesla Inc. has appointed Sharad Agarwal, ex-head of Lamborghini India, as its India Country Head to boost EV adoption among premium buyers.
- The jointly developed NASA-ISRO NISAR satellite will be declared operational on November 7, 2025.
- India's solar manufacturing capacity is projected to exceed 125 GW by the end of 2025, tripling domestic demand.
- India is close to finalizing a \$450 million BrahMos missile export deal with Indonesia, marking a major milestone in defence diplomacy.
- India and Israel signed a Memorandum of Understanding to deepen defence cooperation during the 17th Joint Working Group meeting in Tel Aviv.
- The government launched the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana to generate 3.5 crore new formal jobs across India.



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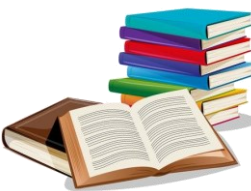
- The Kerala government approved a ₹2.38 crore project to develop children's play zones and gardens at Padiyoor-Pazhassi Eco Planet.
- The Kerala government launched Kerala Savari 2.0, a state-backed ride-hailing platform with operations beginning in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi.
- The 'Hridaya Vaishalya Yojane' scheme, launched in 2023 in Mandya, continues to upgrade rural healthcare infrastructure.
- As of October 22, 2025, the total balance in PMJDY accounts stood at ₹2.75 lakh crore, with 56.85 crore beneficiaries.
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan hailed the Lakhpati Didi initiative as a transformative model for women-led development in rural India.
- The Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) marked its silver jubilee with celebrations led by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Centre has revised e-bus tender norms to allow not just manufacturers but also operators and municipal bodies to participate.



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- A PRS study found that 12 states in India are set to spend ₹1.68 lakh crore on unconditional cash transfers to women in FY 2025–26.
- The Telangana government will build a solar-powered canopy over the parking area at the State Secretariat for ₹17 crore.
- Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi announced the construction of a ₹500 crore cruise terminal at Paradip during the Kalinga Bali Yatra.
- The Kerala government has sanctioned ₹20 crore towards pension and welfare benefits for retired anganwadi workers.
- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying achieved 100% of its targets under Special Campaign 5.0 conducted in October 2025.




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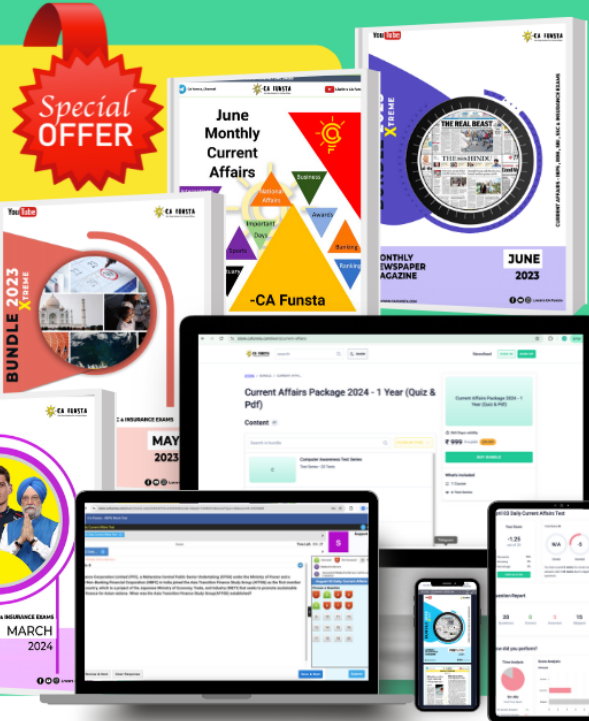
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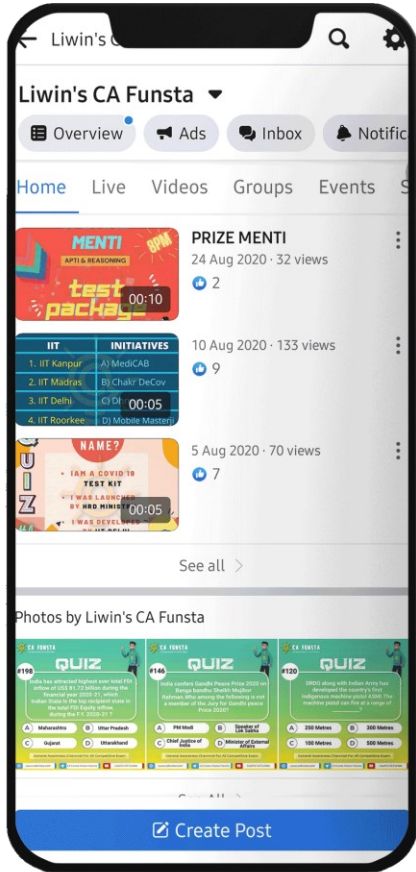
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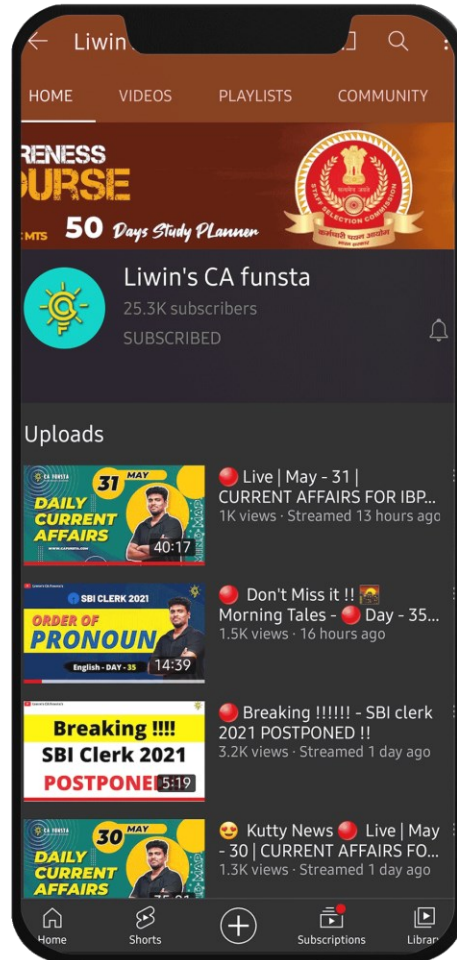


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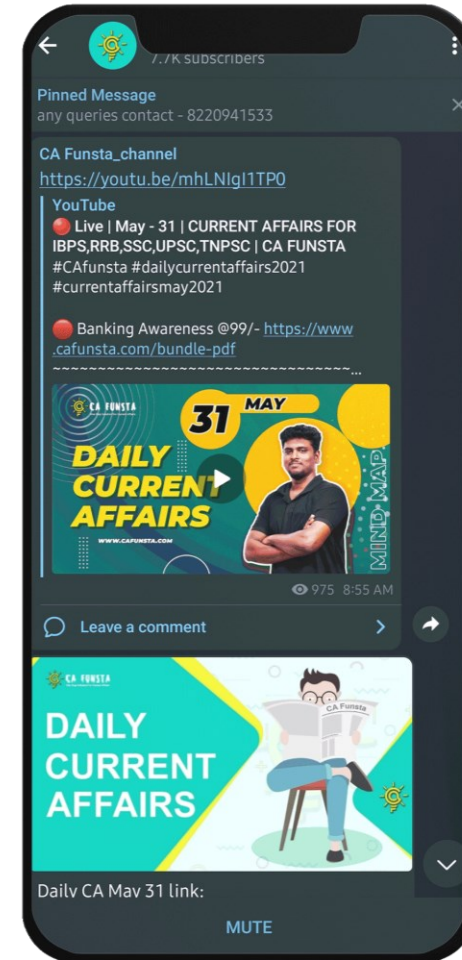
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