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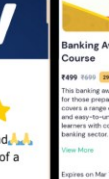
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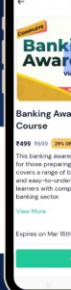


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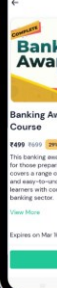
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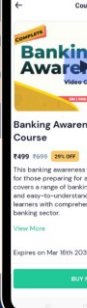


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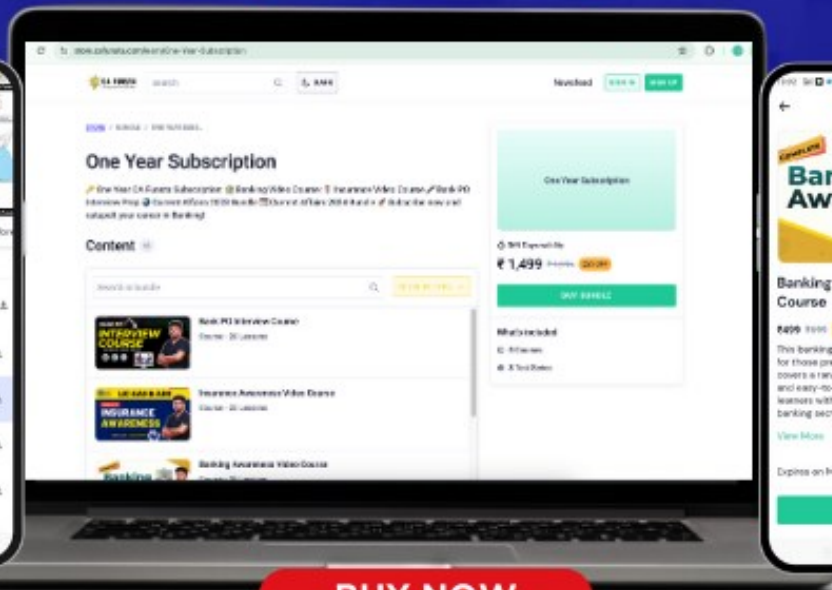
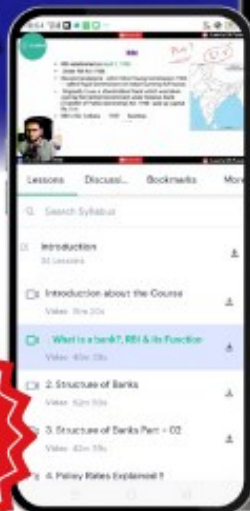
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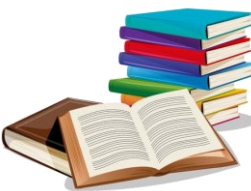


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➤ **Who won the 51st National Women's Chess Championship 2025 held in Durgapur?**

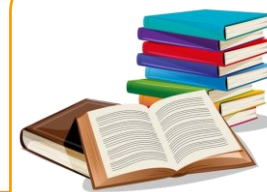
- A) Mary Ann Gomes
- B) Srishti Pandey
- C) V. Varshini
- D) Arshiya Das
- E) P.V. Nandhidhaa

Answer
B) 15th



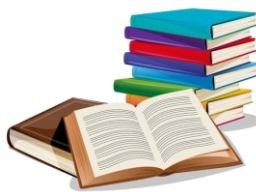
Event and Location:

- **Event:** 51st National Women's Chess Championship 2025
- **Location:** Durgapur, West Bengal
- **Date:** December 13, 2025 (Final Round)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tamil Nadu's WGM P.V. Nandhidhaa defeated WIM Srishti Pandey in the final round to retain her National Women's Chess title, scoring 9.5 points out of 11.
- **Objectives:** To crown the National Women's Chess Champion of 2025, promote competitive chess at a national level, and identify top-performing female chess talents in India.



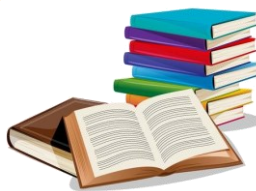
Important Terms Explained:

- **WGM (Woman Grandmaster):** A title awarded by FIDE, it is the highest-ranking title specifically for women after GM (Grandmaster).
- **WIM (Woman International Master):** A title one step below WGM, also awarded by FIDE, recognizing strong international-level play among women.
- **Minor Piece Endgame:** A type of chess endgame where only bishops and knights (minor pieces) and pawns remain; requires precise calculation and technique.
- **PSPB:** Petroleum Sports Promotion Board – an organization that supports athletes working under public sector oil companies.



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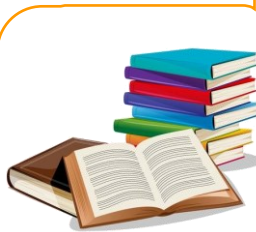
Parameter	Details
Event name	51st National Women's Chess Championship 2025
Announcement date	December 13, 2025
Location	Durgapur, West Bengal
Issuing authority	Sara Bangla Daba Sangstha & Paschim Bardhaman Daba Sangstha
Policy/series name	National Women's Chess Championship Series
Key figures	WGM P.V. Nandhidhaa, WGM Mary Ann Gomes, WFM Arshiya Das
Purpose/reason	Identify national chess champion among women and promote female participation
Feature details	11 rounds, ₹30 lakh prize pool, top prize ₹7,00,000
Validity or status	Completed; P.V. Nandhidhaa crowned champion
Strategic/significant value	Boosts visibility of women's chess and highlights emerging young talents



➤ **What is India's rank in the 2024 Global AI Index released by Stanford University?**

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth
- E) Fifth

Answer
C) Third

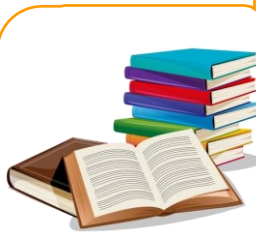


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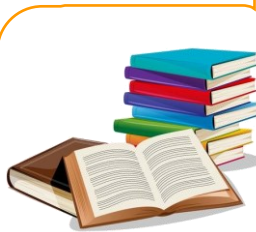
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India ranked third in the 2024 Global AI Vibrancy Index
- **Location:** Released globally by Stanford University, USA
- **Date:** December 14, 2025 (report announcement)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** As per Stanford University's Global AI Vibrancy Tool, India ranked 3rd globally in AI competitiveness, marking a significant jump from 7th in 2023.
- **Objectives:** To assess countries based on their AI capabilities, talent, infrastructure, and R&D, and recognize nations leading in the AI innovation race through data-driven performance indicators.

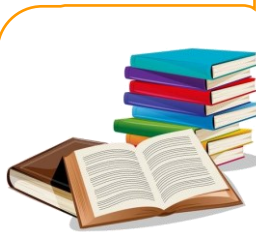


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Global AI Vibrancy Tool:** A comprehensive framework developed by Stanford University to assess and compare national progress in Artificial Intelligence (AI) across multiple dimensions such as research, economy, talent, and infrastructure.
- **AI Competitiveness:** A measure of how well a country is positioned to develop, adopt, and lead in AI-related technologies, including model development, patents, compute power, and private investment.

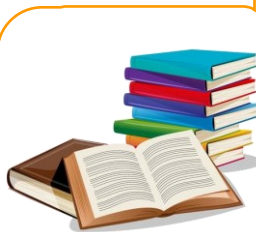


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Stanford University AI Index:** An influential annual global report tracking advancements and policy changes in AI, widely used by researchers, governments, and tech firms.

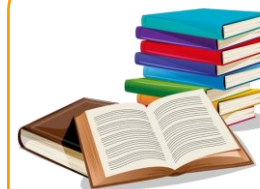


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Parameter	Details
Event name	India ranks third in 2024 Global AI Index
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Released globally; India's performance highlighted
Issuing authority	Stanford University – Global AI Vibrancy Tool
Policy/series name	Global AI Vibrancy Index 2024
Key figures	US (1st), China (2nd), India (3rd), South Korea (4th), UK (5th)
Purpose/reason	Assess countries on AI development and global competitiveness
Feature details	India's score: 21.59; Significant leap from 7th to 3rd in one year
Validity or status	Official rankings published
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's emergence as a global AI leader through policy and innovation



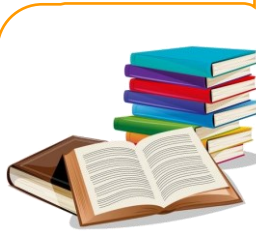
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➤ Which state secured the first rank in Group 3 of the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2025?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Goa
- C) Kerala
- D) Uttarakhand
- E) Himachal Pradesh

Answer
C) Kerala

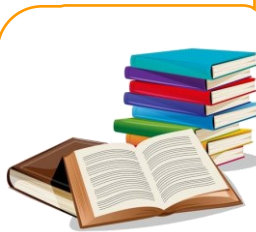


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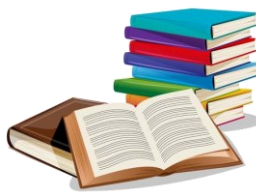
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kerala secures first rank in Group 3 of the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi (award presentation), Kerala (recipient state)
- **Date:** December 14, 2025



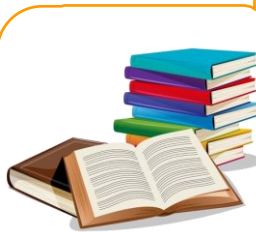
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Kerala was awarded first place in Group 3 of the State Energy Efficiency Index 2025 for outstanding performance in implementing energy efficiency initiatives.
- **Objectives:** To evaluate and encourage energy efficiency progress across Indian states, promote sustainable energy use, and support India's climate and energy goals.



Important Terms Explained:

- **State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI):** A benchmarking tool developed by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE) to assess states' performance on energy efficiency policies and implementation across sectors.
- **Group 3 Division:** Classification used in SEEI to group states and UTs with similar baseline energy conditions and consumption levels for fair comparison.
- **Energy Management Centre – Kerala (EMC):** The state-designated agency for implementing energy conservation policies and projects in Kerala.

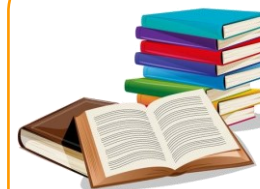


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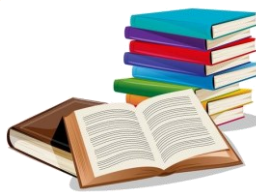
Parameter	Details
Event name	Kerala tops Group 3 in State Energy Efficiency Index 2025
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Award presented in New Delhi
Issuing authority	Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power
Policy/series name	State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2025
Key figures	Puneet Kumar (Addl. Chief Secretary, Power), R. Harikumar (EMC Director)
Purpose/reason	To recognize states showing progress in implementing energy efficiency
Feature details	Kerala ranked 1st in Group 3; efforts led by Energy Management Centre – Kerala
Validity or status	Officially awarded
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's national mission on enhanced energy conservation goals



➤ **What percentage of minimum marking fee concession is provided by BIS to Micro Enterprises under Quality Control Order relaxations?**

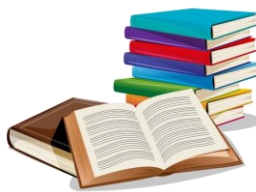
- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 80%
- D) 70%
- E) 40%

Answer
C) 80%



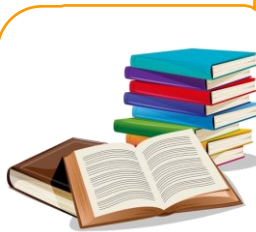
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Government implements QCOs with MSME-specific exemptions and relaxations
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 14 December 2025



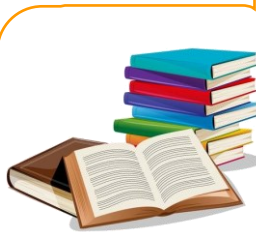
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - The Government, through the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), is implementing Quality Control Orders (QCOs) in a phased manner with targeted exemptions and relaxations for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to avoid disruption in domestic production.
- **Objectives:**
 - To ensure compliance with quality norms without affecting MSME productivity, support self-reliance, and enhance ease of doing business by reducing technical and financial burdens on small manufacturers.



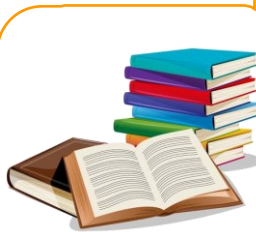
Important Terms Explained:

- **Quality Control Orders (QCOs):**
 - Mandatory product quality standards enforced by BIS under relevant Ministries to ensure safety, standardization, and consumer protection.
- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):**
 - India's national standard-setting body that implements QCOs and offers technical and financial support to MSMEs for certification.



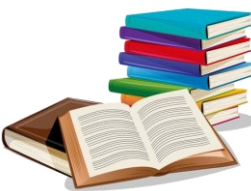
Important Terms Explained:

- **External Benchmark Linking:**
 - A policy by RBI advising banks to link MSME loan rates to external benchmarks like repo rate, improving monetary policy transmission and transparency.
- **Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME):**
 - A government-backed scheme offering credit guarantee to banks and NBFCs for term loans up to ₹100 crore, supporting MSMEs in purchasing equipment and expanding operations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MSME Exemptions and BIS Concessions under QCOs
Announcement date	14 December 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Ministry of Consumer Affairs
Policy/series name	Quality Control Orders (QCOs) with MSME relaxations
Key figures	Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Shaktikanta Das
Purpose/reason	To promote quality standards while protecting MSME production
Feature details	Marking fee concessions, lab testing relaxations, R&D/import exemptions
Validity or status	Active, with phased implementation and stakeholder consultations ongoing
Strategic/significant value	Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat, boosts MSME growth and standardization



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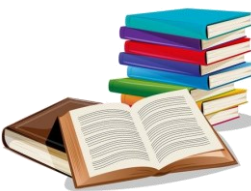


➤ **Which state won the National Energy Conservation Award 2025 in Group II for the fourth consecutive year?**

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

Answer

C) Andhra Pradesh

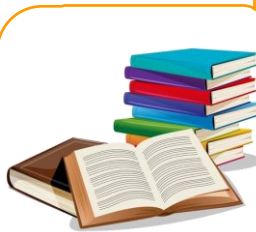


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh wins the National Energy Conservation Award 2025 (Group II)
- **Location:** Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi (award ceremony); Andhra Pradesh (recipient state)
- **Date:** December 14, 2025

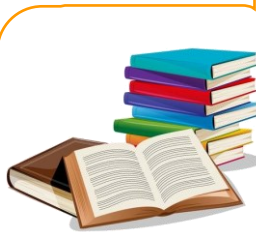


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Andhra Pradesh was adjudged the best performer in Group II of the National Energy Conservation Awards, presented by President Droupadi Murmu on National Energy Conservation Day.
- **Objectives:** To recognize Andhra Pradesh's commitment to energy efficiency, climate action, and institutional performance through the State Energy Conservation Mission (SECM) across sectors like DISCOMs, industry, transport, buildings, and agriculture.

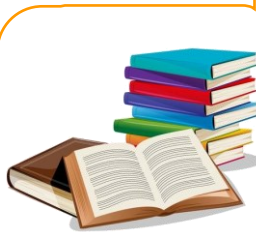


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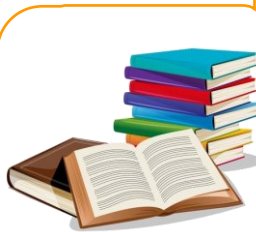
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Energy Conservation Award:** An annual recognition by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power, to honor excellence in energy efficiency across states and institutions.
- **Group II:** A classification within the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) for states with final energy consumption between 5 to 15 Mtoe (Million Tonnes of Oil Equivalent).



Important Terms Explained:

- **APSECM (Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Mission):** The nodal agency for implementing energy conservation and efficiency programs in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC):** A policy that sets minimum energy efficiency standards for new commercial buildings in India.

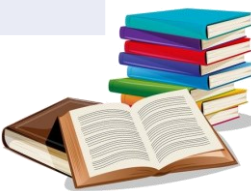


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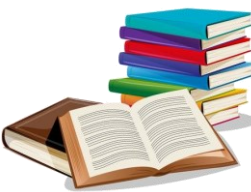
Parameter	Details
Event name	National Energy Conservation Award 2025 (Group II)
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power
Policy/series name	State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) & NECA Awards
Key figures	President Droupadi Murmu, L. Siva Sankar (CMD, APSPDCL), S. Nagalakshmi (CEO, APSECM)
Purpose/reason	Recognize state-level excellence in energy conservation
Feature details	Andhra Pradesh topped Group II with 89.25 points; 4th consecutive win
Validity or status	Award officially received
Strategic/significant value	Demonstrates policy leadership, institutional coordination, and energy efficiency



➤ What is the name of the brain stent evaluated in India's first dedicated stroke device clinical trial?

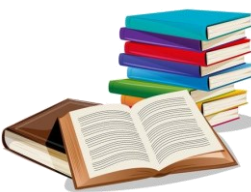
- A) NeuroNova
- B) Supernova
- C) BrainTech
- D) StentPro
- E) CereNova

Answer
B) Supernova



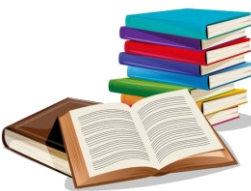
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's first clinical trial of an advanced brain stent for stroke treatment
- **Location:** AIIMS Delhi (National coordinating centre)
- **Date:** December 13, 2025 (publication and announcement date)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** AIIMS Delhi, in collaboration with Gravity Medical Technology, conducted the GRASSROOT trial – India's first dedicated clinical trial for an advanced brain stent named Supernova for stroke treatment.
- **Objectives:** To test and validate the safety and efficacy of a domestically developed stroke stent, enable faster access to treatment, support the Make-in-India initiative, and create a model for world-class clinical research within India.



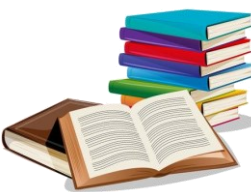
Important Terms Explained:

- **Supernova Stent:** An advanced stent-retriever developed by Gravity Medical Technology, designed for minimally invasive treatment of severe strokes, especially targeting younger Indian patients.
- **GRASSROOT Trial:** India's first clinical trial of a stroke-specific device, conducted at 8 centres with AIIMS Delhi as the national lead, producing world-class data for regulatory approval.
- **CDSCO (Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation):** India's national drug regulatory authority that approved the Supernova stent based on domestic clinical evidence.



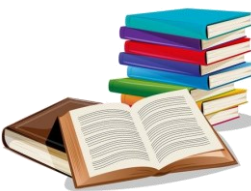
Important Terms Explained:

- **Stroke:** A serious medical condition where poor blood flow to the brain results in cell death; India sees 1.7 million stroke cases annually, many in younger populations.
- **Make-in-India:** A national initiative aimed at encouraging domestic manufacturing and innovation, especially in critical sectors like healthcare and MedTech.



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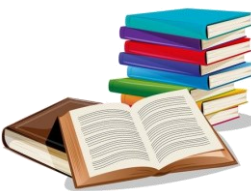
Parameter	Details
Event name	India's first dedicated brain stent clinical trial (GRASSROOT trial)
Announcement date	December 13, 2025
Location	AIIMS Delhi (trial lead site); 8 centres across India
Issuing authority	AIIMS Delhi & Gravity Medical Technology
Policy/series name	GRASSROOT Trial
Key figures	Dr. Shailesh Gaikwad, Dr. Deepti Vibha, Dr. Ashutosh Jadhav, Dr. Shashvat Desai
Purpose/reason	Evaluate Supernova stent for stroke; build domestic capability
Feature details	Trial confirmed safety, efficacy; led to CDSCO approval
Validity or status	Approved by CDSCO for clinical use
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's role in global stroke care and MedTech innovation



- **By when is ISRO planning to complete 7 space launch missions, including the uncrewed Gaganyaan mission?**

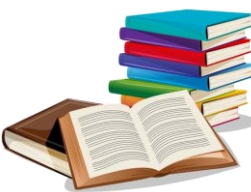
- A) December 2025
- B) January 2026
- C) March 2026
- D) June 2026
- E) December 2026

Answer
C) March 2026



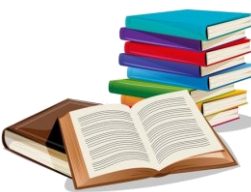
Event and Location:

- **Event:** ISRO lines up 7 launches including the uncrewed Gaganyaan mission
- **Location:** ISRO launch sites, primarily Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** December 14, 2025 (announcement)



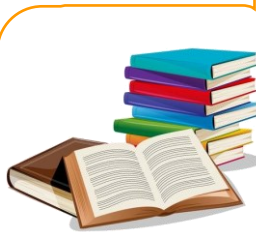
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has planned seven launches between December 2025 and March 2026, which include major missions such as the first uncrewed Gaganyaan flight, satellite launches for commercial and strategic purposes, and technology demonstrator missions.
- **Objectives:** To demonstrate human-rated launch vehicle capabilities, electric propulsion, quantum key distribution, self-reliant communication systems, and to boost India's space commercialisation and global partnerships.



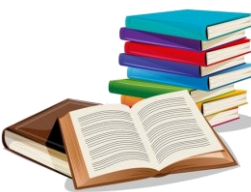
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gaganyaan Mission:** India's first human spaceflight program, led by ISRO, with the objective of sending Indian astronauts to Low Earth Orbit (LEO). The uncrewed mission is a critical step for safety validation before the 2027 crewed launch.
- **Vyommitra:** A semi-humanoid female robot developed by ISRO to simulate human functions in space and be part of the uncrewed Gaganyaan mission.
- **Electric Propulsion System:** A propulsion method for satellites using electric power, reducing fuel mass by up to 90%, and enabling lighter and longer-life satellites.



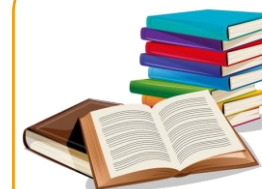
Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD):** A next-gen secure communication technology based on quantum mechanics, offering tamper-proof encryption capabilities.
- **Travelling Wave Tube Amplifier (TWT):** A high-frequency amplifier used in satellite communication systems; ISRO's indigenous development boosts self-reliance in critical transponder tech.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ISRO to conduct 7 launch missions by March 2026
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Primarily Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
Policy/series name	Gaganyaan & Commercial Launch Series
Key figures	Jitendra Singh (Union Minister), S. Somanath (ISRO Chairman)
Purpose/reason	Validate space technologies, boost satellite capability, prepare for crewed mission
Feature details	Gaganyaan uncrewed flight, Oceansat, EOS-5, TDS-01, SSLV launches
Validity or status	Missions scheduled until March 2026
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's space capabilities, boosts Make-in-India & commercial space sector

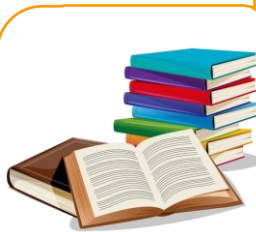


➤ **Which Defence PSU has the highest order book among the seven newly corporatised DPSUs in India?**

- A) Munitions India Ltd
- B) Gliders India Ltd
- C) Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Ltd
- D) Armoured Vehicle Nigam Ltd
- E) Troop Comforts Ltd

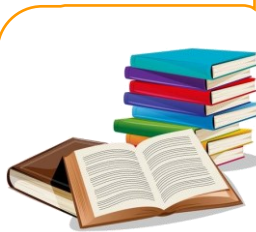
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D) Armoured Vehicle Nigam Ltd



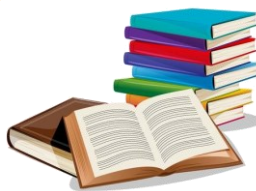
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's seven new Defence PSUs record a combined order book of ₹83,109 crore
- **Location:** New Delhi, India (as per report tabled in Parliament)
- **Date:** December 14, 2025



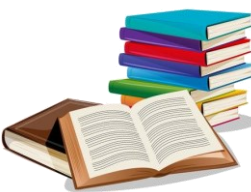
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Standing Committee on Defence presented an Action Taken Report on Demands for Grants (2025–26), revealing a total order book of ₹83,109 crore for India's corporatised defence PSUs (DPSUs).
- **Objectives:** To evaluate the post-corporatisation progress of DPSUs in terms of order consolidation, indigenisation, exports, and modernisation, and ensure sustained support for defence self-reliance under Atmanirbhar Bharat.



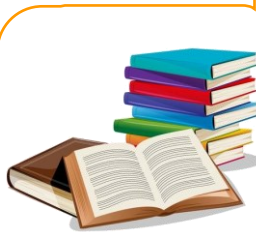
Important Terms Explained:

- **DPSU (Defence Public Sector Undertaking):**
Government-owned companies under the Ministry of Defence engaged in defence production, now corporatised to enhance efficiency and competitiveness.
- **Corporatisation of OFB:** In October 2021, the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) was split into seven PSUs to improve autonomy, accountability, and market responsiveness.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Positive Indigenisation Lists (PILs):** A set of items notified by the Department of Defence Production that must be sourced indigenously to reduce import dependence in the defence sector.
- **CAPEX (Capital Expenditure):** Funds allocated for infrastructure, production-line upgrades, and technology acquisition, aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing capacity.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** Government of India's initiative for self-reliant India, with a strong push towards domestic defence manufacturing and import reduction.

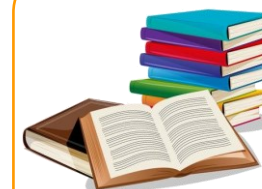


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	₹83,109 crore combined order book for new defence PSUs
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Parliament of India, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Standing Committee on Defence, Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	Action Taken Report on Demands for Grants (2025–26)
Key figures	AVNL – ₹35,553 cr; MIL – ₹28,939 cr; AWEIL – ₹8,236 cr; GIL – ₹211 cr
Purpose/reason	Assess DPSU performance in orders, exports, and indigenisation post-2021
Feature details	CAPEX released ₹7,251 cr (till FY26), exports at ₹3,545 cr (provisional FY25)
Validity or status	Report submitted in Parliament
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's defence self-reliance, export capability, and global competitiveness

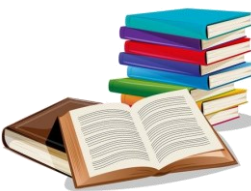


➤ **At which international forum did EAM S. Jaishankar meet several European and Arab foreign ministers in December 2025?**

- A) Raisina Dialogue
- B) World Economic Forum
- C) G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting
- D) Sir Bani Yas Forum
- E) Asia-Europe Summit

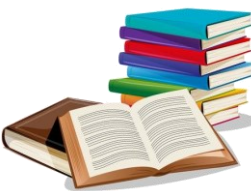
Answer

D) Sir Bani Yas Forum



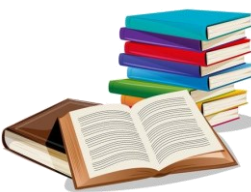
Event and Location:

- **Event:** EAM S. Jaishankar participates in 16th Sir Bani Yas Forum and holds bilateral meetings
- **Location:** Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- **Date:** December 12–14, 2025



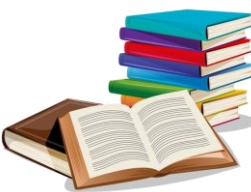
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar participated in the 16th Sir Bani Yas Forum, engaging in multiple bilateral and multilateral discussions with foreign ministers from Europe, Egypt, and the UK.
- **Objectives:** To promote strategic dialogue on key global and regional issues, enhance diplomatic relations with Europe, the Gulf, and Arab countries, and reaffirm India's role in global peace, security, and cooperation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sir Bani Yas Forum:** An annual high-level diplomatic dialogue platform hosted in the UAE, bringing together ministers, policymakers, and experts to address issues of regional security, peace, and international cooperation.
- **EAM (External Affairs Minister):** The Minister responsible for India's foreign relations; currently held by Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- **Strategic Dialogue:** Diplomatic discussions between countries to enhance cooperation on defence, trade, security, and regional stability.



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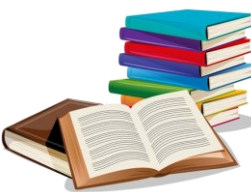
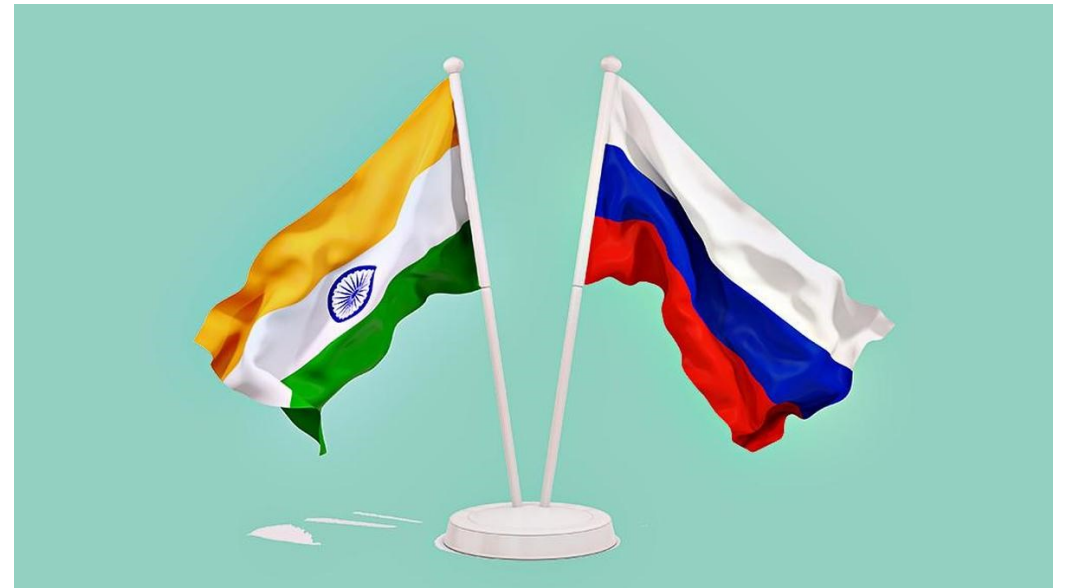
Parameter	Details
Event name	16th Sir Bani Yas Forum 2025
Announcement date	December 12–14, 2025
Location	Abu Dhabi, UAE
Issuing authority	UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Policy/series name	Sir Bani Yas Forum – Strategic Dialogue Series
Key figures	S. Jaishankar, Dr Badr Abdelatty (Egypt), David Lammy (UK), Xavier Bettel (Luxembourg), Radoslaw Sikorski (Poland), Baiba Braze (Latvia), Mihai Popsoi (Moldova), Constantinos Kompos (Cyprus), Milojko Spajic (Montenegro)
Purpose/reason	Enhance multilateral and bilateral cooperation through high-level dialogue
Feature details	Bilateral meetings, strategic partnerships, regional issue discussions
Validity or status	Concluded successfully
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's diplomatic ties with Europe, Arab world, and the Gulf region



- How many products have been identified by India's Commerce Ministry as having high export potential to Russia?

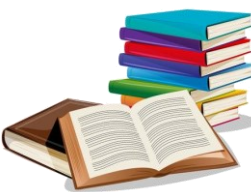
- A) 150
- B) 200
- C) 300
- D) 350
- E) 400

Answer
C) 300



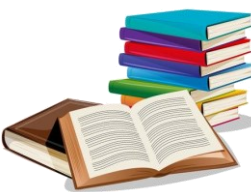
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India identifies 300 high-potential export products to expand trade with Russia
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** December 14, 2025



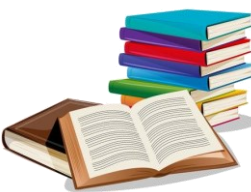
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Commerce has identified 300 products including engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and agri-commodities as having high export potential to Russia, based on a trade complementarity analysis.
- **Objectives:** To boost exports, reduce the trade deficit, and help India and Russia achieve the \$100 billion bilateral trade target by 2030, while reducing over-dependence on imports of mineral fuels.



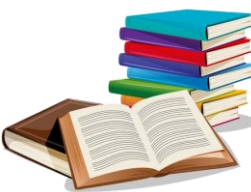
Important Terms Explained:

- **Trade Complementarity Analysis:** A method of evaluating the match between one country's export strengths and another's import needs to find high-potential trade opportunities.
- **Trade Deficit:** The amount by which a country's imports exceed its exports; India's trade deficit with Russia currently stands at \$59 billion.



Important Terms Explained:

- **APIs (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients):** The key components used in making drugs; India is a major global producer of APIs and a strategic supplier to Russia.
- **High-Potential Products:** Products with low current market share but high demand, offering significant export growth opportunities.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India identifies 300 high-potential export products to Russia
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Policy/series name	India-Russia Trade Expansion Strategy
Key figures	Trade deficit – \$59 billion; India's exports – \$1.7 billion
Purpose/reason	Bridge trade gap, increase India's share in Russia's import market
Feature details	Key sectors: pharma, agri, engineering, chemicals, labour-intensive goods
Validity or status	Strategy in planning and promotion phase
Strategic/significant value	Supports \$100 billion bilateral trade goal and strengthens India's export base

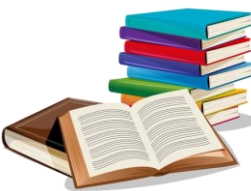


➤ **According to ABRSM, which national policy is key to achieving the goals of 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Swarna Andhra'?**

- A) National Digital Policy 2023
- B) National Health Mission
- C) New National Education Policy 2020
- D) Skill India Mission
- E) National Infrastructure Pipeline

Answer

C) New National Education Policy 2020

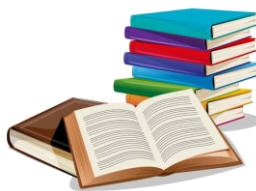


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** ABRSM highlights role of NEP 2020 in achieving 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Swarna Andhra'
- **Location:** Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh (K.L. University)
- **Date:** December 14, 2025

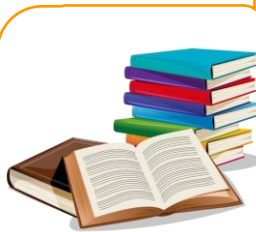


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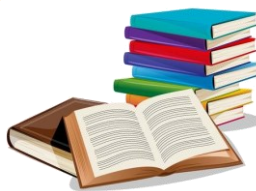
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Guntha Lakshman, National Secretary of Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM), emphasized the transformative impact of NEP 2020 during a faculty training event.
- **Objectives:** To showcase how NEP 2020 is contributing to India's developmental goals by enhancing employability, reducing poverty, and shaping an educated and skilled workforce for Viksit Bharat (Developed India) and Swarna Andhra (Golden Andhra Pradesh).



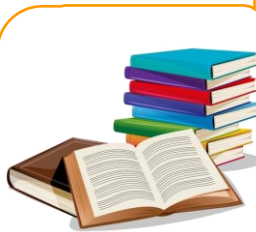
Important Terms Explained:

- **NEP 2020 (National Education Policy 2020):** A major educational reform launched by the Government of India, focusing on holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary learning, aiming to transform India's education system by 2040.
- **Viksit Bharat:** A vision of a Developed India by 2047, representing inclusive economic growth, sustainable development, and innovation-led progress.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Swarna Andhra:** A term symbolizing a prosperous and progressive Andhra Pradesh, aligned with state-level development goals in education, employment, and governance.
- **ABRSM (Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh):** A national teachers' organization working towards educational and academic development in India.

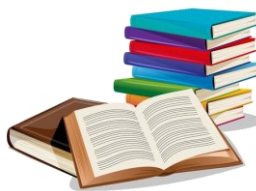


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	State Faculty Training Program (Prant Abhyas Varg) by ABRSM
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh (K.L. University)
Issuing authority	Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM)
Policy/series name	New National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
Key figures	Guntha Lakshman (National Secretary, ABRSM)
Purpose/reason	To highlight NEP 2020's role in national and state-level development goals
Feature details	Focus on employability, poverty reduction, and holistic education
Validity or status	NEP 2020 under active implementation across India
Strategic/significant value	Supports national goals like Viksit Bharat and Swarna Andhra through educational reforms



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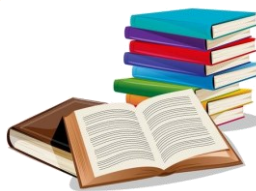
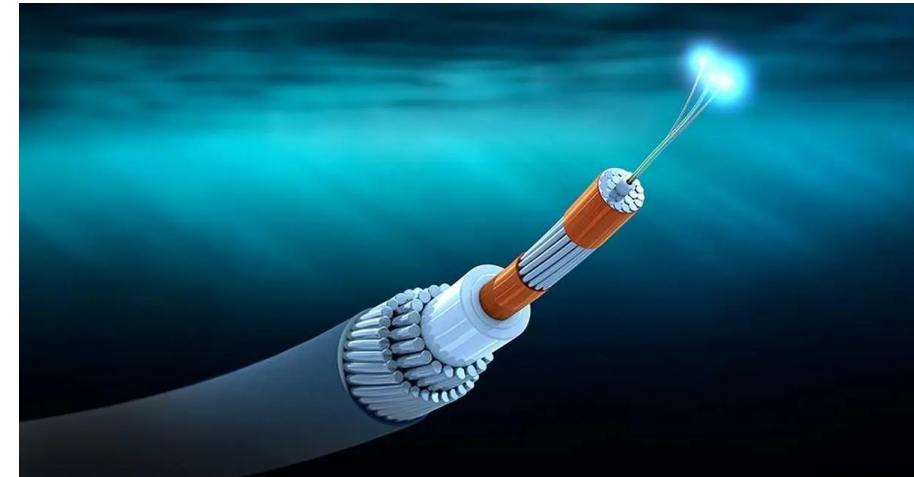


➤ **Which ministry has listed 16 very critical imported items for localisation to boost self-sufficiency in the power sector?**

- A) Ministry of Commerce
- B) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- C) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D) Ministry of Power
- E) Ministry of Steel

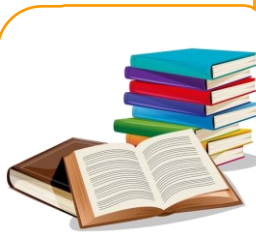
Answer

D) Ministry of Power



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Power Ministry lists 16 critical imported items for localisation to strengthen domestic manufacturing
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** December 14, 2025

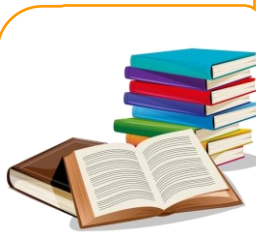


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Power, through the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), identified 16 very critical imported components essential for the power sector and initiated a roadmap to localise their production under Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- **Objectives:** To reduce import dependency, improve supply chain resilience, promote domestic manufacturing, and support India's energy security and economic sovereignty.

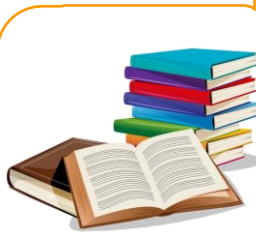


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** A government initiative aimed at making India self-reliant by promoting indigenous industries, reducing imports, and enhancing global competitiveness across sectors.
- **Central Electricity Authority (CEA):** A statutory organization under the Ministry of Power, responsible for policy planning, system operations, and recommending technological upgrades in the power sector.
- **HVDC Valve Assemblies:** Components used in High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission systems that enable efficient long-distance power transfer.

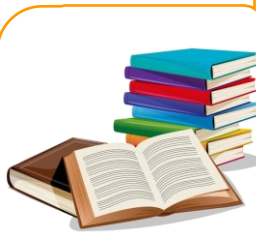


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Subsea Cables:** Specialized underwater cables used for power transmission and data communication, currently largely imported due to complex manufacturing requirements.
- **IEEMA (Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association):** The national representative body of manufacturers in the electrical, industrial electronics and allied equipment industry in India.

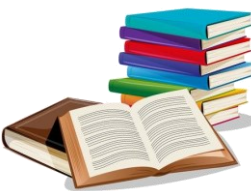


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Identification of 16 critical power sector imports for localisation
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority (CEA)
Policy/series name	Power Sector Localisation under Atmanirbhar Bharat
Key figures	CEA, IEEMA, ABB, Hyosung, Polycab, Sterlite, Toshiba, Schneider
Purpose/reason	Reduce import dependency and boost domestic manufacturing
Feature details	16 priority items include subsea cables, HVDC assemblies, ethernet switches
Validity or status	Stakeholder comments invited by December 29, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports Make-in-India, strengthens power grid resilience, reduces forex outflow



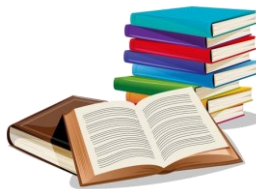
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➤ Which body invoked Stage-IV of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in Delhi-NCR in December 2025 due to severe air pollution?

- A) CPCB
- B) IMD
- C) CAQM
- D) NGT
- E) MoEFCC

Answer
C) CAQM

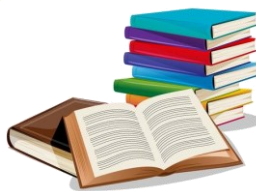


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Invocation of Stage-IV actions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) due to severe air quality
- **Location:** Delhi-NCR
- **Date:** December 13, 2025

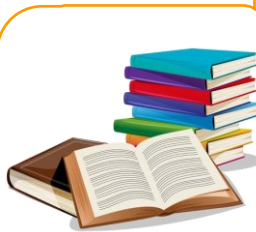


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) invoked Stage-IV of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) due to a sharp spike in Air Quality Index (AQI) levels across Delhi-NCR, crossing 441.
- **Objectives:** To prevent further deterioration of air quality and ensure emergency-level interventions in light of unfavourable meteorological conditions leading to trapped pollutants and poor dispersion.

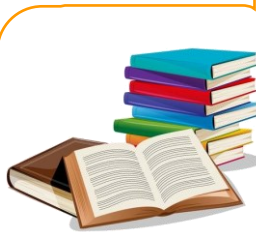


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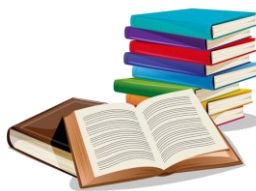
Important Terms Explained:

- **CAQM (Commission for Air Quality Management):** A statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) tasked with coordinating air quality management in the NCR and adjoining areas.
- **Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP):** A 4-stage emergency plan implemented in Delhi-NCR based on real-time AQI levels to tackle pollution with increasing severity (Stage I: Poor, Stage II: Very Poor, Stage III: Severe, Stage IV: Severe+).



Important Terms Explained:

- **AQI (Air Quality Index):** A numerical index used to communicate the quality of air in a specific location, where higher values indicate worse air quality. Values above 450 are classified as “Severe+”.

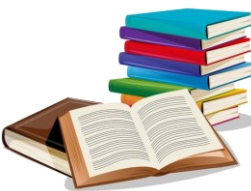


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Invocation of Stage-IV of GRAP in Delhi-NCR
Announcement date	December 13, 2025
Location	Entire Delhi-NCR region
Issuing authority	Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)
Policy/series name	Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)
Key figures	Delhi AQI: 441 at 6 PM on Dec 13, 2025
Purpose/reason	Prevent worsening air quality under Severe+ conditions
Feature details	Ban on BS-IV diesel HGVs, hybrid classes, halt on public C&D projects
Validity or status	Stage-IV GRAP actions effective immediately
Strategic/significant value	Aims to safeguard public health and reduce pollutant concentration levels



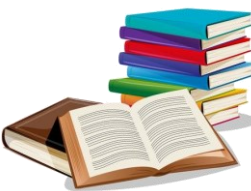
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➤ Which initiative, launched under DAY-NRLM, aims to create a people's movement against gender-based violence and empower rural women across India?

- A) Mission Shakti
- B) Nayi Chetana
- C) Sakhi One Stop Centre
- D) Mahila Samman Yojana
- E) Rashtriya Mahila Abhiyan

Answer
B) Nayi Chetana

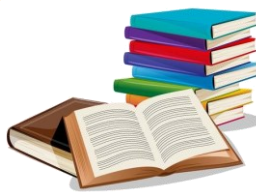


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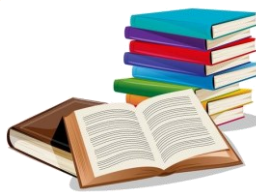
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Nayi Chetana 4.0 and inauguration of Gender Resource Centre
- **Location:** Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** December 13, 2025



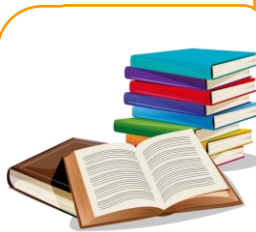
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Launch of Nayi Chetana 4.0 at the state level in Andhra Pradesh.
 - Inauguration of a Gender Resource Centre (GRC) to support women at grassroots level.
 - Strengthening women's Self Help Group (SHG) collectives under DAY-NRLM framework.



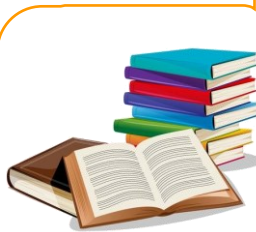
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - To eliminate gender-based violence through community awareness and collective responsibility.
 - To ensure safety, dignity, and economic empowerment of women in rural India.
 - To promote zero tolerance towards violence and foster inclusive growth through women's participation.
 - To provide legal, livelihood, and counselling support via GRCs.



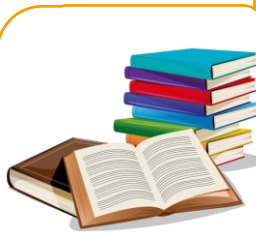
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nayi Chetana:**
 - A nationwide gender campaign launched in 2021 under DAY-NRLM.
 - Aims to promote awareness against gender-based violence, empower women economically and socially, and involve communities in creating a safe ecosystem.
 - It focuses on SHG women-led change, engaging 10 crore SHG women and 4 crore rural citizens across 13 lakh events.



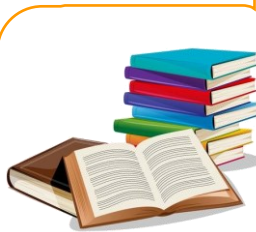
Important Terms Explained:

- **DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission):**
 - A central government scheme aimed at promoting self-employment and organization of rural poor into SHGs to improve their livelihoods sustainably.
 - Emphasizes women's empowerment and financial inclusion.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gender Resource Centre (GRC):**
 - A one-stop support centre for rural women.
 - Provides legal aid, counselling, referrals, and livelihood linkages.
 - Aims to ensure access to justice and support systems at the grassroots level.

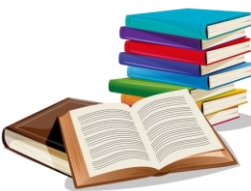


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Nayi Chetana 4.0 and Gender Resource Centre
Announcement date	December 13, 2025
Location	Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
Policy/series name	Nayi Chetana under DAY-NRLM
Key figures	Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Shekhar, Vangalapudi Anitha, Kondapalli Srinivas
Purpose/reason	Promote gender equality, women's safety, and economic empowerment
Feature details	GRC support services, SHG participation, community awareness initiatives
Validity or status	Nayi Chetana 4.0 phase in active implementation
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens rural women-led social change and supports inclusive development

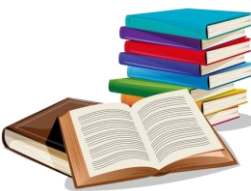


➤ **What new facility was inaugurated in Gulmarg to boost winter sports and tourism in December 2025?**

- A) Indoor ice skating rink
- B) Snowmobile training academy
- C) Asia's longest ski drag lift and revolving conference hall
- D) Winter carnival festival arena
- E) High-altitude climate research center

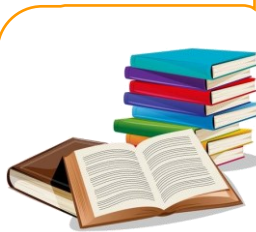
Answer

C) Asia's longest ski drag lift and revolving conference hall



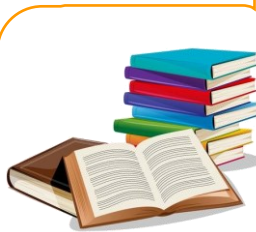
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Asia's longest ski drag lift and revolving conference hall
- **Location:** Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir
- **Date:** December 13, 2025



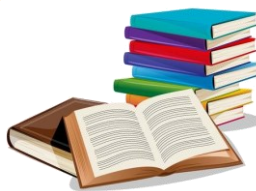
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Inauguration of new winter tourism infrastructure including a 726-metre-long ski drag lift and a high-altitude revolving conference hall.
- **Objectives:** To enhance Gulmarg's global standing as a premier winter sports destination and improve visitor facilities while conserving the fragile local ecosystem.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ski Drag Lift:** A surface lift that pulls skiers uphill while they remain on skis; the 726-metre lift in Gulmarg is now the longest in Asia.
- **Revolving Conference Hall:** A rotating meeting venue built at 4,390 metres altitude at Apharwat, offering 360-degree mountain views to attract corporate and premium tourism.
- **Winter Tourism Infrastructure:** Includes ski facilities, snow-related sports infrastructure, and visitor amenities aimed at increasing tourist footfall during winter.

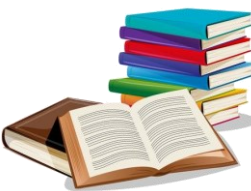


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Asia's longest ski drag lift and revolving conference hall
Announcement date	December 13, 2025
Location	Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir
Issuing authority	Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Policy/series name	Winter Tourism Infrastructure Development
Key figures	Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir
Purpose/reason	To promote Gulmarg as a global winter sports destination
Feature details	726-metre-long ski drag lift and high-altitude revolving conference hall
Validity or status	Inaugurated and operational
Strategic/significant value	Enhances adventure tourism and supports eco-friendly regional development

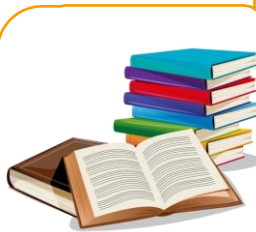
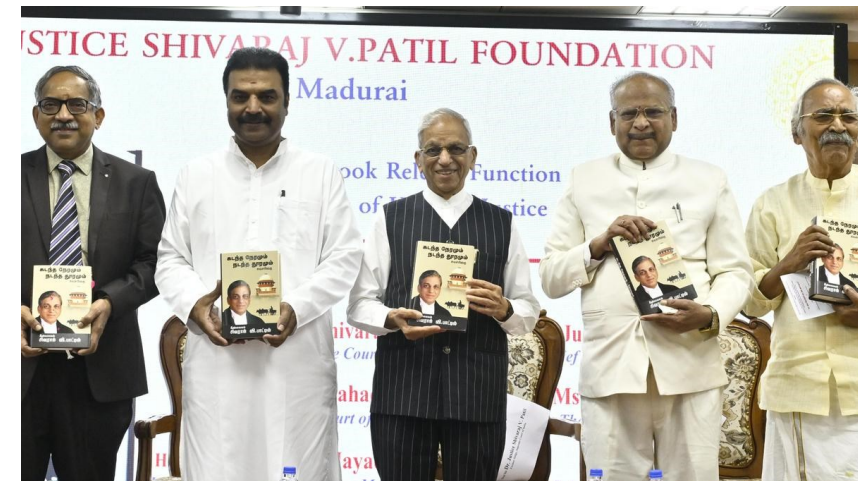


➤ Who released the Tamil version of Justice Shivaraj V. Patil's autobiography in Madurai?

- A) Justice N. Anand Venkatesh
- B) Justice R. Mahadevan
- C) Justice G. Jayachandran
- D) Justice S. Ravindra Bhat
- E) Justice P. Sathasivam

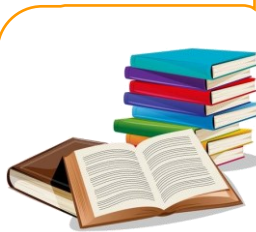
Answer

B) Justice R. Mahadevan



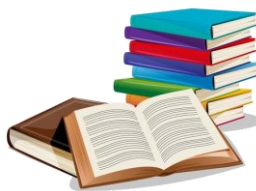
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Tamil version of Justice Shivaraj V. Patil's autobiography
- **Location:** Kalaighnar Centenary Library, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** December 14, 2025



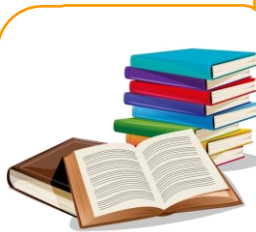
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tamil version of the autobiography 'Time Spent Distance Travelled' by Justice Shivaraj V. Patil was officially released.
- **Objectives:** To make the former Supreme Court judge's life experiences accessible to Tamil readers and inspire the legal and general community with his journey.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Autobiography:** A self-written account of one's life; in this case, the book 'Time Spent Distance Travelled' recounts the professional and personal journey of Justice Shivaraj V. Patil.
- **Kalaigiar Centenary Library:** A prominent public library in Madurai named in memory of Tamil Nadu's former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, hosting significant cultural and literary events.
- **Supreme Court Judge (Retd.):** Justice Shivaraj V. Patil is a former judge of India's Supreme Court, the apex judicial institution of the country.

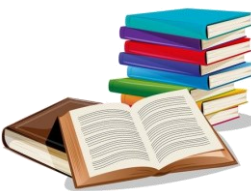


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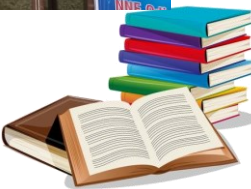
Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of Tamil version of 'Time Spent Distance Travelled' autobiography
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Kalaigiar Centenary Library, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Supreme Court Judge Justice R. Mahadevan
Policy/series name	Autobiography Launch Event
Key figures	Justice R. Mahadevan, Justice G. Jayachandran, Justice Shivaraj V. Patil
Purpose/reason	Promote inspirational literature and expand access to Tamil-speaking readers
Feature details	Autobiography highlights Justice Patil's legal and personal journey
Validity or status	Officially released and available
Strategic/significant value	Contributes to legal history and regional literature



➤ **Where was the NEOCON-2025 national conference of neonatologists and paediatricians held?**

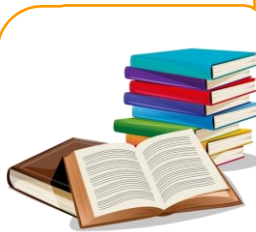
- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Visakhapatnam
- D) Chennai
- E) New Delhi

Answer
C) Visakhapatnam



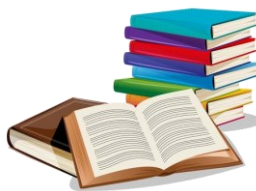
Event and Location:

- **Event:** NEOCON-2025 annual national conference by the National Neonatology Forum
- **Location:** Novotel Hotel, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** December 11, 2025 (start date)



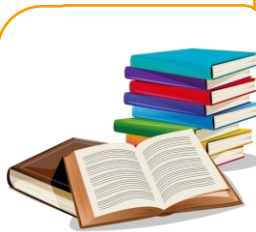
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conduct of the annual NEOCON-2025 conference by the National Neonatology Forum (NNF), including pre-conference workshops and expert sessions.
- **Objectives:** To enhance skills, share knowledge, and discuss latest developments in neonatology and paediatrics by bringing together experts and professionals from across India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NEOCON:** The flagship annual conference of the National Neonatology Forum of India, focusing on neonatal healthcare advancements, innovations, and capacity building.
- **National Neonatology Forum (NNF):** A professional organization dedicated to the promotion of neonatal care in India, providing training, research, and advocacy for newborn health.
- **Pre-conference Workshops:** Hands-on training sessions conducted before the official start of a conference to enhance practical skills of the participants.

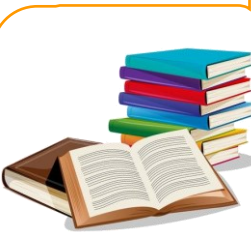


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NEOCON-2025 annual conference
Announcement date	December 11, 2025
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	National Neonatology Forum (NNF)
Policy/series name	NEOCON Annual Conference Series
Key figures	Neonatologists, paediatricians, researchers from across India
Purpose/reason	Promote neonatal healthcare education and collaboration
Feature details	14 pre-conference workshops and hands-on training sessions
Validity or status	Conference in progress (as of December 13, 2025)
Strategic/significant value	Enhances neonatal care standards, medical education, and clinical collaboration

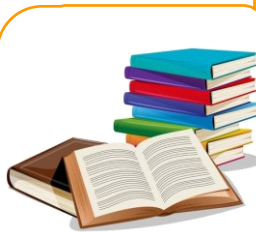


➤ Who inaugurated the startup pavilion at the UEF Trade Summit 2025 in Chennai?

- A) M.K. Stalin
- B) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- C) Palanivel Thiaga Rajan
- D) R. N. Ravi
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman

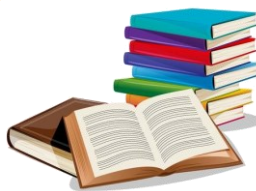
Answer

C) Palanivel Thiaga Rajan



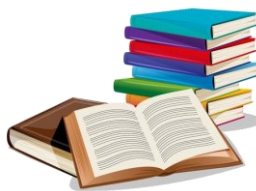
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of startup pavilion at the UEF Trade Summit 2025
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** December 13, 2025



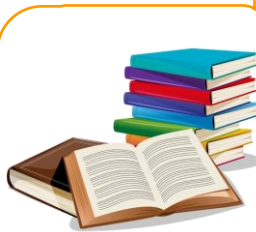
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tamil Nadu's IT and Digital Services Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan inaugurated a startup pavilion during the United Economic Forum (UEF) Trade Summit 2025.
- **Objectives:** To promote entrepreneurship, encourage startup innovation, and highlight the importance of human capital and educational reforms for long-term economic growth.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Startup Pavilion:** A dedicated exhibition space within business and trade summits to showcase innovations, products, and services by emerging startups and entrepreneurs.
- **United Economic Forum (UEF):** A business-oriented platform promoting inclusive economic growth through networking, trade summits, and investment opportunities.
- **Human Capital:** The collective skills, knowledge, and experience possessed by individuals, considered essential for economic productivity and growth.

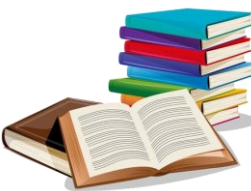


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of startup pavilion at UEF Trade Summit 2025
Announcement date	December 13, 2025
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Department of IT and Digital Services, Tamil Nadu
Policy/series name	UEF Trade Summit 2025
Key figures	Palanivel Thiaga Rajan
Purpose/reason	Promote startup innovation and strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystem
Feature details	Startup pavilion launch, emphasis on skill-building and education reforms
Validity or status	Officially launched
Strategic/significant value	Boosts innovation, job creation, and long-term digital economy development



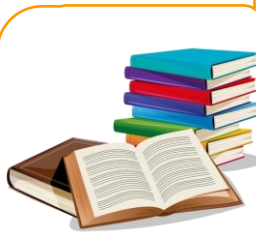
➤ Which Governor recently flagged concerns over judicial intervention in Vice-Chancellor appointments in Kerala?

- A) Ramesh Bais
- B) Arif Mohammed Khan
- C) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- D) C. V. Ananda Bose
- E) R. N. Ravi



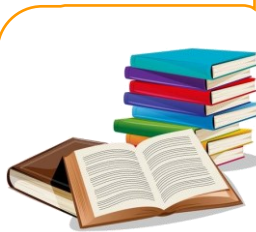
Answer

C) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar



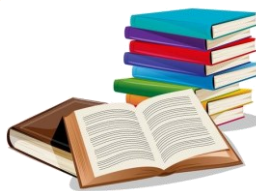
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kerala Governor criticises judicial overreach in university Vice-Chancellor appointments
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** December 14, 2025



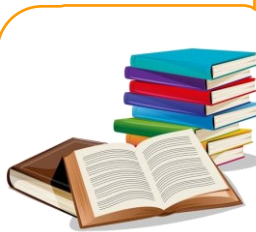
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar raised objections to the Supreme Court's involvement in the appointment of Vice-Chancellors at Digital University Kerala (DUK) and APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU).
- **Objectives:** To underline the importance of institutional separation of powers in a democracy and affirm the Governor's role in university governance under the state's legislative framework.



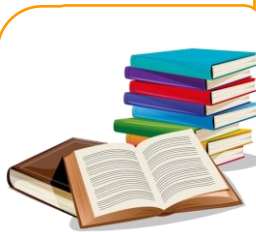
Important Terms Explained:

- **Judicial Overreach:** A situation where the judiciary is perceived to interfere excessively in the functions of the executive or legislature, beyond its constitutional role of interpretation.
- **Vice-Chancellor (V-C):** The chief executive officer of a university, whose appointment is often governed by state university acts and procedures involving the Governor and state government.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital University Kerala (DUK):** A state-owned university focused on digital education and emerging technologies, based in Kerala.
- **APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU):** A Kerala-based public university that oversees technical education institutions in the state.

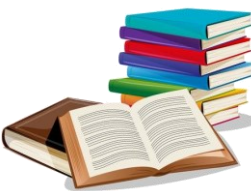


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Kerala Governor criticises judiciary over V-C appointments
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Governor of Kerala – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Policy/series name	Remarks during Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer Award function
Key figures	Rajendra V. Arlekar, P. Sathasivam
Purpose/reason	To express concern over judicial intervention in executive matters
Feature details	Refers to V-C appointments at DUK and KTU
Validity or status	Public statement made during official event
Strategic/significant value	Reignites debate on separation of powers and role of judiciary in governance



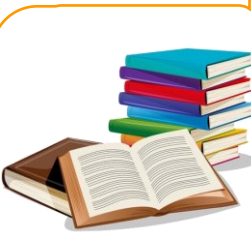
➤ **Where was the World Health Innovation Forum (WHIF) 2025 held?**

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



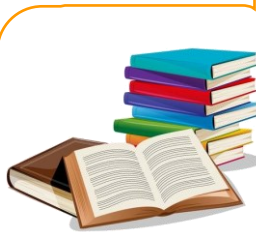
Answer

D) Visakhapatnam



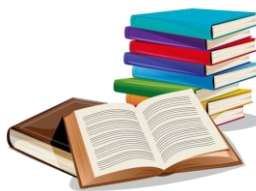
Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Health Innovation Forum (WHIF) 2025
– Largest edition to date
- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ),
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** December 11–13, 2025



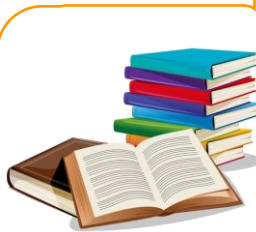
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The World Health Innovation Forum (WHIF) 2025 was held over three days at AMTZ with over 6,000 delegates, 204 speakers, 98 sessions, and multiple product launches and partnerships.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen global collaboration, promote affordable medical technologies, and position India, especially AMTZ and Vizag, as a global MedTech innovation hub through actionable strategies and innovation-driven systems.



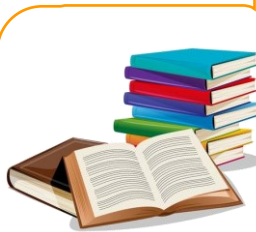
Important Terms Explained:

- **WHIF (World Health Innovation Forum):** A global annual platform hosted by AMTZ, bringing together health leaders, policymakers, innovators, and industry players to advance affordable, accessible, and quality healthcare technology.
- **AMTZ (Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone):** India's premier medical technology manufacturing and innovation park, based in Vizag, contributing to self-reliance in MedTech and fostering global health partnerships.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MedTech Silk Road:** A concept promoting cross-border medical technology trade and cooperation among emerging economies, especially in Asia and Africa.
- **Translational Research:** Research aimed at turning scientific discoveries into practical applications in healthcare, bridging the gap between lab and clinical use.

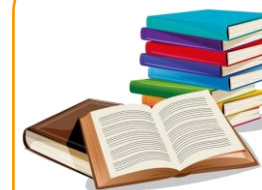


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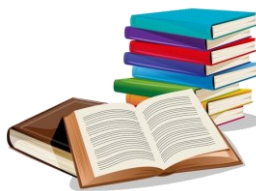
Parameter	Details
Event name	World Health Innovation Forum (WHIF) 2025
Announcement date	December 11–13, 2025
Location	AMTZ, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ)
Policy/series name	WHIF Annual Global MedTech Forum
Key figures	Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin, Dr. Rajiv Nath
Purpose/reason	Foster innovation and global cooperation in medical technologies
Feature details	204 speakers, 6,000 delegates, 98 sessions, 5 launches, 13 governing council meetings
Validity or status	Successfully concluded on December 13, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Positions India as a global hub for affordable and innovative MedTech solutions



➤ Which state hosted the 4th Cooperative Mela 2025 aimed at promoting cooperation-driven development?

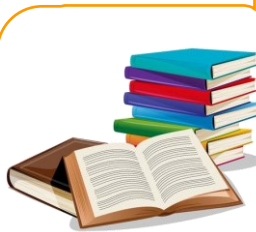
- A) Gujarat
- B) West Bengal
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Assam
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer
D) Assam



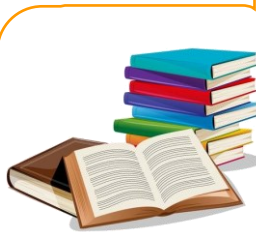
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the 4th Cooperative Mela 2025
- **Location:** AEI Ground, Chandmari, Guwahati, Assam
- **Date:** December 13, 2025



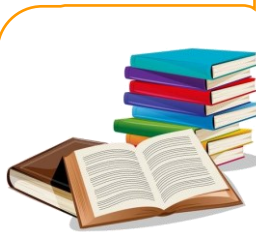
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Cooperation Department, Government of Assam, under the guidance of the Ministry of Cooperation, organised the 4th Cooperative Mela to showcase the strength, diversity, and innovation in Assam's cooperative sector.
- **Objectives:** To align Assam's cooperative efforts with the National Cooperative Policy 2025, promote grassroots entrepreneurship, empower women and youth, and reinforce the vision of "Sahkar Se Samriddhi" through local participation and digital reforms in Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS).



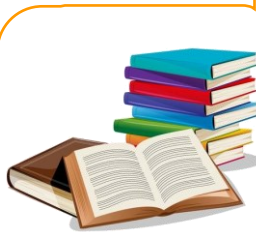
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sahkar Se Samriddhi:** A national cooperative vision launched by the Ministry of Cooperation, meaning “Prosperity through Cooperation”, aimed at making cooperatives a key driver of India’s development.
- **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS):** Grassroots-level credit institutions in villages that provide short-term agricultural loans, procurement services, and are being digitized under cooperative reforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Model Byelaws for PACS:** A standardized set of operational guidelines for PACS introduced to streamline governance, ensure transparency, and expand the scope of cooperative services.
- **National Cooperative Policy 2025:** A central policy initiative to establish at least one cooperative in every village by 2026, strengthening self-reliance and rural economic development.

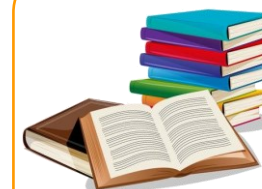


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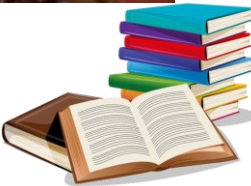
Parameter	Details
Event name	4th Cooperative Mela 2025
Announcement date	December 13, 2025
Location	AEI Ground, Chandmari, Guwahati, Assam
Issuing authority	Cooperation Department, Govt. of Assam & Ministry of Cooperation, Gol
Policy/series name	Sahkar Se Samriddhi / National Cooperative Policy 2025
Key figures	Krishan Pal Gurjar (Union MoS), Jogen Mohan (State Minister), Dr. H. Sarma
Purpose/reason	Promote cooperative development, self-reliance, digital reform
Feature details	Over 800 PACS digitized, 160 cooperative societies showcased
Validity or status	Ongoing from December 13–15, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Empowers grassroots, supports local enterprise, aligns with national goals



➤ Which railway station in Mizoram handled its first-ever direct inward automobile rake in December 2025?

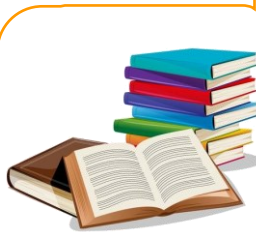
- A) Bairabi
- B) Aizawl
- C) Sairang
- D) Lunglei
- E) Champhai

Answer
C) Sairang



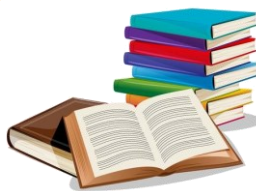
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mizoram receives its first rail carried automobiles with direct inward rake
- **Location:** Sairang Railway Station, Mizoram
- **Date:** December 14, 2025



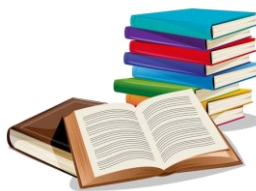
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian Railways facilitated the first-ever direct inward automobile rake to Mizoram, transporting 119 cars to Sairang via the newly operational Bairabi–Sairang railway line.
- **Objectives:** To improve logistics efficiency, reduce dependence on long road transport, strengthen regional connectivity, and support Mizoram's infrastructural and economic development.



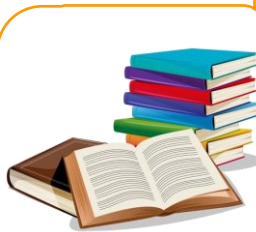
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bairabi–Sairang Railway Line:**
 - A 51.38 km long railway line connecting Mizoram to the national rail network, passing through 45 tunnels and challenging terrain, serving as a key infrastructure lifeline for the state.
- **Automobile Rake:**
 - A dedicated freight train formation designed specifically for transporting passenger vehicles safely and efficiently over long distances.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajdhani Express:**
 - A premium long-distance train service of Indian Railways connecting state capitals to the national capital with high-speed and onboard services.

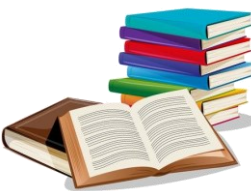


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	First rail-carried automobile consignment to Mizoram
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	Sairang Railway Station, Mizoram
Issuing authority	Indian Railways
Policy/series name	North-East Rail Connectivity Expansion
Key figures	119 automobiles transported
Purpose/reason	Improve logistics, reduce road dependence, boost economy
Feature details	First inward automobile rake via Bairabi–Sairang line
Validity or status	Successfully operational
Strategic/significant value	Integrates Mizoram with national logistics and trade network

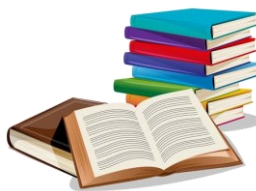


➤ Who delivered the keynote address at the inaugural Kamladevi Chattopadhyay Craft Lecture Series in 2025?

- A) Smt. Amrit Raj
- B) Dr. M. Beena
- C) Shri Rajeev Sethi
- D) Shri Ravi K Passi
- E) Shri Rajesh Rawat

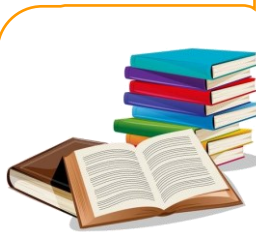
Answer

C) Shri Rajeev Sethi



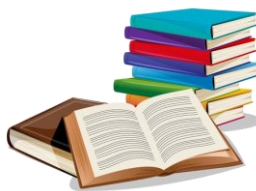
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inaugural Kamladevi Chattopadhyay Craft Lecture Series during National Handicrafts Week 2025
- **Location:** International Craft Complex (The Kunj), New Delhi
- **Date:** December 14, 2025



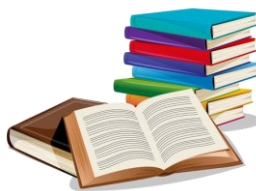
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Launch of the first Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay Craft Lecture Series by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), featuring Padma Bhushan awardee Shri Rajeev Sethi.
- **Objectives:** To honour the legacy of Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, promote dialogue on the future of handmade crafts in modern times, and reaffirm the role of artisans in inclusive and sustainable growth.



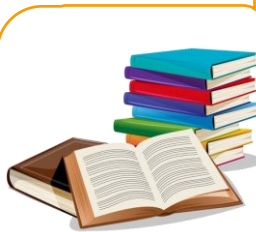
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kamladevi Chattopadhyay Craft Lecture Series:**
 - A new initiative launched in 2025 to celebrate the visionary legacy of Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay and promote critical thinking on handicrafts in contemporary India.
- **Development Commissioner (Handicrafts):**
 - The nodal body under the Ministry of Textiles responsible for craft development, marketing, artisan welfare, and export promotion in the handicrafts sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH):**
 - An apex body set up to promote exports of handicrafts from India and provide support for international marketing, trade shows, and artisan outreach.

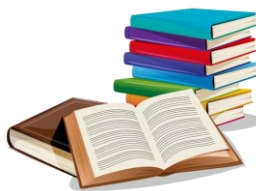


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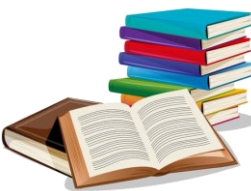
Parameter	Details
Event name	Kamladevi Chattopadhyay Craft Lecture Series
Announcement date	December 14, 2025
Location	International Craft Complex (The Kunj), New Delhi
Issuing authority	Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles
Policy/series name	National Handicrafts Week 2025
Key figures	Shri Rajeev Sethi, Smt. Amrit Raj, Dr. M. Beena
Purpose/reason	To celebrate and debate the relevance of handmade crafts in the modern age
Feature details	Keynote lecture, artisan participation, focus on sustainability, culture, and education
Validity or status	Ongoing series, inaugural edition concluded
Strategic/significant value	Empowers artisans, aligns with sustainability, strengthens cultural identity



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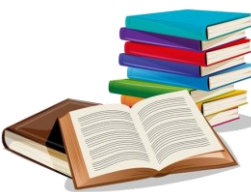
- **WGM P.V. Nandhidhaa of Tamil Nadu retained her title at the 51st National Women's Chess Championship 2025.**
- **India ranked third in the 2024 Global AI Index released by Stanford University, jumping from seventh place in 2023.**
- **Kerala secured the top rank in Group 3 of the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2025.**
- **The Government has implemented phase-wise Quality Control Orders (QCOs) with specific exemptions for MSMEs to avoid production disruptions.**
- **Andhra Pradesh won the National Energy Conservation Award 2025 in Group II for the fourth consecutive year.**
- **AIIMS Delhi has conducted India's first dedicated clinical trial of an advanced brain stent called Supernova for stroke treatment.**
- **ISRO has scheduled seven space launches before March 2026, including the first uncrewed Gaganyaan mission.**
- **India's corporatised defence PSUs have achieved a combined order book of ₹83,109 crore as of April 1, 2025.**
- **EAM S. Jaishankar attended the 16th Sir Bani Yas Forum in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from December 12–14, 2025.**



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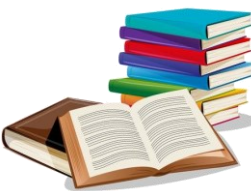
- India has identified 300 products with strong export potential to Russia, aiming to reduce its \$59 billion trade deficit.
- NEP 2020 is vital for achieving Viksit Bharat and Swarna Andhra, according to ABRSM's national secretary Guntha Lakshman.
- The Ministry of Power has identified 16 high-priority imported items to be localised under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- CAQM invoked Stage-IV of the Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR on December 13, 2025, due to an AQI spike to 441.
- Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Shekhar launched the state-level Nayi Chetana 4.0 and inaugurated a Gender Resource Centre in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.
- Asia's longest ski drag lift was inaugurated in Gulmarg on December 13, 2025, by Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah.
- Justice R. Mahadevan released the Tamil version of Justice Shivaraj V. Patil's autobiography in Madurai.
- NEOCON-2025, the annual conference of the National Neonatology Forum, began on December 11, 2025, in Visakhapatnam.



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- **Palanivel Thiaga Rajan inaugurated a startup pavilion at the UEF Trade Summit 2025 in Chennai.**
- **Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar flagged judicial overreach in Vice-Chancellor appointments at two state universities.**
- **The World Health Innovation Forum 2025 concluded in Visakhapatnam with a strong emphasis on innovation-driven global healthcare collaboration.**
- **The 4th Cooperative Mela 2025 was inaugurated in Guwahati, Assam by Union MoS Krishan Pal Gurjar on December 13.**
- **Mizoram received its first rail-carried automobiles as 119 cars reached Sairang Railway Station in December 2025.**
- **The National Handicrafts Week 2025 concluded with the launch of the inaugural Kamladevi Chattopadhyay Craft Lecture Series in New Delhi.**





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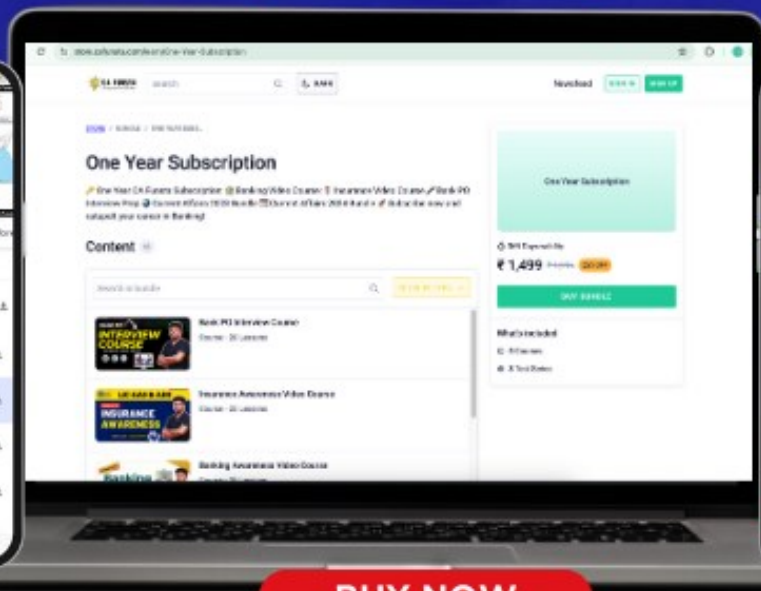
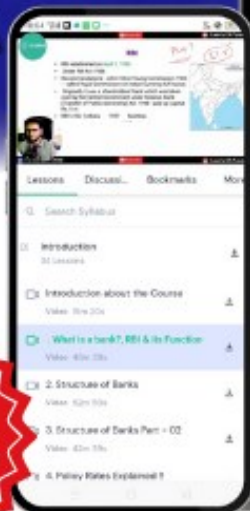
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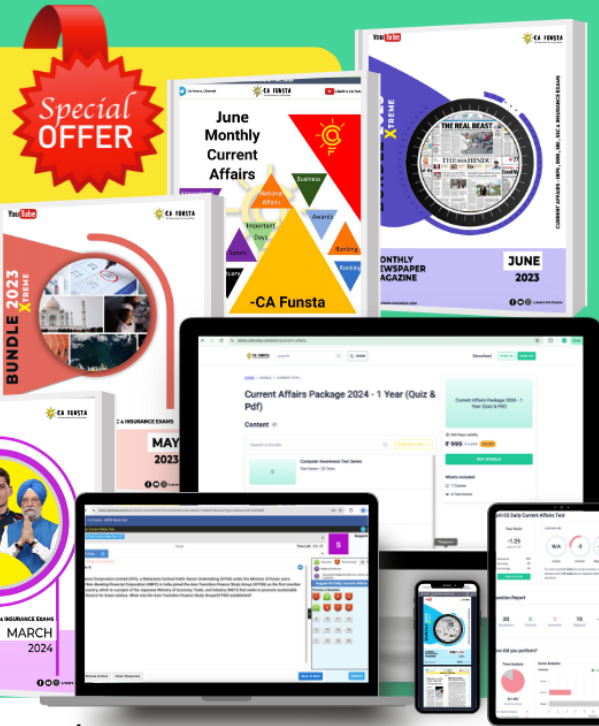


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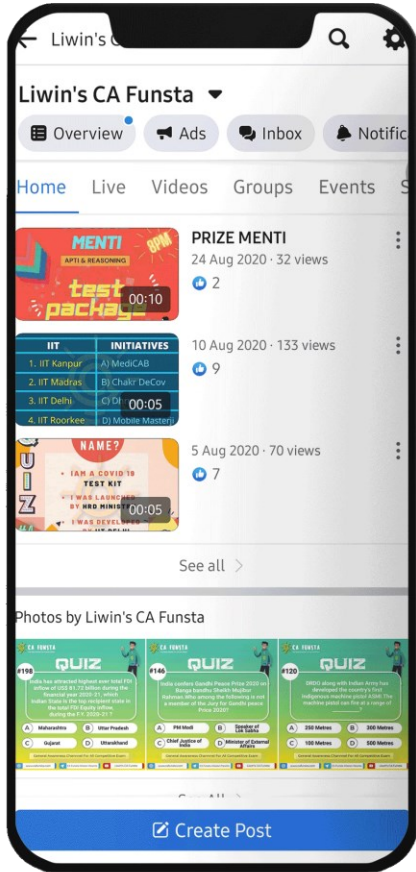
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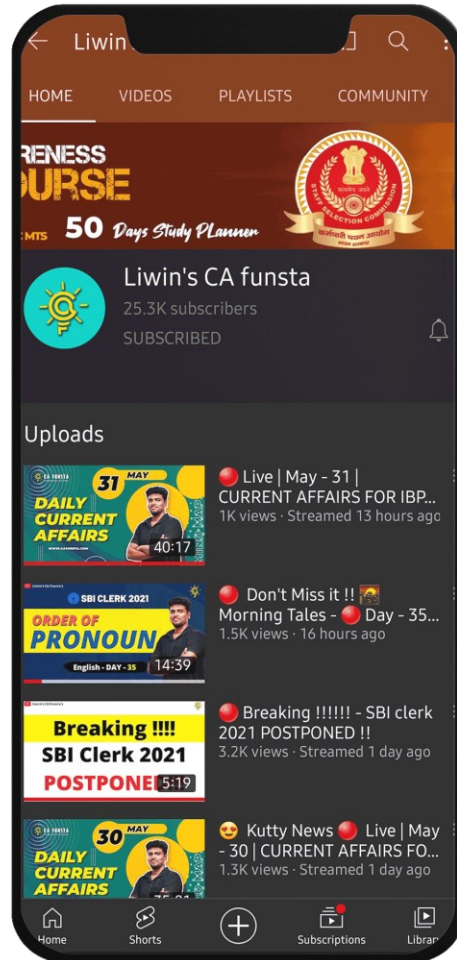


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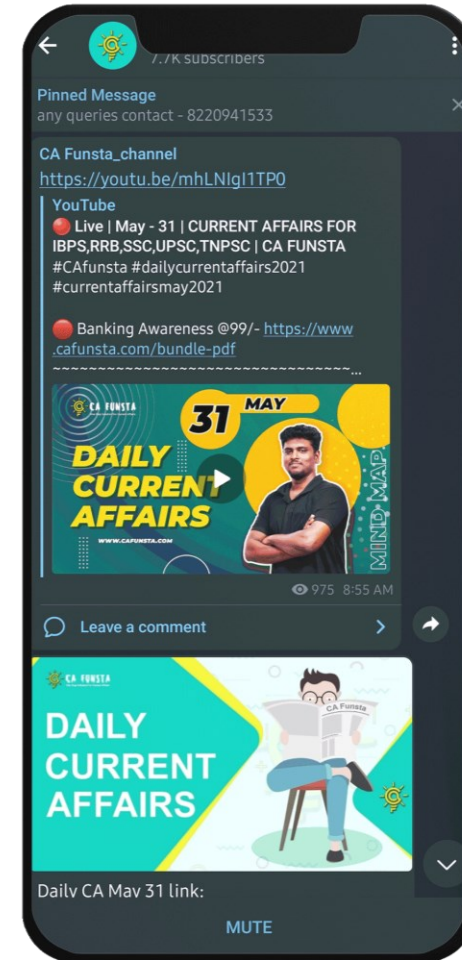
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