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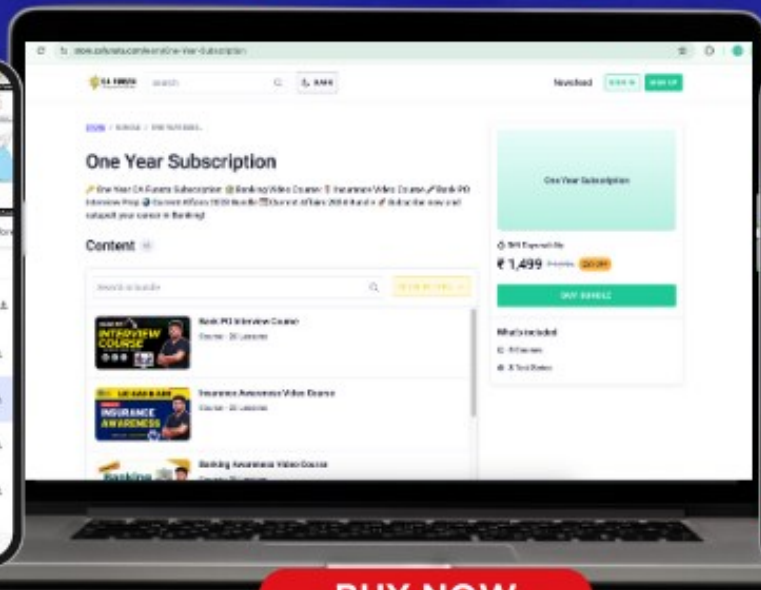
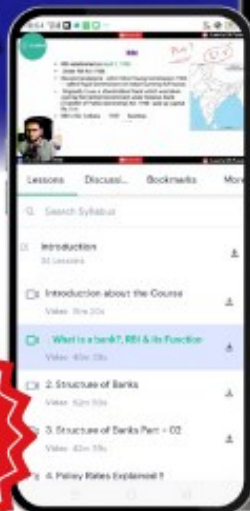
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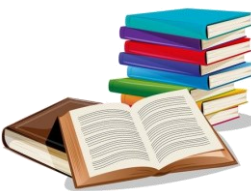
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➤ **Who won the FIFA Men's Player of the Year award at the FIFA Best Football Awards 2025?**

- A) Lamine Yamal
- B) Kylian Mbappe
- C) Ousmane Dembele
- D) Erling Haaland
- E) Jude Bellingham

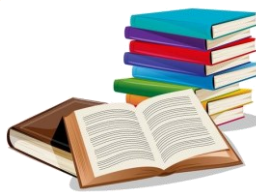
Answer

C) Ousmane Dembele



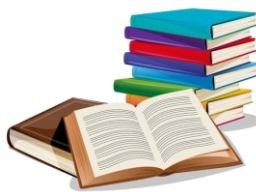
Event and Location:

- **Event:** FIFA Best Football Awards 2025
- **Location:** Doha, Qatar
- **Date:** December 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** FIFA hosted its annual Best Football Awards to honour top performers in global men's and women's football, including players, coaches, goalkeepers, and fans.
- **Objectives:** To recognise excellence, sportsmanship, and iconic moments in world football over the 2024–25 season.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FIFA Best Football Awards:** An annual award event by FIFA recognising outstanding football players, coaches, and fans globally.
- **Puskás Award:** Awarded for the best goal scored in men's football during the year.
- **Marta Award:** Named after Brazilian footballer Marta, this award honours the best goal in women's football.

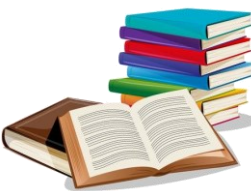


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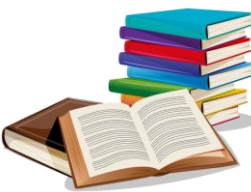
Parameter	Details
Event name	FIFA Best Football Awards 2025
Announcement date	December 2025
Location	Doha, Qatar
Issuing authority	FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)
Top male player	Ousmane Dembele (France / PSG)
Top female player	Aitana Bonmati (Spain / Barcelona)
Men's coach of the year	Luis Enrique (PSG)
Women's coach of the year	Sarina Wiegman
Best men's goal (Puskás Award)	Santiago Montiel (Argentina)
Best women's goal (Marta Award)	Lizbeth Ovalle (Mexico)
Fan Award	Zakho SC supporters
Fair Play Award	Dr Andreas Harlass-Neuking (Germany)
Significance	Celebrates top football talent and sportsmanship worldwide



- As per new NPS rules by PFRDA, non-government subscribers with over ₹12 lakh corpus can now withdraw up to what percentage as lump sum?

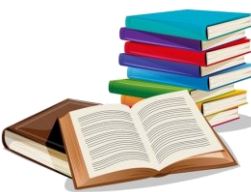
- A) 60%
- B) 75%
- C) 80%
- D) 100%
- E) 50%

Answer
C) 80%



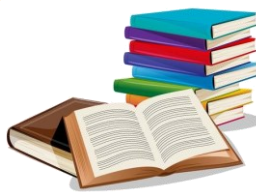
Event and Location:

- **Event:** PFRDA revises NPS withdrawal rules for non-government subscribers
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** December 17, 2025



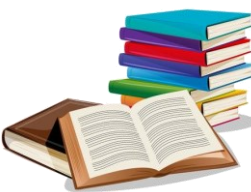
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** PFRDA has revised the withdrawal limits for non-government NPS subscribers, allowing higher lump sum withdrawals above ₹12 lakh corpus.
- **Objectives:** To offer greater flexibility, improve retirement planning, and make the system more responsive to individual financial needs.



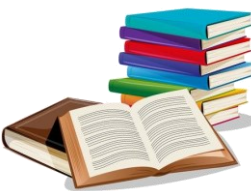
Important Terms Explained:

- **PFRDA:** Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, a statutory body regulating India's pension sector.
- **National Pension System (NPS):** A voluntary retirement savings scheme regulated by PFRDA that allows systematic savings during working life.
- **Annuity:** A financial product that provides regular income to the subscriber post-retirement from the remaining pension corpus.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NPS withdrawal rule revision for private subscribers
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
Policy/series name	National Pension System (NPS)
Key figures	Deepak Mohanty (Chairman, PFRDA)
Purpose/reason	To provide greater control over post-retirement corpus usage
Feature details	80% withdrawal allowed above ₹12 lakh corpus; annuity for 20%
Validity or status	Implemented for non-government NPS subscribers
Strategic/significant value	Enhances retirement flexibility and personal financial planning



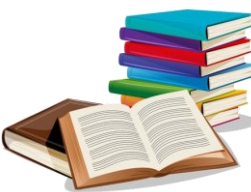
➤ **Google launched its first-ever global credit card in partnership with which Indian bank and on which payment network?**

- A) HDFC Bank and Mastercard
- B) Axis Bank and Visa
- C) SBI and RuPay
- D) Axis Bank and RuPay
- E) ICICI Bank and RuPay



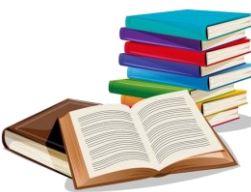
Answer

D) Axis Bank and RuPay



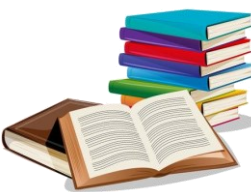
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Google launches first global co-branded credit card
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** December 17, 2025



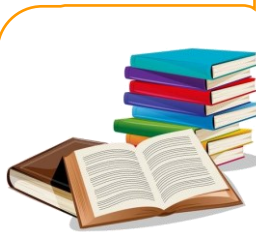
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Google, in collaboration with Axis Bank, has launched a co-branded credit card on the RuPay network, with UPI integration and instant rewards.
- **Objectives:** To enhance credit card-based digital payments, enable UPI credit card usage, and offer a seamless and rewarding user experience within India's digital ecosystem.



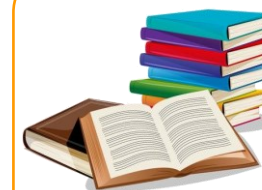
Important Terms Explained:

- **RuPay:** An Indian card payment network launched by NPCI, designed to promote domestic card usage and reduce dependence on international card networks like Visa and Mastercard.
- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time digital payment system that enables peer-to-peer and merchant transactions through mobile apps using bank accounts.
- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):** An umbrella organisation for operating retail payment systems in India, responsible for developing UPI, RuPay, and other payment innovations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Google's first global co-branded credit card
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Google and Axis Bank
Policy/series name	Google–Axis Bank RuPay Credit Card
Key figures	Sundar Pichai (Google), Amitabh Chaudhry (Axis Bank)
Purpose/reason	To offer UPI-linked credit card with instant reward benefits
Feature details	RuPay network, instant rewards, UPI merchant payment
Validity or status	Launched and operational
Strategic value	Endorses India's global leadership in digital payments

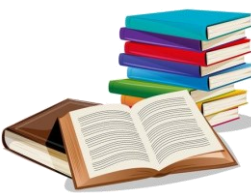


➤ Which company is setting up Asia's largest Global Capability Centre (GCC) in India by 2029?

- A) Goldman Sachs
- B) HSBC
- C) JP Morgan
- D) Citi Bank
- E) Morgan Stanley

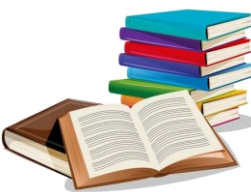
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Answer
C) JP Morgan



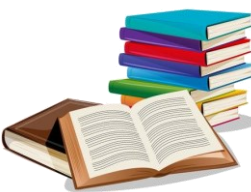
Event and Location:

- **Event:** JP Morgan announces Asia's largest Global Capability Centre
- **Location:** Powai, Mumbai, India
- **Date:** December 2025



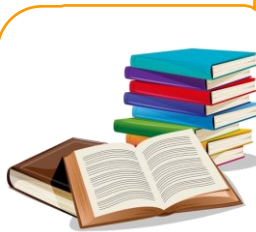
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** JP Morgan will set up a 2 million sq ft Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Mumbai's Powai, expected to house 30,000 employees by 2029.
- **Objectives:** To expand global banking operations, drive innovation, and reinforce India's status as a premier hub for financial services and digital capabilities.



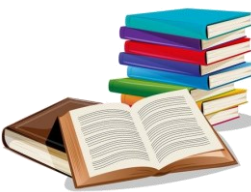
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Capability Centre (GCC):** An offshore facility operated by multinational corporations to perform key business functions like IT, finance, risk management, and innovation support.
- **JP Morgan:** A leading American multinational financial services firm offering investment banking, asset management, and other financial services globally.
- **Powai, Mumbai:** A major business and tech hub in India, increasingly known for housing corporate and digital infrastructure of global firms.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	JP Morgan to set up Asia's largest GCC
Announcement date	December 2025
Location	Powai, Mumbai
Issuing authority	JP Morgan
Policy/series name	Global Capability Centre Expansion
Key figures	Jamie Dimon (CEO, JP Morgan)
Purpose/reason	To boost operations in finance, risk, and analytics
Feature details	2 million sq ft area, 30,000 employees by 2029
Validity or status	Under development, completion expected by 2029
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's leadership in global financial services



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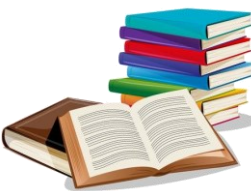


➤ **Who won the 2025 Chilean presidential election with 58.16% of the vote?**

- A) Jeannette Jara
- B) Gabriel Boric
- C) Sebastián Piñera
- D) José Antonio Kast
- E) Ricardo Lagos

Answer

D) José Antonio Kast

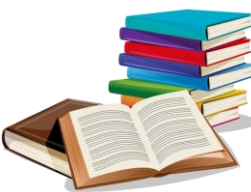


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** José Antonio Kast elected as President of Chile
- **Location:** Chile, South America
- **Date:** December 2025 (Election); Assumes office on 11 March 2026

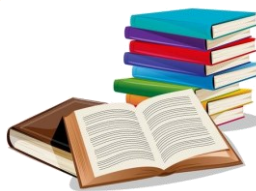


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** José Antonio Kast won Chile's 2025 presidential election with 58.16% of the vote, defeating leftist candidate Jeannette Jara.
- **Objectives:** His administration aims to curb illegal immigration, reduce crime, enhance border control, and stabilise the economy through reduced government expenditure.

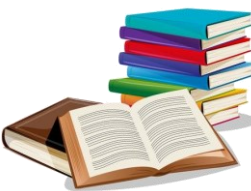


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Right-Wing Politics:** A conservative political ideology favouring law and order, national security, and limited government intervention in the economy.
- **Illegal Immigration:** The act of entering or residing in a country without proper legal authorization. A major campaign issue for Kast.
- **Presidential System:** A form of government where the President is both head of state and government, separate from the legislature.

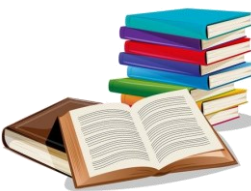


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	José Antonio Kast elected President of Chile
Announcement date	December 2025
Location	Chile, South America
Issuing authority	Chilean Electoral Commission
Policy/series name	2025 Presidential Election
Key figures	José Antonio Kast, Jeannette Jara, Gabriel Boric
Purpose/reason	Shift in voter preference towards law and order
Feature details	Kast won with 58.16% of the vote
Validity or status	Will assume office on 11 March 2026
Strategic/significant value	Marks Chile's political shift to the right; reflects public concern over security



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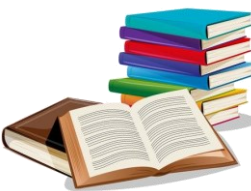


➤ **Until which date has Ashwini Kumar Tewari's tenure as SBI Managing Director been extended?**

- A) January 27 2026
- B) December 31 2026
- C) December 31 2027
- D) January 1 2028
- E) March 31 2027

Answer

C) December 31 2027

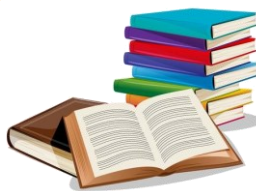


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tenure of SBI MD Ashwini Kumar Tewari extended by two years
- **Location:** State Bank of India (SBI), Pan India
- **Date:** December 17, 2025

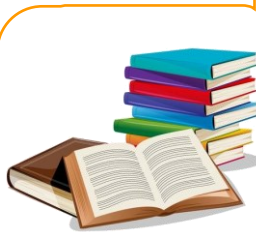


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of India re-appointed Ashwini Kumar Tewari as Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI) until December 31, 2027.
- **Objectives:** To ensure leadership continuity, maintain strategic stability, and support ongoing financial reforms and digital initiatives at India's largest public sector bank.

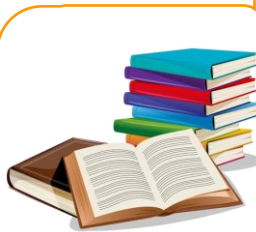


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Managing Director (MD):** A top executive who oversees day-to-day operations and strategy execution in large organisations like banks.
- **SBI (State Bank of India):** India's largest public sector bank, governed by a Chairman and four MDs managing different business segments.
- **Superannuation:** The retirement age or official end of service; Tewari's new term ends on his superannuation date.

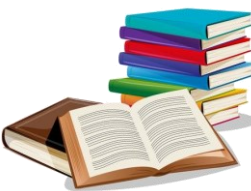


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Extension of tenure of SBI MD Ashwini Kumar Tewari
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	State Bank of India, India
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Tenure extension of MD
Key figures	Ashwini Kumar Tewari, Dinesh Kumar Khara
Purpose/reason	Ensure continuity in top leadership at SBI
Feature details	2-year extension, new term ends Dec 31, 2027
Validity or status	Officially extended and effective till retirement date
Strategic value	Supports consistent growth, digital expansion, credit reforms



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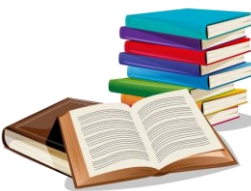


- Who became the first global Head of State to receive Ethiopia's highest civilian honour, "The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia"?

- A) Joe Biden
- B) Rishi Sunak
- C) Emmanuel Macron
- D) Narendra Modi
- E) Abiy Ahmed

Answer

D) Narendra Modi

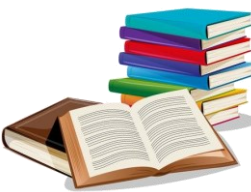


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi conferred with Ethiopia's highest civilian honour
- **Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Date:** December 17, 2025

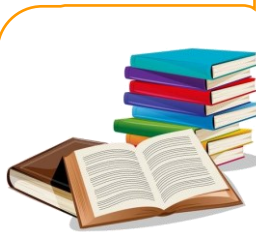


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - PM Narendra Modi was conferred the Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia, the highest civilian award of Ethiopia.
- **Objectives:**
 - To honour exceptional contributions to India– Ethiopia relations, highlight strategic partnership, and acknowledge global diplomatic leadership.

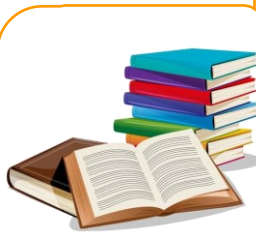


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Important Terms Explained:

- **The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia:** Ethiopia's highest civilian award conferred for strengthening the country's global partnerships.
- **Strategic Partnership:** A formal recognition of enhanced cooperation between two countries across economic, security, and cultural domains.
- **Global South:** A term used to describe developing nations, including India and Ethiopia, with shared development priorities.

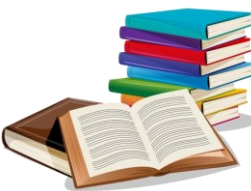


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi receives Ethiopia's highest civilian award
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Issuing authority	Government of Ethiopia
Award name	The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia
Recipient	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
First global recipient?	Yes
Total international honours	28
Awarded by	PM Abiy Ahmed Ali
Strategic outcome	India–Ethiopia relations elevated to Strategic Partnership
Cultural significance	Acknowledges historical people-to-people and educational ties



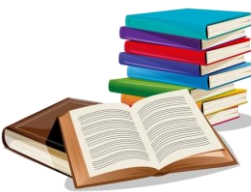
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- Which Indian film has been shortlisted among the final 15 films for Best International Feature Film at the Oscars 2026?

- A) The White Tiger
- B) Court
- C) Homebound
- D) Lunchbox
- E) Newton

Answer
C) Homebound

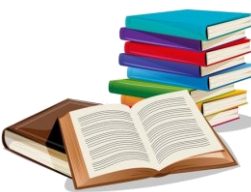


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian film Homebound shortlisted for Oscars 2026 Best International Feature
- **Location:** Global (Academy Awards selection process)
- **Date:** December 2025

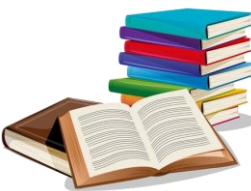


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) shortlisted Homebound, India's official entry, among the final 15 films in the Best International Feature Film category for the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026).
- **Objectives:** To recognise outstanding non-English international cinema and select five final nominees through a competitive, multi-stage global voting process.

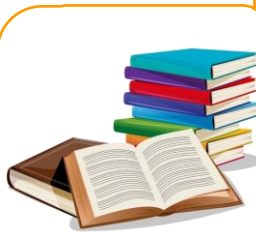


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Academy Awards (Oscars):** Annual global film awards presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, recognising excellence in cinematic achievements across multiple categories.
- **Best International Feature Film:** An Oscar category honouring feature-length films produced outside the United States with predominantly non-English dialogue, with one official entry allowed per country.
- **AMPAS:** The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the governing body that conducts Oscar voting and selection processes.

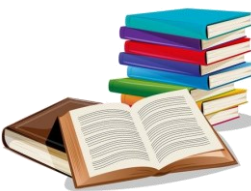


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Homebound shortlisted for Oscars 2026
Announcement date	December 2025
Location	Global
Issuing authority	Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
Policy/series name	98th Academy Awards – Best International Feature Film
Key figures	Neeraj Ghaywan, Ishaan Khatter, Vishal Jethwa
Purpose/reason	Selection of top international films for Oscar nominations
Feature details	Shortlisted among final 15 films from 86 countries
Validity or status	Qualified for final round of Oscar voting
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's presence in global cinema



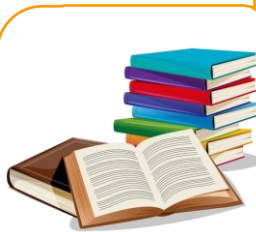
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- Which Indian organization became the first from India to receive the IEEE SA Corporate Award in 2025?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) C-DOT
- D) BARC
- E) NIC

Answer
C) C-DOT

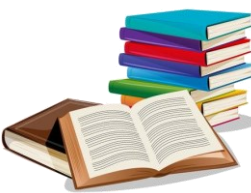


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** C-DOT wins two IEEE SA Awards for 2025
- **Location:** New Jersey, USA
- **Date:** December 17, 2025

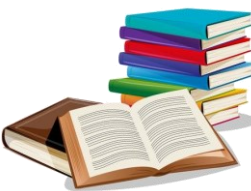


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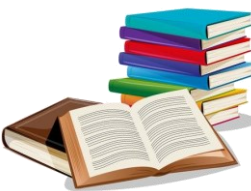
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - C-DOT was awarded the IEEE SA Corporate Award 2025 and Mr. Sandeep Kumar Agarwal received the IEEE SA Standards Medallion Award.
- **Objectives:**
 - To recognize C-DOT's pioneering work in advancing wireless broadband, rural 5G, telecom education, and international standards; and to honour individual contributions to global standardization efforts in rural broadband.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IEEE SA (Standards Association):**
 - A global unit under IEEE that develops international standards across industries including telecom, AI, and electronics.
- **C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics):**
 - India's premier telecom R&D centre working on indigenous technology development for initiatives like Digital India, Make in India, and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

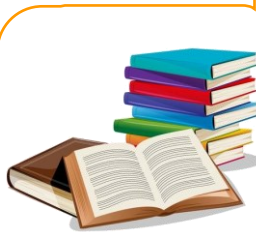


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Important Terms Explained:

- **IEEE SA Corporate Award:**
 - Awarded to organizations showing outstanding leadership in advancing IEEE standards.
- **IEEE SA Standards Medallion:**
 - An individual award recognising major contributions and leadership in standards development.

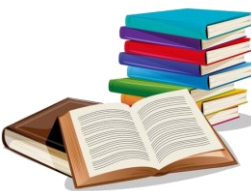


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	IEEE SA Awards 2025
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	New Jersey, USA
Issuing authority	IEEE Standards Association
Award recipients	C-DOT (Organization), Sandeep Kumar Agarwal (Individual)
Purpose/reason	Recognize leadership in standardizing rural 5G and telecom education
Feature details	Focus on wireless broadband, telecom R&D, 5G education, global framework
Strategic significance	Positions India as a global leader in telecom standards and rural innovation



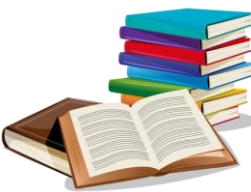
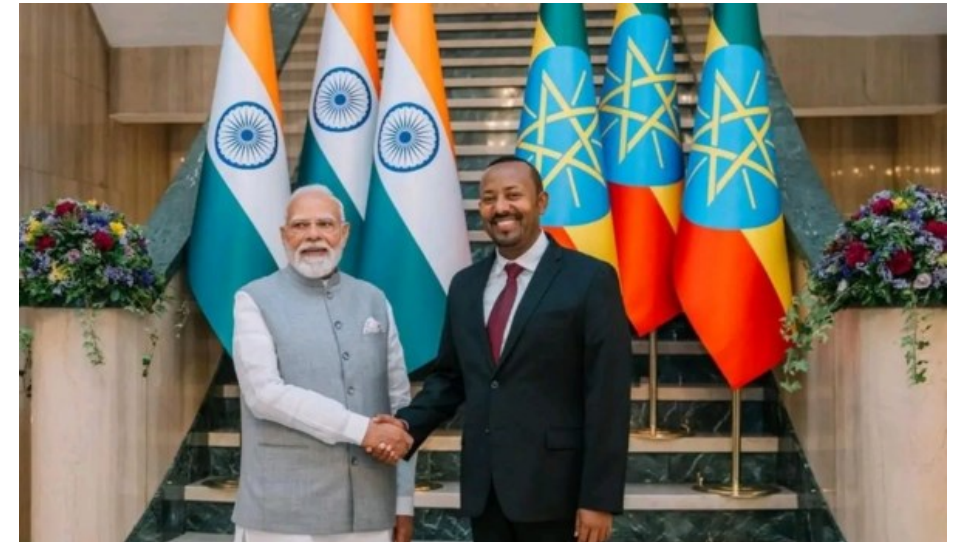
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- **During PM Modi's first visit to Ethiopia in December 2025, how many MoUs were signed between India and Ethiopia?**

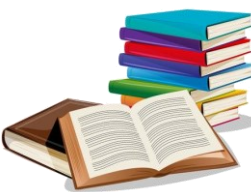
- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five
- E) One

Answer
B) Three



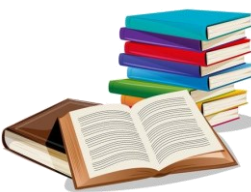
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of three MoUs between India and Ethiopia during PM Modi's visit
- **Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Date:** December 2025



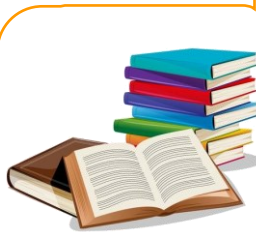
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India and Ethiopia signed three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) covering customs cooperation, data centre establishment, and UN peacekeeping collaboration during PM Modi's official visit.
- **Objectives:** To boost bilateral trade transparency, strengthen diplomatic digital infrastructure, and deepen cooperation in global peacekeeping efforts under the UN framework.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):** A formal agreement between two or more parties outlining mutual commitments and areas of cooperation.
- **Customs Cooperation:** A bilateral arrangement aimed at preventing customs offences, improving information exchange, and facilitating smoother cross-border trade logistics.
- **UN Peacekeeping Cooperation:** Agreement to strengthen joint participation, training, and knowledge sharing in United Nations peacekeeping missions, where both nations contribute significantly.

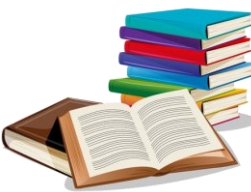


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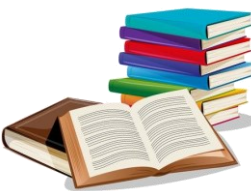
Parameter	Details
Event name	India–Ethiopia MoUs signed during PM Modi’s visit
Announcement date	December 2025
Location	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Issuing authority	Government of India and Government of Ethiopia
Policy/series name	Bilateral Cooperation Agreements
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, PM Abiy Ahmed Ali
Purpose/reason	To enhance cooperation in trade, digital infrastructure, and peacekeeping
Feature details	MoUs signed for customs cooperation, data centre setup, and UN peacekeeping training
Validity or status	Signed and active from December 2025
Strategic/significant value	Deepens India–Africa ties and promotes multilateral peace and digital diplomacy



➤ What is the duration of the India–Argentina ICAR–INTA Work Plan signed in December 2025?

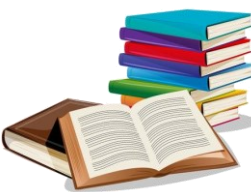
- A) 2024–2026
- B) 2023–2025
- C) 2025–2027
- D) 2026–2028
- E) 2025–2029

Answer
C) 2025–2027



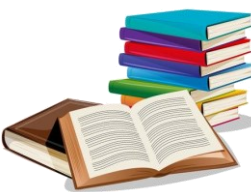
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of ICAR–INTA Work Plan 2025–27 for agricultural cooperation
- **Location:** India–Argentina bilateral platform
- **Date:** December 17, 2025



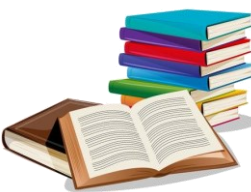
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Signing of a bilateral work plan between India's ICAR and Argentina's INTA to strengthen cooperation in agricultural research, technology exchange, and capacity building.
- **Objectives:** To promote sustainable agriculture, digital innovation, biotechnology, and knowledge sharing across key areas such as natural resource management, crop and livestock improvement, and phytosanitary measures.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research):** India's premier body for coordinating agricultural education and research under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE).
- **INTA (Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria):** Argentina's National Institute of Agricultural Technology responsible for agricultural innovation and rural development.
- **Germplasm Exchange:** The transfer of genetic material (seeds, plant material) between countries or institutions to improve crop diversity, resilience, and productivity.

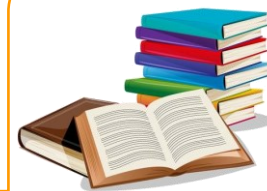


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ICAR–INTA Work Plan 2025–2027 Signing
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	India and Argentina
Issuing authority	ICAR (India) and INTA (Argentina)
Policy/series name	Bilateral Work Plan on Agriculture
Key figures	Dr M.L. Jat, H.E. Mariano Augustin Caucino
Purpose/reason	Strengthen agricultural R&D and technology sharing
Feature details	Germplasm exchange, expert visits, digital agri, livestock, crop biotech
Validity or status	2025 to 2027
Strategic significance	Boosts India–Argentina collaboration in food security, sustainability



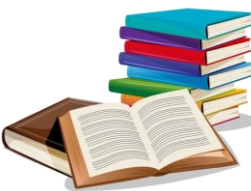
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- Which country is entering its first Free Trade Agreement in nearly two decades with India, as announced in 2025?

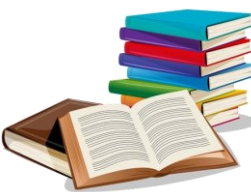
- A) UAE
- B) Oman
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Bahrain
- E) Qatar

Answer
B) Oman



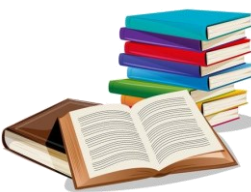
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India–Oman Free Trade Agreement announcement and India–Oman Business Forum
- **Location:** Muscat, Oman
- **Date:** December 17, 2025



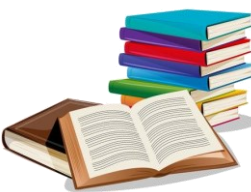
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To enhance bilateral economic cooperation through a new Free Trade Agreement between India and Oman, coinciding with 70 years of diplomatic ties.
- **Objectives:**
 - To unlock new opportunities across sectors such as textiles, food processing, energy, infrastructure, and services, while boosting Indian investments in Oman and market access across the Gulf region.



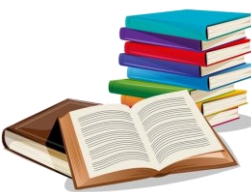
Important Terms Explained:

- **Free Trade Agreement (FTA):**
 - A treaty between two or more countries to reduce or eliminate trade barriers like tariffs and quotas, aiming to boost trade and investment.
- **GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council):**
 - A regional intergovernmental political and economic union comprising six Middle Eastern countries – Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat 2047:**
 - India's long-term vision to become a developed nation by the year 2047, marking 100 years of independence.
- **Green Hydrogen:**
 - A clean fuel produced using renewable energy sources without emitting carbon, viewed as a key part of the energy transition strategy.

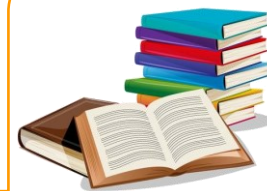


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Parameter	Details
Event name	India–Oman Free Trade Agreement Announcement
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	Muscat, Oman
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
Policy/series name	India–Oman FTA
Key figures	Piyush Goyal, Qais Al Yousef
Purpose/reason	To enhance bilateral trade, investment, and strategic cooperation
Feature details	Focus sectors: Textiles, auto, food, gems, renewables, logistics
Validity or status	FTA in negotiation phase, PM visit upcoming
Strategic significance	Opens Gulf, Central Asia, and Africa markets to Indian exporters



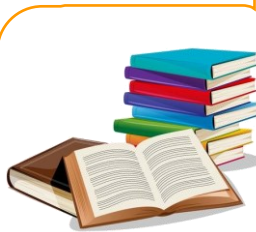
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- Under the proposed VB–G RAM G 2025 framework, how many days of guaranteed employment are planned per rural household annually?

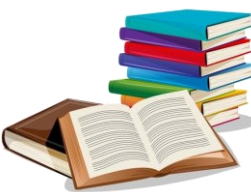
- A) 90 days
- B) 100 days
- C) 110 days
- D) 120 days
- E) 125 days

Answer
E) 125 days



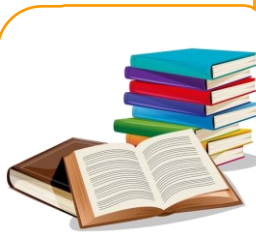
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Introduction of VB–G RAM G 2025 as a new rural employment framework
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** December 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of India has introduced Viksit Bharat– Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) 2025 as a statutory rural employment law with enhanced employment days, asset-linked work, and structured planning, while retaining legal employment guarantees similar to MNREGA.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to transition rural employment policy from short-term wage relief to productivity-driven, asset-based development that strengthens rural infrastructure, livelihoods, and climate resilience.

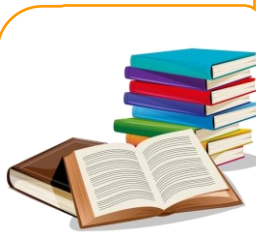


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Important Terms Explained:

- **VB–G RAM G 2025:** A new statutory rural employment framework that guarantees 125 days of work per household with a focus on durable asset creation, climate resilience, and livelihood generation.
- **MNREGA:** A statutory employment guarantee programme launched in 2005 that provides 100 days of unskilled wage employment per rural household as a social protection measure.
- **Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan:** A structured planning framework under VB–G RAM G 2025 that prioritises asset creation through strategic mapping and alignment with national infrastructure platforms.

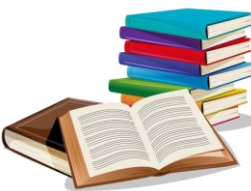


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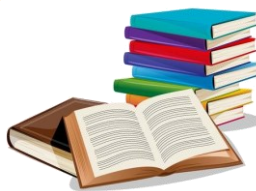
Parameter	Details
Event name	Introduction of VB–G RAM G 2025 rural employment framework
Announcement date	December 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin)
Key figures	Ministry of Rural Development
Purpose/reason	Reform rural employment from wage-centric to productivity-based model
Feature details	125 days guaranteed work, asset-focused employment, digital planning
Validity or status	Proposed statutory framework
Strategic/significant value	Enhances rural resilience, infrastructure, and long-term livelihoods



➤ What is the name of the newly launched visa sub-category under the business visa regime for foreign professionals in production-related roles?

- A) E-PLI Visa
- B) B-2 Visa
- C) B-4 Visa
- D) E-B1 Visa
- E) S-1 Visa

Answer
C) B-4 Visa

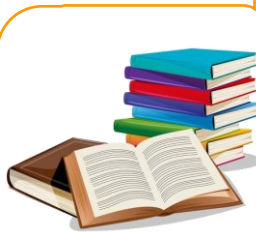


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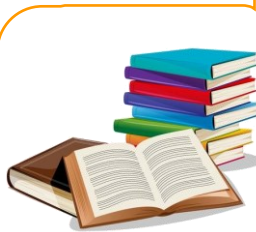
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of digital sponsorship letter module under e-B-4 Visa
- **Location:** National Single Window System (NSWS), India
- **Date:** November 29, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** DPIIT launched an online module for Indian companies to generate sponsorship letters to invite foreign professionals for production-related activities under the e-Production Investment Business Visa (e-B-4 Visa).
- **Objectives:** To streamline the visa application process for foreign technical experts and executives, enhance ease of doing business, and support production-linked activities in India.

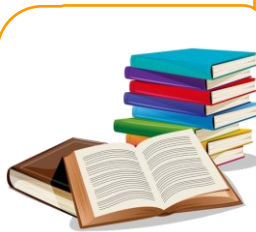


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Important Terms Explained:

- **DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade):** A department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry responsible for formulating policies for industrial development and foreign investment.
- **e-B-4 Visa:** A new sub-category under the business visa regime introduced to facilitate visits by foreign professionals for production-related roles including installation, quality checks, IT ramp-up, training, etc.
- **NSWS (National Single Window System):** A digital platform for investors to access approvals and services from various ministries and departments via a single window.

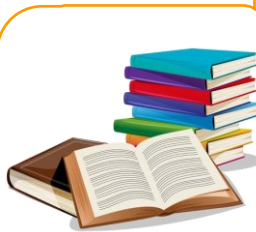


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Digital Sponsorship Letter Module under e-B-4 Visa
Announcement date	November 29, 2025
Location	National Single Window System (NSWS), India
Issuing authority	DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Policy/series name	e-Production Investment Business Visa (e-B-4 Visa)
Key figures	DPIIT, Ministry of Home Affairs
Purpose/reason	To ease visa process for foreign professionals in production activities
Feature details	Auto-generated sponsorship letters, API integration with Visa portal
Validity or status	Launched and active from November 29, 2025
Strategic significance	Enhances FDI inflow, manufacturing ease, and visa processing efficiency



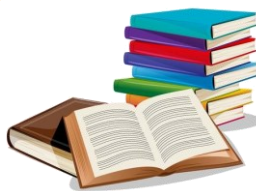
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➤ Which organization is acting as the Project Management Agency (PMA) for the PM MITRA Parks scheme?

- A) SIDBI
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) NICDC
- D) NHB
- E) FICCI

Answer
C) NICDC

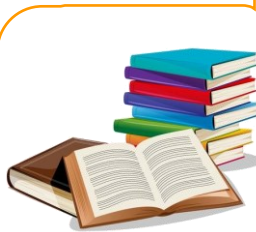


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Stakeholder consultation for partnership under PM MITRA Parks scheme
- **Location:** NICDC and Ministry of Textiles, India
- **Date:** December 17, 2025

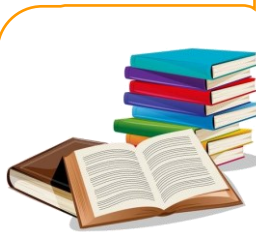


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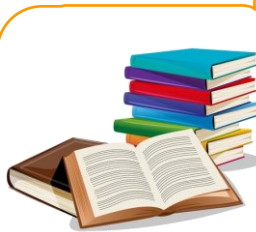
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Conduct stakeholder consultation to explore partnership opportunities for PM MITRA Parks under the PPP/DBFOT model
- **Objectives:** To attract master developers, refine market-aligned frameworks, and ensure successful development of integrated textile parks



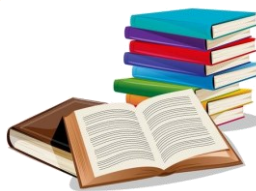
Important Terms Explained:

- **PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Parks:**
 - A flagship scheme by the Ministry of Textiles to develop large-scale textile parks housing the complete value chain from spinning to garmenting, aimed at boosting textile exports and jobs.
- **DBFOT (Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Transfer):**
 - A Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model where private entities design, fund, construct, and operate infrastructure before transferring it back to the government.



Important Terms Explained:

- **5F Vision:**
 - A strategy by the Prime Minister — Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign — aimed at integrating the entire textile supply chain into globally competitive hubs.

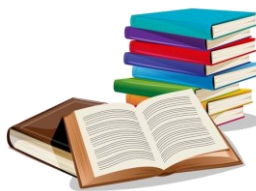


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Stakeholder Consultation for PM MITRA Parks
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	NICDC and Ministry of Textiles, India
Issuing authority	NICDC & Ministry of Textiles
Policy/series name	PM MITRA Scheme
Key figures	Neelam Shami Rao, Rohit Kansal, Rajat Kumar Saini
Purpose/reason	Explore PPP partnerships for developing integrated textile parks
Feature details	DBFOT model, industrial infrastructure, CETPs, logistics, end-to-end chain
Validity or status	Ongoing project implementation across 7 States
Strategic significance	Attract ₹70,000 crore in investment and generate 10 lakh jobs



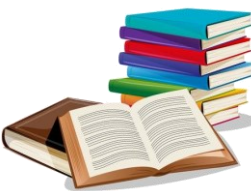
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- **As of December 2025, how many total projects have been operationalized under the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)?**

- A) 428
- B) 691
- C) 348
- D) 105
- E) 529

Answer
C) 348

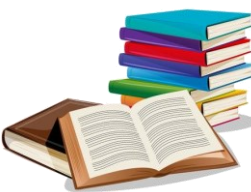


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Status update on AHIDF project implementation
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 17 December 2025

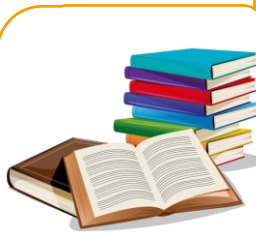


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Review and report the number of projects sanctioned, approved, and operationalized under the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF).
- **Objectives:** To enhance infrastructure in animal husbandry, support rural livelihoods, boost milk and meat processing capabilities, and strengthen veterinary and breeding infrastructure.

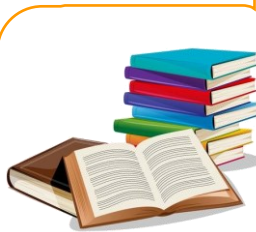


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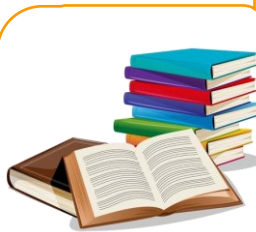
Important Terms Explained:

- **AHIDF (Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund):** A central sector scheme launched to support private and public investment in animal husbandry infrastructure like feed plants, breed farms, meat and dairy processing, and waste management.
- **Interest Subvention:** A government subsidy provided on interest rates for loans taken under schemes like AHIDF to reduce borrowing costs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rashtriya Gokul Mission:** A scheme focused on conserving and developing indigenous bovine breeds through initiatives like In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) labs, breed multiplication farms (BMF), and genetic improvement programs.

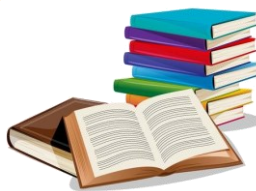


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Projects under AHIDF – Status Update
Announcement date	17 December 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Policy/series name	Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)
Key figures	Shri Rajeev Ranjan Singh (Minister)
Purpose/reason	To strengthen infrastructure in animal husbandry sector
Feature details	Feed plants, breed farms, dairy/meat processing, vaccine units
Validity or status	Ongoing – 348 projects operationalized
Strategic/significant value	Supports rural livelihoods, milk economy, and job creation

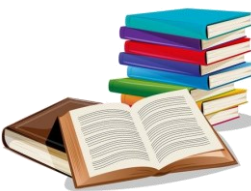


➤ **Which organisation conducted the 2025 evaluation study of the Jiyo Parsi Scheme?**

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) International Institute for Population Sciences
- C) National Commission for Minorities
- D) UNICEF India
- E) Registrar General of India

Answer

B) International Institute for Population Sciences

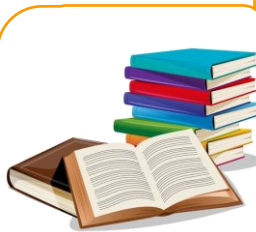


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Evaluation of the Jiyo Parsi Scheme confirms its success in population stabilisation
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 17 December 2025

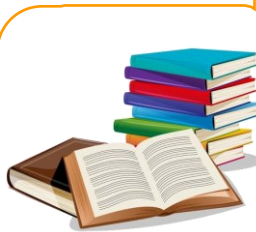


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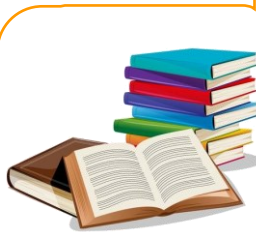
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Implementation and evaluation of the Jiyo Parsi Scheme to support the Parsi (Zoroastrian) community through medical, health, and advocacy interventions.
- **Objectives:** To arrest and reverse the declining population trend of the Parsi community by supporting fertility treatment, maternal and child health, elderly care, and awareness generation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Jiyo Parsi Scheme:** A Central Sector Scheme launched in 2013–14 by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to stabilise and increase the Parsi population in India through medical and social support.
- **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT):** A mechanism for transferring government benefits directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts after biometric authentication and verification.
- **International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS):** An autonomous research institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare specialising in population and demographic studies.

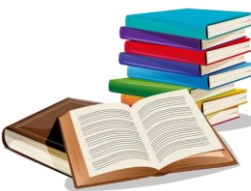


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Evaluation of Jiyo Parsi Scheme
Announcement date	17 December 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Minority Affairs
Policy/series name	Jiyo Parsi Scheme
Key figures	Shri Kiren Rijiju, IIPS
Purpose/reason	To arrest decline in Parsi population
Feature details	Medical assistance, community health support, advocacy
Validity or status	Under consideration for continuation in next Finance Commission cycle
Strategic/significant value	Supports minority welfare and demographic sustainability



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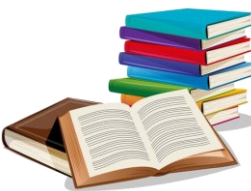


➤ **SabhaSaar, an AI-enabled meeting summarisation tool, has been launched by which Ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- B) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs
- E) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer

B) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

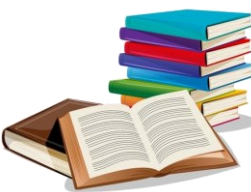


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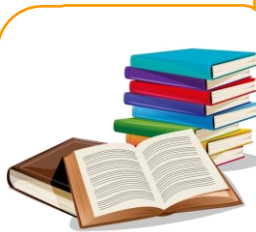
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch and nationwide adoption of SabhaSaar AI-enabled meeting summarisation tool
- **Location:** India (All States and Union Territories)
- **Date:** 14 August 2025



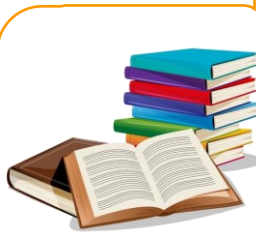
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Deployment of SabhaSaar, an AI-based voice-to-text tool, for automated summarisation of Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings across India.
- **Objectives:** To enhance transparency, efficiency, and digital documentation of Panchayati Raj Institution proceedings using secure, government-controlled AI infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SabhaSaar:** An AI-enabled voice-to-text meeting summarisation tool developed for Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings to automatically generate Minutes of Meetings.
- **India AI Mission:** A national mission under MeitY aimed at building AI compute infrastructure and governance frameworks for secure and responsible AI deployment.
- **Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025:** Rules notified under India's data protection framework regulating data privacy, storage, and processing within government systems.

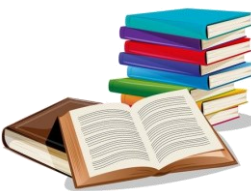


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of SabhaSaar Initiative
Announcement date	14 August 2025
Location	Pan-India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Policy/series name	SabhaSaar Initiative
Key figures	Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh
Purpose/reason	Automated summarisation of Panchayat meetings
Feature details	AI voice-to-text, cloud-based processing, MoM generation
Validity or status	Operational across States and UTs
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens digital governance and transparency at grassroots level



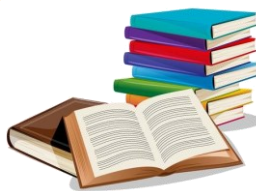
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- **What is the primary objective of the PM-DAKSH scheme implemented by NSFDC, NBCFDC, and NSKFDC?**
- A) Promote sanitation and hygiene awareness
 - B) Provide housing to SC families
 - C) Offer financial credit to SHGs
 - D) Impart skill development training to marginalized groups
 - E) Increase literacy rates among tribal youth

Answer

D) Impart skill development training to marginalized groups

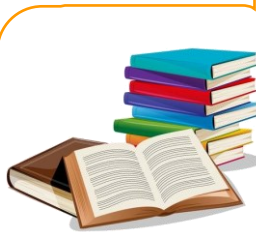


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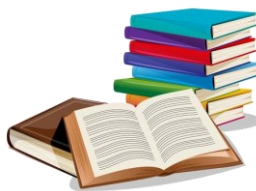
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Implementation and performance of PM-DAKSH Scheme
- **Location:** Pan-India (Data specific to Andhra Pradesh)
- **Date:** 17 December 2025 (As per PIB release)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Deliver skill development training to target communities such as Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs), De-notified Tribes (DNTs), Safai Karamcharis, and Waste Pickers
 - Training executed through empaneled training institutes under PMKVY (Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship)
 - Implementation through NSFDC, NBCFDC, and NSKFDC

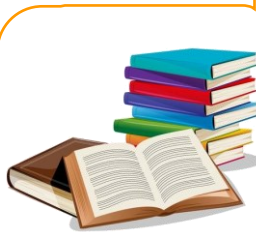


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance employability and self-employment prospects among marginalized communities
 - Provide market-relevant, skill-based training aligned with local employment opportunities
 - Promote inclusion and social justice through skilling initiatives

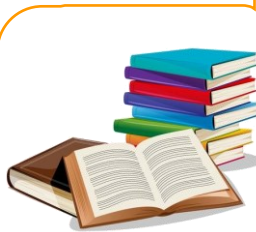


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Important Terms Explained:

- **PM-DAKSH Scheme:** A Central Sector Scheme launched in 2020–21 to impart skill development training to socially and economically disadvantaged communities.
- **NSFDC (National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation):** A central PSU under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment that finances and supports training for SCs.
- **NBCFDC (National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation):** A corporation focusing on the upliftment of OBCs, including skill development and entrepreneurship.

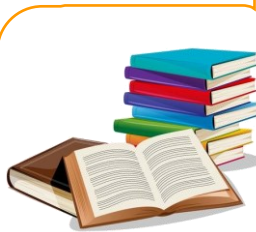


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Important Terms Explained:

- **NSKFDC (National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation):** Dedicated to improving the livelihoods of Safai Karamcharis and Waste Pickers.
- **PMKVY (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana):** The flagship skill development program under MSDE aiming to train youth across India in industry-relevant skills.

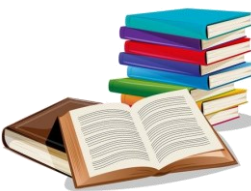


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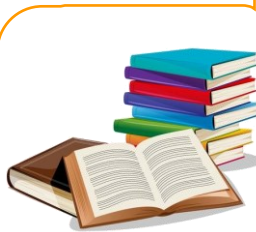
Parameter	Details
Event name	Implementation of PM-DAKSH Scheme
Announcement date	Launched in FY 2020–21
Location	Andhra Pradesh (district-wise data shown)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Policy/series name	PM-DAKSH Scheme (to be merged with PMKVY)
Key figures	Shri B.L. Verma (Union MoS), NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC
Purpose/reason	Skill development of SCs, OBCs, EWSs, DNTs, and Safai Karamcharis
Feature details	Free training, DBT of assistance, income-linked eligibility criteria
Validity or status	Active till 2023–24; merged into PMKVY from 2024–25
Strategic/significant value	Empowers marginalized groups and supports inclusive workforce development



➤ Under the PM-JANMAN Mission, how much total amount was released to Karnataka for Multi-Purpose Centers (MPCs) during 2023–26?

- A) ₹10.26 Cr
- B) ₹29 Cr
- C) ₹15.4 Cr
- D) ₹45.9 Lakhs
- E) ₹13.59 Cr

Answer
B) ₹29 Cr

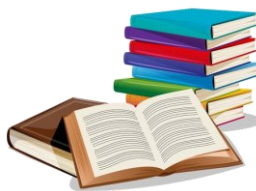


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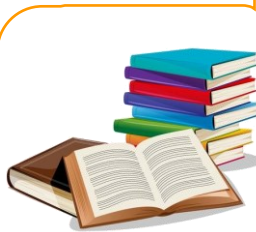
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Implementation of PM-JANMAN Mission interventions in Karnataka
- **Location:** Karnataka, India
- **Date:** 17 December 2025



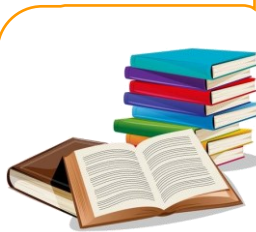
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Fund release for Multi-Purpose Centers (MPCs) and Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) under PM-JANMAN in Karnataka
 - ₹29 Cr released for MPCs and ₹45.90 lakh for VDVKs over FY 2023–24 to 2025–26
 - Utilization tracking via SNA SPARSH and PM GatiShakti digital dashboard



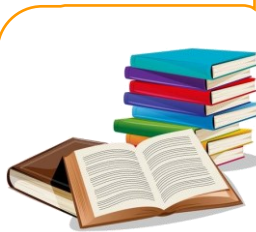
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure welfare and development of particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) through targeted interventions
 - Facilitate livelihood generation and infrastructure support via MPCs and VDVVs
 - Promote transparency and fund utilization via digital and compliance monitoring



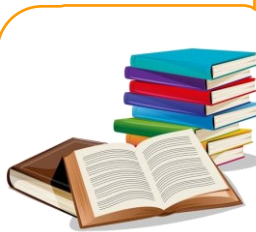
Important Terms Explained:

- **PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan):** A central government mission aimed at empowering PVTGs through focused interventions across sectors like health, education, livelihoods, and infrastructure.
- **Multi-Purpose Centers (MPCs):** Community hubs under PM-JANMAN to deliver integrated services to tribal populations such as skill training, health awareness, and education support.
- **SNA SPARSH:** A digital system under the Department of Expenditure for tracking funds flow and utilization through Single Nodal Agencies (SNAs) across centrally sponsored schemes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs):** Centers established to boost value addition, branding, and marketing of tribal forest produce and provide tribal entrepreneurs with livelihood opportunities.
- **PM GatiShakti Dashboard:** A real-time monitoring platform integrated with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for tracking infrastructure projects and scheme implementation.

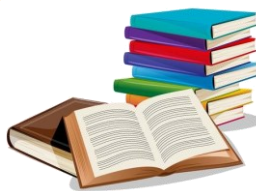


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Parameter	Details
Event name	Implementation of PM-JANMAN Mission in Karnataka
Announcement date	17 December 2025 (update shared in Rajya Sabha)
Location	Karnataka
Issuing authority	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Policy/series name	PM-JANMAN Mission
Key figures	Shri Durgadas Uikey (Union MoS for Tribal Affairs)
Purpose/reason	Development support for PVTGs via MPCs and VDVks
Feature details	Fund release via SNA SPARSH; digital monitoring on PM GatiShakti
Validity or status	Funds released for FY 2023–24 to 2025–26
Strategic significance	Strengthens inclusive tribal welfare and digital compliance

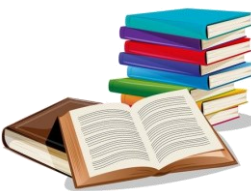


➤ Which traditional fabric from Andhra Pradesh was recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2025?

- A) Kanchipuram Silk
- B) Mangalagiri Cotton
- C) Ponduru Khadi
- D) Pochampally Ikat
- E) Chanderi Fabric

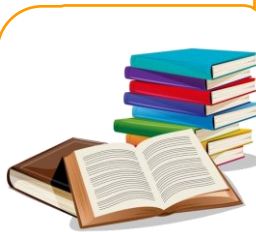
Answer

C) Ponduru Khadi



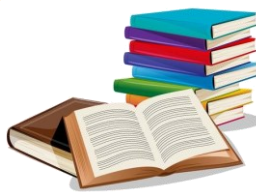
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ponduru Khadi receives Geographical Indication (GI) tag
- **Location:** Ponduru village, Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** December 2025



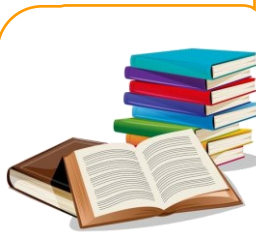
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry has officially granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Ponduru Khadi.
- **Objectives:** To protect the authenticity and traditional identity of Ponduru Khadi, increase its recognition globally, and support local artisans and weavers through higher market access.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ponduru Khadi:** A traditional handspun and handwoven cotton fabric from Andhra Pradesh, known for its ultra-fine texture and praised by Mahatma Gandhi.
- **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag:** An intellectual property right that identifies a product as originating from a specific location with unique qualities or a reputation linked to that place.
- **Swadeshi Movement:** A pre-independence economic movement in India encouraging the use of domestic products; Ponduru Khadi was a symbol of this ideology.

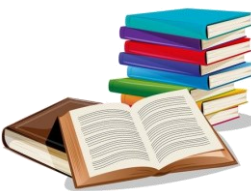


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	GI Tag awarded to Ponduru Khadi
Announcement date	December 2025
Location	Ponduru, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
Policy/series name	Geographical Indication Registry
Key figures	Local Ponduru artisans; historical praise by Mahatma Gandhi
Purpose/reason	Protection of traditional knowledge and regional identity
Feature details	Fine handspun cotton using local techniques and tools
Validity or status	GI tag awarded and in force
Strategic value	Enhances artisan livelihood, cultural preservation, and global reach

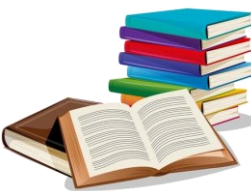


➤ What is the name of the gallery inaugurated at Rashtrapati Bhavan to honour all 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees?

- A) Shaurya Sthal
- B) Param Vir Dirgha
- C) Veer Gatha Gallery
- D) Amar Veer Smarak
- E) Rashtriya Yodha Kendra

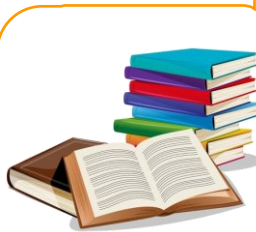
Answer

B) Param Vir Dirgha



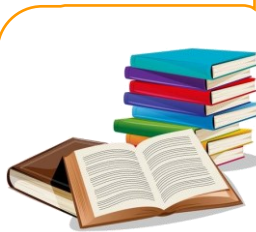
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of Param Vir Dirgha gallery
- **Location:** Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- **Date:** 16 December 2025 (Vijay Diwas)



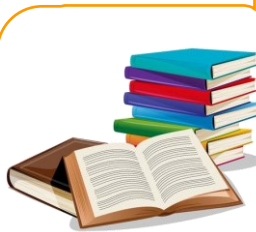
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The President of India inaugurated the Param Vir Dirgha, a gallery displaying portraits of all 21 Param Vir Chakra recipients.
- **Objectives:** To honour India's highest military heroes, preserve their legacy, and replace colonial symbols with national pride and valour.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Param Vir Dirgha:** A gallery at Rashtrapati Bhavan dedicated to showcasing portraits of all recipients of India's highest military honour.
- **Param Vir Chakra (PVC):** The highest wartime military gallantry award in India, instituted in 1950, awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or self-sacrifice.
- **Vijay Diwas:** Observed annually on 16 December to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war, leading to the creation of Bangladesh.

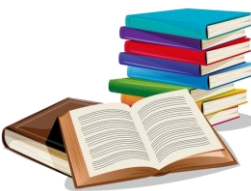


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Param Vir Dirgha
Announcement date	16 December 2025
Location	Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
Issuing authority	President of India
Policy/series name	Tribute to Gallantry Awardees
Key figures	President Droupadi Murmu, 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees
Purpose/reason	Honour national military heroes; replace colonial relics
Feature details	Gallery of portraits of all Param Vir Chakra recipients
Validity or status	Permanent gallery open for visitors
Strategic value	Promotes patriotism, military history, and national pride



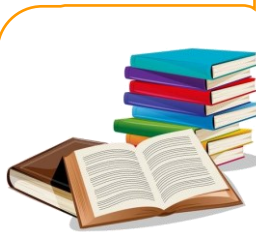
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➤ **Where is the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine being held in December 2025?**

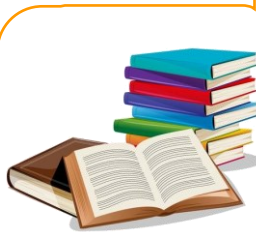
- A) Jamnagar
- B) Geneva
- C) New Delhi
- D) Hyderabad
- E) Pune

Answer
C) New Delhi



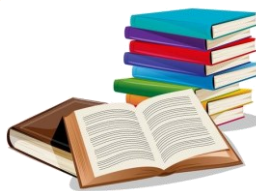
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine
- **Location:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** December 17, 2025



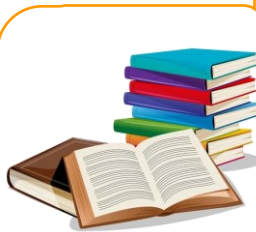
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Ayush and WHO jointly launched the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine to advance international cooperation, research, and integration of Traditional Medicine (TM) in global healthcare.
- **Objectives:** To restore balance in health systems, strengthen regulation, integrate Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM) into mainstream healthcare, and promote evidence-based use of traditional knowledge.



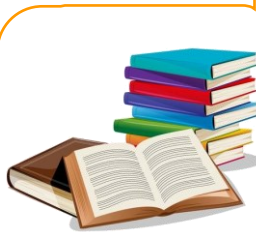
Important Terms Explained:

- **WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034:** A WHO-led strategic plan aiming to strengthen traditional medicine systems worldwide through scientific validation, safety regulation, and equitable integration.
- **Ayush Grid:** A digital platform launched by India to consolidate and modernize data, research, and services related to Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH).



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ashwagandha:** A medicinal herb (*Withania somnifera*) recognized globally for its adaptogenic, neuroprotective, and immunomodulatory properties, and increasingly studied under clinical research frameworks.

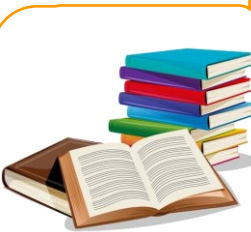


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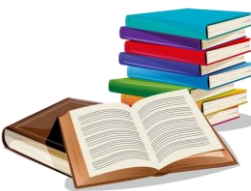
Parameter	Details
Event name	Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine
Announcement date	December 17, 2025
Location	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Issuing authority	WHO and Ministry of Ayush, Government of India
Policy/series name	WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034
Key figures	JP Nadda, Prataprao Jadhav, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Rajesh Kotecha
Purpose/reason	Promote equitable, evidence-based integration of traditional medicine
Feature details	Plenary sessions on science, health equity, biodiversity, and knowledge sharing
Validity or status	Ongoing (17–19 December 2025)
Strategic significance	Reinforces India's global leadership in traditional medicine



➤ As of December 2025, what percentage of Indian Railways' Broad Gauge network has been electrified?

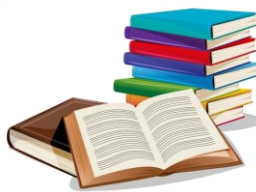
- A) 89.5%
- B) 95.2%
- C) 99.2%
- D) 100%
- E) 92.5%

Answer
C) 99.2%



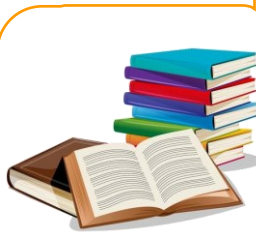
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Near-complete electrification of Indian Railways' Broad Gauge network
- **Location:** Pan-India
- **Date:** Status as of 30 November 2025



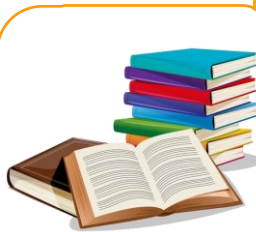
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Electrify Indian Railways' entire Broad Gauge network to enhance sustainability and energy efficiency.
- **Objectives:**
 - Achieve full electrification to reduce dependence on fossil fuels
 - Lower carbon emissions from railway operations
 - Improve operational efficiency and reduce energy costs



Important Terms Explained:

- **Railway Electrification:** Conversion of railway lines from diesel traction to electric traction for faster, cleaner, and more energy-efficient train operations.
- **Broad Gauge (BG):** The primary rail gauge in India, with a track width of 1,676 mm.
- **NITI Aayog Freight Report (2021):** A government report comparing emissions from road and rail freight — rail is 89% less polluting than road transport.
- **UIC (International Union of Railways):** A global railway organization that tracks performance and benchmarks of national rail systems.

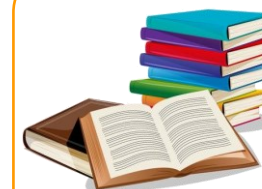


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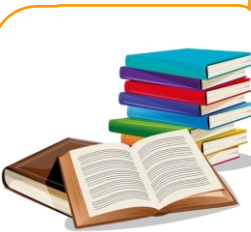
Parameter	Details
Event name	Near-complete Railway Electrification
Electrification % (BG)	99.2%
Period 2014–2025 Electrified	46,900 Route km
Before 2014 Electrified	21,801 Route km
Global Standing (UIC)	Ahead of UK (39%), Russia (52%), China (82%)
States/UTs 100% Electrified	25 including UP, Bihar, Gujarat, TN (most major states)
Zones 100% Electrified	14 railway zones out of 18
Major Sustainability Benefit	89% less CO ₂ emissions vs road freight (NITI Aayog 2021 Report)
Ongoing Projects	All new lines & doubling being done with electrification
Minister	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw



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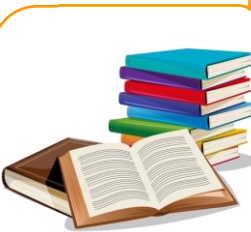
- Ousmane Dembele won the FIFA Men's Player of the Year 2025 after leading PSG to a treble-winning season.
- PFRDA has allowed non-government NPS subscribers to withdraw up to 80% of their retirement corpus as a lump sum if it exceeds ₹12 lakh.
- Google launched its first-ever global co-branded credit card in India in partnership with Axis Bank.
- JP Morgan has announced it will set up Asia's largest Global Capability Centre in Mumbai's Powai.
- José Antonio Kast has been elected as the new President of Chile in the 2025 election.
- The Government of India has extended SBI MD Ashwini Kumar Tewari's tenure until December 31, 2027.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has received Ethiopia's highest civilian honour, "The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia".
- Neeraj Ghaywan's film Homebound has been shortlisted for Best International Feature Film at the Oscars 2026.
- C-DOT became the first Indian organization to receive the IEEE SA Corporate Award in 2025.



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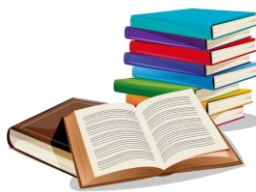
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid his first official visit to Ethiopia in December 2025.
- India and Argentina signed the ICAR–INTA Work Plan 2025–2027 to enhance collaboration in agricultural research and innovation.
- India and Oman are set to sign a Free Trade Agreement, marking Oman's first FTA in nearly 20 years.
- VB–G RAM G 2025 is positioned as the biggest reform in rural employment policy since the launch of MNREGA in 2005.
- DPIIT launched a digital sponsorship letter module under the e-B-4 Visa scheme on November 29, 2025.
- NICDC and Ministry of Textiles held a stakeholder consultation to attract master developers for PM MITRA Parks under the DBFOT model.
- A total of 348 projects have been operationalized under the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund as of December 2025.
- The Jiyo Parsi Scheme was launched in 2013–14 to address the declining population of the Parsi community in India.
- SabhaSaar is an AI-enabled voice-to-text tool launched to automate the summarisation of Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings.



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- The PM-DAKSH Scheme was launched in FY 2020–21 to provide skill training to marginalized communities including SCs, OBCs, and Safai Karamcharis.
- Under PM-JANMAN, ₹29 crore has been released to Karnataka for setting up Multi-Purpose Centers from 2023 to 2026.
- Ponduru Khadi from Andhra Pradesh has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Government of India.
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Param Vir Dirgha at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 16 December 2025.
- The Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine began in New Delhi on December 17, 2025.
- India has achieved 99.2% electrification of its Broad Gauge railway network as of November 2025.



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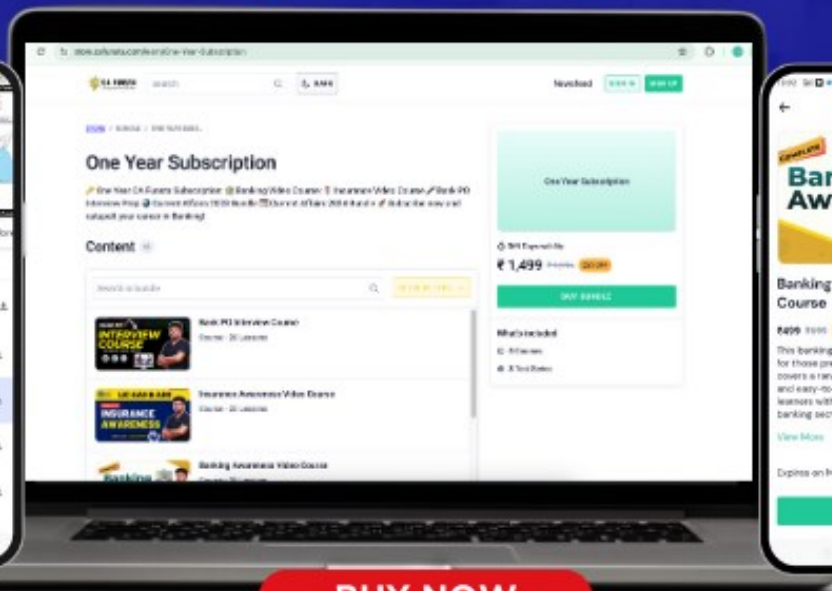
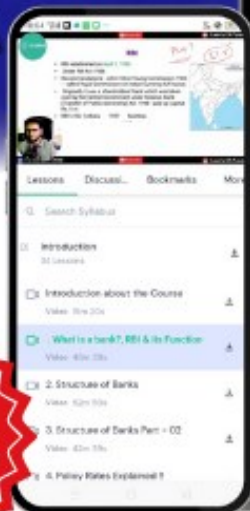
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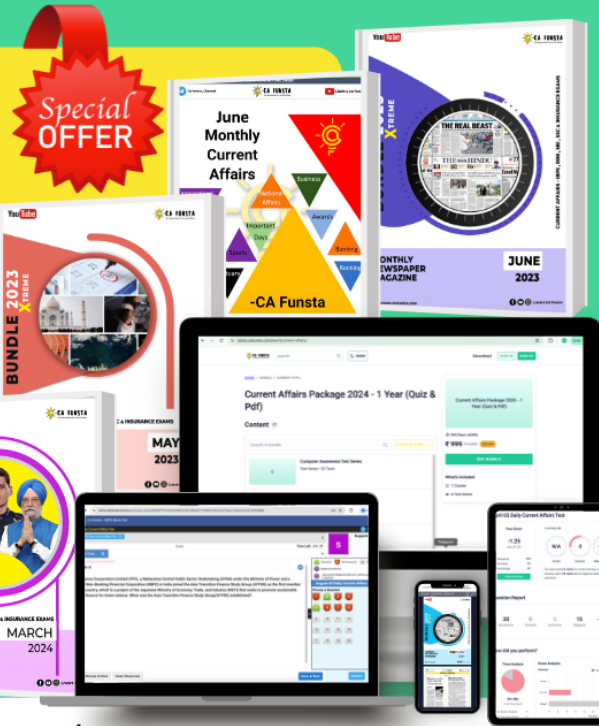


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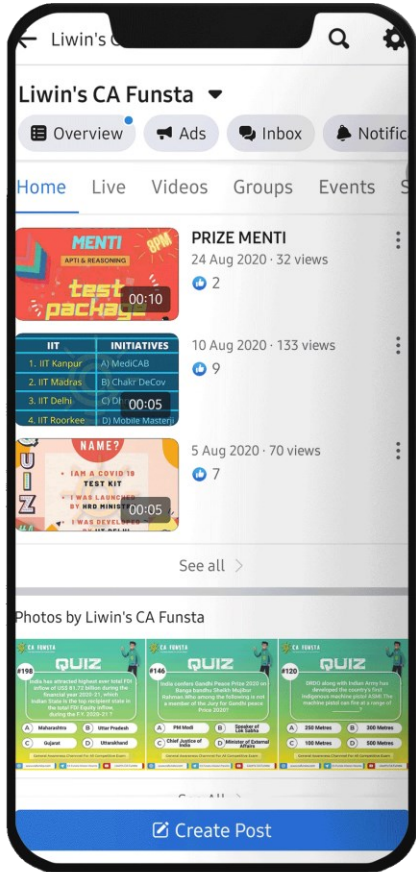
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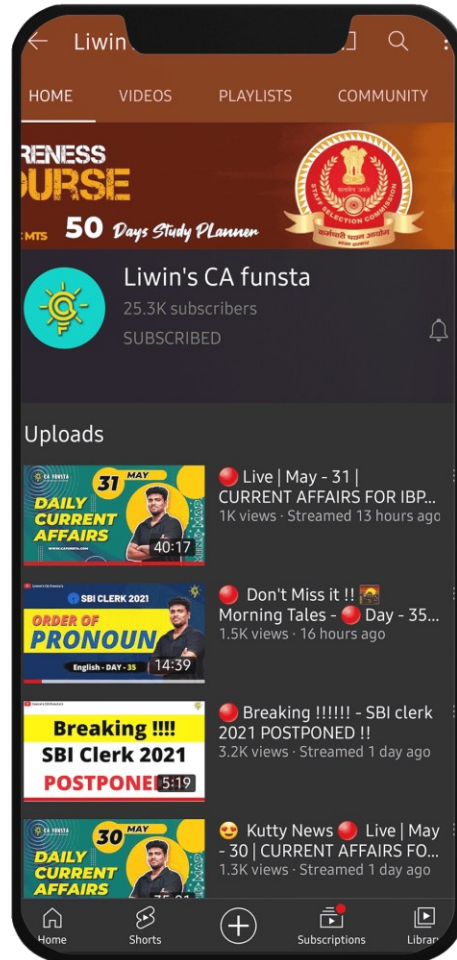


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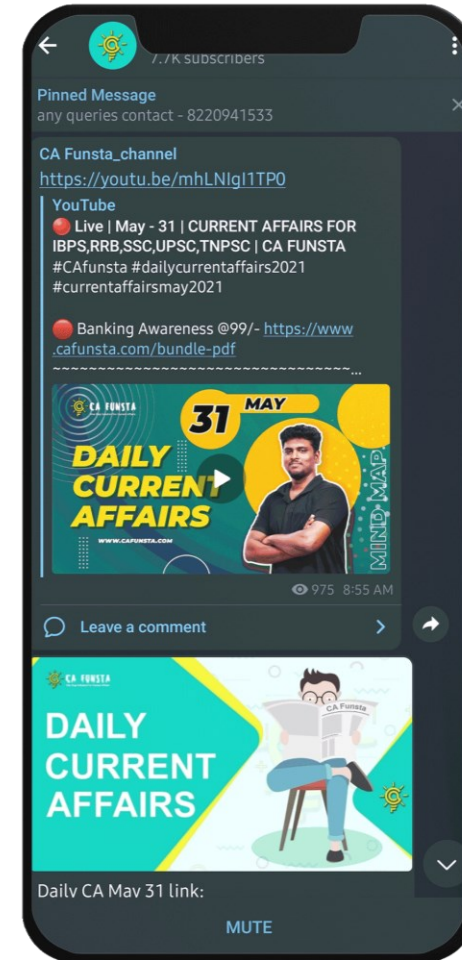
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