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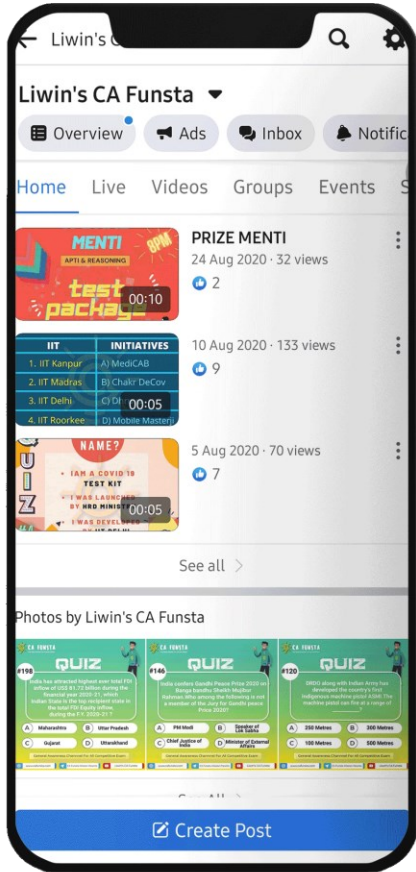
  

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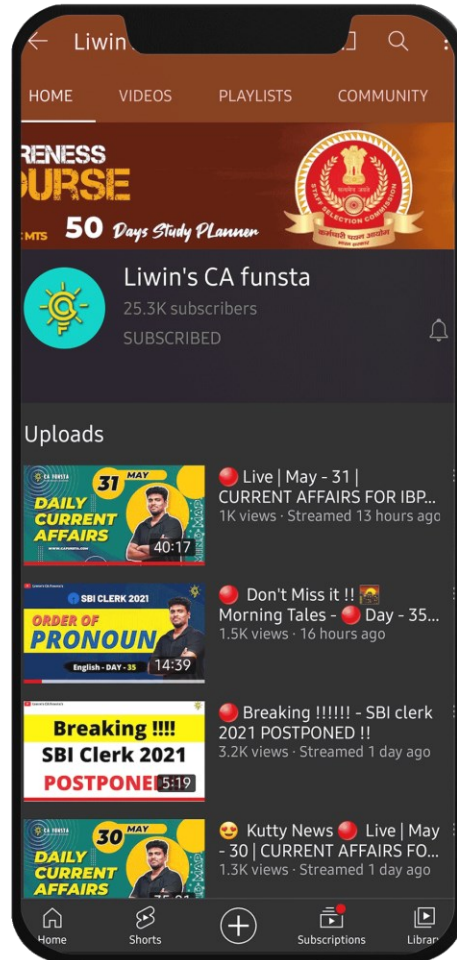
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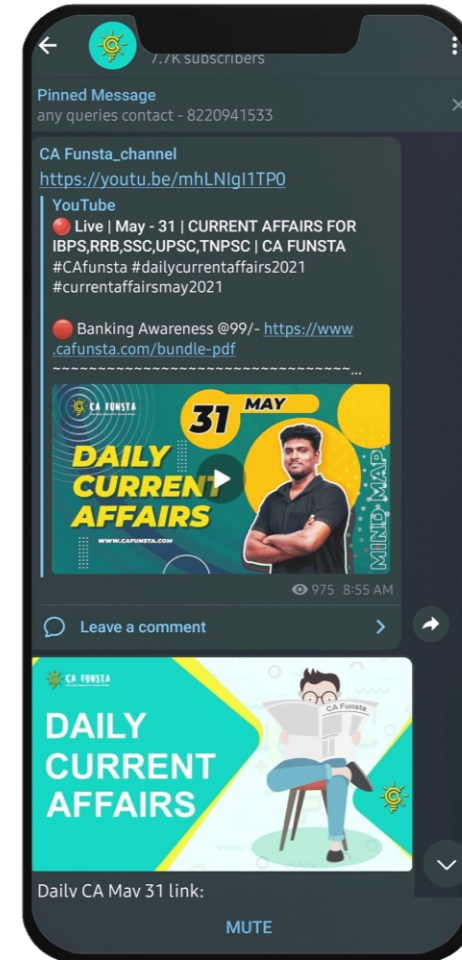
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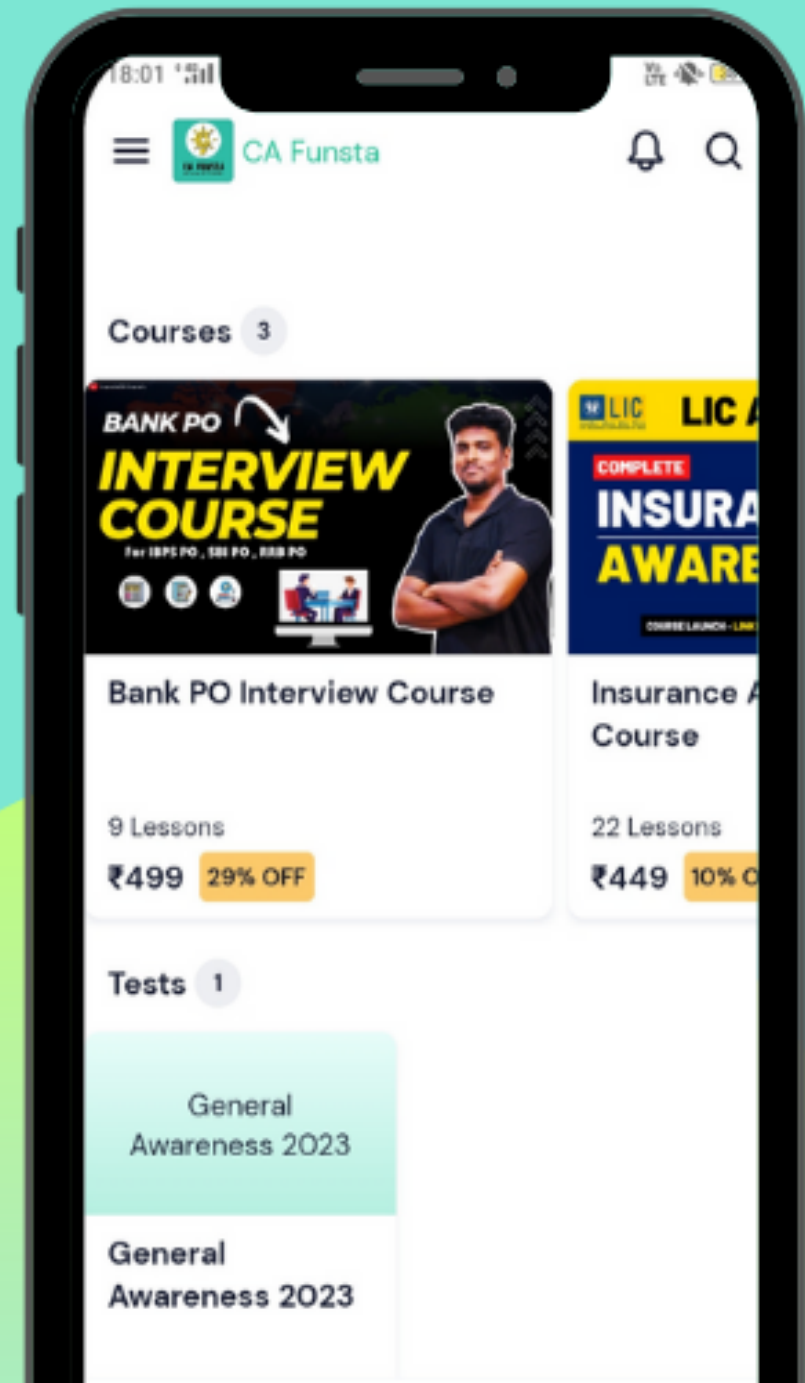
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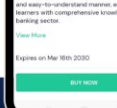
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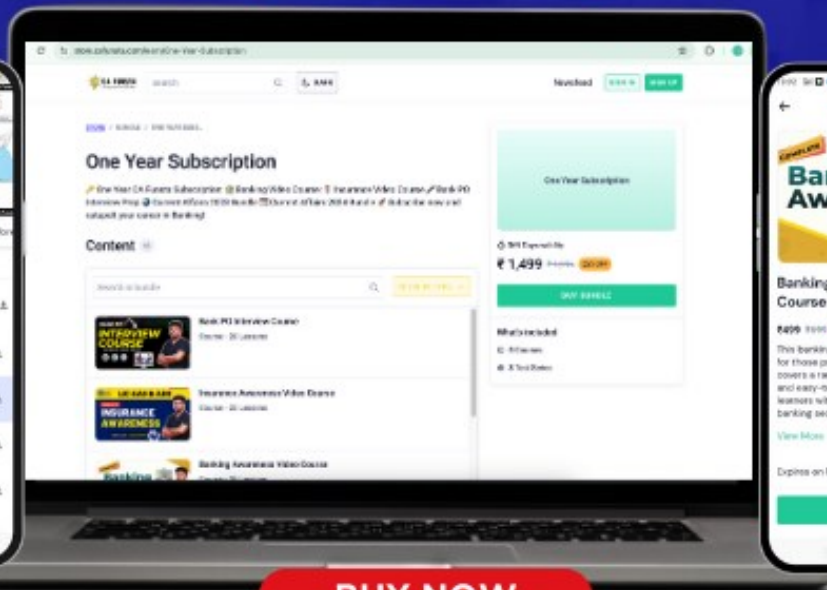
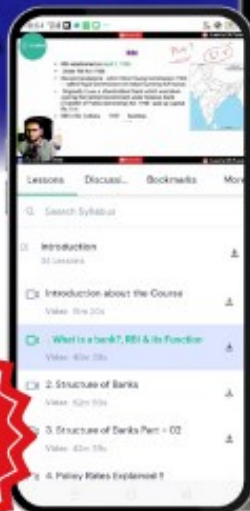
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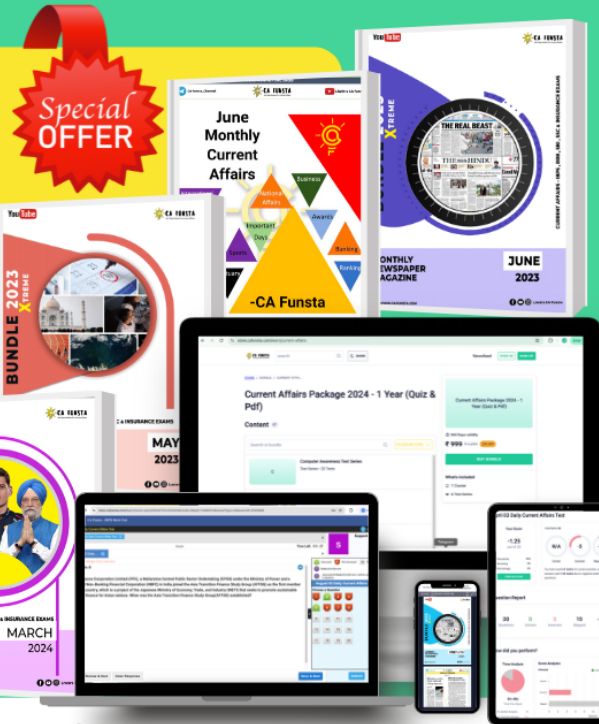


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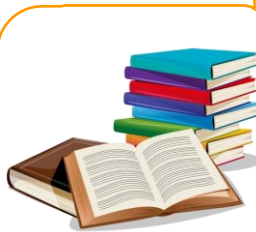


➤ **Why is National Mathematics Day celebrated on December 22 each year in India?**

- A) Birth anniversary of Aryabhatta
- B) Launch of the decimal system
- C) Birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan
- D) Founding day of the Indian Mathematical Society
- E) Discovery of the number zero

Answer

C) Birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan

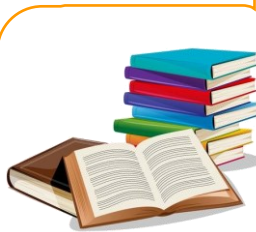
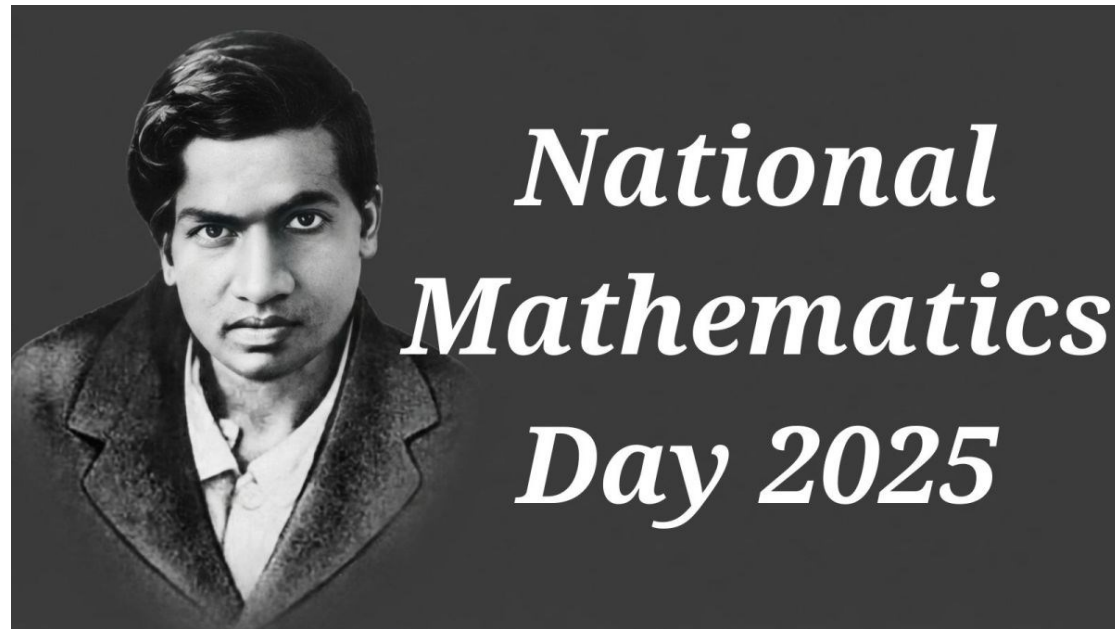


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Mathematics Day 2025 observed across India
- **Location:** Nationwide (India)
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** National Mathematics Day is observed every year on December 22 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan, as formally instituted by the Government of India in 2011.
- **Objectives:** The day serves to honour Ramanujan's mathematical legacy, promote mathematical education and research, and inspire students and researchers to view mathematics as a vital discipline for innovation, scientific development, and national progress.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Mathematics Day:** An annual observance in India celebrated on December 22 to honour Srinivasa Ramanujan, aiming to promote awareness and interest in mathematics, especially among students.
- **Srinivasa Ramanujan:** A legendary Indian mathematician (1887–1920) known for his groundbreaking contributions to number theory, infinite series, and continued fractions, many of which have had a profound impact on global mathematics.

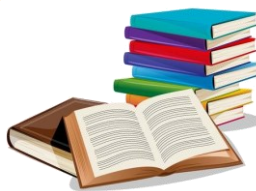


Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Mathematics Year (2012):** The year following the institution of National Mathematics Day was declared as National Mathematics Year, to provide a nationwide push toward improving and celebrating mathematical learning.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | National Mathematics Day 2025 |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | India-wide observance |
| Issuing authority | Government of India (instituted in 2011) |
| Policy/series name | National Mathematics Day / National Mathematics Year (2012) |
| Key figures | Srinivasa Ramanujan |
| Purpose/reason | To honour Ramanujan's contributions and promote mathematical awareness |
| Feature details | Celebrations in schools, universities, academic institutions nationwide |
| Validity or status | Observed annually on December 22 |
| Strategic/significant value | Reinforces India's rich mathematical legacy and promotes STEM engagement |



Important Days

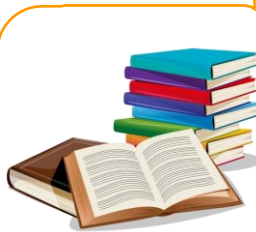


➤ **What is the theme of National Consumer Day 2025 in India?**

- A) Empowering Consumers through AI
- B) Digital Literacy for Safe Shopping
- C) Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice
- D) Building Trust through Marketplace Regulation
- E) Consumer Rights and Quality Standards

Answer

C) Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice

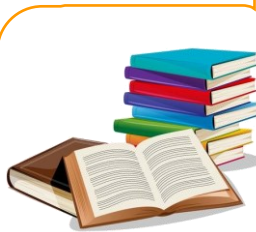


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Consumer Day 2025 Observance
- **Location:** India (Nationwide)
- **Date:** December 24, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** National Consumer Day is observed annually on 24 December to commemorate the assent of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. The day highlights consumer rights and the mechanisms available for their protection and redressal.
- **Objectives:** In 2025, the day is marked with the theme “Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice”, reflecting India’s focus on accessible, technology-driven, and time-bound consumer grievance redressal.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Protection Act, 2019:** Enacted on 20 July 2020, it replaces the 1986 Act and introduces a three-tier redressal mechanism (District Forum, State Commission, and National Commission), e-commerce regulations, and the establishment of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA).
- **e-Jagrati:** A digital platform launched on 1 January 2025 integrating earlier systems like OCMS, e-Daakhil, NCDRC CMS, and CONFONET. It enables online filing, payment, virtual hearings, and monitoring of cases across all forums.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Consumer Helpline 2.0 (NCH 2.0):** An AI-enabled multilingual grievance support platform that facilitates quick complaint resolution, digital submissions, and refund processing. Now resolves over 12 lakh complaints annually.

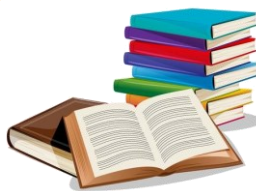


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| Event name | National Consumer Day 2025 |
| Announcement date | December 23, 2025 |
| Location | Nationwide (India) |
| Issuing authority | Department of Consumer Affairs |
| Policy/series name | Consumer Protection Framework |
| Key figures | Over 1.31 lakh case disposals via e-Jagriti, 12 lakh+ complaints resolved by NCH |
| Purpose/reason | To promote consumer rights and strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms |
| Feature details | Launch of e-Jagriti, NCH 2.0, expansion of BIS standards, legal metrology amendments |
| Validity or status | Active; nationwide initiatives ongoing |
| Strategic/significant value | Empowers consumers through digital tools, builds trust in marketplace, ensures fair trade |

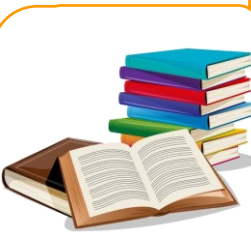


➤ Who won the IGU 124th Amateur Golf Championship of India held at Tollygunge Club in 2025?

- A) Harman Sachdeva
- B) Simarjeet Singh
- C) Rashid Khan
- D) Sukhman Singh
- E) Ajeetesh Sandhu

Answer

D) Sukhman Singh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sukhman Singh wins IGU 124th Amateur Golf Championship of India
- **Location:** Tollygunge Club, Kolkata, West Bengal
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Golf Union (IGU) organised the 124th edition of the Amateur Golf Championship of India, the world's longest-running amateur matchplay golf tournament, dating back to 1892.
- **Objectives:** The event aims to promote amateur golf talent, preserve the legacy of one of the oldest golf tournaments, and provide a platform for rising Indian golfers to gain national and international recognition.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Matchplay Format:** A golf format where players compete hole-by-hole instead of total strokes. The player who wins the most holes wins the match.
- **Indian Golf Union (IGU):** The national governing body for golf in India, established in 1955, responsible for promoting and regulating the sport across the country.
- **Tollygunge Club:** One of India's oldest and most prestigious golf clubs, located in Kolkata. It is a historic venue for numerous national-level tournaments, including the IGU Amateur Championship.



Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | IGU 124th Amateur Golf Championship of India |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Tollygunge Club, Kolkata |
| Issuing authority | Indian Golf Union (IGU) |
| Policy/series name | Amateur Golf Championship of India |
| Key figures | Sukhman Singh (winner), Harman Sachdeva (runner-up), Simarjeet Singh (father and former champion) |
| Purpose/reason | To promote India's top amateur golf talent |
| Feature details | 36-hole matchplay final; match called after 29 holes with Sukhman leading 7UP |
| Validity or status | Championship concluded; title awarded |
| Strategic/significant value | Showcases India's growing strength in amateur golf and sports legacy |

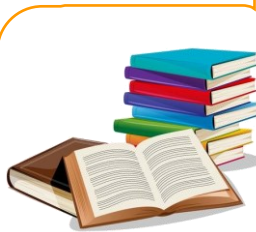


➤ Which cricketer became the first Asian woman to score 4,000 runs in Women's T20 Internationals?

- A) Jemimah Rodrigues
- B) Shafali Verma
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Smriti Mandhana
- E) Suzie Bates

Answer

D) Smriti Mandhana



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Smriti Mandhana becomes first Asian woman to reach 4,000 T20I runs
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** December 21, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian vice-captain Smriti Mandhana became the first Indian and Asian woman to cross 4,000 runs in Women's T20 Internationals, achieving the feat in the first T20I against Sri Lanka.
- **Objectives:** The achievement aims to mark India's rising dominance in women's cricket and showcases Mandhana's consistent performance and leadership in the T20I format on a global scale.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Women's T20I (Twenty20 International):** A short-format cricket match between two international women's teams, consisting of 20 overs per side. It is officially recognised by the ICC.
- **4,000 T20I Runs Milestone:** A rare achievement indicating long-term consistency and scoring ability in international T20 cricket. Mandhana is only the second player globally to reach this milestone.
- **Suzie Bates:** A New Zealand cricketer and currently the leading run-scorer in Women's T20Is, with 4,716 runs as of December 2025.



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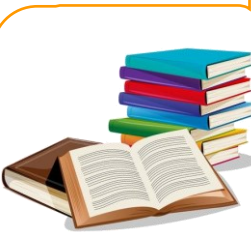
| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | Smriti Mandhana becomes first Asian to reach 4,000 T20I runs |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh |
| Issuing authority | Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) |
| Match series | India vs Sri Lanka Women's T20I Series |
| Key figures | Smriti Mandhana (4,007 runs), Suzie Bates (leader with 4,716 runs) |
| Purpose/reason | Recognition of career milestone and impact on global women's cricket |
| Feature details | Mandhana scored 25 runs in her comeback match; 154 T20Is overall |
| Validity or status | Record achieved and India leads series 1–0 |
| Strategic/significant value | Boosts India's standing in women's cricket; historic individual feat |



- What is the new starting interest rate on home loans announced by LIC Housing Finance effective December 22, 2025?

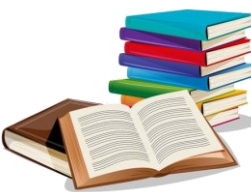
- A) 6.90%
- B) 7.00%
- C) 7.15%
- D) 7.25%
- E) 7.50%

Answer
C) 7.15%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** LIC Housing Finance reduced its interest rate on new home loans
- **Location:** Applicable across India
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** LIC Housing Finance Ltd announced a reduction in its home loan interest rate to 7.15% on new home loan sanctions starting December 22, 2025.
- **Objectives:** The move aims to boost homebuyer sentiment, enhance affordability, and respond to the RBI's repo rate cut, making home ownership more accessible to a broader segment of the population.



Important Terms Explained:

- **LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL):** A leading housing finance company in India and a subsidiary of Life Insurance Corporation of India, offering home loans and other mortgage-related products.
- **Repo Rate:** The rate at which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lends short-term funds to commercial banks. A 25 basis point (bps) cut makes borrowing cheaper, prompting housing finance companies to reduce lending rates.
- **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):** A statutory body of the RBI responsible for setting the repo rate and other key monetary policy decisions to maintain inflation and economic stability.



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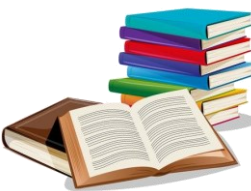
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| Event name | Reduction in home loan interest rates by LIC Housing Finance |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | India-wide |
| Issuing authority | LIC Housing Finance Ltd |
| Policy/series name | Interest Rate Revision Post RBI Repo Cut |
| Key figures | Tribhuwan Adhikari (CEO, LIC HFL); Shaktikanta Das (Governor, RBI) |
| Purpose/reason | To pass on the benefit of the RBI's repo rate cut to homebuyers |
| Feature details | New home loans from 7.15% onwards, applicable to fresh sanctions |
| Validity or status | Effective from December 22, 2025 |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports housing affordability, boosts demand in real estate sector |



➤ Which corporation inaugurated a 30 kV fast charging unit for electric vehicles in Mysuru on December 22, 2025?

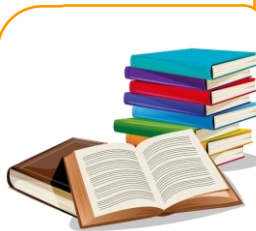
- A) BESCOM
- B) CESC
- C) GESCOM
- D) KSEB
- E) TNEB

Answer
B) CESC



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of a 30 kV fast charging unit for electric vehicles
- **Location:** Mysuru, Karnataka
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) inaugurated a new 30 kV fast charging unit for electric vehicles at its office premises in Mysuru, allowing two EVs to be charged simultaneously in around 40–45 minutes.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to promote green energy, reduce air pollution, cut dependence on imported fuel, and encourage the use of electric vehicles through reliable, fast-charging infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC):** A regional electricity distribution company in Karnataka responsible for power supply and infrastructure development in the Mysuru region.
- **EV Fast Charging (30 kW):** A high-voltage electric vehicle charging technology that allows rapid energy transfer, reducing full charging time to under an hour, enhancing convenience and adoption of EVs.
- **Zhiyan Electric:** A technology partner in the EV charging initiative; their app enables access to the charging unit for efficiency testing and monitoring of user experience.



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| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | Inauguration of 30 kV EV fast charging unit by CESC |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Mysuru, Karnataka |
| Issuing authority | Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) |
| Policy/series name | EV Charging Infrastructure Development |
| Key figures | Ramesh Bandisiddegowda, KM Munigopal Raju, DJ Divakar, Sharanamma Jangin |
| Purpose/reason | Promote eco-friendly transportation and green energy usage |
| Feature details | 30 kV dual charging unit; 40–45 min full charge; limited to office EVs |
| Validity or status | Currently for CESC EV testing; future expansion to public use planned |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports EV adoption, reduces pollution, aligns with renewable energy goals |



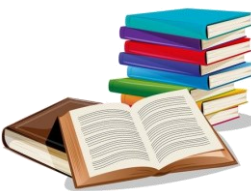
ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



- **What is the strategic goal behind the merger of Ambuja Cements, ACC, and Orient Cement under the Adani Group?**
- A) Expansion into international cement trade
 - B) Creation of a unified cement platform with operational synergies
 - C) Entry into infrastructure and steel sector
 - D) Diversification into real estate business
 - E) Setting up a new cement brand in South India

Answer

B) Creation of a unified cement platform with operational synergies

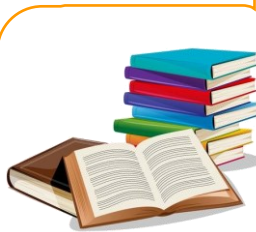


ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of merger of ACC and Orient Cement with Ambuja Cements
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The board of Ambuja Cements, a part of the Adani Group, approved a merger scheme to amalgamate ACC Ltd and Orient Cement into itself through a share swap agreement without cash payout.
- **Objectives:** The merger aims to create a pan-India cement powerhouse by simplifying operations, enhancing operational efficiency, reducing administrative costs, improving capital deployment, and aligning strategic direction under a single unified platform.

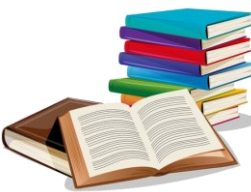


ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Amalgamation:** The legal process of combining two or more entities into a single entity to achieve strategic, operational, or financial synergy.
- **Share Swap:** A method of merger where shareholders of a merging company receive shares in the parent or merged company instead of cash consideration. In this case, ACC shareholders will receive 328 Ambuja shares per 100 ACC shares, while Orient shareholders will receive 33 Ambuja shares per 100 Orient shares.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operational Synergies:** Advantages gained from merging businesses that allow better utilization of resources, optimized logistics, streamlined decision-making, and cost savings.

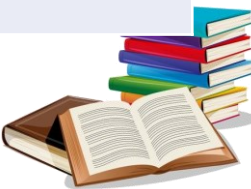


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| Event name | Merger of ACC and Orient Cement into Ambuja Cements |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | India |
| Issuing authority | Board of Ambuja Cements |
| Policy/series name | Share Swap-based Amalgamation Scheme |
| Key figures | Gautam Adani, Ajay Kapur |
| Purpose/reason | To streamline operations, unify strategic direction, and improve profitability |
| Feature details | ACC shareholders to receive 328 Ambuja shares per 100 ACC shares; Orient shareholders to receive 33 Ambuja shares per 100 Orient shares |
| Validity or status | Approved and pending further implementation |
| Strategic/significant value | Enables a single cement platform under Adani Group, enhancing competitiveness and long-term shareholder returns |



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➤ Who has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of IIFL Finance in December 2025?

- A) Viral Acharya
- B) Shaktikanta Das
- C) B P Kanungo
- D) N S Vishwanathan
- E) T V Somanathan

Answer
C) B P Kanungo

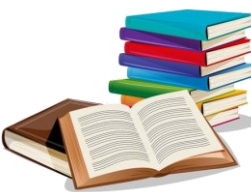


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of B P Kanungo as Non-Executive Chairman of IIFL Finance
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** IIFL Finance has appointed B P Kanungo, former Deputy Governor of RBI, as its non-executive chairman, with immediate effect.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to strengthen corporate governance, improve regulatory compliance, and support the NBFC's long-term growth through experienced leadership and strategic oversight.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Executive Chairman:** A board leader who does not participate in daily operations but provides independent oversight, sets strategic direction, and ensures governance.
- **NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company):** Financial institutions that provide banking-like services such as loans, asset financing, and investments, but do not hold a banking license.
- **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):** A six-member committee formed under the RBI Act, 1934, responsible for setting the repo rate and managing India's monetary policy.

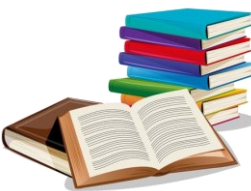


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| Event name | Appointment of B P Kanungo as IIFL Finance Chairman |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| Issuing authority | IIFL Finance Board |
| Policy/series name | Leadership & Governance Restructuring |
| Key figures | B P Kanungo (Non-Executive Chairman), Nirmal Jain (MD & CEO) |
| Purpose/reason | Strengthen governance, oversight, and regulatory alignment |
| Feature details | Board-level leadership change, increased borrowing and asset security limits approved |
| Validity or status | Appointment effective immediately |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances credibility, supports compliance, signals long-term growth vision |



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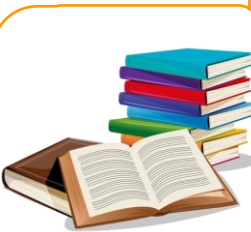


➤ **For which key contributions was Jay Shah awarded the 'Transformational Leader of the Year' title at NDTV Indian of the Year 2025?**

- A) Leading India's World Cup 2023 campaign
- B) Reforming ICC ranking systems
- C) Pay parity, WPL launch, and IPL media rights deals
- D) Introducing new cricket stadium policies
- E) Expanding India's bilateral cricket calendar

Answer

C) Pay parity, WPL launch, and IPL media rights deals

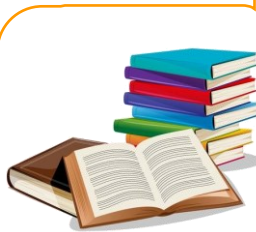


AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Jay Shah receives 'Transformational Leader of the Year' Award
- **Location:** NDTV Indian of the Year 2025 Awards Ceremony
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Jay Shah, the ICC Chairman and former BCCI Secretary, was honoured with the 'Transformational Leader of the Year' award for impactful leadership and reforms in Indian cricket.
- **Objectives:** The recognition highlights Shah's contributions to achieving gender pay parity, launching the Women's Premier League (WPL), and commercially expanding the IPL through record-breaking media rights deals.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pay Parity Reform:** A policy under which women cricketers in India now receive the same match fees as their male counterparts: ₹15 lakh (Test), ₹6 lakh (ODI), ₹3 lakh (T20I).
- **WPL (Women's Premier League):** A professional T20 league for women cricketers in India, launched under BCCI in 2023, modeled after the IPL.
- **IPL Media Rights Deal:** Under Jay Shah's leadership, IPL's media rights for 2023–2027 were sold for a record ₹48,390 crore, with separate deals for digital and broadcast rights—maximizing BCCI revenue and global viewership.

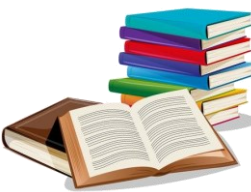


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| Event name | Jay Shah awarded 'Transformational Leader of the Year' |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | NDTV Indian of the Year 2025 |
| Issuing authority | NDTV |
| Policy/series name | Cricket Leadership & Governance Reforms |
| Key figures | Jay Shah (ICC Chairman, Former BCCI Secretary) |
| Purpose/reason | Recognising historic reforms in Indian cricket administration |
| Feature details | Gender pay parity, WPL launch, record IPL media rights deals |
| Validity or status | Award conferred; impact ongoing |
| Strategic/significant value | Elevates women's cricket, boosts BCCI revenue, strengthens India's cricket leadership |



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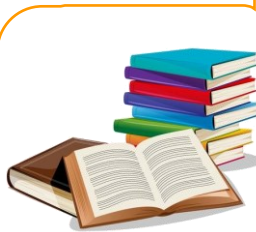


➤ Which university won the CII "Excellence for Women in STEM 2025" award for the second consecutive year?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) JSS Science and Technology University
- C) IISc Bengaluru
- D) Anna University
- E) NIT Trichy

Answer

B) JSS Science and Technology University



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** JSS STU received the CII “Excellence for Women in STEM 2025” Award
- **Location:** New Delhi (Award Ceremony); Mysuru, Karnataka (Awardee Institution)
- **Date:** December 17, 2025 (Award Presentation)



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) awarded JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU) with the Excellence for Women in STEM 2025 recognition for promoting gender equity and inclusion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).
- **Objectives:** The award aims to strengthen women's participation and leadership in STEM through recognition of institutions that implement gender-equitable hiring, capacity-building programs, leadership initiatives, and inclusive workplace practices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CII (Confederation of Indian Industry):** A non-government, industry-led organisation working to create and sustain an environment conducive to the growth of industry in India through policy advocacy and initiatives such as the Women in STEM programme.
- **Women in STEM:** A global and national movement aimed at increasing female representation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, particularly in leadership and research roles.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Summit on Technology, R&D and IP:** An annual platform hosted by CII to foster innovation, IP awareness, and global collaboration in research and technology development.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | CII “Excellence for Women in STEM 2025” Award |
| Announcement date | December 17, 2025 (Award Presented) |
| Location | New Delhi (Event), Mysuru (Awarded Institution) |
| Issuing authority | Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) |
| Policy/series name | Women in STEM Initiative |
| Key figures | Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Dr. Vanishri Arun, Dr. Vaishali Nigam Sinha |
| Purpose/reason | Recognise excellence in enabling women's participation in STEM |
| Feature details | Equitable hiring, leadership training, workplace flexibility for women |
| Validity or status | Awarded for the second consecutive year |
| Strategic/significant value | Promotes gender inclusion in STEM and national innovation capacity |

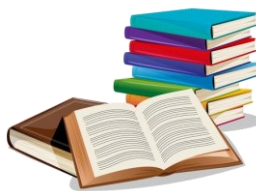


➤ **What is the primary benefit of Cipla's newly launched Afrezza insulin product?**

- A) Oral tablet for curing diabetes permanently
- B) AI-enabled glucose monitoring system
- C) Needle-free, inhalable insulin alternative for diabetics
- D) Long-acting once-a-month insulin injection
- E) Vaccine for preventing Type-1 diabetes

Answer

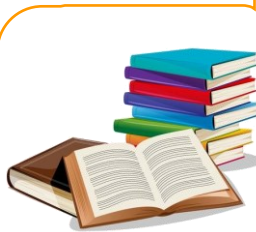
C) Needle-free, inhalable insulin alternative for diabetics



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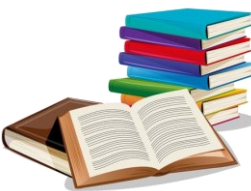
- **Event:** Launch of Afrezza inhaled insulin by Cipla
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** December 22, 2025

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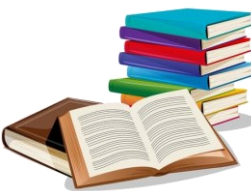
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Cipla launched Afrezza, a needle-free inhaled insulin developed by MannKind Corporation (USA), after receiving regulatory approval in India. Cipla holds exclusive distribution and marketing rights for the product.
- **Objectives:** The aim is to offer a rapid-acting, needle-free insulin solution to improve patient compliance, support quicker glycemic control, and address physical and emotional barriers associated with injectable insulin.



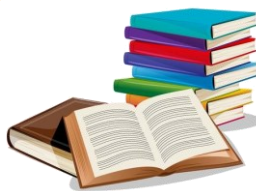
Important Terms Explained:

- **Afrezza:** A rapid-acting inhaled insulin in powder form, delivered through a breath-activated inhaler, used before meals for adults with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. It mimics the body's natural insulin response by acting within 12 minutes of inhalation.
- **Needle-free Insulin:** A form of insulin delivery that does not require injections, designed for patients who fear needles or wish to avoid the inconvenience of frequent insulin shots.



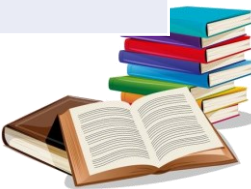
Important Terms Explained:

- **COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease):** A group of progressive lung diseases, including emphysema and chronic bronchitis, for which inhaled insulin like Afrezza is not recommended due to respiratory risks.



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| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | Launch of Afrezza inhaled insulin in India |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | India |
| Issuing authority | Cipla (India), in collaboration with MannKind Corporation (USA) |
| Policy/series name | Afrezza – inhaled insulin product |
| Key figures | Umang Vohra (Cipla CEO), Michael Castagna (MannKind CEO) |
| Purpose/reason | To provide a needle-free, rapid-acting insulin option for diabetes management |
| Feature details | Inhalable insulin powder in single-use cartridges for Type 1 & 2 diabetics, works within ~12 minutes |
| Validity or status | Commercially launched in India |
| Strategic/significant value | Promotes better insulin adherence, faster glycemic control, and reduces injection-related anxiety |

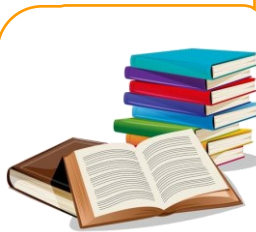


➤ Which company recently received DRDO approval for technology transfer of Directed Energy Weapon systems?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- B) Bharat Electronics Ltd
- C) Apollo Micro Systems
- D) Larsen & Toubro
- E) DRDO Labs

Answer

C) Apollo Micro Systems



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Apollo Micro Systems received DRDO approval for technology transfer of Directed Energy Weapon (DEW) systems
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



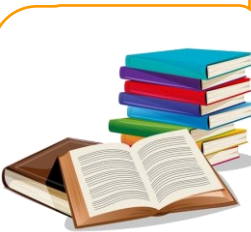
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMS) has been granted technology transfer approvals by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for two advanced Directed Energy Weapon-related technologies—Laser-based DEW system and Electro-Optical (EO) Tracking System.
- **Objectives:** The aim is to enable private sector participation in the indigenisation of advanced defence technologies, reduce dependency on imports, and accelerate the development of next-generation weapon systems within India's defence ecosystem.



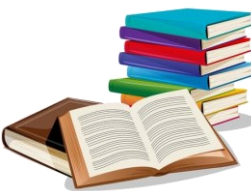
Important Terms Explained:

- **Apollo Micro Systems (AMS):** A Hyderabad-based aerospace and defence electronics company that works on advanced technologies for the Indian military, with over four decades of expertise.
- **Directed Energy Weapon (DEW):** A class of weapons that deliver energy in focused beams, such as lasers, to damage or disable enemy targets like drones and missiles, offering speed and precision.
- **Electro-Optical (EO) Tracking System:** A sensor-based surveillance and targeting system that uses optics and electronics to track high-speed or stealth targets, often integrated into laser weapon systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Technology Transfer (ToT):** A formal agreement under which DRDO transfers its developed defence technologies to private/public companies for production and deployment under specified guidelines.
- **DRDO:** India's principal defence R&D organisation responsible for developing strategic and tactical weapons and systems to strengthen national defence capabilities.



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Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | DRDO approves ToT of Directed Energy Weapon tech to Apollo Micro Systems |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Hyderabad, Telangana |
| Issuing authority | Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) |
| Policy/series name | Technology Transfer for Advanced Weapon Systems |
| Key figures | B. Ramesh Reddy (AMS), Dr. Samir V. Kamat (DRDO) |
| Purpose/reason | Promote indigenous development of laser weapons and tracking systems |
| Feature details | Laser-based 10 kW DEW system & EO Tracking System from DRDO labs |
| Validity or status | Approvals granted; subject to fulfilment of technical and legal conditions |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances India's private sector role in defence; boosts Make in India in defence |

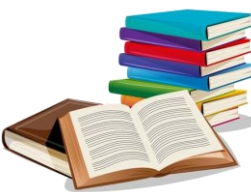


➤ **What is the primary operational role of the newly delivered ASW craft 'Anjadip'?**

- A) Strategic air defence
- B) Offshore oil rig protection
- C) Coastal anti-submarine warfare and surveillance
- D) Oceanic cargo escort
- E) Long-range missile deployment

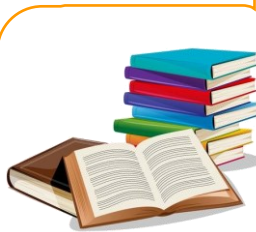
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C) Coastal anti-submarine warfare and surveillance



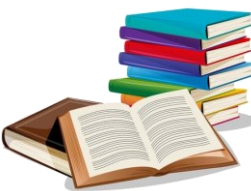
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Navy receives third ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Anjadip'
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



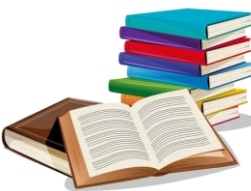
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Navy received 'Anjadip', the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) under a Public-Private Partnership with L&T Shipyard.
- **Objectives:** The vessel aims to enhance India's coastal surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, and mine-laying capabilities, while also promoting Aatmanirbhar Bharat through indigenous defence production.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ASW SWC (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft):** A class of naval vessels specifically designed for detecting and engaging underwater threats in shallow coastal waters. These ships carry sonar systems, torpedoes, and anti-submarine rockets.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** An Indian government initiative promoting self-reliance, particularly in strategic sectors like defence manufacturing, to reduce import dependency and boost domestic capability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Public-Private Partnership (PPP):** A collaborative model where public and private sector entities partner for infrastructure or defence projects. In this case, GRSE and L&T jointly built the vessel under such a model.



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Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | Delivery of ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Anjadip' |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Chennai, Tamil Nadu |
| Issuing authority | Indian Navy, GRSE |
| Policy/series name | ASW SWC series under Aatmanirbhar Bharat |
| Key figures | Rear Admiral Gautam Marwaha, Cmde PR Hari |
| Purpose/reason | Enhance shallow-water anti-submarine and coastal security capabilities |
| Feature details | Equipped with torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets, sonar, waterjets; 88% indigenous content |
| Validity or status | Third vessel delivered; five more to follow |
| Strategic/significant value | Strengthens indigenous naval capabilities and supports defence self-reliance |

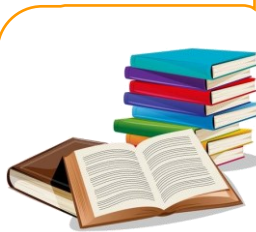


➤ **Which two key defence systems will be jointly manufactured in India under the India Optel-Safran agreement?**

- A) BrahMos and Astra
- B) SIGMA 30N and CM3-MR
- C) Arjun MBT and Akash
- D) Pinaka and INSAS
- E) Kalvari-class and LCA Tejas

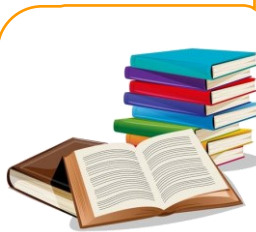
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B) SIGMA 30N and CM3-MR



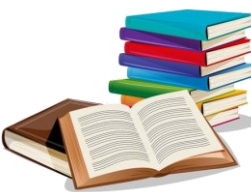
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India Optel signs pact with France's Safran to manufacture advanced defence systems
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



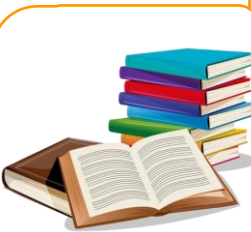
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India Optel Limited (IOL) and Safran Electronics & Defence (France) signed an agreement to jointly manufacture the SIGMA 30N Inertial Navigation System and CM3-MR Direct Firing Sight in India under the Make in India programme.
- **Objectives:** The agreement aims to strengthen indigenous defence manufacturing, reduce dependency on imports, and enhance the accuracy and combat-readiness of artillery, missile, radar, and anti-drone systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SIGMA 30N:** A Digital Ring Laser Gyro Inertial Navigation System used in artillery guns, air defence, missiles, and radars. It provides high-precision navigation and targeting capabilities without external signals.
- **CM3-MR:** A Direct Firing Sight System designed for artillery guns and anti-drone operations, helping soldiers with accurate target acquisition and engagement in combat scenarios.
- **India Optel Limited (IOL):** A Mini Ratna Category-I DPSU under the Ministry of Defence, engaged in manufacturing electro-optical and defence systems for the Indian Armed Forces.

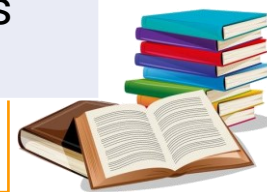


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Tabular Summary:

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| Event name | India Optel-Safran collaboration for defence systems manufacturing |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | New Delhi, India |
| Issuing authority | Ministry of Defence, India |
| Policy/series name | Make in India – Defence Manufacturing |
| Key figures | Tushar Tripathi (CMD, IOL), Alexandre Ziegler (Safran), Sanjeev Kumar (Defence Production Secretary) |
| Purpose/reason | To manufacture SIGMA 30N and CM3-MR systems in India |
| Feature details | SIGMA 30N for artillery/missile/naval targeting; CM3-MR for artillery and anti-drone use |
| Validity or status | Agreement signed and collaboration initiated |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances defence self-reliance, reduces import dependency, boosts indigenous tech ecosystem |

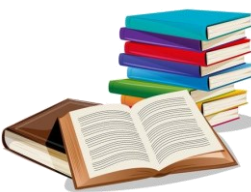


➤ **What is unique about the Indian Navy's INSV Kaundinya sailing vessel?**

- A) It is India's first aircraft carrier built using recycled material
- B) It is powered entirely by solar energy
- C) It is constructed using ancient stitched-plank shipbuilding techniques
- D) It is India's fastest combat submarine
- E) It is the first Indian vessel to sail to Antarctica

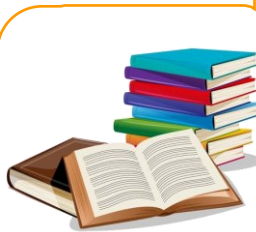
Answer

C) It is constructed using ancient stitched-plank shipbuilding techniques



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maiden voyage of INSV Kaundinya using ancient stitched shipbuilding technique
- **Location:** Flag-off from Porbandar, Gujarat, to Muscat, Oman
- **Date:** Voyage begins on December 29, 2025



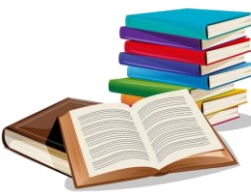
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Navy will launch INSV Kaundinya, a fully seaworthy sailing vessel constructed using traditional stitched-plank techniques, to embark on its first overseas voyage retracing ancient maritime routes.
- **Objectives:** The project aims to revive India's indigenous maritime traditions, honour historical shipbuilding methods, and symbolically reconnect with ancient Indian Ocean trade routes, while fostering maritime heritage and indigenous knowledge systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **INSV Kaundinya:** A pioneering Indian Navy sailing vessel named after ancient mariner Kaundinya, constructed using traditional coconut coir stitching of wooden planks and natural resins—an ancient shipbuilding method once used by Indian seafarers.
- **Stitched-Plank Technique:** An ancient Indian shipbuilding method where wooden planks are stitched using coir ropes (instead of metal nails) and sealed with resins, making vessels capable of long-distance ocean voyages.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tripartite MoU:** A three-party agreement between the Ministry of Culture, Indian Navy, and M/s Hodi Innovations, signed to reconstruct ancient maritime vessels as part of cultural and historical revival efforts.

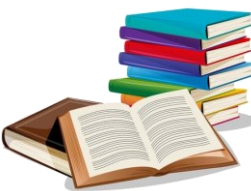


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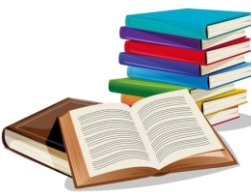
| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | Maiden voyage of INSV Kaundinya |
| Announcement date | December 23, 2025 |
| Location | Porbandar, Gujarat (flag-off) |
| Issuing authority | Indian Navy, Ministry of Culture |
| Policy/series name | Indigenous Knowledge Systems Maritime Heritage Project |
| Key figures | Shri Babu Sankaran (master shipwright), M/s Hodi Innovations |
| Purpose/reason | To revive traditional shipbuilding and retrace historic trade routes |
| Feature details | Constructed with stitched planks, coir rope, and natural resins; seaworthy |
| Validity or status | Scheduled to begin voyage on December 29, 2025 |
| Strategic/significant value | Promotes maritime heritage, indigenous craftsmanship, and cultural diplomacy |



➤ How much investment is India expected to receive from New Zealand under the newly signed FTA?

- A) \$10 billion
- B) \$15 billion
- C) \$20 billion
- D) \$25 billion
- E) \$30 billion

Answer
C) \$20 billion



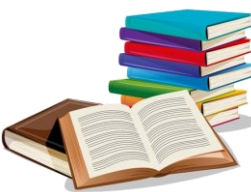
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and New Zealand finalised a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
- **Location:** Bilateral (India and New Zealand); announced via telephonic conversation
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



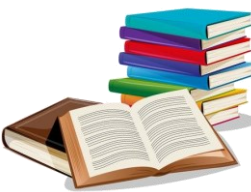
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India and New Zealand concluded negotiations and signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) within a record nine months, enhancing bilateral cooperation across trade, services, healthcare, tariffs, and mobility.
- **Objectives:** The FTA aims to double bilateral trade within five years, promote \$20 billion investment from New Zealand, and expand access for Indian businesses in New Zealand, especially in services, mobility, and traditional healthcare sectors.



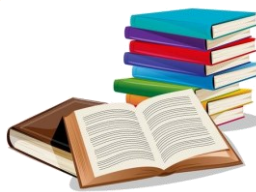
Important Terms Explained:

- **Free Trade Agreement (FTA):** A pact between two or more nations to reduce or eliminate trade barriers such as tariffs and import quotas to facilitate smoother and more cost-effective exchange of goods and services.
- **Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Treatment:** A trade status ensuring a country receives equal trade advantages (like lowest tariffs or highest import quotas) as the most favoured trading partner of the nation providing the treatment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tariff Reduction:** A key aspect of FTAs that involves cutting duties on traded goods to boost exports and market access. Under this FTA, 95% of New Zealand's exports to India will have reduced or eliminated tariffs.
- **Healthcare Annex:** A dedicated section within the FTA that facilitates trade in health and traditional medicine services, marking the first such annex signed by New Zealand with any country.

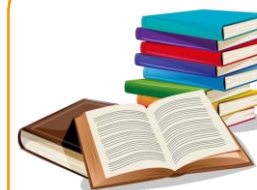


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Tabular Summary:

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| Event name | India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement Finalisation |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | India–New Zealand bilateral (telephonic announcement) |
| Issuing authority | Governments of India and New Zealand |
| Policy/series name | India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) |
| Key figures | PM Narendra Modi (India), PM Christopher Luxon (New Zealand) |
| Purpose/reason | Strengthen bilateral trade, investment, and sectoral cooperation |
| Feature details | Focus on services, MFN status, healthcare annex, and significant tariff cuts |
| Validity or status | Finalised and announced; implementation timeline not detailed |
| Strategic/significant value | Expected to double trade in 5 years and bring \$20 billion investment into India |

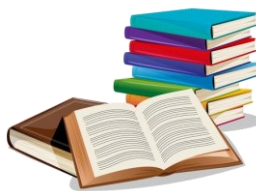


➤ **What is the main objective of the newly launched TiNAI portal by the Tamil Nadu government?**

- A) Monitoring rainfall data in real time
- B) Tracking industrial development in coastal areas
- C) Providing integrated land use and environmental information
- D) Offering real estate market prices across the state
- E) Managing agricultural subsidies

Answer

C) Providing integrated land use and environmental information

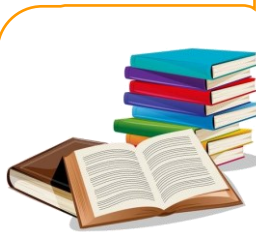


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Tamil Nadu CSR and TiNAI Portals
- **Location:** Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** December 23, 2025



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Tamil Nadu government launched two digital platforms—Tamil Nadu Corporate Social Responsibility (TNCSR) portal and Tamil Nadu Land Use Information System (TiNAI) portal—to promote coordination and data-driven planning.
- **Objectives:** The portals aim to streamline CSR implementation across the state and provide a unified geographic information system for better land use management, environmental monitoring, and visual analysis using AI.



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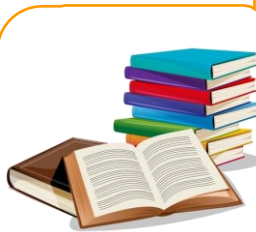
Important Terms Explained:

- **TNCSR (Tamil Nadu Corporate Social Responsibility):** A dedicated portal to facilitate planning, implementation, and monitoring of CSR initiatives while encouraging collaboration among government departments, corporates, and the public.
- **TiNAI (Tamil Nadu Land Use Information System):** A Geographic Information Portal that aggregates over 50 years of spatial data using AI and GIS technologies to provide insights into land use, water levels, thermal stress, and urban development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiatives Project:** A state-funded initiative under which ₹1.50 crore has been sanctioned for developing advanced digital systems like TiNAI, aimed at innovation and e-governance.



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Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | Launch of TNCSR and TiNAI Portals |
| Announcement date | December 23, 2025 |
| Location | Tamil Nadu |
| Issuing authority | Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission |
| Policy/series name | Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiatives Project |
| Key figures | Udhayanidhi Stalin (Deputy CM) |
| Purpose/reason | Enhance coordination in CSR efforts and provide integrated land use data |
| Feature details | TNCSR for CSR monitoring and planning; TiNAI for AI-based geospatial land use insights |
| Validity or status | Officially launched and operational |
| Strategic/significant value | Boosts digital governance, data transparency, and sustainable land management |



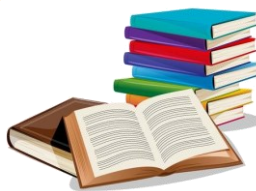
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- **What was the main focus of the HRDP initiative supported by HDFC Bank Parivartan in Madhya Pradesh?**
- A) Promoting IT skills among youth
 - B) Boosting microfinance and SHG banking
 - C) Supporting women-led agriculture and crop diversification
 - D) Encouraging solar panel installation
 - E) Expanding rural road connectivity

Answer

C) Supporting women-led agriculture and crop diversification

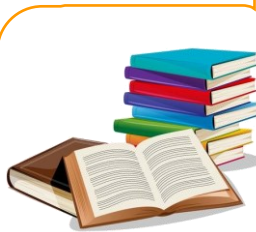


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** HDFC Bank Parivartan's HRDP initiative boosts income of women farmers
- **Location:** Sehore district, Madhya Pradesh
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Holistic Rural Development Programme (HRDP), supported by HDFC Bank Parivartan and implemented by Arpan Seva Sansthan, was carried out from January 2022 to December 2024 in 20 villages of Sehore and Nasrullah Ganj tehsils.
- **Objectives:** The programme aimed to promote sustainable agriculture, crop diversification, and women-led livelihood enhancement, while improving water conservation and technical training in rural farming practices.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **HDFC Bank Parivartan:** The flagship CSR initiative of HDFC Bank, focusing on rural development, sustainable livelihoods, education, and skill-building across India.
- **HRDP (Holistic Rural Development Programme):** A community-driven development model focusing on integrated rural growth, particularly in agriculture, water, education, and health.
- **Multi-Tier Cropping System:** A scientific farming technique that involves growing multiple crops of varying heights and root depths on the same land to optimize yield and resource use.



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Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Event name | HDFC Bank Parivartan's HRDP supports women farmers |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Sehore district, Madhya Pradesh |
| Issuing authority | HDFC Bank Parivartan (CSR wing) |
| Policy/series name | Holistic Rural Development Programme (HRDP) |
| Key figures | Sangeeta Bai (beneficiary), Arpan Seva Sansthan (implementing partner) |
| Purpose/reason | To empower rural women farmers through sustainable farming and income diversification |
| Feature details | Training in multi-tier cropping, guava orchards, vegetable cultivation, and water management |
| Validity or status | Implemented from Jan 2022 to Dec 2024 |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhanced farmer incomes, sustainable land use, and women empowerment in agriculture |

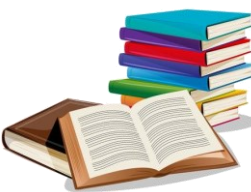


➤ **What is the main objective of the PMFME scheme implemented in Maharashtra?**

- A) Supporting agriculture insurance coverage
- B) Boosting exports of perishable goods
- C) Formalising and strengthening micro food processing units
- D) Providing ration subsidies through SHGs
- E) Regulating food pricing mechanisms

Answer

C) Formalising and strengthening micro food processing units

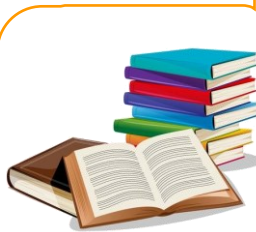


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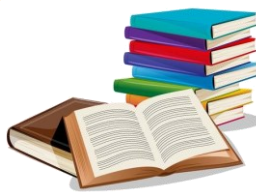
Event and Location:

- **Event:** PMFME scheme supports over 26,000 micro food units in Maharashtra
- **Location:** Maharashtra, India
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme, the Central Government released ₹646.24 crore to support micro food processing units in Maharashtra.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to formalise unorganised food processing units, provide credit-linked subsidies, enable SHG support, improve branding and marketing, and enhance entrepreneurial capacity through training and incubation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PMFME (Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises):** A central scheme launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in 2020 to formalise the unorganised food processing sector and provide financial, technical, and capacity-building support.
- **Seed Capital Assistance:** Financial support provided to Self Help Group (SHG) members for working capital and small equipment purchases to promote grassroots food processing entrepreneurship.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Credit-Linked Subsidy:** A scheme component where loans sanctioned to micro units are subsidised by the government, reducing repayment burden and encouraging unit establishment or upgradation.

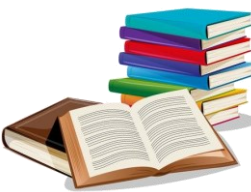


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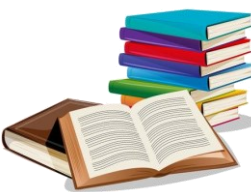
| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | PMFME scheme supports 26,172 micro food units in Maharashtra |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Maharashtra, India |
| Issuing authority | Ministry of Food Processing Industries |
| Policy/series name | Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) |
| Key figures | 26,172 enterprises supported, ₹646.24 crore disbursed |
| Purpose/reason | Formalise and scale micro food processing businesses |
| Feature details | Credit-linked subsidy, SHG seed capital, branding aid, skill training |
| Validity or status | Active; ongoing implementation in Maharashtra |
| Strategic/significant value | Promotes rural entrepreneurship, food sector growth, and self-reliance |



➤ Which two organisations have jointly launched the International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026 in India?

- A) NABARD and NIRDPR
- B) UNDP and WHO
- C) CIRDAP and REEDS
- D) ICRISAT and FAO
- E) Ministry of Rural Development and ISRO

Answer
C) CIRDAP and REEDS

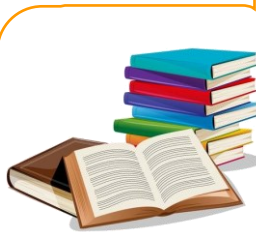


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the India Regional Edition of the International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026
- **Location:** Hyderabad, India
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



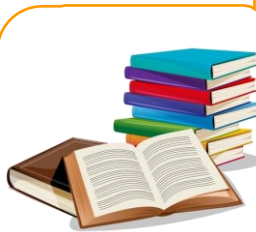
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and the Rural Economic and Educational Development Society (REEDS) launched the Indian edition of the CIRDAP–REEDS International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to identify, recognise, and promote rural innovations that have demonstrated measurable grassroots impact, with the potential for scaling and replication across the Asia-Pacific region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CIRDAP (Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific):** An intergovernmental organisation established to facilitate rural development and poverty alleviation in Asia-Pacific countries through integrated approaches and collaboration.
- **REEDS (Rural Economic and Educational Development Society):** A non-profit organisation based in India that promotes economic and educational empowerment in rural communities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Innovation Challenge:** A structured competition format that invites individuals, groups, or organisations to submit innovative solutions to existing social or developmental challenges, often with a focus on scalability and real-world impact.



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Tabular Summary:

| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | Launch of CIRDAP–REEDS International Rural Innovation Challenge 2026 |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Hyderabad, Telangana |
| Issuing authority | CIRDAP in partnership with REEDS |
| Policy/series name | International Rural Development Innovation Challenge |
| Key figures | Panchayat Raj Minister D. Anasuya (Seethakka) |
| Purpose/reason | Promote rural innovations with proven grassroots impact |
| Feature details | India regional launch; theme: “One Innovation. Endless Change. Countless Smiles” |
| Validity or status | Officially launched for 2026 edition |
| Strategic/significant value | Encourages scalable innovations across Asia-Pacific in rural development |

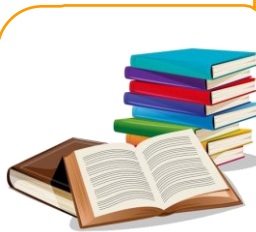


➤ **Which of the following was not part of the ₹2,015 crore worth projects cleared by CRDA for Amaravati in December 2025?**

- A) Quantum Computing Research Centre
- B) Flood Pumping Station
- C) All India Services Officers' Quarters
- D) Bullet Train Terminal
- E) LPS-8 Layout Development

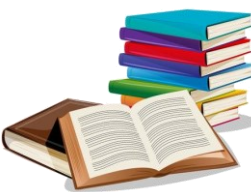
Answer

D) Bullet Train Terminal



Event and Location:

- **Event:** CRDA sanctioned ₹2,015 crore for development projects in Amaravati
- **Location:** Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** December 22, 2025



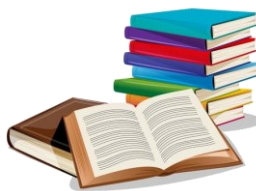
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** In the 56th meeting of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) chaired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, projects worth ₹2,015 crore were approved for various infrastructure and development works in Amaravati.
- **Objectives:** The funding aims to boost urban infrastructure in Amaravati, support scientific innovation, improve flood control systems, and provide better facilities for administrative services and public use under planned capital region development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CRDA (Capital Region Development Authority):** A statutory authority responsible for the planning, coordination, execution, and regulation of the development of the capital region of Andhra Pradesh.
- **Land Pooling Scheme (LPS):** A government initiative where farmers voluntarily contribute land towards the development of infrastructure and receive a portion of developed land in return.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Computing Research Centre:** A high-tech research facility focusing on quantum computing technologies, aimed at positioning Amaravati as a hub for advanced scientific innovation.
- **Jareebu and Metta Lands:** Jareebu refers to fertile or irrigated land, while Metta refers to dry or non-irrigated land; classification helps in appropriate urban planning and compensation.

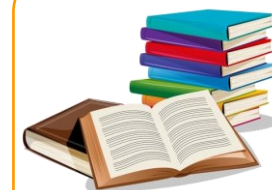


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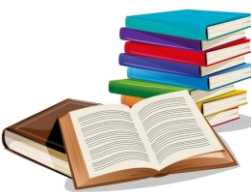
| Parameter | Details |
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| Event name | 56th CRDA meeting clears ₹2,015 crore worth projects |
| Announcement date | December 22, 2025 |
| Location | Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh |
| Issuing authority | Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) |
| Policy/series name | Amaravati Capital Region Development Projects |
| Key figures | CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, CRDA officials |
| Purpose/reason | Boost capital region infrastructure, innovation, and housing |
| Feature details | ₹1,358 crore for LPS-8 layouts, ₹444 crore for flood station, ₹109 crore for officer quarters, ₹104 crore for Quantum Centre |
| Validity or status | Approved in 56th CRDA meeting |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports Amaravati's development as a planned capital with modern facilities |



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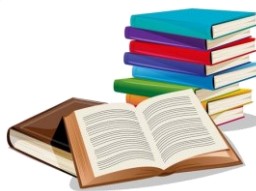
- **National Mathematics Day is celebrated every year on December 22 to honour the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan.**
- **National Consumer Day is observed every year on December 24 to mark the enactment of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.**
- **Sukhman Singh won the IGU 124th Amateur Golf Championship of India held at Tollygunge Club, Kolkata.**
- **Smriti Mandhana became the first Asian woman to score 4,000 runs in Women's T20 Internationals.**
- **LIC Housing Finance Ltd has reduced its home loan interest rate to 7.15% effective December 22, 2025.**
- **CESC inaugurated a 30 kV fast EV charging unit at its office in Mysuru on December 22, 2025.**
- **Ambuja Cements has approved the merger of its subsidiaries ACC Ltd and Orient Cement to create a consolidated cement platform.**
- **IIFL Finance has appointed former RBI Deputy Governor B P Kanungo as its non-executive chairman.**
- **Jay Shah was honoured as 'Transformational Leader of the Year' at NDTV Indian of the Year 2025 for his impact on Indian cricket.**



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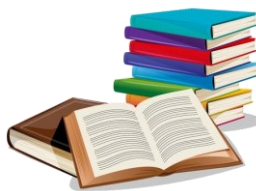
- **JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, won the CII Excellence for Women in STEM 2025 award for the second year in a row.**
- **Cipla has launched Afrezza, a rapid-acting inhaled insulin in India, as a needle-free alternative for diabetes patients.**
- **Apollo Micro Systems received DRDO approval for two technology transfers related to Directed Energy Weapon systems on December 22, 2025.**
- **The Indian Navy received 'Anjadip', the third indigenously built ASW Shallow Water Craft, on December 22, 2025, in Chennai.**
- **India Optel Limited has signed a pact with Safran Electronics & Defence of France to manufacture two advanced defence systems in India.**
- **INSV Kaundinya is India's first stitched-plank naval vessel built to revive ancient maritime shipbuilding practices.**
- **India and New Zealand finalised their Free Trade Agreement on December 22, 2025, in a record time of nine months.**




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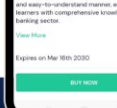
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


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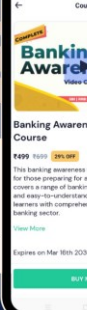
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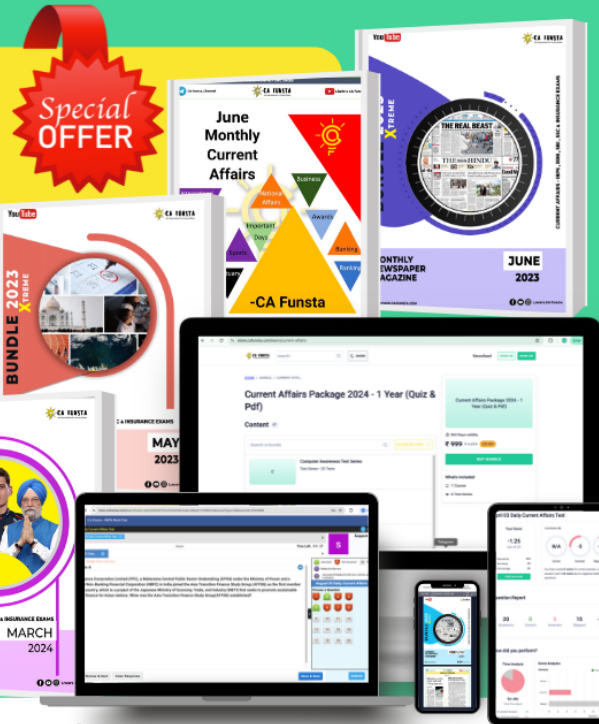


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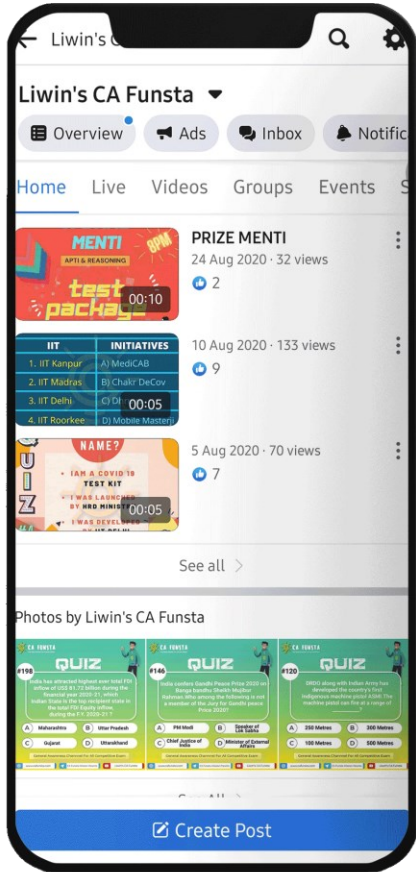
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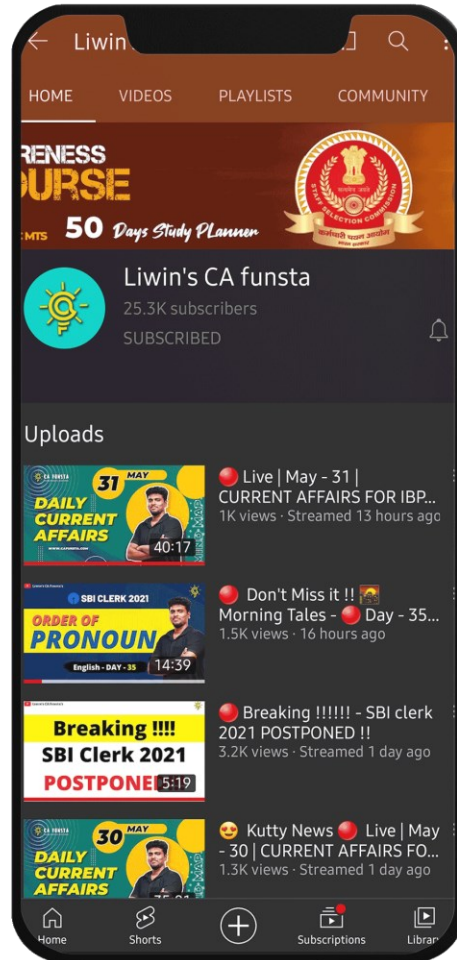


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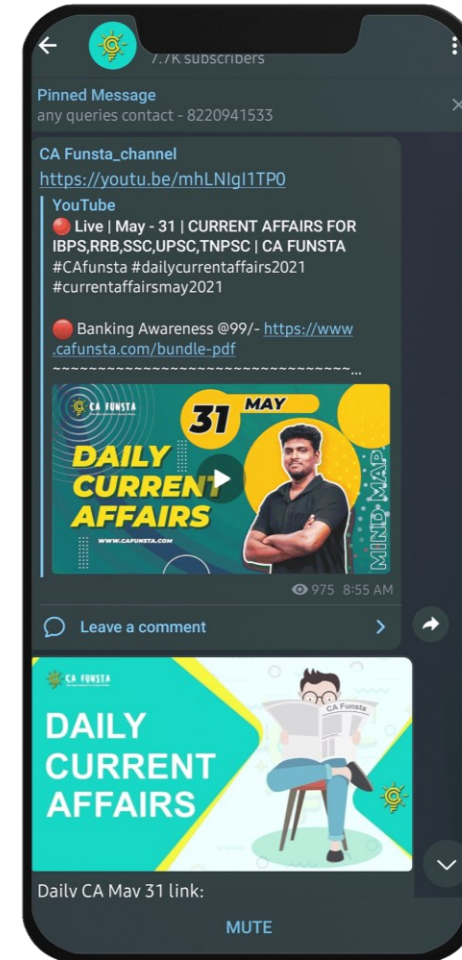
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