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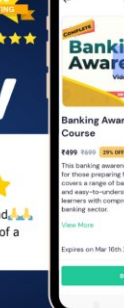
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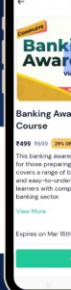


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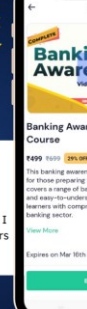
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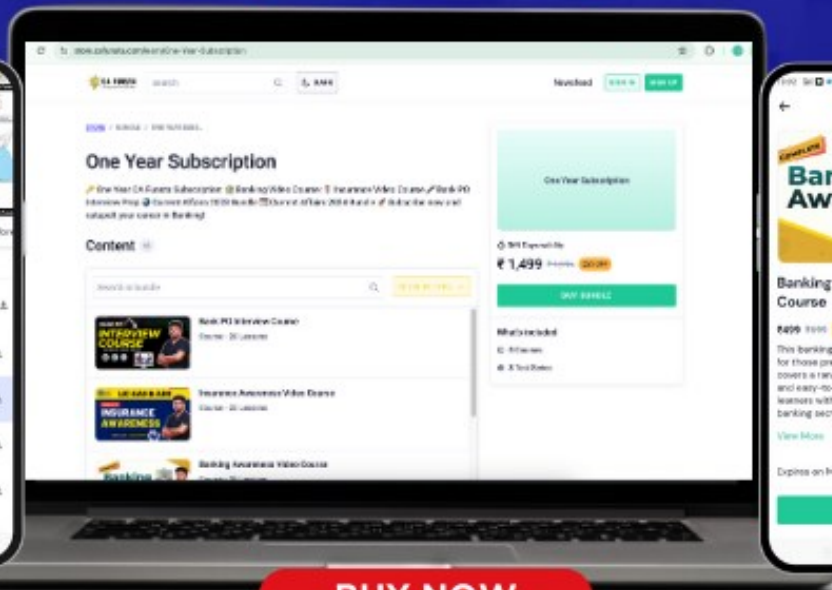
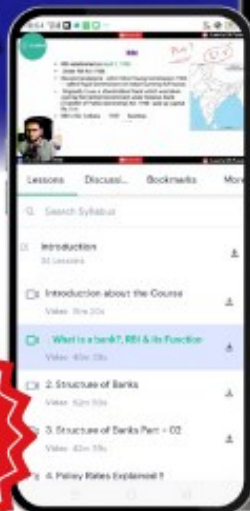
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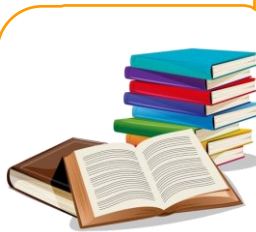
➤ **Penguin Awareness Day is observed every year on which date to promote conservation of penguin species and their habitats?**

- A) January 10
- B) January 15
- C) January 20
- D) February 2
- E) March 22

**Answer**  
**C) January 20**



**PENGUIN  
AWARENESS DAY**

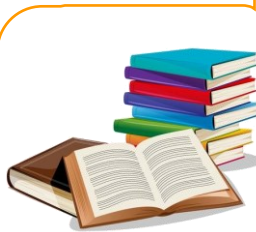


# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of Penguin Awareness Day 2026
- **Location:** Global
- **Date:** January 20, 2026



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Penguin Awareness Day is observed annually to draw attention to penguins, their habitats, and the environmental threats affecting their survival.
- **Objectives:** The day aims to promote global awareness, encourage conservation of marine ecosystems, and highlight the impact of climate change, pollution, and human activities on penguin populations.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Penguin Awareness Day:** An annual global observance held on January 20 to educate people about penguin species, their ecological importance, and the need for conservation.
- **Climate Change:** Long-term changes in temperature and weather patterns that are causing melting polar ice, habitat loss, and food scarcity for penguins.
- **Marine Ecosystem:** An interconnected system of ocean life, including fish, krill, seabirds, and penguins, which depends on balanced environmental conditions for survival.

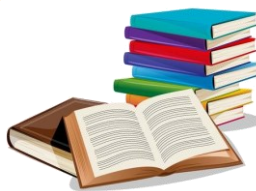


# Important Days



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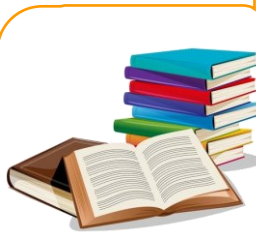
| Parameter                   | Details                                                            |
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| Event name                  | Penguin Awareness Day 2026                                         |
| Announcement date           | January 20, 2026                                                   |
| Location                    | Global                                                             |
| Issuing authority           | Global environmental and conservation groups                       |
| Policy/series name          | Penguin Awareness Day observance                                   |
| Key figures                 | Gerry Wallace (founder of the observance)                          |
| Purpose/reason              | To promote awareness and conservation of penguins                  |
| Feature details             | Focus on climate change, habitat loss, pollution, and biodiversity |
| Validity or status          | Observed annually on January 20                                    |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports global marine conservation and biodiversity protection    |



➤ Which team won its maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy title in the 2025–26 season by defeating Saurashtra?

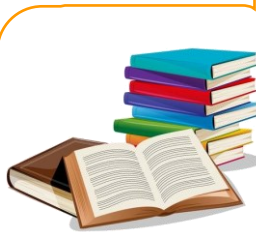
- A) Haryana
- B) Karnataka
- C) Vidarbha
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) Saurashtra

**Answer**  
**C) Vidarbha**



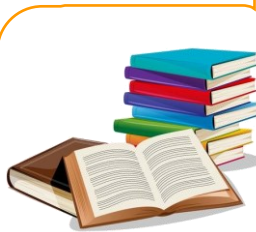
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Vidarbha wins its first-ever Vijay Hazare Trophy
- **Location:** BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru
- **Date:** January 2026 (Final held in 2025–26 season)



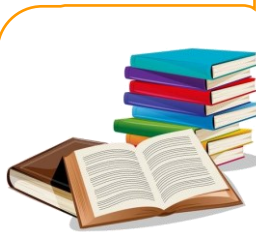
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - Vidarbha defeated two-time champions Saurashtra by 38 runs to win the 2025–26 Vijay Hazare Trophy, marking their maiden title in the domestic one-day tournament.
- **Objectives:**
  - To highlight the emergence of Vidarbha as a serious contender in List A domestic cricket, and recognize individual excellence in a high-pressure final.



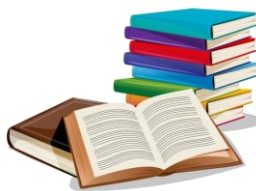
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Vijay Hazare Trophy:**
  - India's premier domestic 50-over (List A) tournament named after legendary cricketer Vijay Hazare.
  - Organized by the BCCI, it serves as a key platform for aspiring international cricketers.
- **List A Cricket:**
  - A form of limited-overs cricket played at the domestic level. Matches are typically 50 overs per side, considered one level below ODIs.



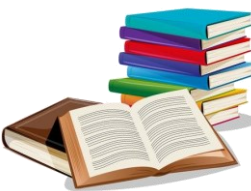
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Atharva Taide:**
  - An Indian domestic cricketer who scored 128 runs in the 2026 final, leading Vidarbha's batting performance.
- **Yash Thakur:**
  - Vidarbha's pace bowler who took 4 wickets in the final and played a crucial role in defending the total.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter          | Details                                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name         | Vidarbha wins maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy              |
| Announcement date  | January 2026 (Final match date)                       |
| Location           | BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru                  |
| Issuing authority  | Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)          |
| Policy/series name | Vijay Hazare Trophy 2025–26                           |
| Key figures        | Atharva Taide (128 runs), Yash Thakur (4 wickets)     |
| Purpose/reason     | To crown India's top domestic one-day team            |
| Feature details    | Vidarbha defeated Saurashtra by 38 runs               |
| Validity or status | First title for Vidarbha                              |
| Strategic value    | Boosts Vidarbha's position in Indian domestic cricket |



# OBITUARY

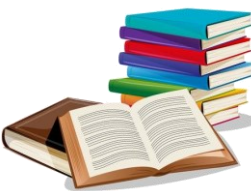


➤ **Valentino Garavani, who recently passed away at age 93, was globally known for which of the following contributions?**

- A) Launching Milan Fashion Week
- B) Founding the Versace label
- C) Creating the colour 'Valentino Red'
- D) Designing uniforms for the Italian army
- E) Inventing denim fashion

**Answer**

**C) Creating the colour 'Valentino Red'**

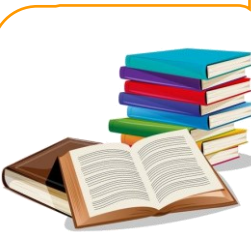


# OBITUARY



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Passing of legendary Italian designer Valentino Garavani
- **Location:** Italy (global fashion relevance)
- **Date:** January 2026

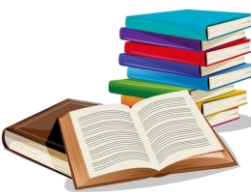


# OBITUARY



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Valentino Garavani, founder of the Valentino fashion house, passed away at the age of 93, concluding a legendary six-decade career in global haute couture.
- **Objectives:** To honour his unparalleled legacy in luxury fashion, his creation of the iconic Valentino Red, and his role in elevating Italian couture on the world stage.

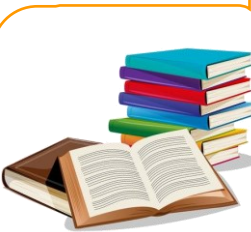


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Valentino Red:** A signature deep red shade introduced by Valentino, symbolizing elegance, power, and timeless femininity; it became a hallmark of his fashion identity.
- **Haute Couture:** High-end, custom-fitted fashion design, traditionally produced in Paris, that emphasizes craftsmanship, exclusivity, and artisanal techniques.
- **Valentino Fashion House:** A luxury Italian fashion label founded by Valentino Garavani in 1960 in Rome, known for classic gowns, refinement, and romantic aesthetics.

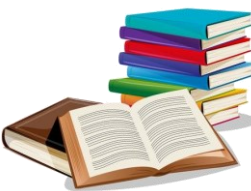


# OBITUARY



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | Death of iconic designer Valentino Garavani                                 |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                                |
| Location                    | Italy (global impact)                                                       |
| Issuing authority           | Valentino fashion house (statement)                                         |
| Policy/series name          | Valentino's legacy in global haute couture                                  |
| Key figures                 | Valentino Garavani (1932–2026)                                              |
| Purpose/reason              | End of a fashion era; tributes for a lifetime of contribution               |
| Feature details             | Founded Valentino brand in 1960, created Valentino Red, global fashion icon |
| Validity or status          | Valentino retired in 2008; legacy continues through his fashion house       |
| Strategic/significant value | Elevated Italian fashion on the global stage and inspired future designers  |



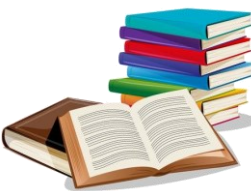
# RANKING



➤ What is India's rank in the Responsible Nations Index 2026 released by the World Intellectual Foundation?

- A) 12<sup>th</sup>
- B) 16<sup>th</sup>
- C) 20<sup>th</sup>
- D) 24<sup>th</sup>
- E) 10<sup>th</sup>

**Answer**  
**B) 16<sup>th</sup>**

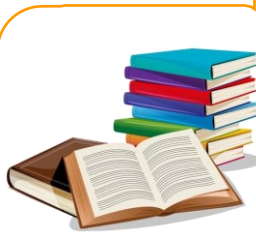


# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India ranks 16<sup>th</sup> in the Responsible Nations Index 2026
- **Location:** Global (Index launched by an international institution)
- **Date:** January 20, 2026

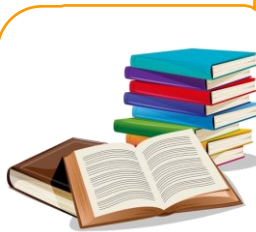


# RANKING



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Responsible Nations Index (RNI) ranks countries based on their internal governance, environmental responsibility, and global cooperation.
- **Objectives:** The aim is to assess and encourage responsible national behavior beyond mere economic or military power, promoting ethical governance and sustainability.



# RANKING



## Responsible Nations Index 2026 – Top 20 and Bottom 10 Rankings

### Top 20 Countries

| Rank | Country     | Score   |
|------|-------------|---------|
| 1    | Singapore   | 0.61945 |
| 2    | Switzerland | 0.58692 |
| 3    | Denmark     | 0.58372 |
| 4    | Cyprus      | 0.57737 |
| 5    | Sweden      | 0.57397 |
| 6    | Czechia     | 0.57037 |
| 7    | Belgium     | 0.56900 |
| 8    | Austria     | 0.56645 |
| 9    | Ireland     | 0.56336 |
| 10   | Georgia     | 0.55805 |

| Rank | Country             | Score   |
|------|---------------------|---------|
| 11   | Croatia             | 0.55782 |
| 12   | Germany             | 0.55703 |
| 13   | Portugal            | 0.55513 |
| 14   | Bulgaria            | 0.55466 |
| 15   | Norway              | 0.55291 |
| 16   | <b><u>India</u></b> | 0.55151 |
| 17   | France              | 0.54835 |
| 18   | Albania             | 0.54650 |
| 19   | Poland              | 0.54636 |
| 20   | Netherlands         | 0.54408 |



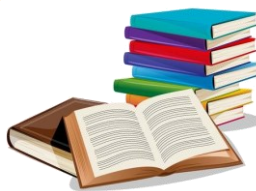
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## Responsible Nations Index 2026 – Top 20 and Bottom 10 Rankings

### Bottom 10 Countries

| Rank | Country                  | Score   |
|------|--------------------------|---------|
| 145  | Afghanistan              | 0.41398 |
| 146  | North Korea              | 0.41329 |
| 147  | Papua New Guinea         | 0.41172 |
| 148  | Chad                     | 0.40310 |
| 149  | Sudan                    | 0.40120 |
| 150  | Somalia                  | 0.39995 |
| 151  | Yemen                    | 0.38265 |
| 152  | South Sudan              | 0.37389 |
| 153  | Syria                    | 0.37254 |
| 154  | Central African Republic | 0.35715 |

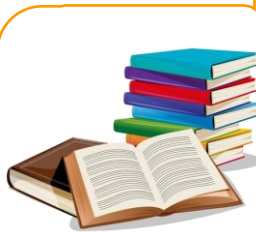


# RANKING



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Responsible Nations Index (RNI):** A global evaluative framework that ranks 154 countries based on ethical governance, environmental responsibility, and contribution to global cooperation, emphasizing responsibility over economic size.
- **World Intellectual Foundation:** The organization that developed and launched the RNI to reshape global assessments of national success through responsible behavior and inclusive governance.
- **Internal, Environmental, and External Responsibility:** The three pillars of the index evaluating how a nation treats its citizens, manages natural resources, and contributes to global peace and cooperation.

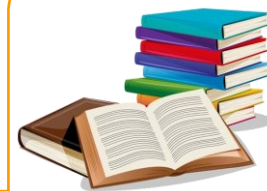


# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | India ranks 16th in Responsible Nations Index 2026                             |
| Announcement date           | January 20, 2026                                                               |
| Location                    | Global (Index includes 154 countries)                                          |
| Issuing authority           | World Intellectual Foundation                                                  |
| Policy/series name          | Responsible Nations Index (RNI)                                                |
| Key figures                 | Top countries include Singapore, Switzerland, Denmark                          |
| Purpose/reason              | To assess nations on ethical governance, environmental action, and cooperation |
| Feature details             | India scored 0.551513, performing well across all three dimensions             |
| Validity or status          | 2026 ranking officially released                                               |
| Strategic/significant value | Highlights India's role as a responsible and ethical global actor              |



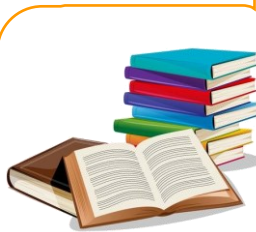
# RANKING



➤ In 2025, how much did China's population decline despite new birth incentives, according to official data?

- A) 1 million
- B) 2 million
- C) 3 million
- D) 4 million
- E) 5 million

**Answer**  
**C) 3 million**

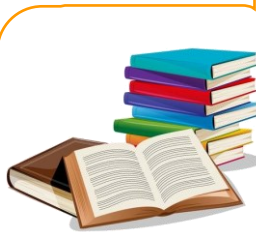


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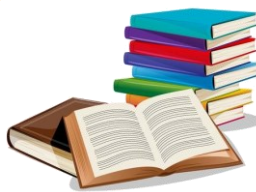
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** China's population declines for the fourth consecutive year despite incentives
- **Location:** China
- **Date:** January 2026 (data for year 2025)



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** China recorded a population drop of 3 million in 2025, with births falling to a record low of 7.92 million despite state-led birth incentives and supportive family policies.
- **Objectives:** To stabilize population decline and address long-term demographic pressures by encouraging childbearing through financial support, policy reforms, and tax benefits.

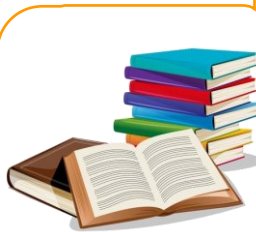


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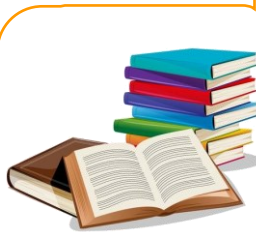
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Fertility Rate:** The average number of children a woman is expected to have during her lifetime. A rate of 2.1 is considered replacement level. China's estimated fertility rate in 2025 is around 1, far below sustainability.
- **Population Replacement Level:** The level of fertility at which a population exactly replaces itself from one generation to the next, without migration; generally pegged at 2.1 children per woman.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **One-Child Policy:** China's former population control policy implemented in 1980 and phased out in 2015, replaced with the two-child and then three-child policies to reverse demographic decline.
- **Value Added Tax (VAT):** A consumption tax levied on goods and services at each stage of production or distribution. In China, contraceptives were removed from tax exemption and now face a 13% VAT.

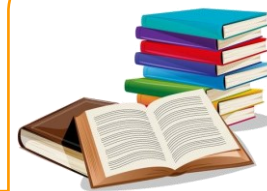


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| Parameter                   | Details                                                                   |
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| Event name                  | China's population decline despite birth incentives                       |
| Announcement date           | January 2026 (data for 2025)                                              |
| Location                    | China                                                                     |
| Issuing authority           | National Bureau of Statistics of China                                    |
| Policy/series name          | Population Incentive Measures & Family Policy Reforms                     |
| Key figures                 | Births: 7.92 million; Fertility rate: ~1; Population decline: 3 million   |
| Purpose/reason              | Reverse demographic shrinkage and increase birth rates                    |
| Feature details             | Cash subsidies, tax exemptions, policy changes, VAT on contraceptives     |
| Validity or status          | Active but showing limited results                                        |
| Strategic/significant value | Highlights the demographic crisis and economic challenges China now faces |



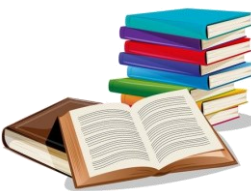
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➤ **What is India's rank in the Asia Manufacturing Index 2026 released by Dezan Shira & Associates?**

- A) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- B) 4<sup>th</sup>
- C) 5<sup>th</sup>
- D) 6<sup>th</sup>
- E) 7<sup>th</sup>

**Answer**  
**D) 6<sup>th</sup>**

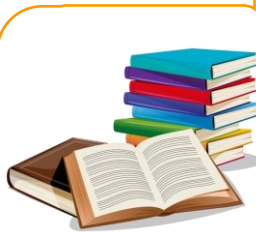


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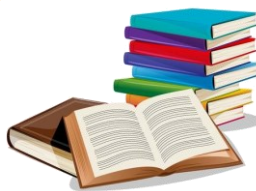
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the Asia Manufacturing Index 2026
- **Location:** Asia (Regional Ranking)
- **Date:** January 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Asia Manufacturing Index 2026, published by Dezan Shira & Associates, ranks India 6th out of 11 Asian countries, based on manufacturing competitiveness across eight pillars.
- **Objectives:** To assess and compare manufacturing readiness, policy effectiveness, and economic infrastructure of Asian economies, offering insights to improve India's manufacturing reforms and global positioning.

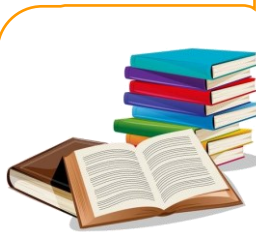


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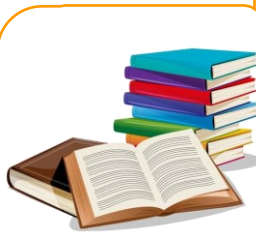
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI):** An annual ranking of 11 key Asian economies evaluating manufacturing competitiveness across eight pillars such as economy, tax policy, trade, innovation, and infrastructure. Released by Dezan Shira & Associates.
- **Dezan Shira & Associates:** A pan-Asian advisory firm headquartered in Hong Kong, specializing in market intelligence, business advisory, tax, and legal consulting services across Asia.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Innovation Depth:** Refers to a country's ability to support manufacturing through R&D investment, technological advancement, and product design capacity.
- **Ease of Doing Business & Logistics Efficiency:** Critical enablers for a manufacturing-friendly environment involving regulatory simplification, reduced compliance burden, and reliable transport infrastructure.



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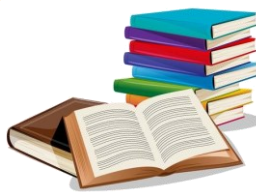
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                            |
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| Event name                  | India ranks 6th in Asia Manufacturing Index 2026                                   |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                                       |
| Location                    | Asia (covering 11 countries)                                                       |
| Issuing authority           | Dezan Shira & Associates                                                           |
| Policy/series name          | Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI)                                                     |
| Key figures                 | India ranked 6th; China retained 1st; Malaysia 2nd; Vietnam 3rd                    |
| Purpose/reason              | Assess manufacturing competitiveness across Asia                                   |
| Feature details             | Based on 8 pillars and 43 sub-parameters including economy, tax, innovation        |
| Validity or status          | 2026 edition officially published                                                  |
| Strategic/significant value | Indicates India's need for stronger reforms and faster policy execution to compete |



➤ What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India in FY 2025–26 as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

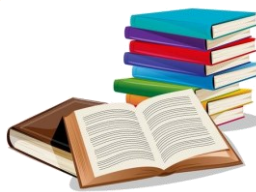
- A) 6.4%
- B) 6.6%
- C) 6.9%
- D) 7.3%
- E) 7.5%

**Answer**  
**D) 7.3%**



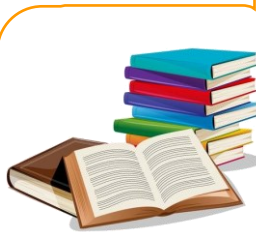
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** IMF revises India's GDP growth forecast upward for FY 2025–26
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** January 20, 2026



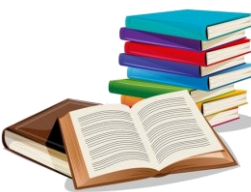
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has increased India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2025–26 by 0.7 percentage points to 7.3%.
- **Objectives:** The revision aims to reflect India's strong economic momentum, stable domestic demand, easing inflation trends, and resilience amid global uncertainties.



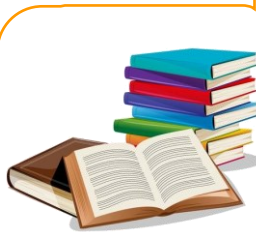
## Important Terms Explained:

- **International Monetary Fund (IMF):** A global financial institution established in 1944 to promote international monetary cooperation, ensure financial stability, foster economic growth, and provide temporary financial assistance to countries in economic crisis.
- **World Economic Outlook (WEO):** A key IMF publication that provides analysis and projections of the global economy, released twice a year with interim updates.



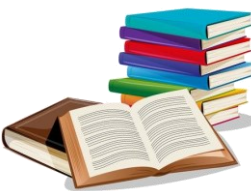
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs):** An international reserve asset created by the IMF to supplement its member countries' official reserves, valued based on a basket of major currencies and not a currency itself.



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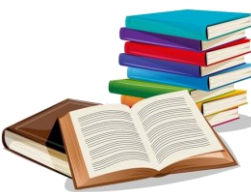
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                    |
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| Event name                  | IMF raises India's GDP forecast for FY 2025–26                             |
| Announcement date           | January 20, 2026                                                           |
| Location                    | India                                                                      |
| Issuing authority           | International Monetary Fund (IMF)                                          |
| Policy/series name          | World Economic Outlook Update                                              |
| Key figures                 | Kristalina Georgieva (Managing Director of IMF)                            |
| Purpose/reason              | Reflect strong economic fundamentals and easing inflation                  |
| Feature details             | Growth revised to 7.3%, citing resilient demand and investment             |
| Validity or status          | Applicable for FY 2025–26, with moderation expected in FY 2026–27          |
| Strategic/significant value | Highlights India's role as a key driver of growth among emerging economies |



➤ According to an SBI analysis, what is India's projected per capita income by 2030 to enter the upper-middle-income group?

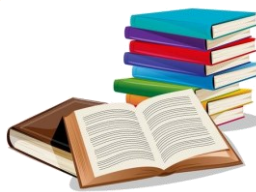
- A) \$2,500
- B) \$3,000
- C) \$4,000
- D) \$5,000
- E) \$6,000

**Answer**  
**C) \$4,000**



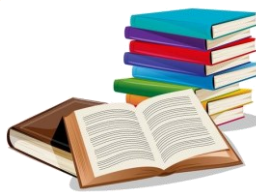
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India projected to become an upper-middle-income country by 2030
- **Location:** India (based on SBI economic analysis)
- **Date:** January 2026 (report published)



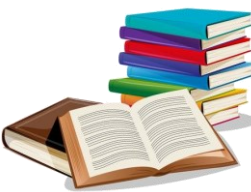
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The State Bank of India (SBI) released an analysis projecting India's transition to upper-middle-income status by 2030 with a per capita GNI of \$4,000.
- **Objectives:** To highlight India's economic transformation, driven by strong GDP growth, rising per capita income, and structural reforms, and to prepare policy for a future high-income nation status by 2047.



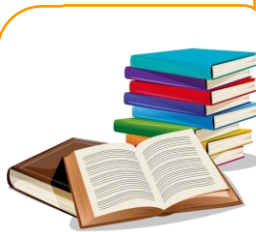
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Upper-Middle-Income Economy:** As per World Bank classification, countries with per capita GNI between roughly \$4,000 and \$12,700 (subject to annual updates). It indicates better living standards and enhanced economic strength.
- **Per Capita GNI (Gross National Income):** Total income earned by a country's residents (including abroad income) divided by the population; it is used by the World Bank to classify country income groups.



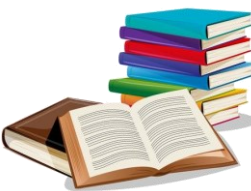
## Important Terms Explained:

- **CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate):** The rate at which a value grows annually over a period, assuming it is compounded. India's GNI per capita has grown at over 8% CAGR between 2001 and 2024.
- **SBI (State Bank of India):** India's largest public sector bank and a major financial institution that conducts economic research and publishes analytical reports on macroeconomic indicators.



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                  |
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| Event name                  | India projected to become upper-middle-income country                    |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                             |
| Location                    | India (based on SBI report)                                              |
| Issuing authority           | State Bank of India (SBI)                                                |
| Policy/series name          | Per Capita Income & Global Economic Ranking Projections                  |
| Key figures                 | Projected GNI: \$4,000 by 2030; Global Rank: 3rd-largest economy by 2028 |
| Purpose/reason              | To signal India's rising income and global economic position             |
| Feature details             | India to overtake Germany by 2028; \$5 trillion GDP target by 2027       |
| Validity or status          | Forecast-based; aligns with long-term government vision                  |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports goal of becoming a high-income nation by 2047                   |

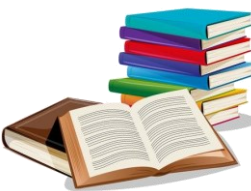


➤ According to the IMF, what is the projected global GDP growth rate for 2026?

- A) 3.0%
- B) 3.1%
- C) 3.2%
- D) 3.3%
- E) 3.5%

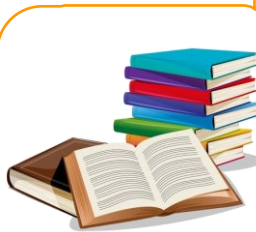
**Answer**

**D) 3.3%**



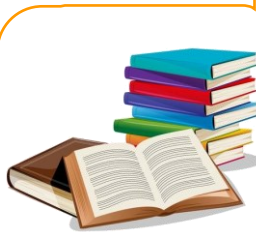
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** IMF projects steady global growth in 2026 due to AI investment and easing trade tensions
- **Location:** Global (World Economic Outlook update by IMF)
- **Date:** January 2026



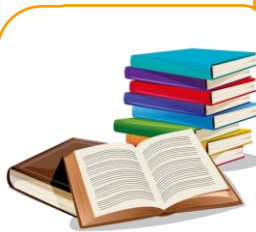
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected a global GDP growth rate of 3.3% in 2026, citing improved conditions driven by artificial intelligence investments, declining tariffs, and global supply chain adaptation.
- **Objectives:** To assess global macroeconomic performance and offer projections to inform policy decisions, manage risks, and highlight potential economic drivers and downside threats in the global economy.



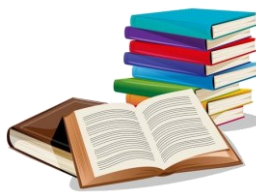
## Important Terms Explained:

- **World Economic Outlook (WEO):** A flagship report published by the IMF twice a year (April & October), with updates in January and July, providing economic forecasts, inflation trends, and country-level data for 190+ nations.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Boom:** Refers to the surge in global investments in AI infrastructure like data centers, chips, and cloud systems, which is enhancing productivity and asset values, supporting medium-term global growth.



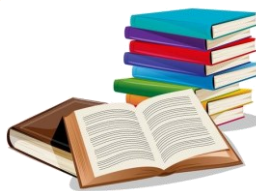
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Tariff Rate:** A tax imposed on imports. The US's effective tariff rate is expected to fall to 18.5% in 2026 from earlier projections of 25%, easing global trade pressures.
- **Market Correction:** A rapid decline in asset prices following a period of overvaluation. The IMF warns that AI-driven market exuberance could lead to corrections if projected gains don't materialize.



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| Parameter                   | Details                                                                           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | IMF projects global growth at 3.3% for 2026                                       |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                                      |
| Location                    | Global (as per WEO Update)                                                        |
| Issuing authority           | International Monetary Fund (IMF)                                                 |
| Policy/series name          | World Economic Outlook (WEO) – January 2026 Update                                |
| Key figures                 | Global Growth: 3.3%; US: 2.4%; China: 4.5%; Eurozone: 1.3%                        |
| Purpose/reason              | To assess global economic momentum amid AI growth and declining trade frictions   |
| Feature details             | AI boom driving productivity; lower US tariffs; supply chain adaptation           |
| Validity or status          | Official IMF forecast; medium-term projections through 2027                       |
| Strategic/significant value | Reflects resilience of global economy and role of tech in economic transformation |



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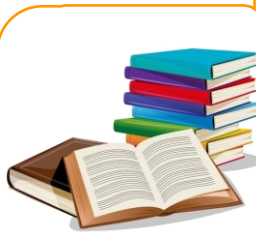
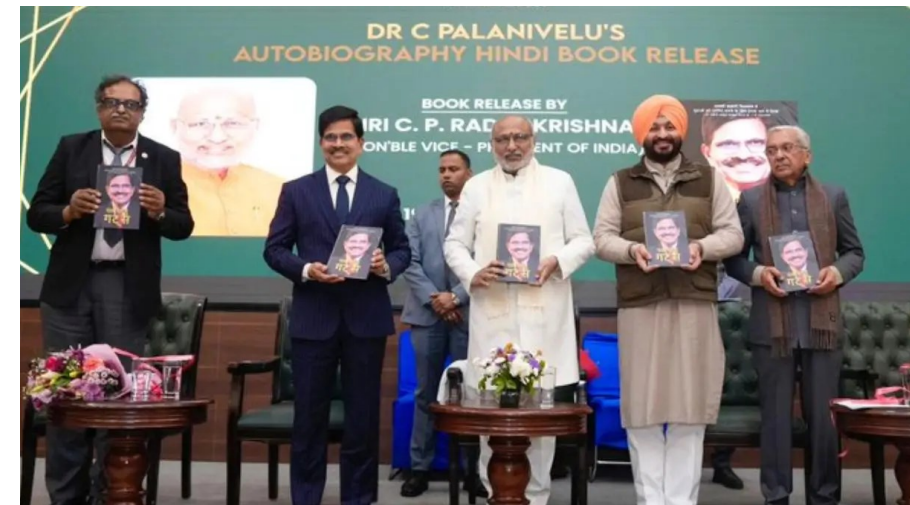


➤ Who released the Hindi edition of the autobiography 'Palanivelu GUTS' in January 2026?

- A) Droupadi Murmu
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- D) C. P. Radhakrishnan
- E) Mansukh Mandaviya

**Answer**

**D) C. P. Radhakrishnan**

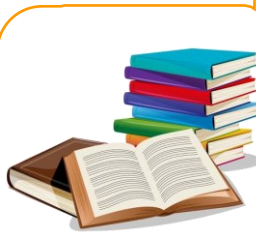


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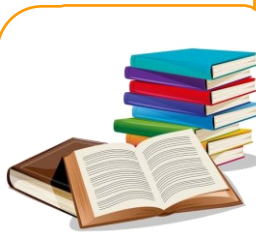
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the Hindi edition of Palanivelu GUTS, the autobiography of Dr. C. Palanivelu
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** January 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the Hindi edition of Palanivelu GUTS, celebrating the life of Dr. C. Palanivelu and his contributions to modern surgery.
- **Objectives:** Promote ethical innovation, medical excellence, and social responsibility, while making the inspiring life story of Dr. Palanivelu accessible to a wider Hindi-speaking audience.

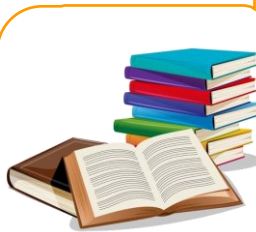


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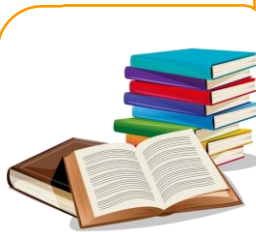
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Palanivelu GUTS:** An autobiography of renowned Indian laparoscopic surgeon Dr. C. Palanivelu, highlighting his journey of innovation, resilience, and service in modern medicine.
- **Laparoscopic Surgery:** Also called minimally invasive surgery, it uses small incisions and cameras for internal procedures, reducing patient recovery time and risk.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Robotic Surgery:** A high-precision, tech-assisted surgical method allowing enhanced control and flexibility; Dr. Palanivelu was a pioneer in introducing it in India.
- **Guru Reverence Tradition:** A core Indian value emphasizing deep respect and gratitude towards teachers and mentors, often expressed through lifelong acknowledgment and service.

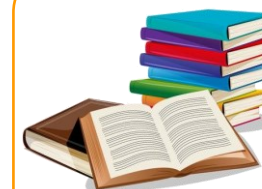


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | Release of Hindi edition of Palanivelu GUTS                                   |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                                  |
| Location                    | New Delhi, India                                                              |
| Issuing authority           | Office of the Vice-President of India                                         |
| Policy/series name          | Medical Biography Launch & Public Health Awareness                            |
| Key figures                 | Dr. C. Palanivelu (Author), C. P. Radhakrishnan (Vice-President)              |
| Purpose/reason              | Make the inspiring journey of a medical innovator accessible in Hindi         |
| Feature details             | Autobiography covering ethics, innovation, laparoscopic surgery, social work  |
| Validity or status          | Book released and available for Hindi readership                              |
| Strategic/significant value | Promotes national unity, service, humility, and advances in Indian healthcare |



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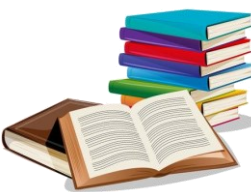


➤ Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Raymond Lifestyle, effective January 19, 2026?

- A) Sanjay Behl
- B) Satyaki Ghosh
- C) Shantanu Khosla
- D) Arun Misra
- E) Rakesh Kapoor

**Answer**

**B) Satyaki Ghosh**

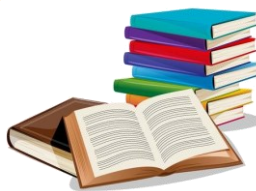


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of new CEO for Raymond Lifestyle
- **Location:** India (Raymond Headquarters – Mumbai)
- **Date:** January 19, 2026

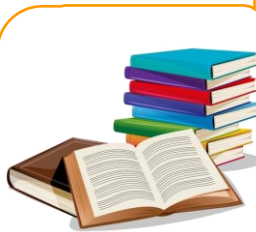


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
  - Raymond Lifestyle appointed Satyaki Ghosh as its new Chief Executive Officer, following a decision by the Board of Directors.
- **Objectives:**
  - To strengthen leadership in its lifestyle and retail operations, aiming to boost business growth, consumer focus, and market competitiveness through experienced executive management.

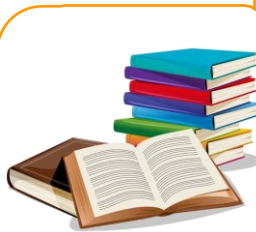


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **CEO (Chief Executive Officer):**
  - The top executive in a company responsible for overall management, business strategy, and operational leadership. The CEO reports to the board and is key to implementing organizational vision and goals.
- **Raymond Lifestyle:**
  - A division of Raymond Limited, focusing on premium apparel, ready-to-wear garments, and fashion retail. It includes brands like Park Avenue, ColorPlus, and Raymond Ready to Wear.

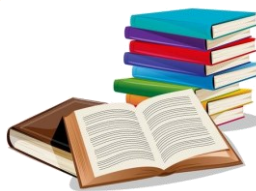


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Aditya Birla Group:**
  - A large Indian multinational conglomerate with interests in sectors like metals, cement, fashion, and telecom. Satyaki Ghosh was previously part of this group.

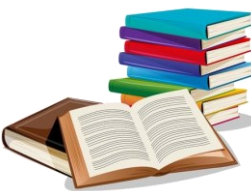


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter              | Details                                     |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Event name             | Appointment of new CEO at Raymond Lifestyle |
| Announcement date      | January 19, 2026                            |
| Location               | Mumbai, India                               |
| Issuing authority      | Board of Directors, Raymond Lifestyle       |
| Appointed person       | Satyaki Ghosh                               |
| Previous organization  | Aditya Birla Group                          |
| Sectors of experience  | FMCG, Retail, Textiles                      |
| Total experience       | 25+ years                                   |
| Strategic objective    | Strengthen leadership and retail focus      |
| Business unit impacted | Lifestyle and consumer-facing brands        |



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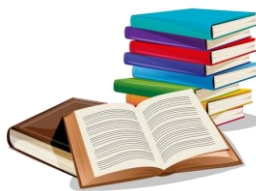


➤ **Which indigenous solution earned C-DOT the SKOCH Award 2025 at the 104<sup>th</sup> SKOCH Summit?**

- A) Quantum Secure Communication System
- B) Bharat 6G Testbed
- C) Cell Broadcast Solution
- D) AI-Powered Surveillance Grid
- E) National Cyber Defence Platform

**Answer**

**C) Cell Broadcast Solution**

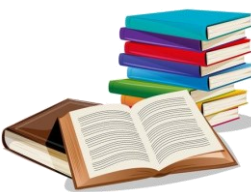


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** C-DOT wins SKOCH Award 2025 for Cell Broadcast Solution
- **Location:** India (104<sup>th</sup> SKOCH Summit)
- **Date:** January 2026

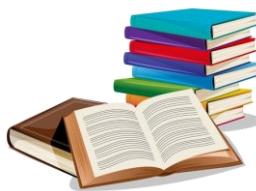


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) was awarded the SKOCH Award 2025 for developing a fully indigenous Cell Broadcast Solution, a disaster alert platform.
- **Objectives:** To provide geo-targeted, real-time, and multilingual emergency alerts to citizens across India, enhancing disaster risk reduction, public safety, and resilience using digital infrastructure.

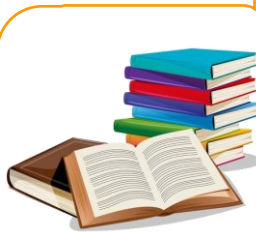


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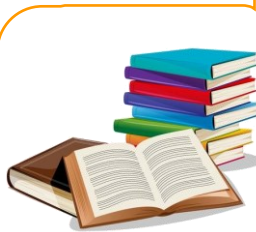
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Cell Broadcast Solution (CBS):** A mobile-based platform that delivers emergency alerts to all devices in a specific area instantly, even during network congestion. It supports multi-hazard alerts in 21 Indian languages.
- **SKOCH Award:** A prestigious Indian award that recognizes impactful governance, technological innovation, and inclusive development by public and private institutions.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Early Warnings for All (EW4All):** A global UN initiative aiming to ensure every person on Earth is protected by early warning systems against hazards by 2027.
- **Common Alerting Protocol (CAP):** A global ITU standard for alerting systems to ensure consistency in delivering warnings across technologies and platforms.



# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                        |
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| Event name                  | C-DOT wins SKOCH Award 2025 for Cell Broadcast Solution                                        |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                                                   |
| Location                    | India (104th SKOCH Summit)                                                                     |
| Issuing authority           | SKOCH Group                                                                                    |
| Policy/series name          | Indigenous Disaster Alert System                                                               |
| Key figures                 | Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay (C-DOT Chairman), Skoch Group                                            |
| Purpose/reason              | Strengthen India's emergency response with a real-time, geo-targeted disaster alert platform   |
| Feature details             | Multi-language alerts, real-time broadcasting, works during network congestion, CAP compliant  |
| Validity or status          | Active nationwide, integrated with national disaster management ecosystem                      |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports Aatmanirbhar Bharat and UN's EW4All initiative; enhances public safety infrastructure |



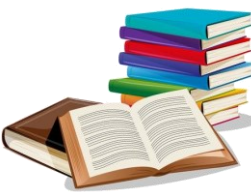
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➤ Who has been selected for the Padmapani Award at the 11<sup>th</sup> Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival 2026?

- A) A. R. Rahman
- B) Shankar Mahadevan
- C) Ilaiyaraaja
- D) Lata Mangeshkar
- E) Zakir Hussain

**Answer**  
**C) Ilaiyaraaja**

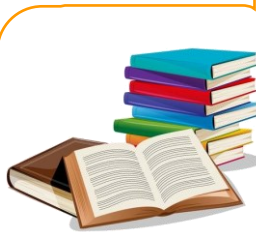


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ilaiyaraaja selected for Padmapani Award at Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival 2026
- **Location:** Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Maharashtra
- **Date:** Award to be presented between January 28 – February 1, 2026

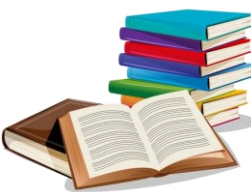


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Padmapani Award is being conferred upon Ilaiyaraaja at the 11th edition of the Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema.
- **Objectives:** To honor exceptional individuals in the field of cinema and arts whose work has had a profound cultural and artistic impact at both national and international levels.

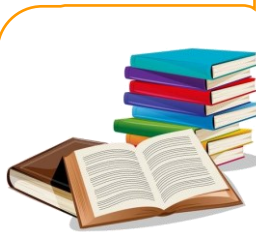


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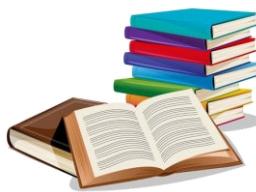
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Padmapani Award:** A prestigious award given at the Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival recognizing lifetime achievements and exceptional contribution to the field of cinema and arts. It includes a memento, citation, and ₹2 lakh cash prize.
- **Ilaiyaraaja:** One of India's most legendary and influential music composers, with a career spanning over four decades and more than 1,000 films. Known for fusing Indian classical music with Western orchestration.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival:** An annual cultural film festival organized in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra, promoting meaningful Indian and international cinema with support from state and central government cultural bodies.

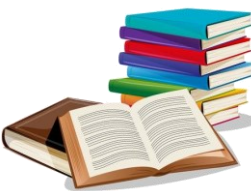


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                        |
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| Event name                  | Ilaiyaraaja selected for Padmapani Award                                       |
| Announcement date           | January 20, 2026                                                               |
| Location                    | Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra                                         |
| Issuing authority           | Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival Committee                            |
| Policy/series name          | Padmapani Award at AEIFF                                                       |
| Key figures                 | Ilaiyaraaja                                                                    |
| Purpose/reason              | To honor his lifetime contribution to Indian cinema and music                  |
| Feature details             | Award includes citation, Padmapani memento, ₹2 lakh cash prize                 |
| Validity or status          | Award ceremony scheduled during Jan 28 – Feb 1, 2026                           |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances recognition of Indian musical excellence and cinema on a global scale |



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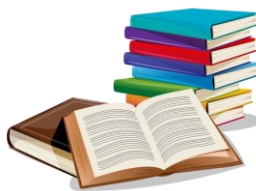


➤ Which company has been awarded the Indian Navy contract for constructing 200-tonne Bottom Opening Non-Propelled Barges?

- A) Cochin Shipyard Ltd
- B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- D) Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd
- E) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd

**Answer**

**D) Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd**

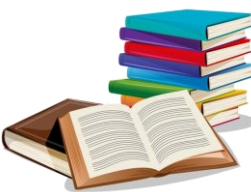


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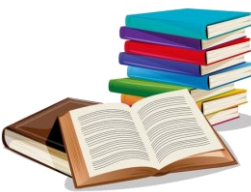
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Navy signs contract for three Bottom Opening Non-Propelled Barges
- **Location:** Thane, Maharashtra (Shipyard location)
- **Date:** January 16, 2026



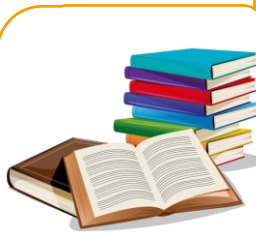
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Navy signed a contract with Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd for the construction of three 200-tonne Bottom Opening Non-Propelled Barges, built under Indian Register of Shipping standards.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen indigenous naval logistics infrastructure, support MSME shipyards, and promote Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat by developing specialised maritime vessels domestically.



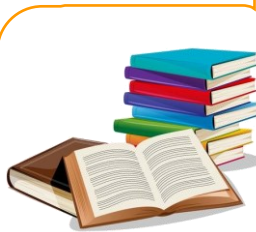
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Bottom Opening Non-Propelled Barges:** Naval auxiliary vessels designed for logistical operations, these barges release cargo or material (such as dredged sediment) through bottom hatches and are towed rather than self-propelled.
- **Make in India:** A Government of India initiative launched in 2014 to boost domestic manufacturing by encouraging companies to produce goods within India.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** A self-reliant India campaign launched in 2020 that emphasizes reducing dependency on imports by enhancing domestic production capabilities across all sectors.
- **Maritime India Vision 2030:** A strategic blueprint by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to modernize India's ports, boost shipbuilding, and position India as a global maritime hub.

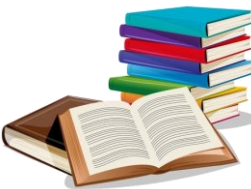


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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Event name                  | Contract for Indigenous Bottom Opening Barges signed by Indian Navy                               |
| Announcement date           | January 16, 2026                                                                                  |
| Location                    | Thane, Maharashtra                                                                                |
| Issuing authority           | Indian Navy                                                                                       |
| Policy/series name          | Indigenous Auxiliary Naval Platforms                                                              |
| Key figures                 | Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd (contracted shipyard)                                                 |
| Purpose/reason              | To enhance logistics capability using domestically built non-propelled barges                     |
| Feature details             | 200-tonne capacity, bottom-opening design, built under Indian Register of Shipping classification |
| Validity or status          | Contract awarded; construction phase to begin                                                     |
| Strategic/significant value | Supports Make in India, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and Maritime India Vision 2030                       |

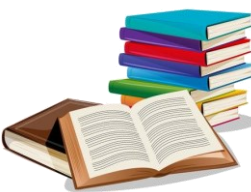


➤ Which of the following was not a focus area during UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed's 2026 visit to India?

- A) Space cooperation
- B) Civil nuclear energy
- C) Blockchain cryptocurrency regulation
- D) Strategic defence partnership
- E) Cultural initiatives

**Answer**

**C) Blockchain cryptocurrency regulation**

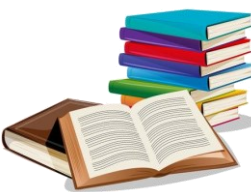


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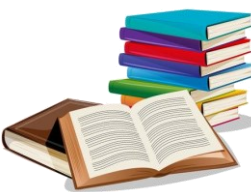
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed's state visit to India
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** January 2026



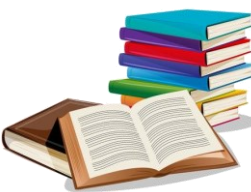
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The visit led to the signing of several MoUs, Letters of Intent, and strategic announcements in areas like investment, defence, space, energy, nuclear cooperation, AI, trade, and cultural exchanges.
- **Objectives:** Strengthen the India–UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, double bilateral trade, promote innovation, deepen defence cooperation, boost food and energy security, and enhance people-to-people and cultural ties.



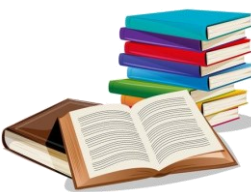
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR):** A major planned industrial city in Gujarat, India, being developed as a smart city and logistics hub with international investment, including from the UAE.
- **IN-SPACE:** Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center, an autonomous agency under the Department of Space to promote private sector participation in space activities in India.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **SHANTI Act 2025:** A framework for nuclear cooperation including Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), large nuclear reactors, safety protocols, and joint operations between India and partner nations.
- **GIFT City:** Gujarat International Finance Tec-City, India's first operational smart city and international financial services centre aimed at attracting foreign investments and institutions.



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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                               |
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| Event name                  | UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed's visit to India                                               |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                                                          |
| Location                    | India                                                                                                 |
| Issuing authority           | Governments of India and UAE                                                                          |
| Policy/series name          | India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership                                                         |
| Key figures                 | Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi                                      |
| Purpose/reason              | To boost bilateral ties in strategic, economic, technological, and cultural domains                   |
| Feature details             | 12 major agreements and announcements covering defence, AI, energy, space, trade, and culture         |
| Validity or status          | Active agreements with implementation timelines up to 2032                                            |
| Strategic/significant value | Deepens India's West Asia ties, supports economic goals, and boosts India's global strategic outreach |



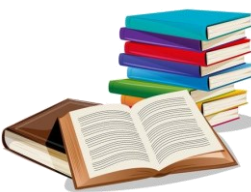
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➤ **What is the new bilateral trade target set by India and the UAE to be achieved by 2032?**

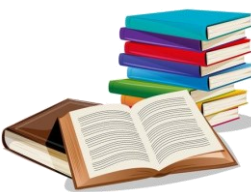
- A) \$150 billion
- B) \$175 billion
- C) \$100 billion
- D) \$200 billion
- E) \$225 billion

**Answer**  
**D) \$200 billion**



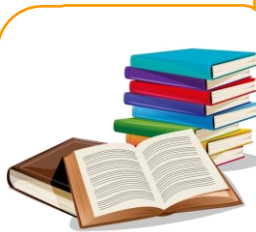
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and UAE agree to double bilateral trade to \$200 billion by 2032
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** January 20, 2026



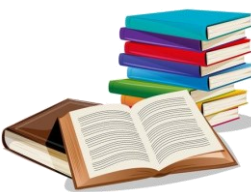
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** High-level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan resulted in setting a \$200 billion trade target by 2032 and signing multiple agreements in strategic sectors.
- **Objectives:** Deepen the India–UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership by enhancing cooperation across defence, space, energy, infrastructure, finance, culture, and civil nuclear collaboration, while promoting sustainable and diversified economic growth.



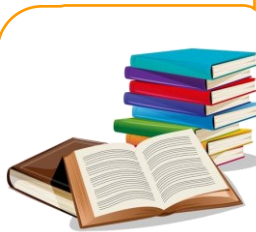
## Important Terms Explained:

- **GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City):** India's first international financial services centre (IFSC) developed as a global hub for financial innovation and offshore banking.
- **House of India (Abu Dhabi):** A proposed cultural and heritage complex in UAE that will showcase Indian art, archaeology, and traditions to strengthen bilateral people-to-people and cultural ties.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR):** A smart city and industrial region in Gujarat, supported by the UAE in areas such as an international airport, smart urban township, and logistics infrastructure.
- **Strategic Defence Partnership Framework:** An initiative to institutionalize long-term cooperation in defence, cyber security, innovation, joint training, and counter-terrorism.



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## Tabular Summary:

| Parameter                   | Details                                                                                         |
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| Event name                  | India–UAE set \$200 billion trade target by 2032                                                |
| Announcement date           | January 20, 2026                                                                                |
| Location                    | New Delhi, India                                                                                |
| Issuing authority           | Government of India and Government of UAE                                                       |
| Policy/series name          | India–UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership                                                   |
| Key figures                 | PM Narendra Modi, President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan                                  |
| Purpose/reason              | To deepen bilateral strategic and economic relations and promote diversified cooperation        |
| Feature details             | Trade, defence, space, supercomputing, nuclear, Dholera SIR, GIFT City, House of India          |
| Validity or status          | Trade target set for 2032; MoUs and Lols signed across various sectors                          |
| Strategic/significant value | Enhances India's engagement with West Asia; promotes economic resilience and cultural diplomacy |

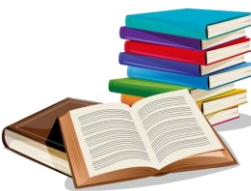


➤ **What is the main objective of India's first Tailings Policy announced in 2026?**

- A) Promote coal-based energy
- B) Increase gold exports
- C) Recover critical minerals from mine waste
- D) Ban open-pit mining
- E) Reduce forest clearance for new mines

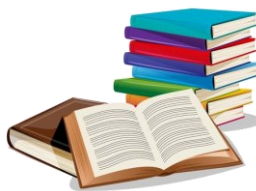
**Answer**

**C) Recover critical minerals from mine waste**



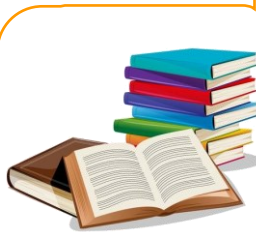
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India announces its first Tailings Policy to recover critical minerals
- **Location:** India (policy issued by Ministry of Mines)
- **Date:** January 2026



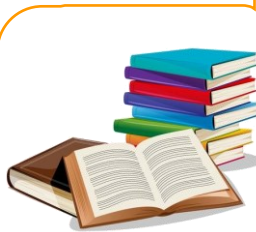
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Mines released India's first Tailings Policy aimed at guiding the recovery of critical and strategic minerals from tailings, overburden, mine dumps, and slags.
- **Objectives:** To boost the domestic availability of critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earth elements (REEs), reduce import dependence, and support India's transition to clean energy and self-reliant mineral security under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



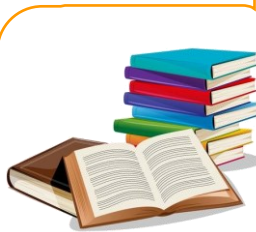
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Tailings:** Residual material left after valuable minerals are extracted from ore, usually stored in slurry form in tailing ponds or dumps. Previously considered waste, they are now seen as a valuable secondary mineral source.
- **Critical Minerals:** Minerals essential for high-tech, clean energy, and national security (e.g. lithium, cobalt, REEs). They have few substitutes and face supply risks.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Companion Minerals:** Elements that naturally occur with primary mined minerals. For example, cobalt in copper tailings or germanium in zinc ores.
- **Secondary Sources:** Non-primary sources like tailings, red mud, slags, and mine dumps from which minerals can be economically recovered.

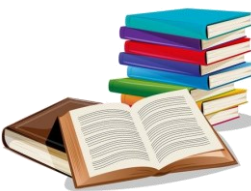


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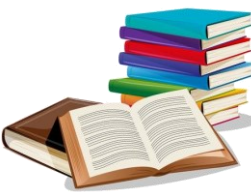
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                         |
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| Event name                  | Launch of India's first Tailings Policy                                         |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                                    |
| Location                    | India (nationwide implementation)                                               |
| Issuing authority           | Ministry of Mines, Government of India                                          |
| Policy/series name          | Tailings Policy for Critical Mineral Recovery                                   |
| Key figures                 | Critical minerals: Lithium, Cobalt, REEs, Nickel                                |
| Purpose/reason              | Recover valuable minerals from mining waste                                     |
| Feature details             | Covers tailings, slags, overburden, mine dumps, red mud, anode slimes           |
| Validity or status          | Officially notified; implementation in process                                  |
| Strategic/significant value | Reduces import dependence, supports green tech, aligns with Aatmanirbhar Bharat |



➤ **Where was India's first open-sea marine fish farming project launched in 2026?**

- A) Gulf of Mannar
- B) Arabian Sea
- C) Andaman Sea
- D) Bay of Bengal
- E) Indian Ocean Ridge

**Answer**  
**C) Andaman Sea**

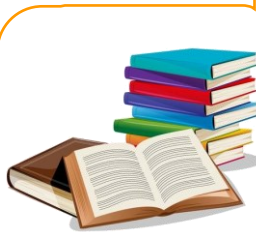


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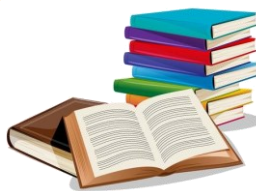
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's first open-sea marine fish farming pilot project
- **Location:** Andaman Sea (North Bay, Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
- **Date:** January 2026



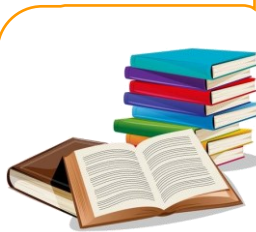
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched India's first open-ocean marine farming pilot project in the Andaman Sea, focusing on finfish cage farming and seaweed cultivation using scientific marine technology.
- **Objectives:** Promote Blue Economy growth, enable livelihood generation for coastal communities, and ensure sustainable use of India's marine resources through ocean-based innovation.



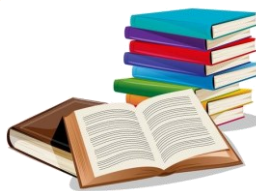
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Open-Sea Marine Fish Farming:** The practice of cultivating marine species like finfish and seaweed directly in the open sea using structures like cages and deep-water frames, away from traditional near-shore zones.
- **Blue Economy:** A development model focused on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and ocean health. It includes sectors like fisheries, aquaculture, marine biotech, tourism, and offshore energy.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT):** A premier Indian institution under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, involved in ocean engineering, marine technology, and sustainable marine resource development.

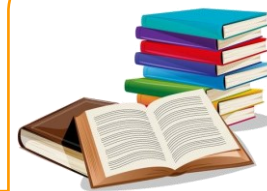


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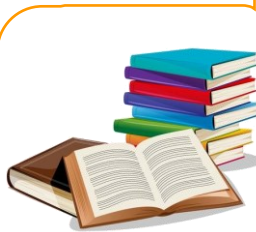
| Parameter                   | Details                                                                  |
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| Event name                  | Launch of India's first open-sea marine fish farming project             |
| Announcement date           | January 2026                                                             |
| Location                    | Andaman Sea (North Bay, A&N Islands)                                     |
| Issuing authority           | Ministry of Earth Sciences; NIOT                                         |
| Policy/series name          | Blue Economy Marine Farming Initiative                                   |
| Key figures                 | Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh                                             |
| Purpose/reason              | Promote sustainable marine livelihoods and open-sea resource utilisation |
| Feature details             | Finfish cage farming, deep-sea seaweed cultivation using NIOT technology |
| Validity or status          | Pilot launched; potential for scale-up through PPP model                 |
| Strategic/significant value | Strengthens India's Blue Economy and empowers island/coastal communities |



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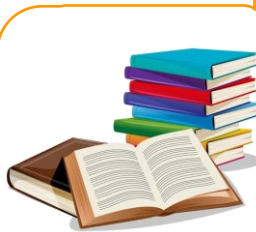
- **Penguin Awareness Day 2026 was observed globally on January 20 to highlight the conservation needs of penguins.**
- **Vidarbha lifted their first Vijay Hazare Trophy by defeating Saurashtra in the 2025–26 final at Bengaluru.**
- **Valentino Garavani, the legendary Italian designer and founder of the Valentino brand, passed away at the age of 93.**
- **India has ranked 16th out of 154 countries in the Responsible Nations Index 2026.**
- **China's population declined by approximately 3 million in 2025, marking the fourth straight year of contraction.**
- **India ranked 6th out of 11 Asian economies in the Asia Manufacturing Index 2026 released by Dezan Shira & Associates.**
- **The International Monetary Fund has raised India's GDP growth projection to 7.3% for FY 2025–26.**
- **India is projected to become an upper-middle-income country by 2030 with a per capita GNI of \$4,000.**
- **The IMF raised its 2026 global GDP growth forecast to 3.3%, citing strong AI-driven investments.**



# QUICK RECALL



- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the Hindi edition of Palanivelu GUTS, the autobiography of Dr. C. Palanivelu.
- Raymond Lifestyle appointed Satyaki Ghosh as its new Chief Executive Officer with effect from January 19, 2026.
- C-DOT received the SKOCH Award 2025 for its life-saving Cell Broadcast Solution at the 104th SKOCH Summit.
- Veteran composer Ilaiyaraaja will be awarded the Padmapani Award at the 11th Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival in 2026.
- The Indian Navy signed a contract with Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd to build three 200-tonne Bottom Opening Non-Propelled Barges.
- UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed's 2026 visit to India led to 12 major agreements across sectors like defence, space, energy, and AI.
- India and the UAE have set a target to double bilateral trade to \$200 billion by 2032 during high-level talks in New Delhi.
- India has announced its first Tailings Policy to extract critical minerals like lithium and cobalt from mining waste.
- India has launched its first open-sea marine fish farming project in the Andaman Sea, led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.







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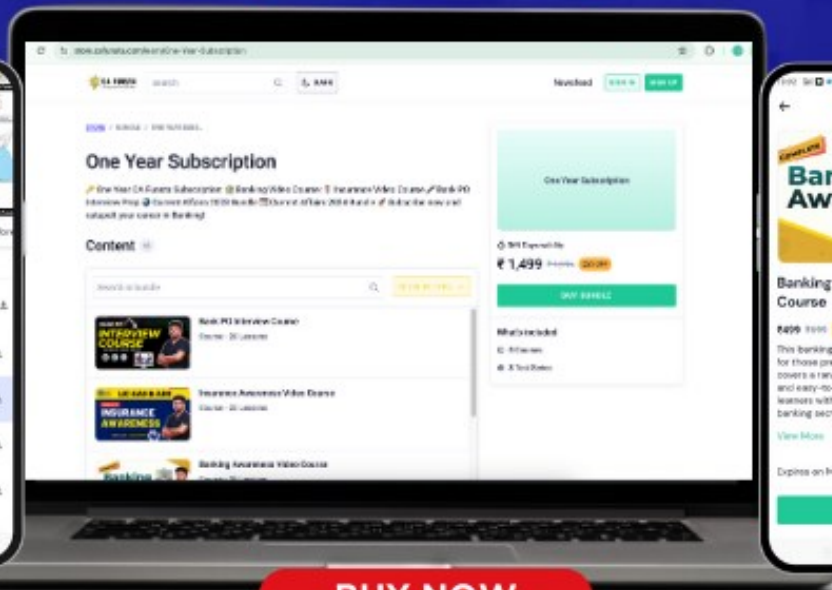
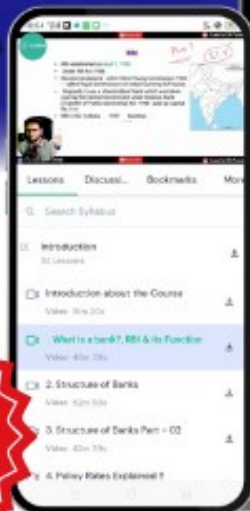
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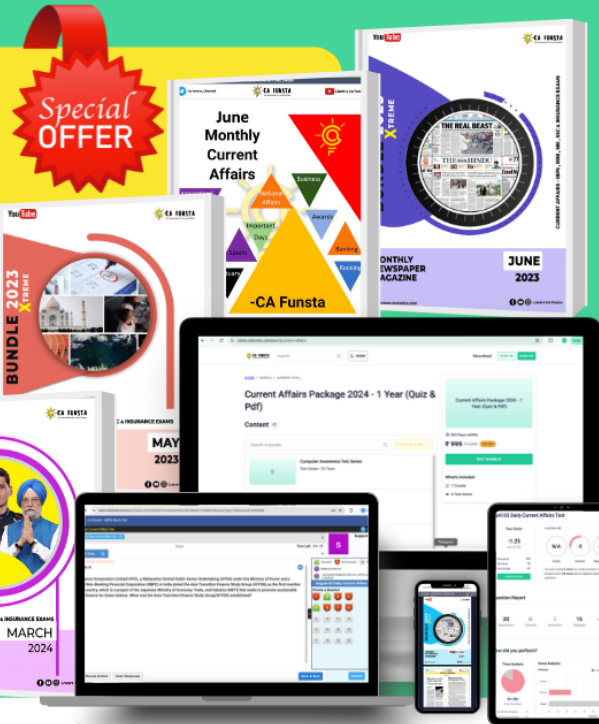


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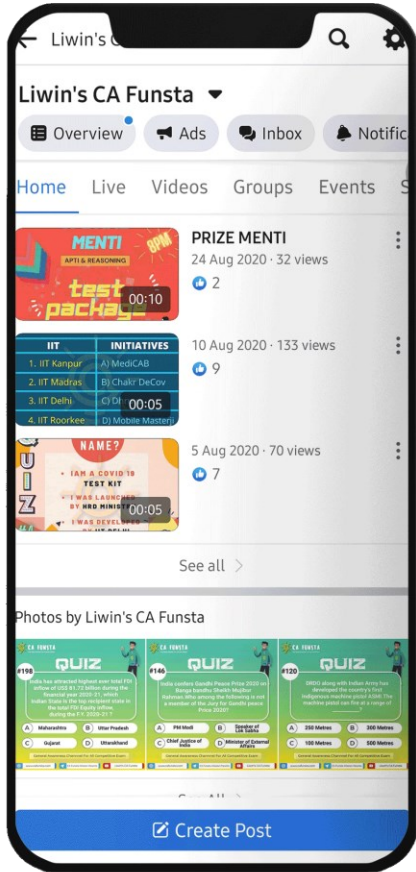
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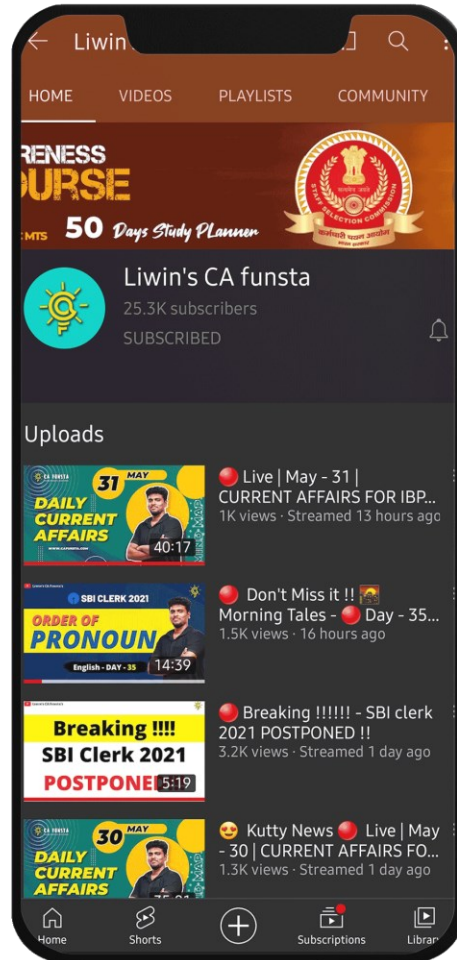


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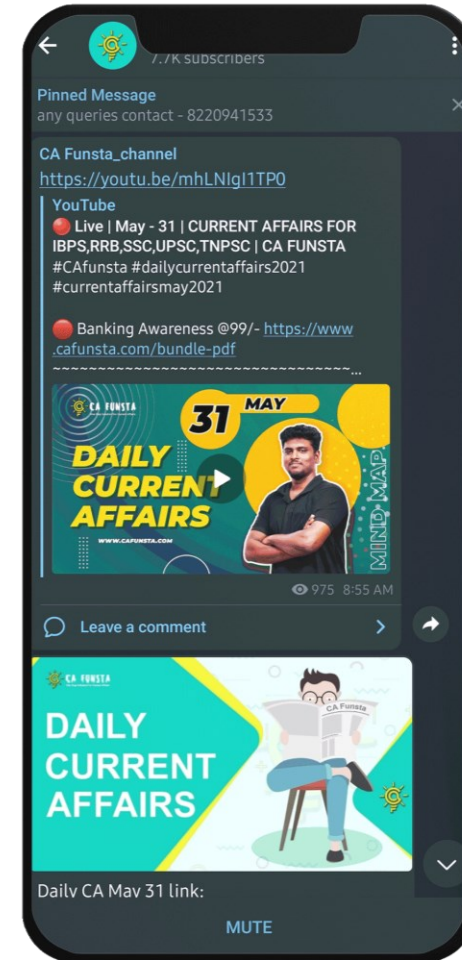
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