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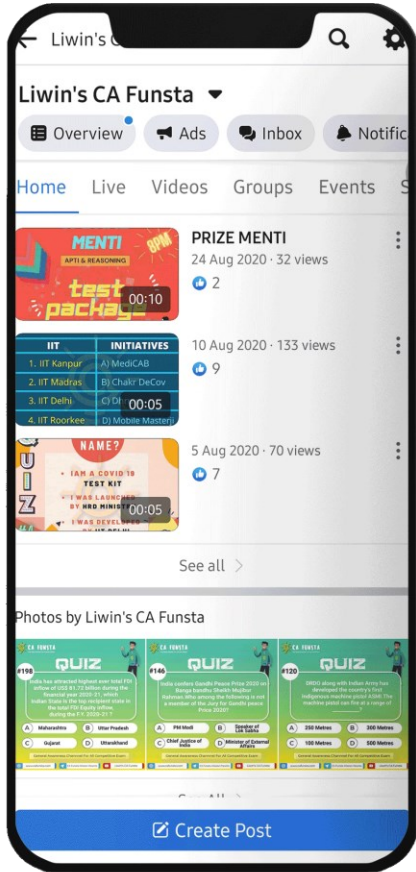


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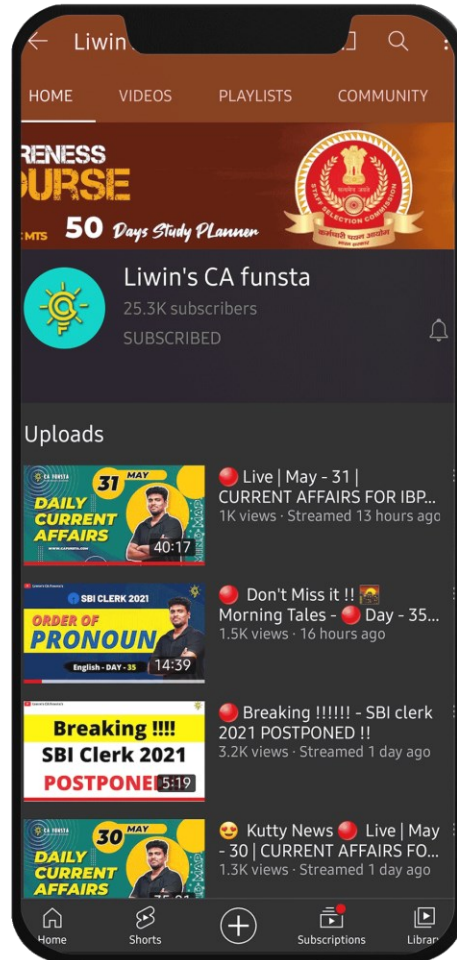
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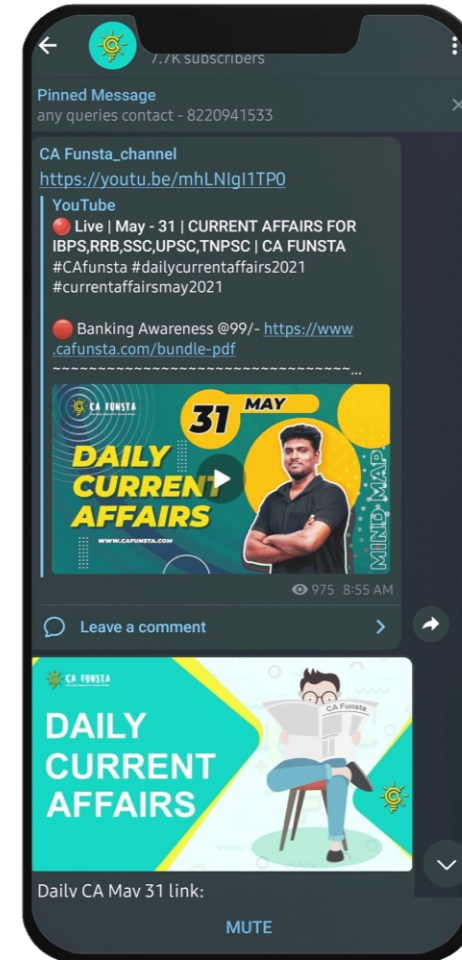
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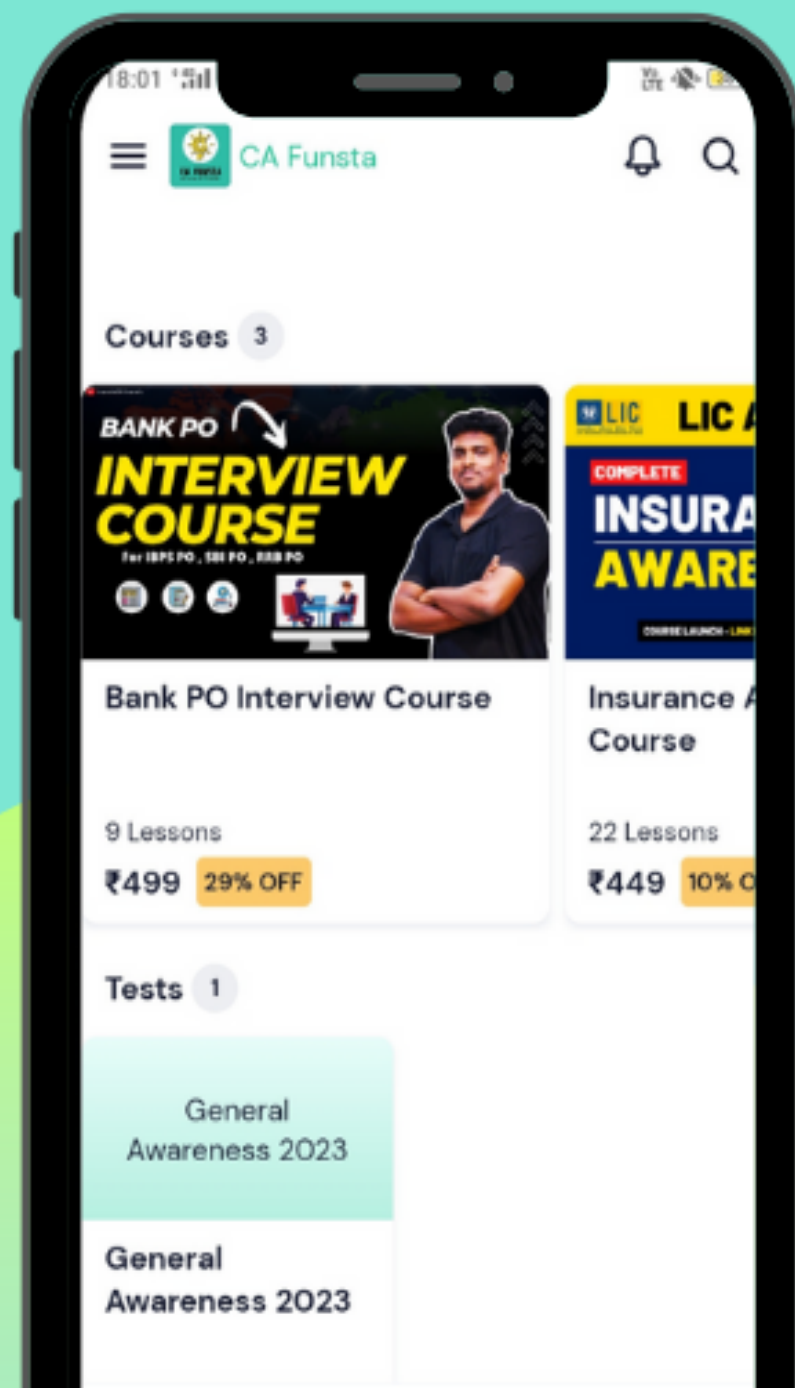
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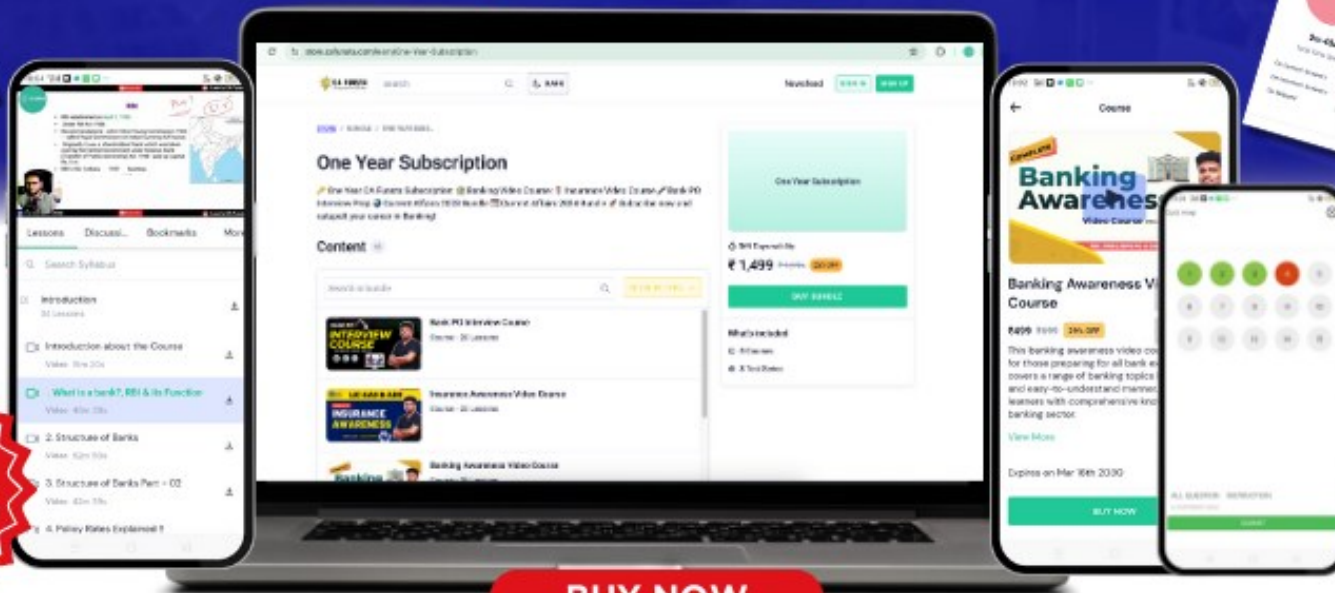
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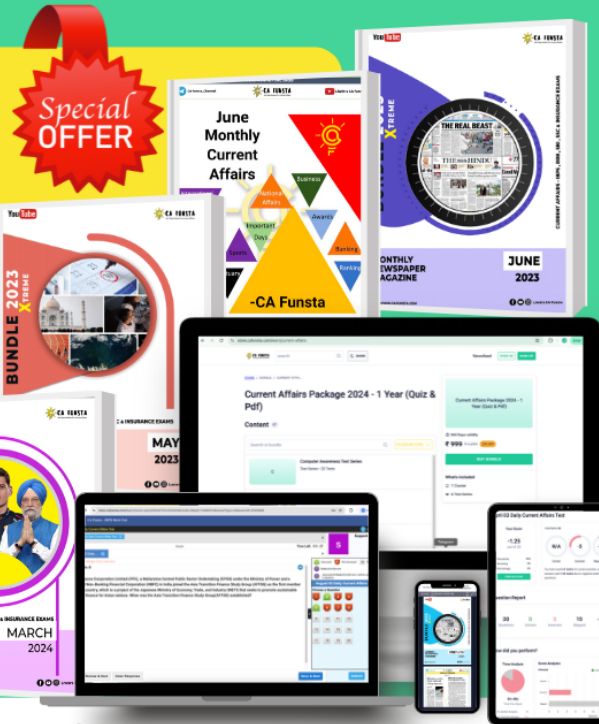


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Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of World Wetlands Day 2026?**

- A) Wetlands and Climate Resilience
- B) Wetlands and Water Security
- C) Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge
- D) Wetlands for Sustainable Cities
- E) Wetlands and Biodiversity

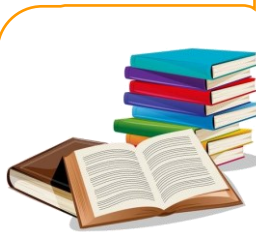
Answer

C) Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge

**World
Wetlands Day**
2 February 2026



Wetlands and traditional
knowledge: Celebrating
cultural heritage



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of World Wetlands Day 2026
- **Location:** Global (with emphasis on India's wetland heritage)
- **Date:** February 2, 2026



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To observe World Wetlands Day annually and raise awareness about the conservation of wetlands through education, policy focus, and community engagement.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the role of traditional and indigenous knowledge in sustaining wetlands, promote the inclusion of local communities in conservation efforts, and reinforce the ecological and cultural significance of wetlands.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Wetlands Day:** Observed every year on 2 February to commemorate the signing of the Ramsar Convention in 1971, focusing on global awareness and action for wetlands.
- **Ramsar Convention:** An international treaty for the conservation and wise use of wetlands, signed in 1971 in Ramsar, Iran, with over 170 member countries.
- **Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017:** A legal framework established by India to identify, manage, and protect wetlands, emphasizing community participation, pollution control, and state-level wetland authorities.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Wetlands Day 2026
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	Global (with key focus on India)
Issuing authority	Ramsar Convention Secretariat & Ministry of Environment, India
Policy/series name	Ramsar Convention & Wetland Rules 2017
Key figures	98 Ramsar Sites in India; Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Purpose/reason	Raise awareness on wetland conservation and promote cultural heritage
Feature details	Highlighting traditional knowledge systems and local practices
Validity or status	Annual observance with ongoing community engagement efforts
Strategic/significant value	Supports biodiversity, livelihoods, water security, and climate resilience



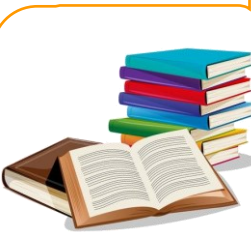
Important Days



➤ On which date is Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day 2026 observed globally?

- A) 1 February
- B) 2 February
- C) 4 February
- D) 6 February
- E) 10 February

Answer
B) 2 February



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day 2026
- **Location:** Global (observed by medical communities and health organizations worldwide)
- **Date:** February 2, 2026



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To observe Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day annually and educate the public about the impact of Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA).
- **Objectives:** To promote early diagnosis, timely medical care, emotional support, and public empathy toward people living with this chronic autoimmune disease.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA):** A chronic autoimmune disorder where the body's immune system attacks its own joint tissues, causing inflammation, pain, swelling, and long-term damage to joints and other organs.
- **Autoimmune Disease:** A condition in which the immune system mistakenly targets and attacks healthy cells in the body, affecting organs and tissues.
- **RA Awareness Day:** An annual observance held on 2 February to improve understanding, reduce stigma, encourage research, and empower patients through education and community action.



Important Days



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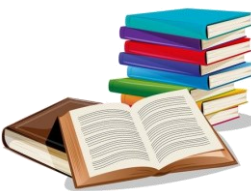
Parameter	Details
Event name	Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day 2026
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	Global
Issuing authority	WHO, CDC, and various health advocacy groups
Policy/series name	Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Campaign
Key figures	Medical professionals, patient communities, support organizations
Purpose/reason	Raise awareness about the disease, its symptoms, and importance of early care
Feature details	Global campaigns, screening awareness, educational outreach
Validity or status	Annual observance with increasing support worldwide
Strategic/significant value	Enhances health literacy, boosts early intervention, and reduces long-term disability



➤ Which Indian player won her maiden BWF Super 300 title at the Thailand Masters 2026?

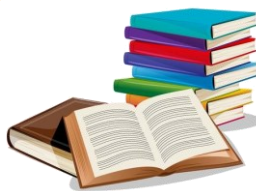
- A) Ashmita Chaliha
- B) PV Sindhu
- C) Devika Sihag
- D) Malvika Bansod
- E) Anupama Upadhyaya

Answer
C) Devika Sihag



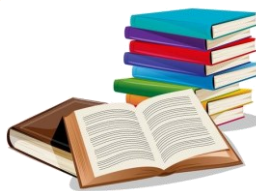
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Devika Sihag wins maiden BWF Super 300 title at Thailand Masters 2026
- **Location:** Bangkok, Thailand
- **Date:** February 2, 2026 (Final held in late January 2026)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To promote and highlight emerging talent in Indian badminton through international tournament participation.
- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's presence in women's singles badminton by nurturing and supporting young players at the BWF World Tour level and boost India's global ranking and medal prospects.



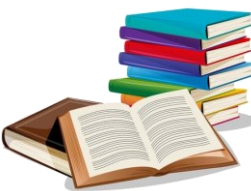
Important Terms Explained:

- **BWF Super 300:** A level in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour, offering mid-tier ranking points and prize money; crucial for young and rising players to improve international rankings.
- **Thailand Masters:** An annual BWF World Tour Super 300 tournament held in Bangkok; considered an important platform for upcoming talent to gain international exposure.
- **Retirement (in sports):** A situation where a player withdraws from a match due to injury or physical inability to continue, thereby conceding the win to the opponent.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Thailand Masters 2026
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	Bangkok, Thailand
Issuing authority	Badminton World Federation (BWF)
Policy/series name	BWF World Tour – Super 300 Series
Key figures	Devika Sihag (India), Goh Jin Wei (Malaysia)
Purpose/reason	Devika's maiden BWF Super 300 title victory
Feature details	Final ended with opponent's retirement; score at 21–8, 6–3
Validity or status	Latest BWF tournament result
Strategic/significant value	Boosts Devika's international ranking, reflects India's growing badminton depth



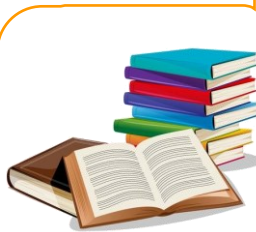
RANKING



➤ **What is India's rank in the Global Soft Power Index 2026?**

- A) 28
- B) 30
- C) 32
- D) 35
- E) 40

Answer
C) 32



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Global Soft Power Index 2026
- **Location:** Global (published by international branding and analytics agencies)
- **Date:** February 2, 2026

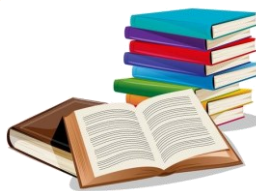


RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To rank countries based on their ability to attract and influence others through culture, values, reputation, diplomacy, and global image.
- **Objectives:** To measure global perceptions of countries and identify areas where nations can improve their soft power influence through non-coercive means.

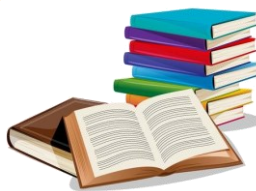


RANKING



Global Soft Power Index 2026 – Ranking Table

Rank	Country	Score
1	United States	74.9
2	China	73.5
3	Japan	70.6
4	United Kingdom	69.2
5	Germany	67.7
6	France	65.8
7	Switzerland	63.2
8	Canada	63.2
9	Italy	61.6
10	United Arab Emirates	59.4
32	India	48.0



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Soft Power:** The ability of a country to shape the preferences and actions of others through appeal and attraction—mainly using culture, values, governance, diplomacy, and innovation, rather than military or economic pressure.
- **Global Soft Power Index:** An annual ranking that assesses countries based on familiarity, reputation, influence, and eight thematic pillars including international relations, governance, education, and culture.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hard Power vs Soft Power:** Hard Power relies on force or coercion (military/economic), while Soft Power depends on voluntary attraction and influence.

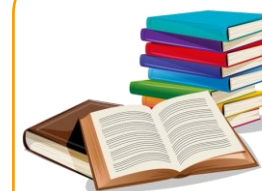


RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Global Soft Power Index 2026
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	Global (Published by Brand Finance)
Issuing authority	Brand Finance
Policy/series name	Global Soft Power Index
Key figures	United States (Rank 1), India (Rank 32)
Purpose/reason	To measure and compare countries' soft power and global perception
Feature details	Based on familiarity, reputation, influence, and 8 brand power pillars
Validity or status	Annual ranking, latest release for 2026
Strategic/significant value	Helps countries identify diplomatic, cultural, and policy gaps to enhance global appeal

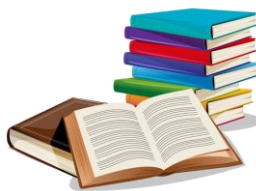


➤ What was the total value of UPI transactions recorded in January 2026?

- A) ₹25.12 lakh crore
- B) ₹26.78 lakh crore
- C) ₹27.97 lakh crore
- D) ₹28.33 lakh crore
- E) ₹29.15 lakh crore

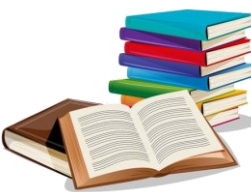
Answer

D) ₹28.33 lakh crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UPI achieves record-high transaction volume and value
- **Location:** India (nationwide data released by NPCI)
- **Date:** February 1, 2026 (Data for January 2026)



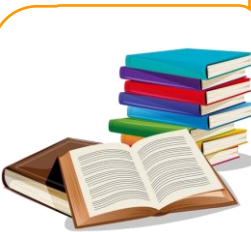
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To monitor and report digital transaction trends under Unified Payments Interface (UPI) developed by NPCI.
- **Objectives:** To support Digital India, enhance financial inclusion, promote cashless economy, and scale up digital public infrastructure.



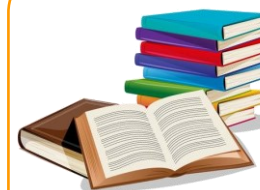
Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time payment system developed by NPCI that enables peer-to-peer and person-to-merchant payments instantly across banks via mobile platforms.
- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):** An umbrella organization under RBI and IBA for operating retail payments and settlement systems, including UPI, RuPay, and IMPS.
- **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI):** Shared digital platforms that support essential public services such as payments, ID verification, and data access, of which UPI is a key example in India.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Record UPI Transactions in January 2026
Announcement date	February 1, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
Policy/series name	UPI Monthly Performance Report
Key figures	₹28.33 lakh crore in value; 21.70 billion transactions in volume
Purpose/reason	To monitor the rise of digital payments under UPI
Feature details	₹91,403 crore daily value; 700 million daily transactions
Validity or status	Latest data for January 2026
Strategic/significant value	Reflects India's leadership in digital payments and growing formal economy integration

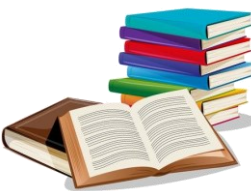


➤ What is the government's projected gross market borrowing for FY 2026–27 (FY27)?

- A) ₹12.5 lakh crore
- B) ₹14.8 lakh crore
- C) ₹15.3 lakh crore
- D) ₹16.1 lakh crore
- E) ₹17.2 lakh crore

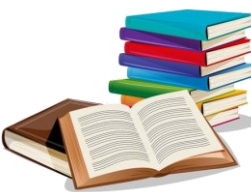
Answer

E) ₹17.2 lakh crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Government announces record-high borrowing plan for FY27
- **Location:** India (announced in Union Budget 2026–27)
- **Date:** February 1, 2026



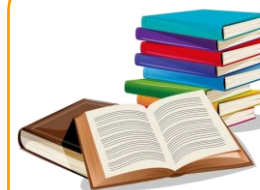
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To raise ₹17.2 lakh crore through market borrowings in FY27 to fund capital expenditure, welfare schemes, and developmental needs.
- **Objectives:** To support economic growth, maintain fiscal discipline, and continue infrastructure investment while gradually reducing the fiscal deficit to sustainable levels.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fiscal Deficit:** The gap between the government's total expenditure and its total receipts (excluding borrowings), expressed as a percentage of GDP.
- **Gross Market Borrowing:** Total funds the government plans to raise from financial markets, mainly through dated government securities (G-Secs).
- **Net Borrowing:** Actual borrowing after adjusting repayments; for FY27, it is estimated at ₹11.7 lakh crore.
- **Fiscal Consolidation:** The process of reducing the fiscal deficit and public debt relative to GDP to ensure long-term macroeconomic stability.

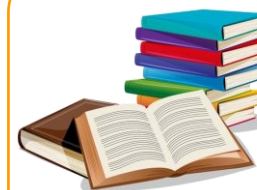


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Government's FY27 Borrowing & Fiscal Deficit Plan
Announcement date	February 1, 2026
Location	India (announced via Union Budget 2026–27)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance
Policy/series name	Budget Estimates and Fiscal Outlook FY27
Key figures	₹17.2 lakh crore gross borrowing; ₹11.7 lakh crore net borrowing
Purpose/reason	To fund capital expenditure, growth needs, and fiscal operations
Feature details	4.3% fiscal deficit target; reduced pace of fiscal consolidation
Validity or status	For FY 2026–27
Strategic/significant value	Aims to sustain growth while gradually reducing debt and maintaining creditworthiness

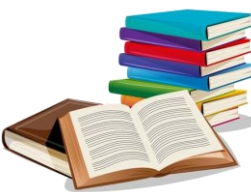


➤ **What major change was introduced by the 16th Finance Commission in the tax devolution formula for 2026–31?**

- A) Increased devolution to 50%
- B) Added tax effort as a criterion
- C) Introduced GDP contribution as a criterion
- D) Reduced state share to 38%
- E) Introduced GST compensation grants

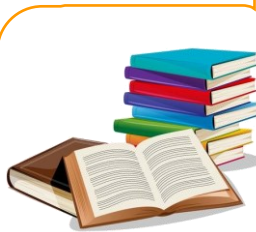
Answer

C) Introduced GDP contribution as a criterion



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of recommendations by the 16th Finance Commission
- **Location:** India (applicable to all states and union territories)
- **Date:** February 2, 2026 (Recommendations applicable from FY 2026–27 to 2030–31)



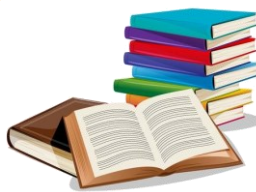
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To recommend a new formula for tax devolution and grants between the Centre and States for the five-year period 2026–31.
- **Objectives:** To ensure a fair, efficient, and growth-oriented fiscal federalism framework by maintaining equity, rewarding economic contribution, and encouraging fiscal discipline among states.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Finance Commission:** A constitutional body under Article 280 tasked with recommending the distribution of taxes between the Union and the States.
- **Tax Devolution:** The portion of central taxes shared with states from the divisible tax pool; currently fixed at 41%.



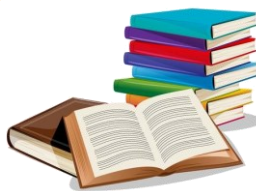
Important Terms Explained:

- **GDP Contribution Criterion:** A new parameter introduced in horizontal devolution with 10% weight, rewarding states contributing more to the national economy.
- **Revenue Deficit Grants (RDGs):** Grants given to states running deficits in revenue accounts; discontinued in the 16th Finance Commission to promote fiscal self-reliance.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	16th Finance Commission Recommendations (2026–31)
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	16th Finance Commission, Government of India
Policy/series name	Centre–State Fiscal Transfers
Key figures	Dr. Arvind Panagariya (Chairman)
Purpose/reason	Rationalize tax distribution and enhance fiscal efficiency
Feature details	41% devolution retained, GDP contribution added, RDGs discontinued
Validity or status	Applicable from FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31
Strategic/significant value	Supports cooperative federalism, fiscal reform, and performance-based resource sharing



➤ Which Indian state contributed 16.5% of the country's total renewable energy capacity as of December 2025?

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

Answer
C) Gujarat



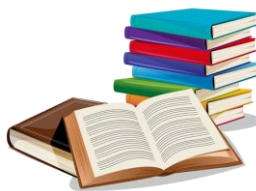
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat emerges as India's top renewable energy state
- **Location:** Gujarat, India (National renewable energy data as of 31 December 2025)
- **Date:** February 2, 2026 (Reported)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To promote large-scale adoption of renewable energy through solar, wind, hybrid, and rooftop projects supported by progressive state policies.
- **Objectives:** To help achieve India's clean energy and net-zero emissions targets, ensure energy security, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and support climate-resilient infrastructure.



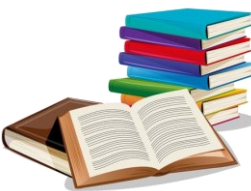
Important Terms Explained:

- **PM-KUSUM:** Central scheme to promote the installation of off-grid solar pumps for farmers to reduce electricity cost and increase irrigation sustainability.
- **Khavda Renewable Energy Park:** Located in Kutch, Gujarat, it is set to become the world's largest renewable energy park, with a planned capacity of 37.35 GW.
- **Akshay Urja Setu:** Gujarat's digital platform facilitating approvals, transparency, and coordination in renewable project implementation and monitoring.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Gujarat becomes India's top renewable energy state
Announcement date	February 2, 2026 (Data as of 31 Dec 2025)
Location	Gujarat
Issuing authority	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Gujarat government
Policy/series name	Gujarat Integrated Renewable Energy Policy 2025
Key figures	42.583 GW total RE capacity; 25.5 GW solar; 14.8 GW wind
Purpose/reason	Lead India's clean energy transition and reduce carbon footprint
Feature details	Rooftop solar, solar parks, wind-hybrid systems, PM-KUSUM, Khavda park
Validity or status	Current data, in line with national 2030 targets
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's position in global clean energy; sets policy example for other states

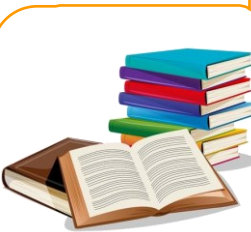


➤ **What was the key reason behind the rise in India's GST collections to ₹1.93 lakh crore in January 2026?**

- A) Increase in GST rates
- B) Higher domestic consumption
- C) Rise in import-related GST revenue
- D) Surge in cess on luxury goods
- E) Delay in GST refunds

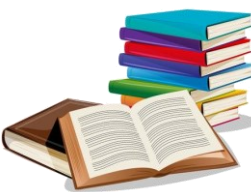
Answer

C) Rise in import-related GST revenue



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's GST collections cross ₹1.93 lakh crore in January 2026
- **Location:** India (nationwide tax data released by Ministry of Finance)
- **Date:** February 1, 2026 (Data pertains to January 2026)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To report monthly GST revenue collection trends, which reflect compliance, consumption, and trade dynamics in the Indian economy.
- **Objectives:** To assess the impact of import activity, rate cuts, and compliance efficiency on government revenue and economic indicators.



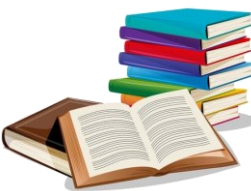
Important Terms Explained:

- **GST (Goods and Services Tax):** A comprehensive indirect tax levied on the manufacture, sale, and consumption of goods and services across India, replacing multiple indirect taxes.
- **Net GST Revenue:** The actual tax revenue retained by the government after deducting refunds; indicates real revenue availability.
- **Compensation Cess:** An additional cess levied to compensate states for revenue loss post-GST rollout, now limited to tobacco-related products as of September 2025.



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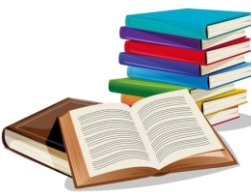
Parameter	Details
Event name	India's January 2026 GST Collection Report
Announcement date	February 1, 2026
Location	Nationwide
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance, CBIC
Policy/series name	GST Monthly Collection Report
Key figures	₹1.93 lakh crore gross GST; ₹1.71 lakh crore net GST
Purpose/reason	To analyze GST trends, import vs domestic contribution, and fiscal impact
Feature details	10.1% rise in import GST; lower cess collection; 3.1% drop in refunds
Validity or status	January 2026 data
Strategic/significant value	Reflects strong import demand, healthy compliance, and expanded tax base



- According to the UN's 2025 report, which country has emerged as one of the major engines of global urban growth?

- A) China
- B) Indonesia
- C) United States
- D) India
- E) Brazil

Answer
D) India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UN report highlights India as a key driver of global urban growth in 2025
- **Location:** Global (with India prominently featured in Asia's urban expansion)
- **Date:** February 2, 2026 (Data for the year 2025)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To assess global urbanization trends and rank countries and cities contributing significantly to global urban population growth.
- **Objectives:** To provide a data-driven overview of urban development patterns, highlight megacity dynamics, and inform policy on sustainable urban planning and governance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Degree of Urbanization (DoU):** A new method used by the UN to classify urban areas based on population size and density, rather than just administrative boundaries, allowing for more accurate global comparisons.
- **Megacity:** An urban area with a population exceeding 10 million people; India has five such cities as of 2025.
- **Urbanization:** The demographic transition from rural to urban living, often linked to economic growth, migration, and infrastructure development.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UN Report on Global Urbanization 2025
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	Global (India featured prominently)
Issuing authority	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
Policy/series name	World Urbanization Prospects 2025
Key figures	India has 5 megacities; New Delhi ranks among top 4 globally
Purpose/reason	To analyze urban growth patterns and population distribution globally
Feature details	Urban growth led by megacities and small cities; use of new DoU methodology
Validity or status	Current as of 2025 estimates
Strategic/significant value	India's urban growth is central to global labour markets, infrastructure, and sustainability



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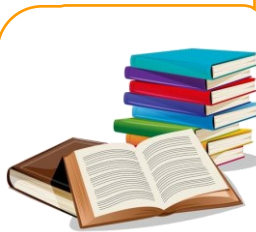
➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force in February 2026?**

- A) Air Marshal Surat Singh
- B) Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha
- C) Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia
- D) Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- E) Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari



Answer

C) Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia

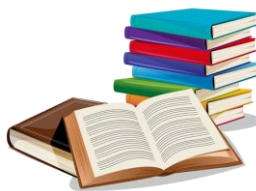


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of new Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Air Command
- **Location:** Eastern Air Command, Indian Air Force (HQ in Shillong, Meghalaya)
- **Date:** February 1, 2026

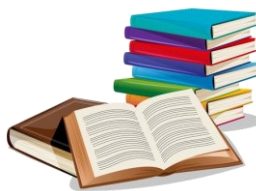


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To take command of the Eastern Air Command, which oversees the IAF's air operations in India's eastern region, including sensitive border areas.
- **Objectives:** Ensure operational readiness, air defence, pilot training, and strategic air support in one of the most critical geographical zones of the Indian Air Force.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C):** The senior-most officer commanding an Air Command in the Indian Air Force, responsible for all operations, planning, and resource management in that region.
- **Eastern Air Command (EAC):** One of the five operational commands of the Indian Air Force, headquartered in Shillong, covering air operations in the northeastern and eastern sector of India.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Vayu Sena Medal (VM):** A military decoration awarded for exceptional devotion to duty or courage in the Indian Air Force.
- **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM):** A high peacetime military award for distinguished service of an exceptional order.

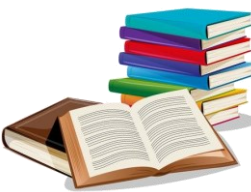


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of AOC-in-C, Eastern Air Command
Announcement date	February 1, 2026
Location	Eastern Air Command HQ, Shillong
Issuing authority	Indian Air Force, Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	Senior Appointments in Armed Forces
Key figures	Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia (new AOC-in-C), Air Marshal Surat Singh (predecessor)
Purpose/reason	Leadership transition at a strategic Air Command
Feature details	3,200+ flying hours, expert in MiG, Jaguar, Su-30 MKI, TACDE commander
Validity or status	Current AOC-in-C from February 1, 2026 onward
Strategic/significant value	Critical leadership role in India's eastern airspace and operational preparedness



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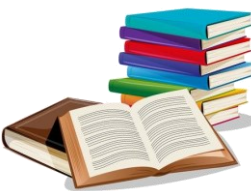
➤ Who has been promoted as Chief General Manager (CGM) of Union Bank of India in February 2026?

- A) Bhaskara Rao Kare
- B) Rajneesh Karnatak
- C) Sarvesh Ranjan
- D) A Manimekhalai
- E) G. M. Shrinivas



Answer

C) Sarvesh Ranjan

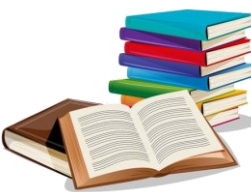


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Promotion of Sarvesh Ranjan as Chief General Manager (CGM)
- **Location:** Union Bank of India (Corporate Office, Mumbai)
- **Date:** February 1, 2026



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Shri Bhaskara Rao Kare as Chief General Manager.
 - Promote internal talent with deep operational and governance experience.
- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure leadership continuity, strengthen operational oversight, and address evolving banking challenges such as AML compliance, digital banking, and cybersecurity.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief General Manager (CGM):** A top executive role in public sector banks responsible for policy formulation, operational management, and strategic execution across key departments.
- **AML (Anti-Money Laundering):** A set of laws, regulations, and procedures aimed at preventing criminals from disguising illegally obtained funds as legitimate income.
- **IDRBT:** Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology—RBI-backed institution that provides training in banking technology and cyber security.

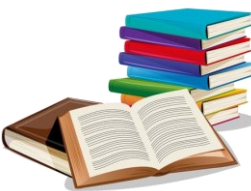


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Promotion of Sarvesh Ranjan as CGM
Announcement date	February 1, 2026
Location	Union Bank of India, Mumbai
Issuing authority	Union Bank of India
Policy/series name	Senior Management Appointments
Key figures	Sarvesh Ranjan (CGM), Bhaskara Rao Kare (Predecessor)
Purpose/reason	Leadership transition following superannuation
Feature details	30 years of banking experience; roles in AML, reconciliation, branch ops
Validity or status	Effective from February 1, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Supports stable governance, digital banking leadership, and compliance oversight



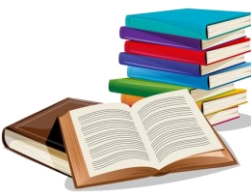
AWARDS



➤ Which artist won the Song of the Year at the 68th Grammy Awards 2026?

- A) Kendrick Lamar
- B) Olivia Dean
- C) Lady Gaga
- D) Billie Eilish
- E) Kehlani

Answer
D) Billie Eilish

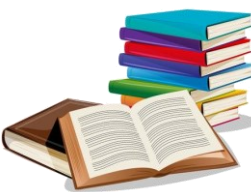


AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of winners at the 68th Grammy Awards 2026
- **Location:** United States (Global music awards coverage)
- **Date:** February 2, 2026



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To present awards recognizing outstanding achievements in the global music industry across multiple genres.
- **Objectives:** To honour musical excellence, highlight both established and emerging talent, and reflect global and genre-diverse contributions to contemporary music.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Grammy Awards:** Annual awards presented by The Recording Academy to honor excellence in the music industry, considered one of the most prestigious recognitions in global music.
- **Song of the Year:** A category that awards the songwriter(s) of a song for outstanding songwriting quality and impact, separate from performance or production.
- **Best New Artist:** An award given to a musician or group that has achieved a significant breakthrough and recognition in the music industry during the eligibility year.

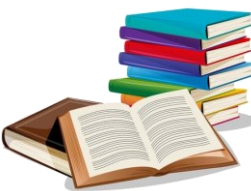


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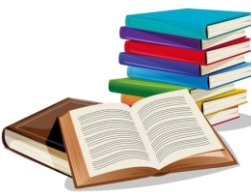
Parameter	Details
Event name	68th Grammy Awards 2026
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	United States (Global)
Issuing authority	The Recording Academy
Policy/series name	Annual Grammy Awards
Key figures	Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar, Lady Gaga, Olivia Dean
Purpose/reason	To honor outstanding achievements in the global music industry
Feature details	Awarded winners in major categories like Song of the Year, Best New Artist
Validity or status	Currently recognized winners for 2026
Strategic/significant value	Promotes cultural appreciation, artistic recognition, and international music excellence



➤ **Where was a new orchid species discovered in India as per the January 2026 report?**

- A) Wayanad
- B) Kanthalloor
- C) Nilgiris
- D) Coorg
- E) Silent Valley

Answer
B) Kanthalloor



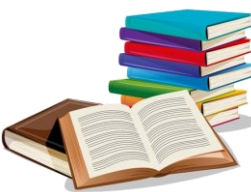
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Discovery of a new orchid species in Kerala
- **Location:** Kanthalloor, Idukki district, Kerala
(adjacent to the Western Ghats)
- **Date:** January 2026 (discovery announced publicly)



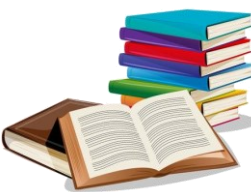
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To document and validate a newly discovered orchid species through botanical research in Kanthalloor.
 - To identify new flora contributing to India's plant diversity and ecological significance.
- **Objectives:**
 - To highlight the biodiversity value of the Western Ghats and under-studied landscapes.
 - To support conservation through species documentation and ecosystem monitoring.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Orchid:** A flowering plant family known for its ecological sensitivity, often used as a bio-indicator of environmental health due to its dependence on specific pollinators and habitat conditions.
- **Western Ghats:** A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world's eight "hottest hotspots" of biodiversity, known for high species endemism and ecological diversity.
- **Bio-indicator:** A species or group of species whose presence, absence, or abundance reflects the health or condition of an ecosystem.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Discovery of a new orchid species
Announcement date	January 2026
Location	Kanthalloor, Idukki, Kerala (Western Ghats region)
Issuing authority	Botanists and biodiversity researchers
Policy/series name	Field Research and Biodiversity Documentation
Key figures	Botanists, ecologists (names not specified)
Purpose/reason	To document a new orchid species and assess habitat biodiversity
Feature details	Found in semi-agricultural forested zone; orchid indicates healthy ecosystem
Validity or status	Newly validated discovery
Strategic/significant value	Highlights plant diversity, strengthens case for habitat protection and conservation



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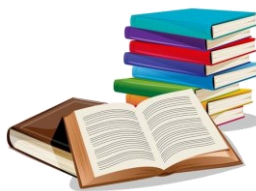


➤ **Where was Exercise Agni Pariksha, the joint training exercise between the Indian Army and ITBP, conducted?**

- A) Sikkim
- B) Ladakh
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer

E) Arunachal Pradesh



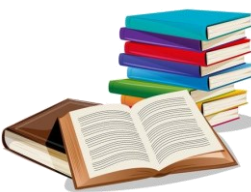
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Conduct of Exercise Agni Pariksha – a joint Army-ITBP combat training exercise
- **Location:** Arunachal Pradesh
- **Date:** February 2026 (exercise held recently, reported on February 2, 2026)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To enhance joint combat readiness between the Indian Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), especially in border and high-altitude terrain.
- **Objectives:**
 - To familiarise ITBP and infantry troops with artillery firepower operations.
 - To improve coordination, communication, and execution of fire missions during live combat.
 - To boost inter-operability and promote integrated response in sensitive border regions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Agni Pariksha:** A joint combat training exercise involving the Indian Army and ITBP, with a special focus on integrating artillery support with infantry and paramilitary operations.
- **Spear Corps:** A key Indian Army formation responsible for operations in the Northeast, especially in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Firepower Integration:** The process of coordinating artillery and infantry units to deliver effective, synchronized battlefield response using indirect fire support.

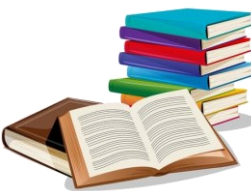


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Exercise Agni Pariksha
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	Arunachal Pradesh
Issuing authority	Indian Army & Indo-Tibetan Border Police
Policy/series name	Joint Combat Training Exercises
Key figures	Spear Corps, artillery regiments, infantry units, ITBP personnel
Purpose/reason	Enhance joint combat readiness and artillery integration
Feature details	Artillery drills, communication training, non-artillery troop participation
Validity or status	Recently concluded field-level exercise
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens border defence synergy and inter-agency coordination

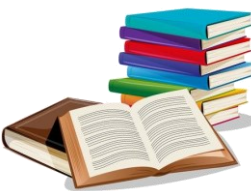


➤ **What is the new name of Adampur Airport in Punjab, as announced in February 2026?**

- A) Guru Nanak Dev Ji Airport
- B) Maharaja Ranjit Singh Airport
- C) Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji Airport
- D) Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Airport
- E) Shaheed Bhagat Singh Ji Airport

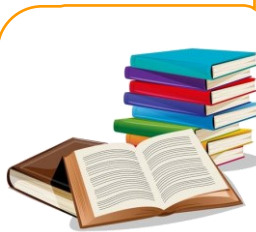
Answer

C) Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji Airport



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Renaming of Adampur Airport and inauguration of new civil terminal at Halwara Airport
- **Location:** Jalandhar and Ludhiana, Punjab
- **Date:** February 2, 2026



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Rename Adampur Airport to honour Guru Ravidas, a revered Bhakti movement saint.
 - Inaugurate a modern civil terminal at Halwara Airport to enhance regional aviation capacity.
- **Objectives:**
 - Promote cultural recognition and fulfil long-standing regional demands.
 - Strengthen regional air connectivity under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme and support balanced regional development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UDAN Scheme (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik):** A regional connectivity scheme launched in 2017 to make air travel affordable and widespread by connecting underserved and unserved airports across India.
- **Sri Guru Ravidas:** A 15th-century saint and social reformer known for his teachings on equality, social justice, and the Bhakti movement, deeply revered in Punjab and northern India.
- **Halwara Airport:** A civil aviation terminal developed at the Indian Air Force base in Ludhiana, intended to boost commercial air services in Punjab's industrial belt.

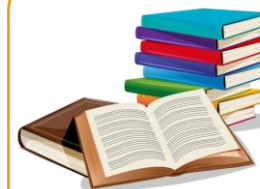


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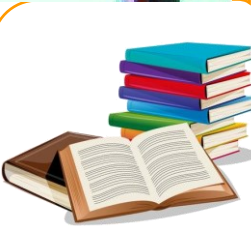
Parameter	Details
Event name	Renaming of Adampur Airport; Inauguration of Halwara terminal
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	Adampur (Jalandhar) and Halwara (Ludhiana), Punjab
Issuing authority	Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation
Policy/series name	UDAN 5.0 regional connectivity initiative
Key figures	PM Narendra Modi, Punjab State Government
Purpose/reason	Cultural recognition and aviation infrastructure development
Feature details	₹125 crore upgrade at Adampur; ₹54 crore civil terminal at Halwara
Validity or status	Current as of February 2026
Strategic/significant value	Enhances connectivity in Doaba and Malwa regions and honors cultural heritage



➤ Which city is hosting the third edition of the Future Warfare Course in February 2026?

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

Answer
D) New Delhi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 3rd edition of the Tri-Services Future Warfare Course
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** February 2–25, 2026



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To conduct a tri-services professional military education programme on future warfare and emerging threats.
 - Hosted by Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) in collaboration with CENJOWS.
- **Objectives:**
 - To equip military leadership with knowledge of emerging technologies, multi-domain operations, and geopolitical realities.
 - To promote integration between services and industry, strengthening national defence readiness for future conflicts.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Future Warfare Course:** A forward-looking, tri-services programme designed to prepare Indian military officers for technology-driven, multi-domain warfare, including cyber, space, AI, and strategic logistics.
- **HQ Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS):** The joint military organisation responsible for fostering inter-service coordination and strategic planning among the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- **CENJOWS:** The Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, a think tank under HQ IDS that conducts research and capacity building for joint military doctrines and strategic education.



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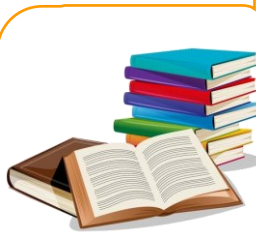
Parameter	Details
Event name	Third Edition of Future Warfare Course
Announcement date	February 2, 2026
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	HQ Integrated Defence Staff in partnership with CENJOWS
Policy/series name	Future Warfare Military Education Programme
Key figures	Indian Army, Navy, Air Force officers; CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan (vision lead)
Purpose/reason	Train officers on future warfare doctrines, technology, and strategy
Feature details	Focus on cyber, space, AI, rare earths, critical minerals, defence innovation
Validity or status	Active from February 2–25, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Enhances tri-service integration, strategic thinking, and defence-industry synergy



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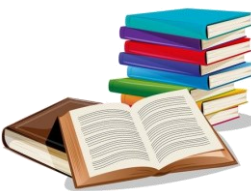
- **World Wetlands Day 2026** was observed on February 2 with the global theme “Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge”.
- **Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day 2026** was observed globally on February 2 to promote understanding of this chronic autoimmune condition.
- **Devika Sihag** won her first BWF Super 300 title at the Thailand Masters 2026, defeating Malaysia’s Goh Jin Wei.
- India ranked 32nd on the Global Soft Power Index 2026 with a score of 48.0, dropping two positions from the previous year.
- UPI set a new national record in January 2026 with ₹28.33 lakh crore worth of digital transactions.
- The government has announced a record ₹17.2 lakh crore gross market borrowing plan for FY27, the highest ever.
- The 16th Finance Commission has retained the 41% tax devolution to states for the 2026–31 period despite calls to increase it to 50%.
- Gujarat became India’s leading renewable energy state with 42.583 GW capacity, contributing 16.5% of the national total as of December 2025.
- India’s gross GST collections in January 2026 stood at ₹1.93 lakh crore, marking a 6.2% increase year-on-year.




QUICK RECALL



- India has emerged as a major driver of global urban growth in 2025, according to a UN report.
- Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia took over as the new AOC-in-C of Eastern Air Command on February 1, 2026.
- Shri Sarvesh Ranjan was promoted to Chief General Manager (CGM) at Union Bank of India effective February 1, 2026.
- Billie Eilish won Song of the Year for Wildflower at the 68th Grammy Awards 2026.
- A new orchid species was discovered in Kanthalloor, Kerala, underlining the ecological richness of the Western Ghats.
- Exercise Agni Pariksha was jointly conducted by the Indian Army and ITBP in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Adampur Airport in Punjab has been renamed Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji Airport to honour the revered social reformer.
- The third edition of the Future Warfare Course began in New Delhi on February 2, 2026, involving tri-services participation.






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
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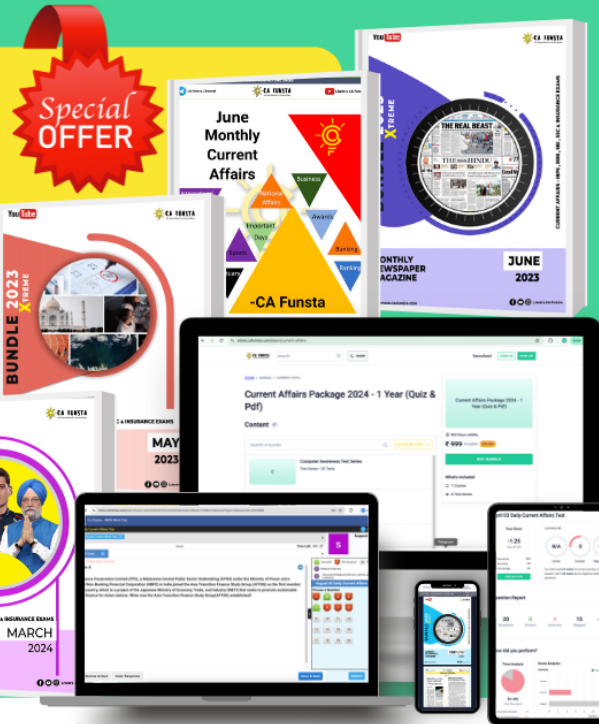


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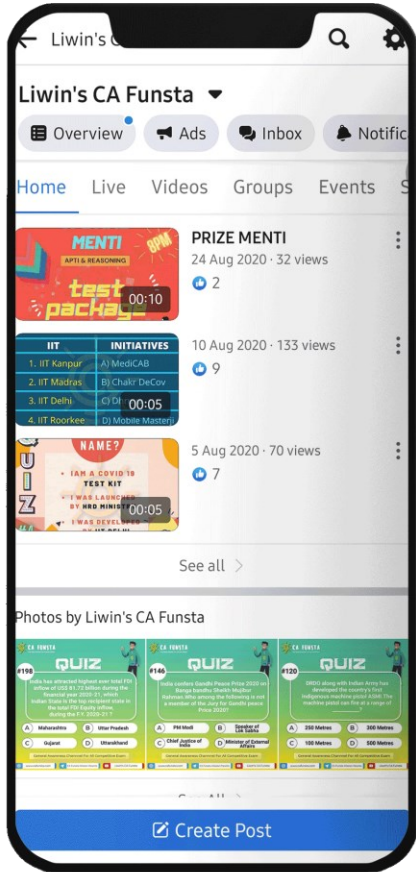
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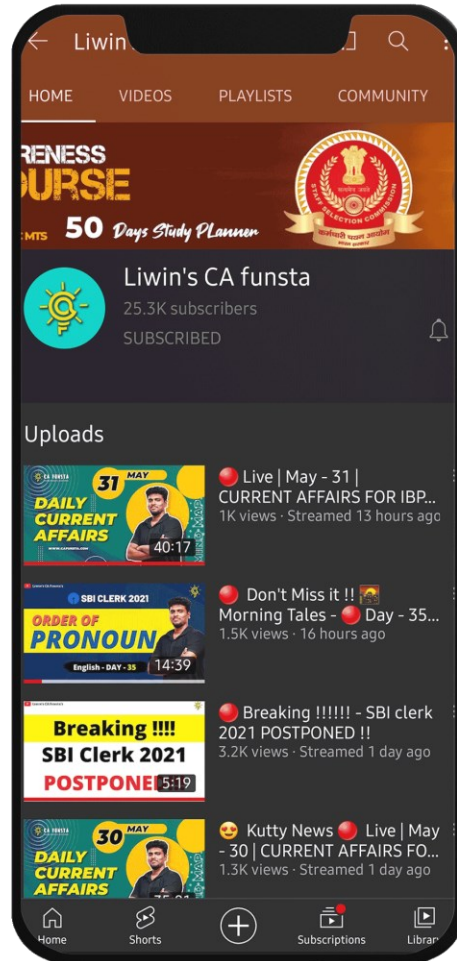


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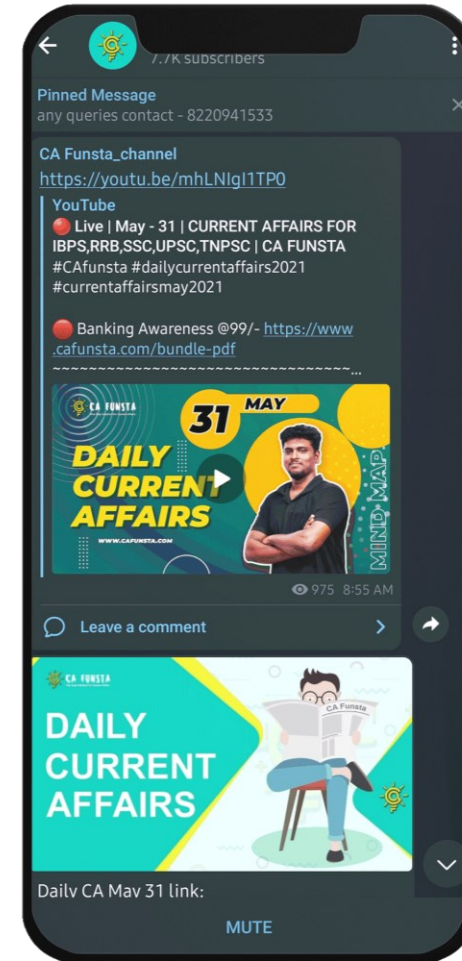
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