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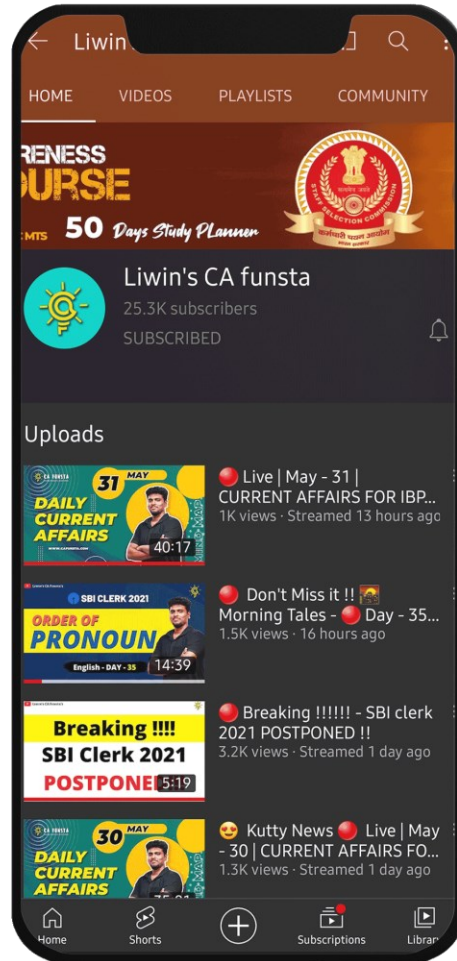
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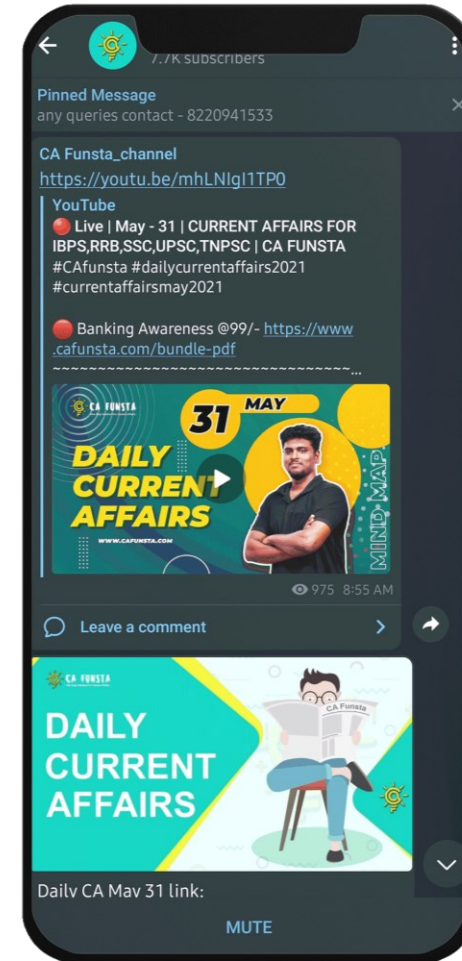
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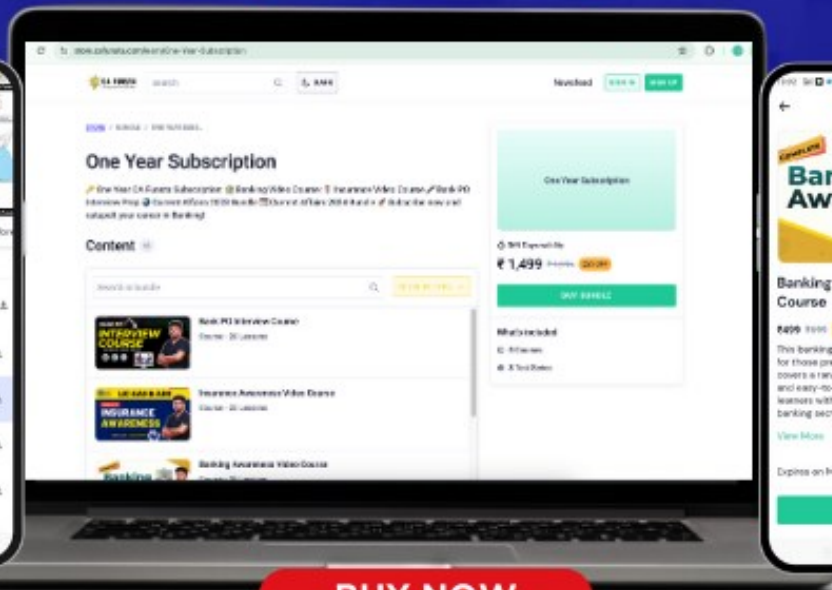
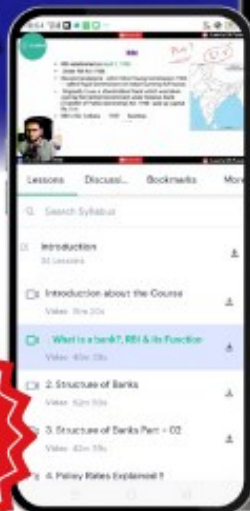
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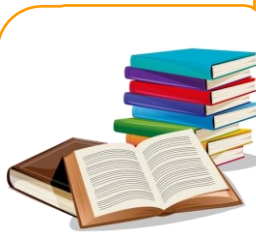


➤ **International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2026 was observed on 11 February with which theme?**

- A) Women in Technology for Global Growth
- B) Equal Innovation for Sustainable Future
- C) Synergizing AI Social Science STEM and Finance Building Inclusive Futures for Women and Girls
- D) Empowering Girls Through Digital Revolution
- E) Inclusive Research for Economic Development

Answer

C) Synergizing AI Social Science STEM and Finance Building Inclusive Futures for Women and Girls

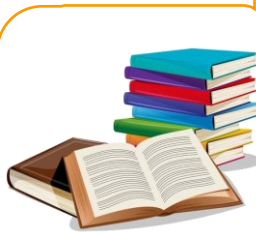


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2026 observed to promote gender equality in scientific fields
- **Location:** Global
- **Date:** 11 February 2026



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The United Nations observes this day annually to promote equal participation of women and girls in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics), research and innovation sectors.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to bridge the gender gap in science and technology, promote inclusive policies, and support the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by ensuring equal access to education, leadership and research opportunities.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics):** An interdisciplinary field covering scientific and technical education and careers that are critical for innovation, research and economic development.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** A branch of computer science that enables machines to simulate human intelligence and is widely used in healthcare, climate research, automation and data systems.

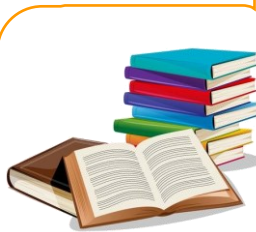


Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:** A global action plan adopted by the United Nations in 2015 consisting of 17 Sustainable Development Goals aimed at achieving inclusive growth, gender equality and sustainable development.
- **Digital India:** A Government of India initiative launched in 2015 to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.
- **Startup India:** A Government of India initiative launched in 2016 to promote entrepreneurship, innovation and startup ecosystems including women-led enterprises.

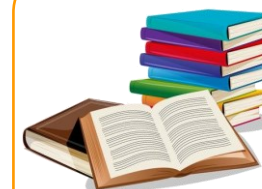


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2026
Announcement date	Observed annually on 11 February
Location	Global
Issuing authority	United Nations
Policy/series name	International observance supporting SDGs
Key figures	Women represent 31% of researchers globally and 22% in AI professions
Purpose/reason	To promote gender equality and bridge gaps in STEM education and careers
Feature details	2026 theme integrates AI social science STEM and finance to build inclusive futures
Validity or status	Annual global observance since UN resolution in 2013
Strategic/significant value	Supports sustainable development economic growth and inclusive innovation



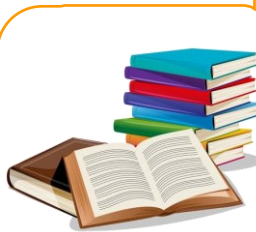
SPORTS



➤ What is India's total medal tally after seven days at the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026?

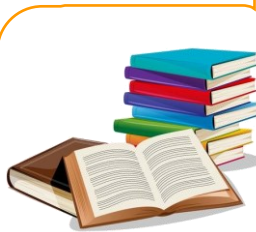
- A) 56 medals
- B) 60 medals
- C) 63 medals
- D) 66 medals
- E) 72 medals

Answer
D) 66 medals



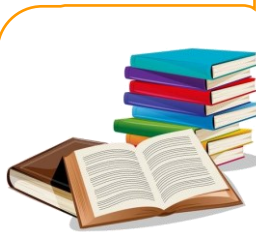
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India leads medal tally at Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026 with 39 gold medals
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 11 February 2026 (After seven days of competition)



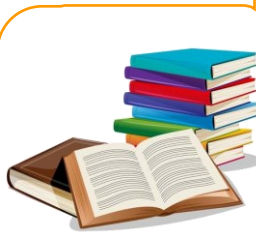
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026 is being conducted in New Delhi featuring junior and senior rifle and pistol shooting events, with India competing across multiple categories.
- **Objectives:** The championship aims to promote competitive shooting excellence in Asia, strengthen athlete preparation for international tournaments, and contribute toward Olympic qualification pathways.



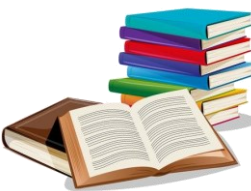
Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship:** A continental-level shooting competition featuring rifle and pistol events across junior and senior categories.
- **50m Rifle Three-Position Event:** A shooting discipline where athletes fire from three positions kneeling, prone and standing testing accuracy and stability.
- **Junior Category:** Competition segment reserved for young athletes under specified age limits as defined by shooting federation rules.
- **Olympic Qualification Events:** International competitions where athletes earn quota places for participation in the Olympic Games.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	New Delhi India
Issuing authority	Asian Shooting Confederation
Policy/series name	Continental Shooting Championship 2026
Key figures	39 gold 15 silver 12 bronze total 66 medals
Purpose/reason	To compete in Asian level rifle and pistol shooting events
Feature details	Prachi Gaikwad individual gold junior team gold strong senior performance
Validity or status	Ongoing championship after seven days
Strategic/significant value	Boosts India's Olympic preparation and strengthens shooting dominance in Asia



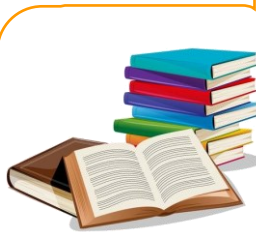
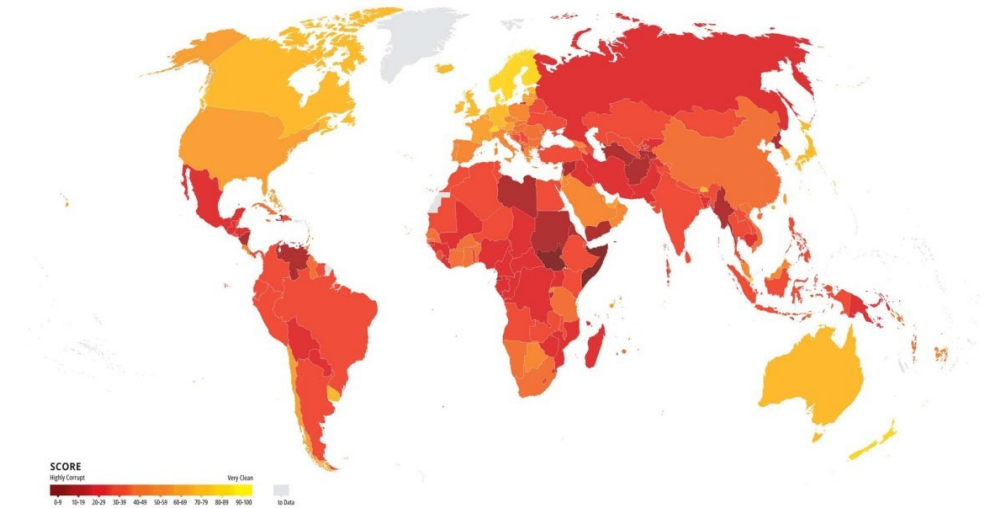
RANKING



➤ Which country topped the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025 with a score of 89?

- A) Finland
- B) Singapore
- C) Denmark
- D) Norway
- E) New Zealand

Answer
C) Denmark

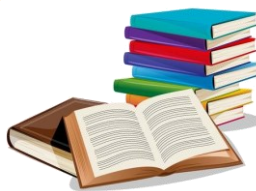


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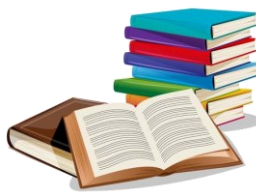
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Corruption Perceptions Index 2025 by Transparency International
- **Location:** Global
- **Date:** 11 February 2026



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Transparency International released the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2025, evaluating 182 countries on perceived levels of public sector corruption using expert assessments and business surveys.
- **Objectives:** The index aims to measure perceived corruption levels, promote transparency and accountability, highlight governance challenges, and encourage anti-corruption reforms globally.

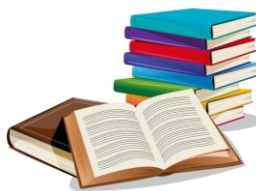


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Top 10 Least Corrupt Countries – CPI 2025

Rank	Country	CPI Score 2025
1	Denmark	89
2	Finland	88
3	Singapore	84
4	New Zealand	81
5	Norway	81
6	Sweden	80
7	Switzerland	80
8	Luxembourg	78
9	Netherlands	78
10	Germany / Iceland (Tied)	77

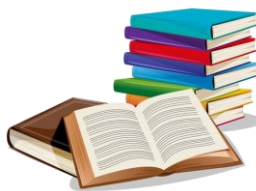


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Bottom 10 Most Corrupt Countries – CPI 2025

Rank	Country	CPI Score 2025
181	South Sudan	9
181	Somalia	9
180	Venezuela	10
178	Yemen	13
177	Libya	13
176	Eritrea	13
175	Sudan	14
174	Nicaragua	14
173	Syria	15
172	North Korea	15

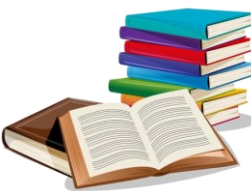


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India's Position – CPI 2025

Country	Rank	Score
India	91	39

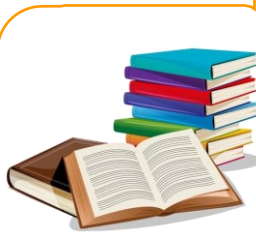


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI):** An annual index published by Transparency International that ranks countries on a scale from 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean) based on perceived public sector corruption.
- **Transparency International:** A global civil society organization working to combat corruption and promote transparency, accountability, and integrity in governance.

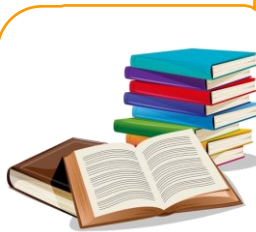


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Public Sector Corruption:** Abuse of public office for private gain, including bribery, embezzlement, and misuse of public funds.
- **Global Average Score:** The mean CPI score across all evaluated countries, which stands at 42 in 2025, indicating widespread corruption concerns.

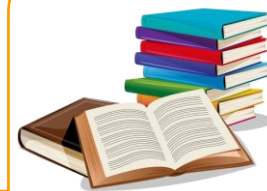


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Corruption Perceptions Index 2025
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	Global
Issuing authority	Transparency International
Policy/series name	Annual Corruption Perceptions Index
Key figures	Denmark 89 India 39 Global average 42
Purpose/reason	To measure perceived public sector corruption worldwide
Feature details	182 countries evaluated score range 0 to 100 122 countries below 50
Validity or status	Annual index for 2025
Strategic/significant value	Highlights governance challenges and promotes transparency reforms



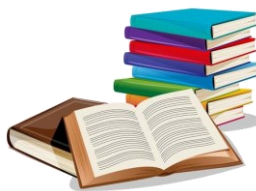
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➤ **According to the UBS Billionaire Ambitions Report 2025, which country ranked third in terms of number of billionaires?**

- A) China
- B) Germany
- C) India
- D) United Kingdom
- E) Switzerland

Answer
C) India

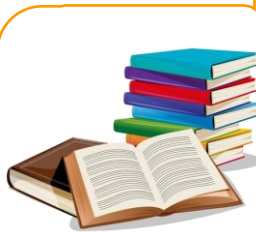


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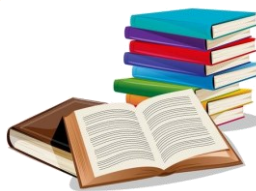
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of UBS Billionaire Ambitions Report 2025 highlighting global billionaire wealth trends
- **Location:** Global
- **Date:** 11 February 2026



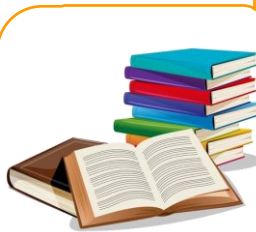
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The UBS Billionaire Ambitions Report 2025 analysed global billionaire wealth trends, ranking countries based on number of billionaires and total accumulated wealth.
- **Objectives:** The report aims to track global wealth creation patterns, identify economic drivers such as innovation and inheritance, and provide insights into country-wise billionaire distribution and growth trends.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UBS Billionaire Ambitions Report:** An annual global report published by UBS that analyses billionaire wealth trends, growth drivers, and geographical distribution.
- **Billionaire Wealth:** The total combined net worth of individuals whose personal wealth exceeds \$1 billion.

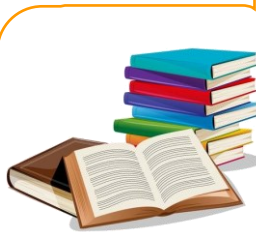


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Year-on-Year (YoY) Growth:** A financial comparison of performance metrics such as wealth or income between the current year and the previous year.
- **Self-Made Billionaires:** Individuals who built their fortunes independently rather than inheriting wealth.
- **Multi-Generational Inheritance:** Transfer of large-scale wealth across generations, significantly influencing global wealth distribution trends.

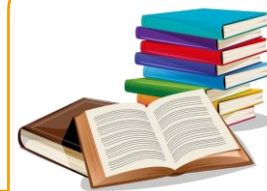


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UBS Billionaire Ambitions Report 2025
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	Global
Issuing authority	UBS
Policy/series name	Annual Billionaire Ambitions Report
Key figures	Global wealth \$15.8 trillion nearly 3,000 billionaires
Purpose/reason	To analyse global billionaire wealth trends and country rankings
Feature details	US 924 China 470 India 188 billionaires
Validity or status	Annual 2025 edition
Strategic/significant value	Reflects global wealth concentration economic innovation and capital growth trends

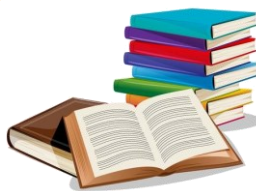


➤ **The All India Institute of Ayurveda signed an MoU with the General Insurance Council to enable cashless Ayurveda treatment under how many general insurance companies?**

- A) 20 companies
- B) 25 companies
- C) 28 companies
- D) 30 companies
- E) 32 companies

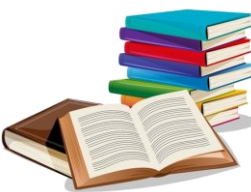
Answer

E) 32 companies



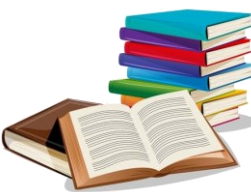
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of MoU between All India Institute of Ayurveda and General Insurance Council for cashless Ayurveda coverage
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 11 February 2026



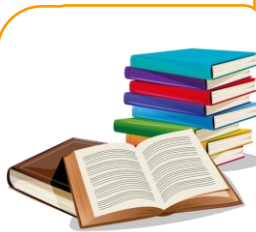
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) signed a Common Empanelment MoU with the General Insurance Council (GIC) to enable cashless Ayurveda treatment under 32 general insurance companies and launched an Ayush Health Insurance Helpline.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to integrate Ayurveda into the mainstream health insurance ecosystem, improve affordability and accessibility of Ayurveda treatment, and promote Ayush-based healthcare services across India.



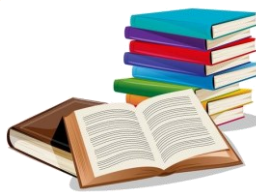
Important Terms Explained:

- **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA):** An apex institute under the Ministry of Ayush dedicated to education, research and patient care in Ayurveda.
- **General Insurance Council (GIC):** A representative body of general insurance companies in India that coordinates policy matters and industry-level initiatives.
- **Cashless Treatment:** A health insurance facility where policyholders receive medical treatment without making upfront payments, as the insurer directly settles bills with the hospital.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ministry of Ayush:** A Government of India ministry responsible for developing education, research and propagation of traditional systems of medicine including Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy.
- **Panchakarma:** A classical Ayurvedic detoxification and therapeutic procedure used for preventive and curative healthcare.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MoU between All India Institute of Ayurveda and General Insurance Council
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	New Delhi India
Issuing authority	All India Institute of Ayurveda and General Insurance Council
Policy/series name	Common Empanelment for Cashless Ayurveda Treatment
Key figures	Professor Vaidya P K Prajapati Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda
Purpose/reason	To enable cashless Ayurveda treatment under health insurance coverage
Feature details	Empanelment with 32 general insurance companies and launch of Ayush Health Insurance Helpline
Validity or status	Implemented with immediate effect after MoU signing
Strategic/significant value	Integrates Ayurveda into mainstream insurance ecosystem and promotes holistic healthcare

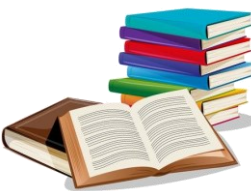


- **The Asian Development Bank approved an additional loan of how much to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion management in Assam?**

- A) \$150 million
- B) \$175 million
- C) \$182 million
- D) \$200 million
- E) \$250 million

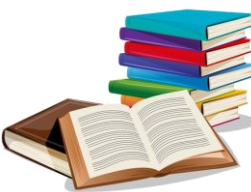
Answer

C) \$182 million



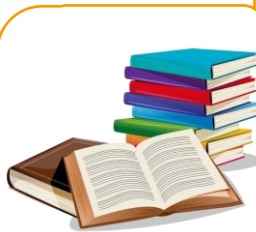
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of additional ADB loan for flood and riverbank erosion management in Assam
- **Location:** Assam, India
- **Date:** 11 February 2026



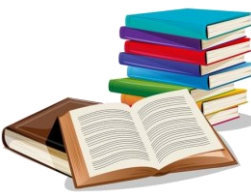
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved an additional \$182 million loan to scale up the Climate Resilient Brahmaputra Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Project, supplementing the earlier \$200 million loan approved in October 2023.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen flood protection infrastructure, reduce rural poverty, enhance climate resilience, prevent riverbank erosion, and improve disaster preparedness along the Brahmaputra river basin.



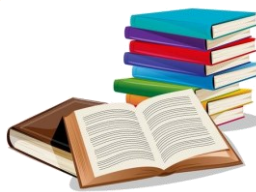
Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB):** A multilateral development bank established in 1966 that provides financial and technical assistance to promote inclusive and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.
- **Climate Resilient Brahmaputra Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Project:** A comprehensive project launched in 2023 to manage flood risks and riverbank erosion in Assam through infrastructure strengthening and climate adaptation measures.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Riverbank Erosion:** The gradual wearing away of riverbanks due to water flow, leading to land loss, displacement and infrastructure damage.
- **Climate Resilience:** The ability of communities and infrastructure to anticipate, prepare for and respond effectively to climate-related hazards.
- **Disaster Risk Reduction:** A systematic approach to identifying, assessing and reducing the risks of disasters through preparedness and mitigation strategies.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Additional ADB loan for Assam flood management
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	Assam India
Issuing authority	Asian Development Bank
Policy/series name	Climate Resilient Brahmaputra Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Project
Key figures	\$182 million additional loan and \$200 million earlier approval
Purpose/reason	To strengthen flood control and riverbank erosion management
Feature details	Embankment strengthening early warning systems climate resilient infrastructure and community preparedness
Validity or status	Ongoing project expanded with additional financing
Strategic/significant value	Enhances climate resilience reduces rural poverty and supports sustainable development in Assam



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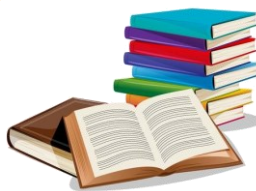


➤ **Aditya Pandya became India's youngest male analog astronaut after completing a lunar habitat simulation mission in which location?**

- A) Leh Ladakh
- B) Sriharikota Andhra Pradesh
- C) Dholavira Gujarat
- D) Thiruvananthapuram Kerala
- E) Bengaluru Karnataka

Answer

C) Dholavira Gujarat

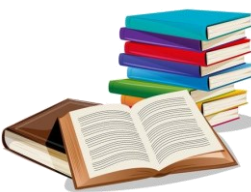


APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Aditya Pandya becomes India's youngest male analog astronaut after completing lunar habitat simulation mission
- **Location:** Dholavira, Kutch, Gujarat
- **Date:** Mission conducted from 1 to 8 February 2026

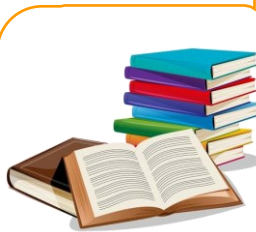


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The mission conducted by AAKA Space Studio simulated Moon-like isolation and autonomous operations in a modular lunar analog habitat to test habitat engineering, digital twin systems, IoT-based monitoring, and astronaut endurance.
- **Objectives:** The mission aimed to strengthen India's analog space research ecosystem, test autonomous habitat technologies under extreme conditions, and support long-term human spaceflight goals aligned with programmes such as **Gaganyaan**.

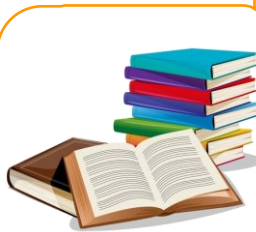


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Analog Astronaut Mission:** A space simulation experiment conducted on Earth to replicate conditions of the Moon or Mars for testing psychological endurance, habitat systems, and human-machine interaction.
- **Digital Twin:** A virtual real-time model of a physical system that enables monitoring, performance analysis, and predictive maintenance of infrastructure or equipment.

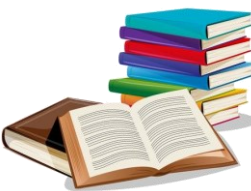


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Important Terms Explained:

- **IoT (Internet of Things):** A network of interconnected devices and sensors that collect and exchange data for monitoring and automation purposes.
- **AAKA Space Studio:** An Indian space research and simulation organization registered as an ISRO Space Tutor, conducting analog missions and space technology training programmes.
- **Gaganyaan:** India's human spaceflight programme aimed at sending Indian astronauts into space.

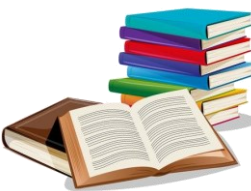


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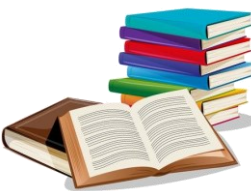
Parameter	Details
Event name	Aditya Pandya becomes India's youngest male analog astronaut
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	Dholavira Kutch Gujarat
Issuing authority	AAKA Space Studio
Policy/series name	Lunar Analog Habitat Simulation Mission
Key figures	Aditya Pandya age 17
Purpose/reason	To simulate Moon-like conditions and test autonomous habitat systems
Feature details	Digital twin framework IoT monitoring biometric systems nine-day isolation
Validity or status	Successfully completed from 1 to 8 February 2026
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's analog research ecosystem and supports future human spaceflight missions



➤ Which location will host the National Large Optical–Near Infrared Telescope (NLOT) approved under Union Budget 2026?

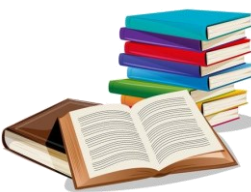
- A) Kodaikanal
- B) Udaipur
- C) Hanle
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Pune

Answer
C) Hanle



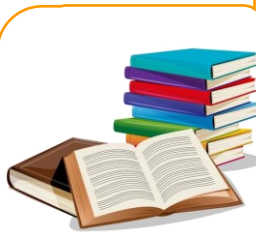
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of two new telescopes and upgrade of Himalayan Chandra Telescope under Union Budget 2026
- **Location:** Hanle and Merak near Pangong Tso, Ladakh
- **Date:** Announced in Union Budget 2026 (February 2026)



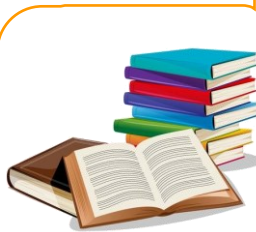
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of India approved the construction of the National Large Solar Telescope (NLST) and the National Large Optical–Near Infrared Telescope (NLOT) and the upgrade of the Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT) at the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve in Ladakh.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen India's observational astronomy capabilities, enhance research in solar physics, exoplanets and cosmology, improve space-weather monitoring, and position India as a global leader in astronomical research.



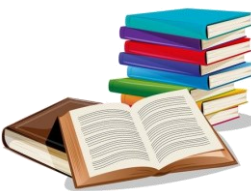
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Large Solar Telescope (NLST):** A 2-metre aperture solar telescope to be built in Merak near Pangong Tso for studying solar magnetism, flares and space-weather events in visible and near-infrared wavelengths.
- **National Large Optical–Near Infrared Telescope (NLOT):** A 13.7-metre segmented mirror telescope to be constructed in Hanle for advanced research in exoplanets, stellar evolution and the origins of the universe.



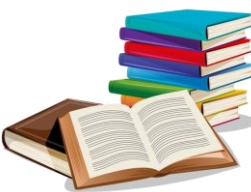
Important Terms Explained:

- **Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT):** An existing 2-metre telescope operational for 25 years in Hanle, now being upgraded to a 3.7-metre segmented mirror system for advanced optical-infrared observations.
- **Hanle Dark Sky Reserve:** India's first notified dark sky reserve located in Ladakh, offering minimal light pollution and ideal high-altitude atmospheric conditions for astronomy.



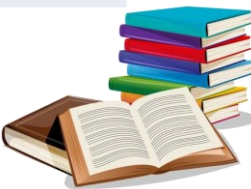
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aditya-L1:** India's first space-based solar mission designed to study the Sun and solar activities from the Lagrange Point L1.
- **Segmented Mirror Technology:** A telescope design using multiple hexagonal mirror segments combined to function as one large primary mirror.



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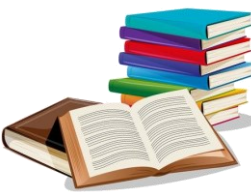
Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of NLST NLOT and HCT upgrade
Announcement date	Union Budget 2026 February 2026
Location	Hanle and Merak Ladakh
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	National astronomy expansion initiative
Key figures	2 metre NLST 13.7 metre NLOT 3.7 metre upgraded HCT
Purpose/reason	To enhance solar exoplanet and universe research capabilities
Feature details	Construction of two mega telescopes and upgrade of existing facility at Hanle Dark Sky Reserve
Validity or status	Approved with implementation over next 5 to 6 years
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's leadership in heliophysics cosmology and global astronomy networks



➤ **Lyriothemis keralensis, recently discovered in Kerala, belongs to which order of insects?**

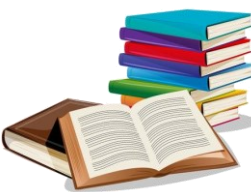
- A) Lepidoptera
- B) Coleoptera
- C) Odonata
- D) Diptera
- E) Hymenoptera

Answer
C) Odonata



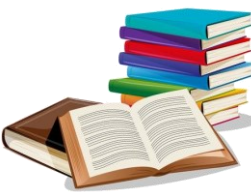
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Discovery and scientific documentation of new dragonfly species *Lyriothemis keralensis*
- **Location:** Varapetty near Kothamangalam, Ernakulam district, Kerala
- **Date:** Officially recorded in scientific literature on 11 February 2026



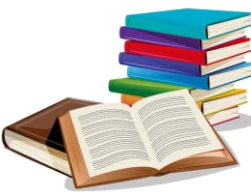
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Researchers formally described and recorded *Lyriothemis keralensis*, a new dragonfly species from the Western Ghats, expanding India's documented insect biodiversity.
- **Objectives:** The discovery aims to enhance knowledge of endemic species, strengthen biodiversity documentation, and highlight conservation concerns in human-modified landscapes such as plantations.



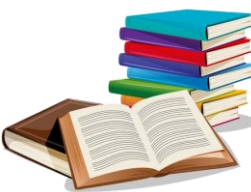
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lyriothemis keralensis:** A newly discovered endemic dragonfly species found in Kerala, officially added to scientific literature in 2026.
- **Odonata:** An order of insects that includes dragonflies and damselflies, known as important indicators of freshwater ecosystem health.
- **Endemic Species:** A species that is native to and restricted to a specific geographical region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Western Ghats:** A UNESCO World Heritage Site and global biodiversity hotspot known for its rich and unique flora and fauna.
- **Sexual Dimorphism:** A biological condition where males and females of the same species exhibit distinct physical differences.

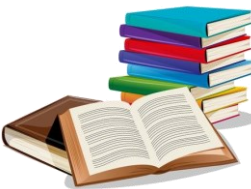


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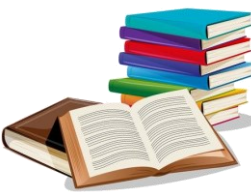
Parameter	Details
Event name	Discovery of <i>Lyriothemis keralensis</i>
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	Varapetty Kothamangalam Ernakulam district Kerala
Issuing authority	Scientific research publication
Policy/series name	Biodiversity documentation in Western Ghats
Key figures	New endemic dragonfly species under order Odonata
Purpose/reason	To expand India's insect biodiversity records
Feature details	Found in plantation landscapes visible during Southwest monsoon shows sexual dimorphism
Validity or status	Officially recorded in scientific literature
Strategic/significant value	Highlights biodiversity richness and conservation needs in Western Ghats



➤ India and the United Kingdom signed a Social Security Agreement to prevent double social security contributions for temporary employees for up to how many months?

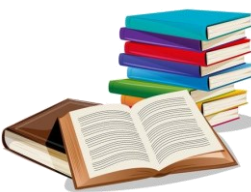
- A) 12 months
- B) 24 months
- C) 36 months
- D) 48 months
- E) 60 months

Answer
C) 36 months



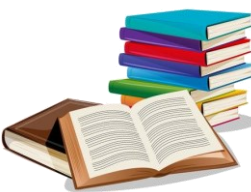
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of India–UK Social Security Agreement to prevent double social security contributions
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 10 February 2026



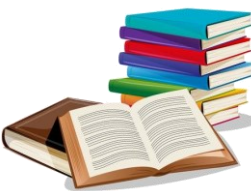
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India and the United Kingdom signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA) ensuring that temporary employees posted for up to 36 months will not pay social security contributions in both countries simultaneously.
- **Objectives:** The agreement aims to eliminate double contributions, reduce financial burden on workers and companies, enhance labour mobility, and strengthen bilateral economic cooperation under the India–UK Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement.



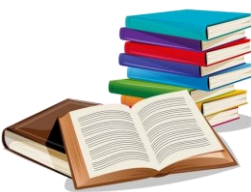
Important Terms Explained:

- **Social Security Agreement (SSA):** A bilateral agreement between two countries that prevents double social security contributions and protects pension and social security benefits of employees working abroad temporarily.
- **Double Social Security Contribution:** A situation where an employee and employer are required to contribute to social security systems in both the home and host countries for the same period of employment.



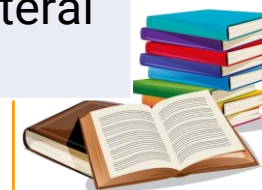
Important Terms Explained:

- **India–UK Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA):** A broader bilateral trade agreement framework aimed at strengthening cooperation in trade, investment, labour mobility and economic relations between India and the United Kingdom.
- **Labour Mobility:** The ability of workers to move across borders for employment opportunities without facing financial or regulatory barriers.
- **BRICS:** A grouping of five major emerging economies – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – focusing on economic cooperation and global governance reforms.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India–UK Social Security Agreement
Announcement date	10 February 2026
Location	New Delhi India
Issuing authority	Governments of India and United Kingdom
Policy/series name	Social Security Agreement under India–UK Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement
Key figures	Vikram Misri and Lindy Cameron
Purpose/reason	To prevent double social security contributions for temporary employees
Feature details	Exemption from dual contributions for up to 36 months with continued home country coverage
Validity or status	To come into force along with the broader trade agreement
Strategic/significant value	Enhances labour mobility reduces employer costs and strengthens bilateral economic ties



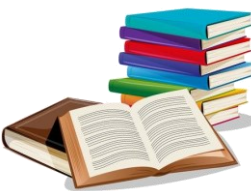
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- Under the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana, how much total financial assistance is provided in instalments before maturity?

- A) ₹25,000
- B) ₹40,000
- C) ₹50,000
- D) ₹56,000
- E) ₹75,000

Answer
D) ₹56,000

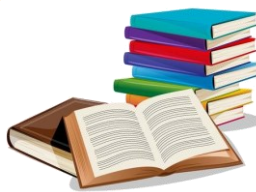


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Lakhpatri Bitiya Yojana for girl child financial and educational support
- **Location:** Delhi
- **Date:** 11 February 2026

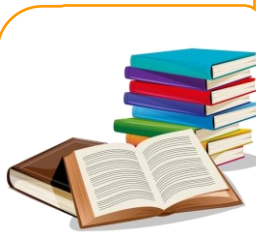


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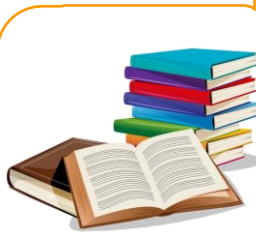
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Delhi government launched the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana to provide ₹56,000 in phased instalments to eligible girl children from birth until graduation, with a maturity benefit exceeding ₹1 lakh upon completion of graduation.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to promote gender equity, encourage higher education among girls, ensure financial inclusion, reduce dropout rates, and provide long-term education-linked financial security.



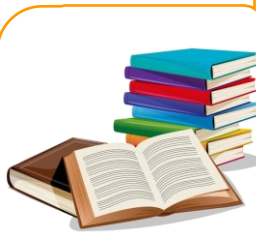
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana:** A Delhi government welfare scheme launched in 2026 to provide structured financial assistance to girl children from birth to graduation with maturity benefits exceeding ₹1 lakh.
- **Financial Inclusion:** A policy approach that ensures individuals have access to useful and affordable financial services, including savings, credit and insurance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Transparency:** A governance mechanism where processes such as application and fund transfer are conducted online with real-time record tracking to ensure accountability and efficiency.
- **Education-Linked Incentives:** Financial benefits that are released in phases based on completion of specific educational milestones.

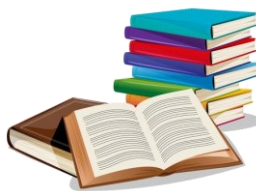


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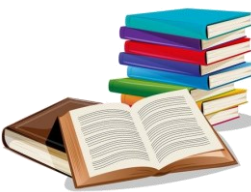
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	Delhi
Issuing authority	Delhi Government
Policy/series name	Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana
Key figures	Chief Minister Rekha Gupta
Purpose/reason	To support girl children financially from birth to graduation
Feature details	₹56,000 in instalments and over ₹1 lakh on maturity with fully digital process
Validity or status	Launched in 2026 and implemented through online system
Strategic/significant value	Promotes gender equity financial inclusion and higher education for girls



- Under the amended IT Rules 2021, within how many hours must social media platforms remove unlawful content?

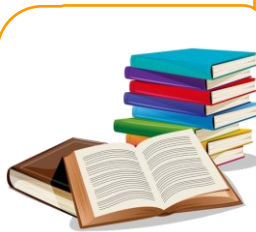
- A) 24 hours
- B) 12 hours
- C) 36 hours
- D) 3 hours
- E) 48 hours

Answer
D) 3 hours



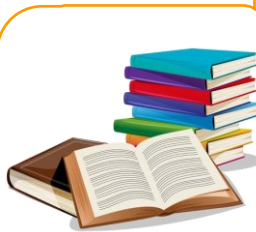
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Amendment to Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021 introducing 3-hour takedown rule and mandatory AI labels
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** Notified on 11 February 2026 (Effective from 20 February 2026)



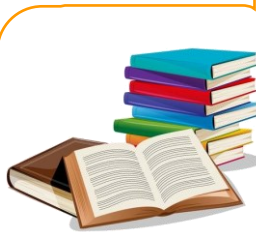
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of India has amended the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021 to mandate prominent labelling of AI-generated content and reduce unlawful content takedown timelines from 36 hours to 3 hours, with a 2-hour deadline for non-consensual intimate imagery.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to curb deepfakes, misinformation and unlawful synthetic content, enhance transparency, strengthen intermediary accountability and prevent viral spread of harmful content.



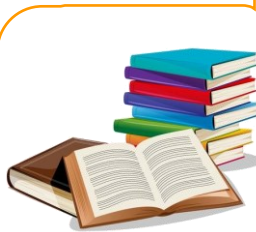
Important Terms Explained:

- **Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021:** A regulatory framework under the IT Act 2000 that governs responsibilities of social media intermediaries and digital media platforms in India.
- **Safe Harbour:** A legal immunity provided to intermediaries protecting them from liability for user-generated content, provided they comply with due diligence requirements under the IT Act.
- **Synthetic Generated Information (SGI):** AI-generated or synthetically altered content including audio, video or audiovisual material, except routine good-faith editing or assistive enhancements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deepfakes:** AI-generated manipulated media that falsely represent a person's identity, speech or actions and are often used for misinformation or non-consensual imagery.
- **Intermediary:** Any platform that hosts, transmits or stores user-generated content such as social media companies.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Amendment to IT Rules 2021 introducing 3-hour takedown rule
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021
Key figures	Takedown timeline reduced from 36 hours to 3 hours and 2 hours for intimate imagery
Purpose/reason	To curb deepfakes misinformation and unlawful AI-generated content
Feature details	Mandatory prominent AI labels user declaration requirement and technical safeguards
Validity or status	Effective from 20 February 2026
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens digital accountability and regulates AI misuse while impacting safe harbour protection

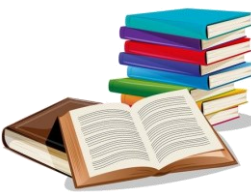


➤ What is the total outlay of the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27?

- A) ₹8.25 lakh crore
- B) ₹8.75 lakh crore
- C) ₹9.13 lakh crore
- D) ₹9.50 lakh crore
- E) ₹10 lakh crore

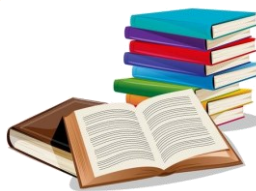
Answer

C) ₹9.13 lakh crore



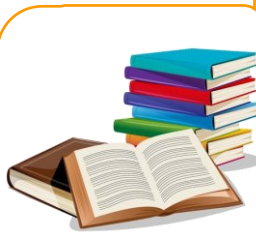
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Presentation of Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 with ₹9.13 lakh crore outlay
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly
- **Date:** 11 February 2026



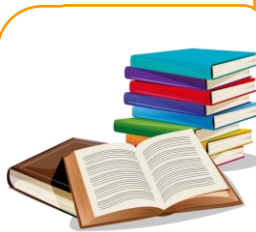
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of Uttar Pradesh presented the UP Budget 2026–27 with a ₹9.13 lakh crore outlay, maintaining fiscal deficit at 3% of GSDP as per the 16th Finance Commission recommendations till 2030–31 and prioritising education, health, agriculture, infrastructure and skill development.
- **Objectives:** The budget aims to ensure fiscal discipline, promote infrastructure-led growth, strengthen human capital, boost rural development, enhance employment through mission-mode skill development and support inclusive economic expansion.



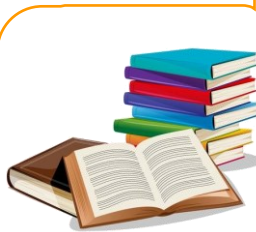
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fiscal Deficit:** The gap between a government's total expenditure and its total revenue excluding borrowings, expressed as a percentage of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).
- **16th Finance Commission:** A constitutional body that provides recommendations on fiscal transfers and deficit limits between the Centre and States for a specified period.
- **Capital Expenditure:** Government spending on creation of long-term assets such as roads, power projects, logistics hubs and infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product):** The total value of goods and services produced within a state during a specific period.
- **PPP Model (Public Private Partnership):** A collaborative framework where government and private sector jointly undertake projects, especially in infrastructure and skill development.

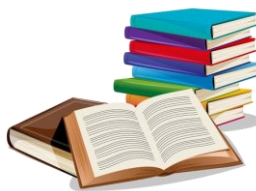


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27
Announcement date	11 February 2026
Location	Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly
Issuing authority	Government of Uttar Pradesh
Policy/series name	State Annual Budget 2026–27
Key figures	₹9.13 lakh crore outlay and 3% fiscal deficit cap
Purpose/reason	To promote growth with fiscal discipline and sectoral development
Feature details	12.4% education 6% health 9% agriculture strong capital expenditure and skill push
Validity or status	Fiscal deficit cap applicable till 2030–31
Strategic/significant value	Supports infrastructure expansion employment generation and \$1 trillion economy goal



➤ As per the new MHA guidelines 2026, what must be sung before the National Anthem at official events when both are played together?

- A) Only first two stanzas of Vande Mataram
- B) Full six stanzas of Vande Mataram
- C) Sare Jahan Se Achha
- D) National Pledge
- E) Instrumental music only

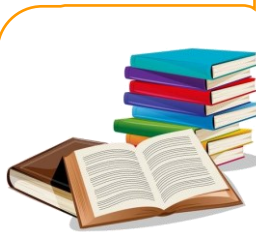


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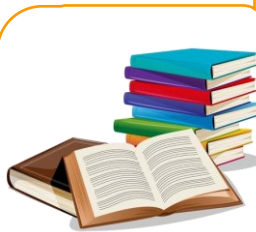
Answer

B) Full six stanzas of Vande Mataram



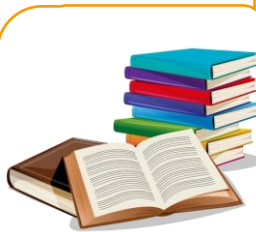
Event and Location:

- **Event:** MHA issues formal protocol on order of National Song and National Anthem
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** Directive dated 28 January 2026



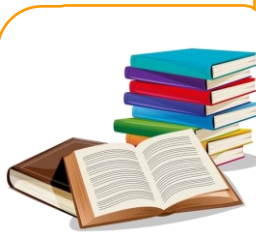
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directed that all six stanzas of Vande Mataram must be sung before the National Anthem (Jana Gana Mana) at official events when both are performed together. The audience must stand in attention during the official rendition of the National Song.
- **Objectives:** The directive aims to establish a uniform protocol, maintain decorum at official functions, commemorate the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram in 2026, and strengthen civic values and patriotic awareness.



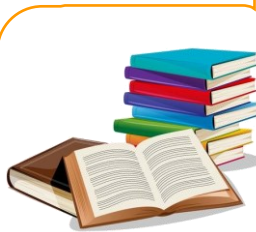
Important Terms Explained:

- **Vande Mataram:** The National Song of India composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in the 1870s and included in his novel Anandamath; adopted as National Song by the Constituent Assembly in 1950.
- **National Anthem (Jana Gana Mana):** The official National Anthem of India composed by Rabindranath Tagore and adopted by the Constituent Assembly in 1950.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA):** A ministry of the Government of India responsible for internal security, public order, and implementation of national ceremonial protocols.
- **Constituent Assembly:** The body that drafted the Constitution of India and adopted Vande Mataram as the National Song and Jana Gana Mana as the National Anthem in 1950.

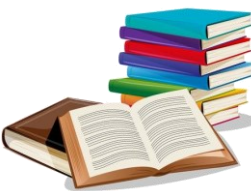


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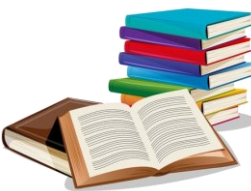
Parameter	Details
Event name	MHA Guidelines on Order of National Song and National Anthem
Announcement date	28 January 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Home Affairs
Policy/series name	National Song and Anthem Protocol Guidelines
Key figures	Full six stanzas duration approx 3 minutes 10 seconds
Purpose/reason	To ensure uniformity decorum and respect at official events
Feature details	Vande Mataram to be sung first followed by National Anthem standing mandatory
Validity or status	Effective from directive issued January 2026
Strategic/significant value	Marks 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram and reinforces civic awareness



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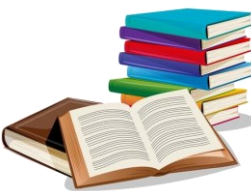
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed annually on 11 February by the United Nations to promote gender equality in STEM fields.
- India's gold tally reached 39 at the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026 in New Delhi.
- Transparency International released the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025 assessing 182 countries.
- Global billionaire wealth reached a record \$15.8 trillion in 2025 according to the UBS report.
- The All India Institute of Ayurveda signed a Common Empanelment MoU with the General Insurance Council in New Delhi.
- The Asian Development Bank approved an additional \$182 million loan for flood and riverbank erosion management in Assam.
- Seventeen-year-old Aditya Pandya became India's youngest male analog astronaut in February 2026.
- The Union Budget 2026 approved the construction of the National Large Solar Telescope and National Large Optical–Near Infrared Telescope in Ladakh.
- Researchers have formally described a new dragonfly species named *Lyriothemis keralensis* from Kerala.
- India and the United Kingdom signed a Social Security Agreement in New Delhi on 10 February 2026.



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- The Delhi government launched the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana to support girl children from birth until graduation.
- The Government of India amended the IT Rules 2021 to mandate a three-hour timeline for removing unlawful online content.
- Uttar Pradesh presented its Budget 2026–27 with a total outlay of ₹9.13 lakh crore.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs issued new guidelines on the order of the National Song and National Anthem.



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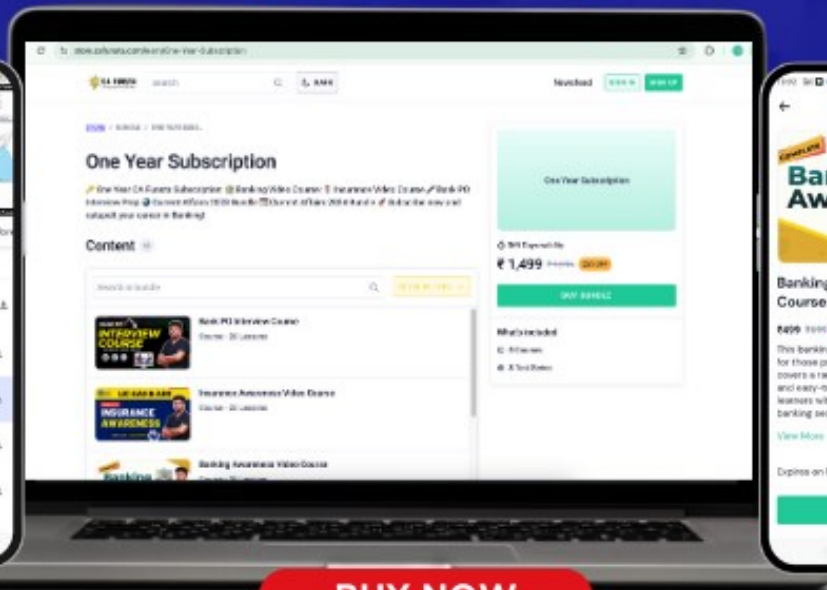
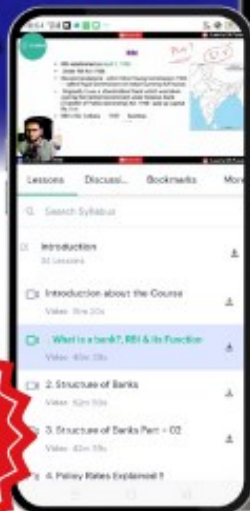
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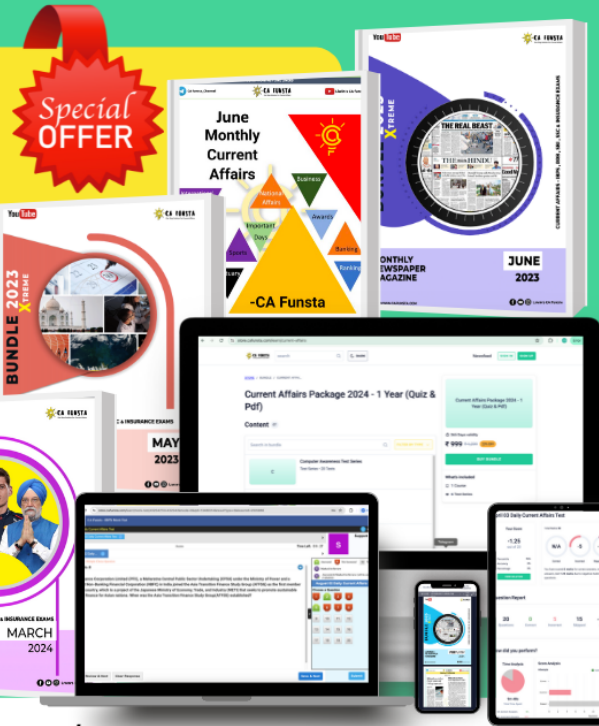
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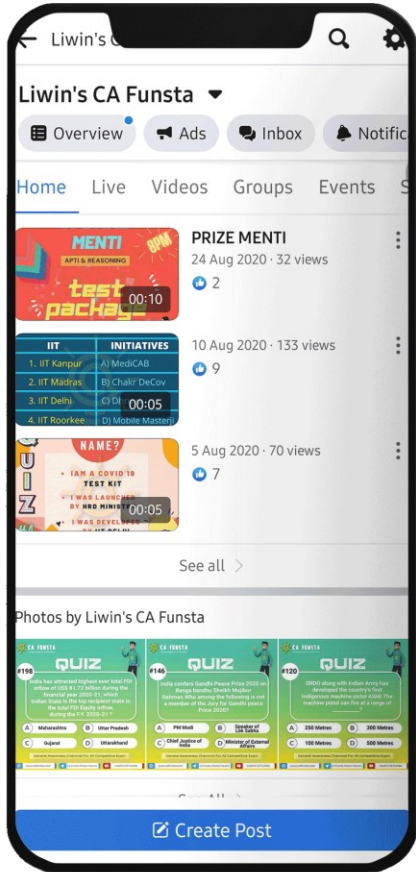
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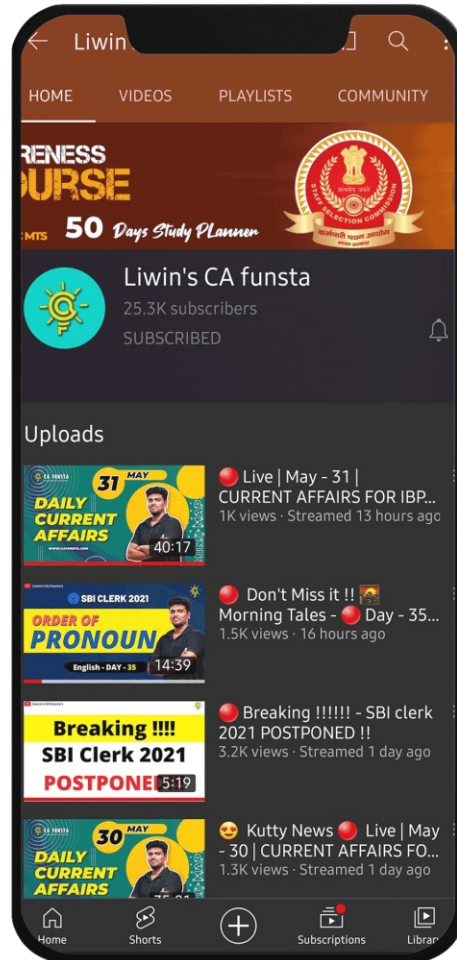


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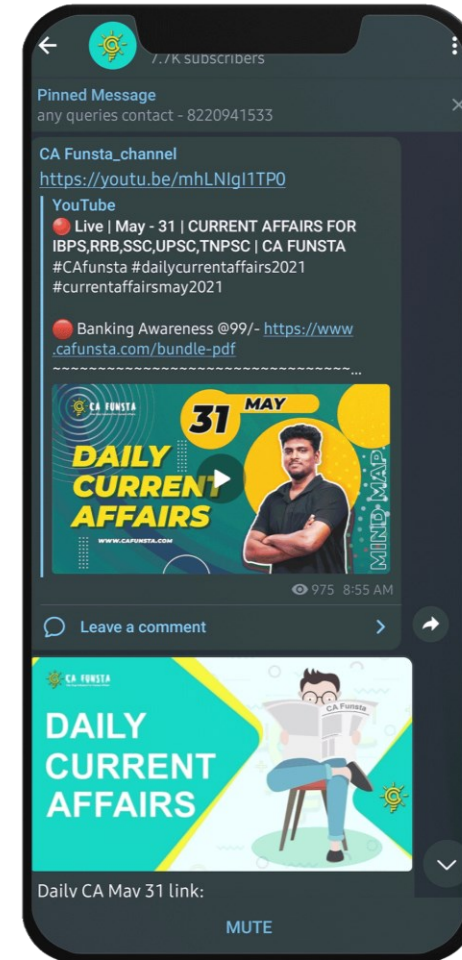
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