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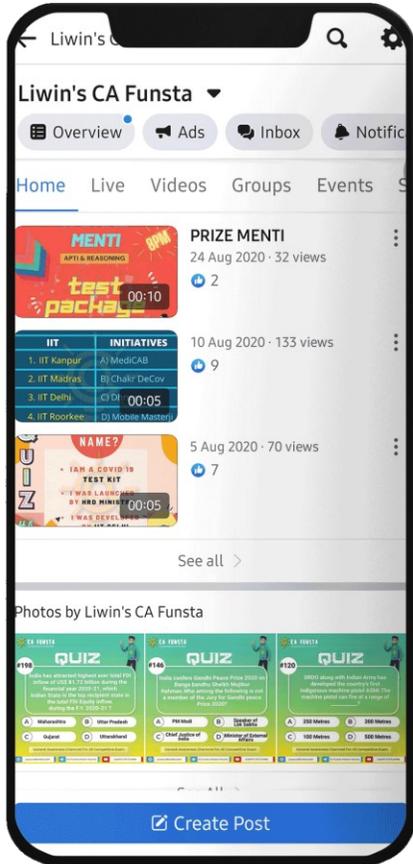


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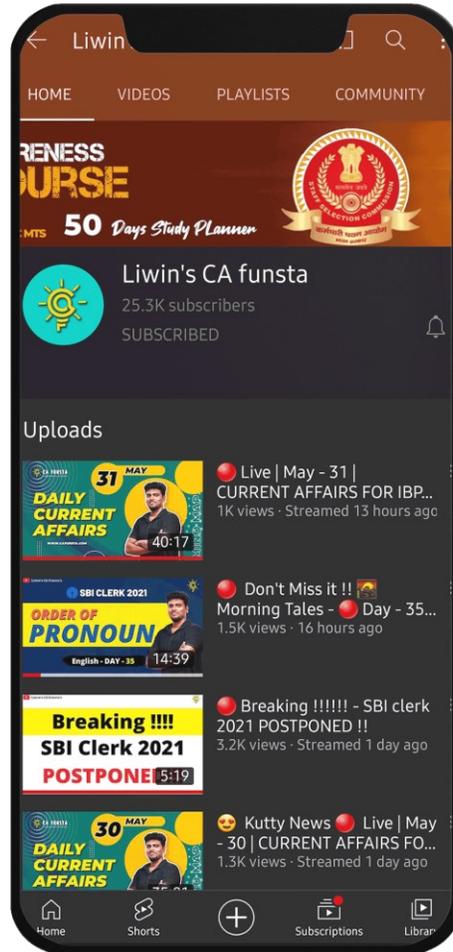
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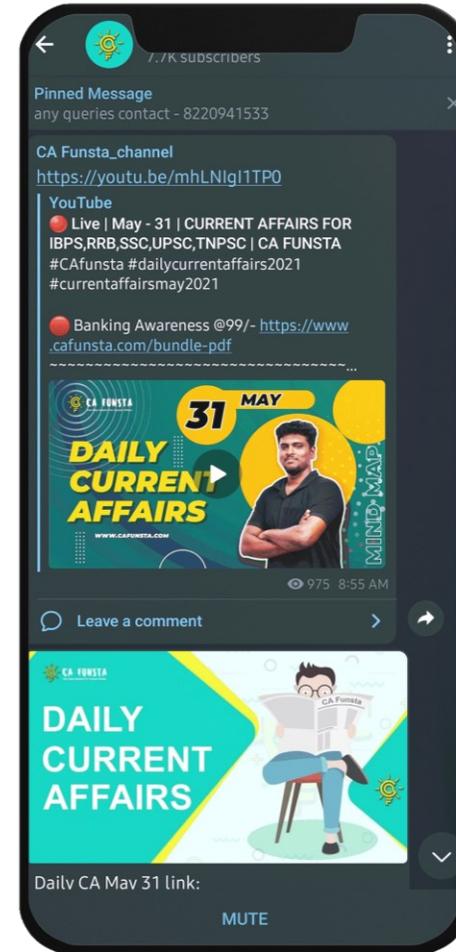
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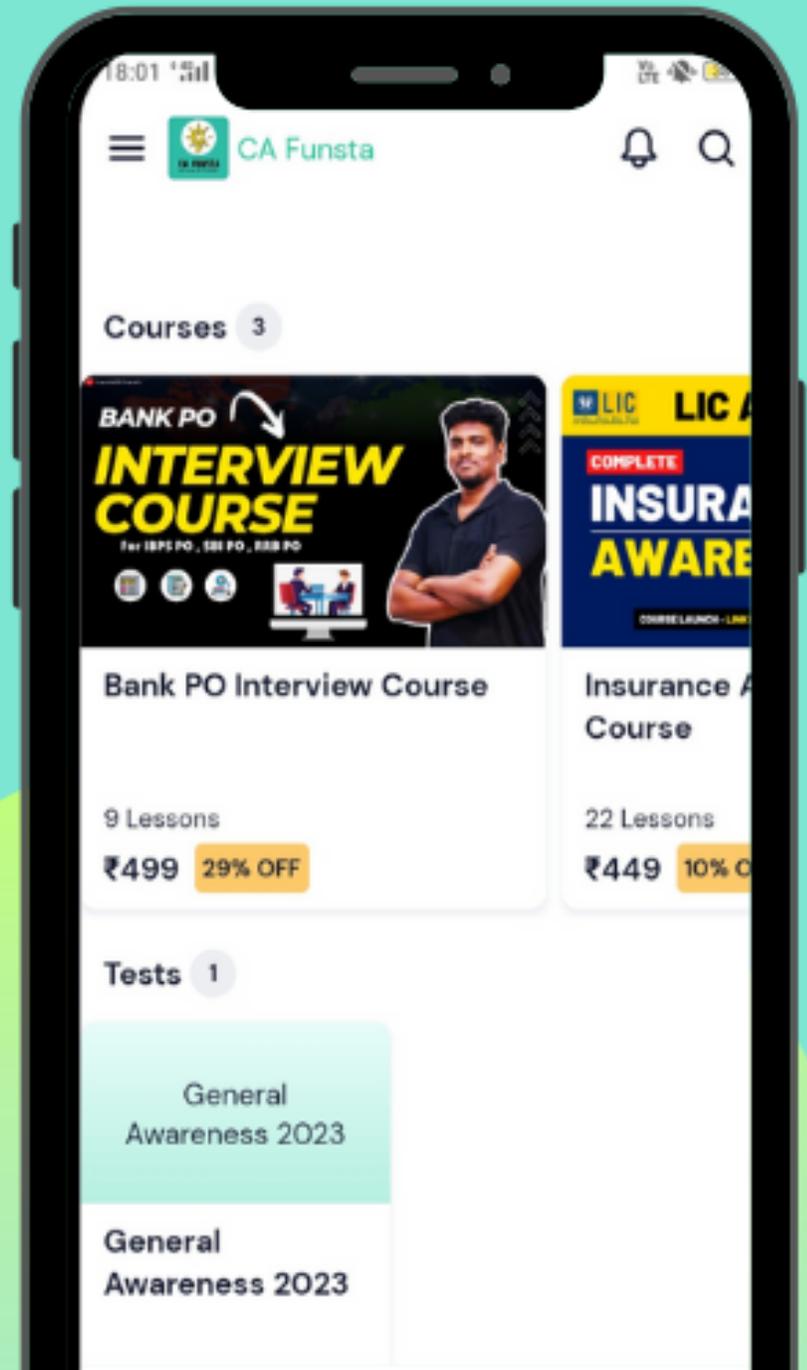
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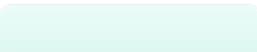


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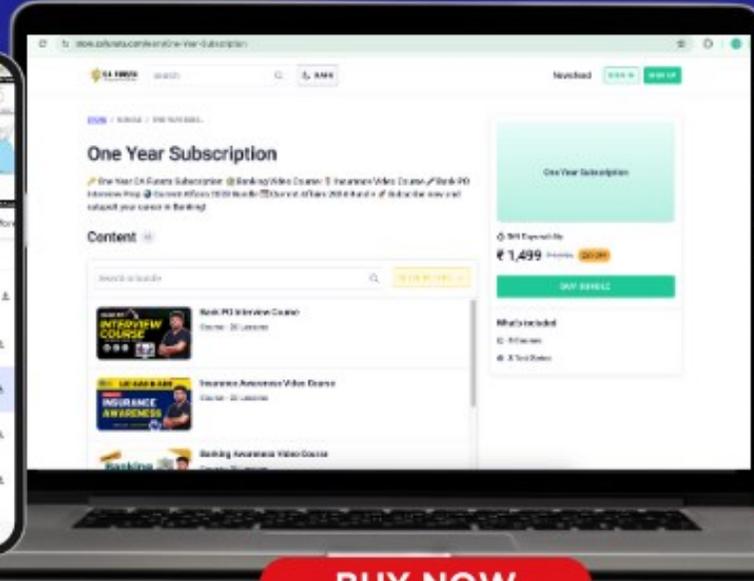
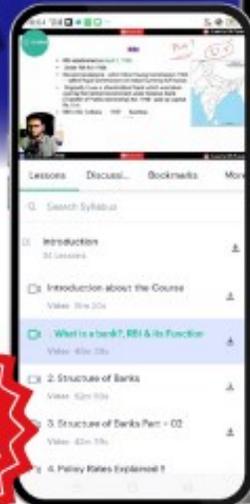


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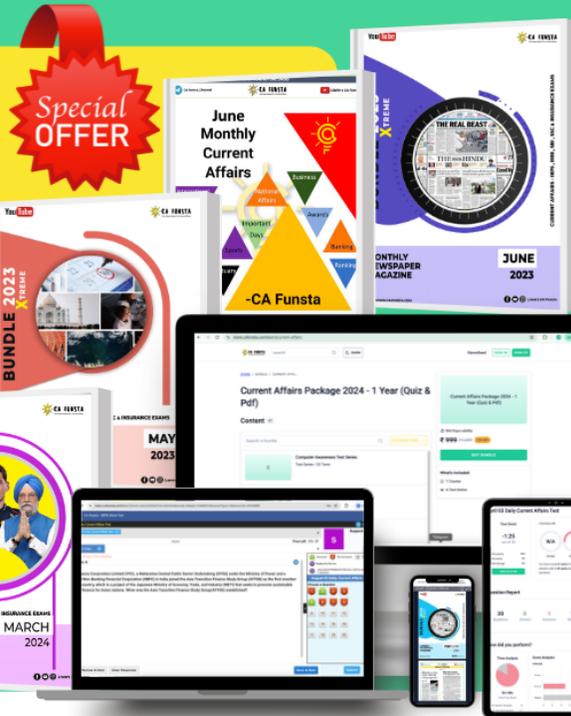
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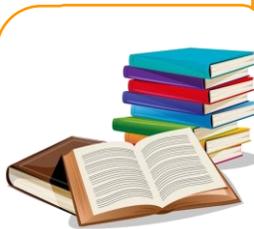


➤ **SUJVKA, launched on the 40<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of DBT, is primarily designed as:**

- A) A genome sequencing tool
- B) A vaccine manufacturing platform
- C) A Trade Statistics Digital Intelligence Platform
- D) A space biotechnology laboratory
- E) A gene therapy device

**Answer**

**C) A Trade Statistics Digital Intelligence Platform**

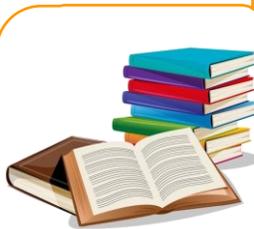
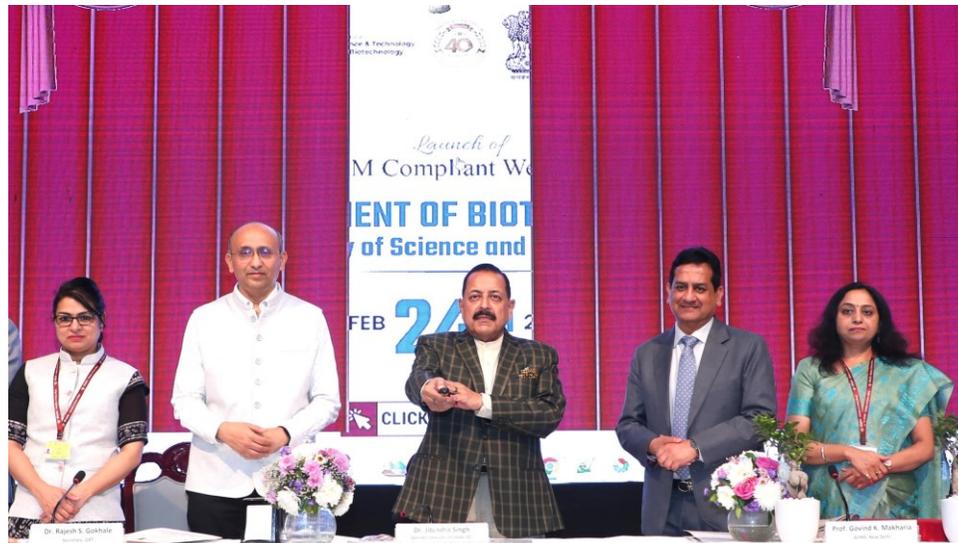


# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 40<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and launch of SUJVIKA AI portal
- **Location:** Civil Services Officers Institute, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
- **Date:** February 25, 2026

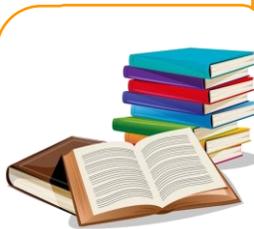


# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched SUJVIKA, an AI-driven biotech product data portal developed by DBT in collaboration with the Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE) to provide structured and authenticated data on biotechnology imports.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen evidence-based policymaking, reduce import dependency, promote domestic biomanufacturing, support R&D planning, and accelerate India's vision of becoming a \$1 trillion bioeconomy by 2047.

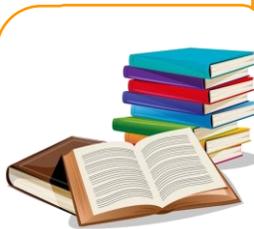


# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **SUJVIKA:** An AI-powered Trade Statistics Digital Intelligence Platform providing sector-wise insights on biotech product imports, industrial enzymes, and high-value biochemical trade data.
- **Department of Biotechnology (DBT):** A department under the Ministry of Science and Technology established in 1986 to promote biotechnology research, innovation, and policy development in India.
- **BioE3 Policy:** A national biotechnology policy focusing on Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment to drive sustainable bioeconomic growth.

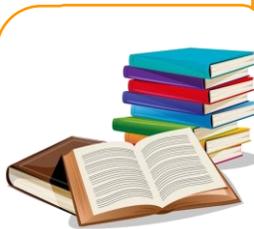


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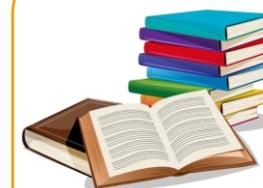
- **GenomeIndia Project:** A national initiative aimed at sequencing genomes of diverse Indian populations to build a comprehensive genetic database for research and healthcare innovation.
- **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC):** A public sector enterprise under DBT that supports biotech startups and innovation through funding and incubation.
- **Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC):** An umbrella body coordinating biotechnology research institutions for translational and applied research.



# Important Days

## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	DBT 40th Foundation Day and Launch of SUJVIKA
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	New Delhi
Issuing authority	Department of Biotechnology
Policy/series name	SUJVIKA AI-Driven Biotech Data Portal
Key figures	Dr Jitendra Singh
Purpose/reason	To strengthen biotech data intelligence and promote domestic manufacturing
Feature details	AI-based trade data platform, supports import analysis and R&D planning
Validity or status	Officially launched
Strategic/significant value	Supports India's \$1 trillion bioeconomy vision by 2047



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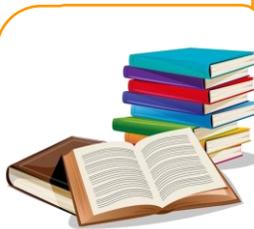


➤ **Mount Aconcagua, recently summited by a joint NIM–JIM&WS team, is the highest peak in which continent?**

- A) Europe
- B) Africa
- C) North America
- D) South America
- E) Antarctica

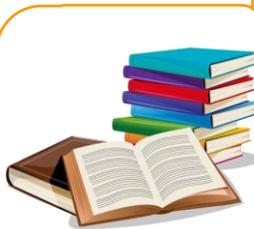
**Answer**

**D) South America**



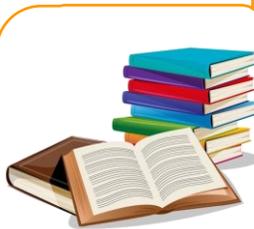
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Successful summit of Mount Aconcagua by joint NIM–JIM&WS team
- **Location:** Argentina
- **Date:** February 22, 2026



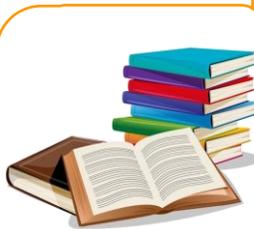
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A six-member joint team from the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) and the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM&WS) successfully summited Mount Aconcagua under the leadership of Col Hem Chandra Singh.
- **Objectives:** The expedition aimed to demonstrate India's mountaineering excellence, enhance international high-altitude expedition experience, and showcase the advanced training standards of Indian mountaineering institutes.



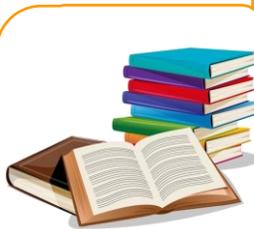
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Mount Aconcagua:** The highest peak in South America and the second-highest peak outside Asia, standing at 6,961 metres above sea level in Argentina.
- **Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM):** A premier Indian mountaineering training institute located in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, established to promote adventure sports and high-altitude training.



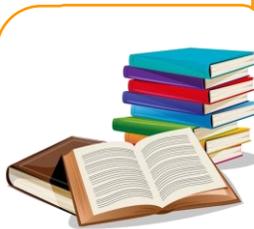
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM&WS):** A leading mountaineering and winter sports training institute based in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir.
- **Acclimatization:** The physiological adjustment process that allows climbers to adapt to lower oxygen levels at high altitudes before attempting major peaks.



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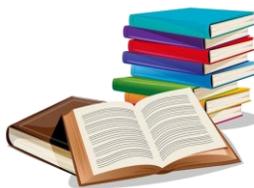
Parameter	Details
Event name	NIM–JIM&WS Summit of Mount Aconcagua
Announcement date	February 22, 2026
Location	Argentina
Issuing authority	Nehru Institute of Mountaineering and JIM&WS
Policy/series name	International Mountaineering Expedition 2026
Key figures	Col Hem Chandra Singh, Rajnath Singh
Purpose/reason	To showcase Indian mountaineering capability and training excellence
Feature details	Six-member team, acclimatization at Bonete Peak, summit at 14:10 hours
Validity or status	Successfully completed expedition
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's global reputation in high-altitude adventure sports



- **According to ICRA, India's GDP growth is projected to moderate to what percentage in Q3 FY2025–26?**

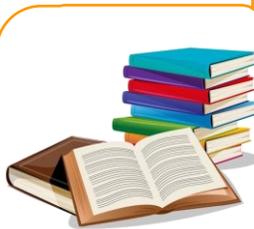
- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.8%
- C) 7.2%
- D) 7.5%
- E) 8.0%

**Answer**  
**C) 7.2%**



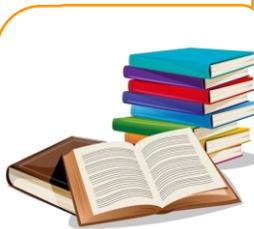
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Projection of India's GDP growth moderation by ICRA
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** February 25, 2026



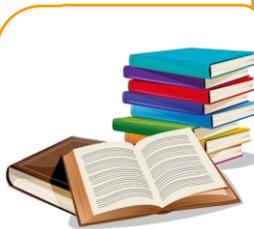
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Rating agency ICRA projected that India's year-on-year GDP growth will moderate to 7.2% in Q3 FY2025–26, compared to 8.2% in Q2 FY2025–26, based on sectoral and fiscal performance trends.
- **Objectives:** The projection aims to provide an economic outlook by assessing sector-wise growth patterns, government expenditure trends, and external trade performance to guide policymakers and investors.



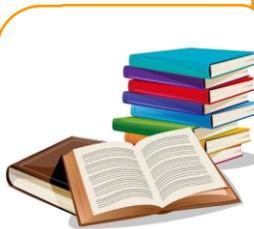
## Important Terms Explained:

- **ICRA:** An Indian credit rating agency that provides independent assessments, credit ratings, and economic research insights on macroeconomic trends and sectoral performance.
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** The total monetary value of all final goods and services produced within a country's borders during a specific time period, used as a key indicator of economic health.
- **Year-on-Year (YoY) Growth:** A method of evaluating growth by comparing a particular period with the same period in the previous year.



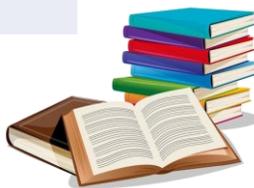
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Capital Expenditure (Capex):** Government spending on the creation of assets such as infrastructure, which enhances long-term productive capacity.
- **Revenue Expenditure:** Government spending on day-to-day operations such as salaries, subsidies, and interest payments, which does not create assets.
- **Base Effect:** The impact of the previous year's growth level on the current year's growth calculation, which can distort percentage comparisons.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ICRA GDP Growth Projection for Q3 FY2025–26
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	ICRA
Policy/series name	Quarterly GDP Outlook
Key figures	Aditi Nayar
Purpose/reason	To assess economic growth trends amid sectoral slowdown
Feature details	GDP projected at 7.2%, services at 7.8%, agriculture at 3.0%, industry at 8.3%
Validity or status	Projection for Q3 FY2025–26
Strategic/significant value	Indicates moderation in economic momentum due to weaker services and lower government capex



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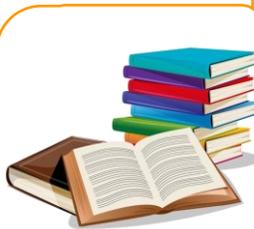
➤ **Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel recently released the Gujarati biography “Vishwaguru Srila Prabhupada” based on the life of which spiritual leader?**

- A) Swami Vivekananda
- B) A C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
- C) Dayananda Saraswati
- D) Ramakrishna Paramhansa
- E) Sri Aurobindo



**Answer**

**B) A C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada**

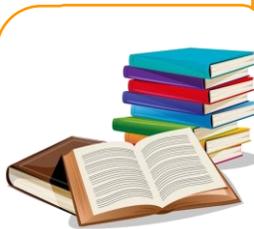


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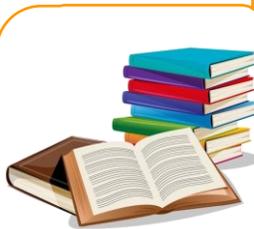
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the Gujarati biography “Vishwaguru Srila Prabhupada”
- **Location:** Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- **Date:** February 25, 2026



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel officially released the Gujarati biography based on the life and spiritual journey of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder-Acharya of International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to highlight Srila Prabhupada's role in spreading Indian spirituality and Vedic wisdom globally and to make his teachings accessible to the Gujarati-speaking population while commemorating his 150th birth anniversary.

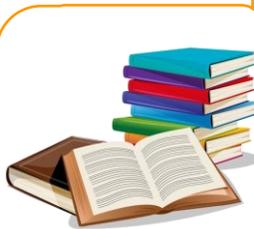


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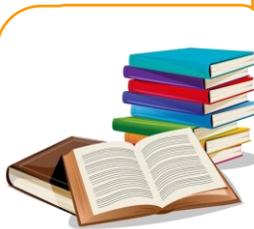
## Important Terms Explained:

- **International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON):** A global spiritual organization founded in 1966 by A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada in New York to promote devotion to Lord Krishna through the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita and the chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra.
- **Hare Krishna Movement:** A spiritual movement associated with ISKCON that focuses on spreading Krishna consciousness worldwide through devotional chanting, temple worship, and spiritual education.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **The Akshaya Patra Foundation:** A non-profit organization associated with ISKCON that implements the world's largest NGO-run mid-day meal programme, providing nutritious food to school children across India.
- **Moksha:** In Hindu philosophy, Moksha refers to liberation from the cycle of birth and death and is considered the ultimate spiritual goal.

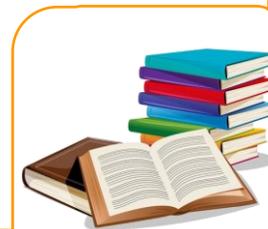


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of “Vishwaguru Srila Prabhupada” biography
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Issuing authority	Government of Gujarat
Policy/series name	150th Birth Anniversary Commemoration of Srila Prabhupada
Key figures	Bhupendra Patel, A C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Dr Usha Upadhyay
Purpose/reason	To highlight global spiritual contributions of Srila Prabhupada
Feature details	Gujarati biography release and recognition of ISKCON’s global legacy
Validity or status	Commemorative event marking 150th birth anniversary
Strategic/significant value	Promotes Indian spiritual heritage and Vedic knowledge globally



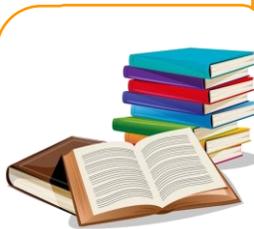
# APPOINTMENTS



- **Jose Maria Balcazar became which number President of Peru since 2016 after being elected as interim President in February 2026?**

- A) Sixth
- B) Seventh
- C) Eighth
- D) Ninth
- E) Tenth

**Answer**  
**C) Eighth**

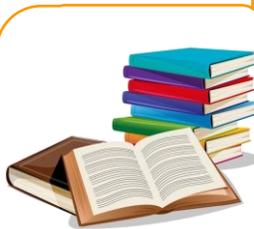


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Election of Jose Maria Balcazar as Interim President of Peru
- **Location:** Lima, Peru
- **Date:** February 25, 2026

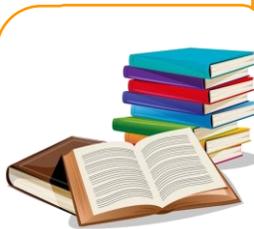


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Peru's Congress elected Jose Maria Balcazar as interim President following the impeachment of former President Jose Jeri over graft allegations, with Balcazar assuming office as head of Congress.
- **Objectives:** The interim administration aims to ensure a peaceful, transparent, and credible democratic transition and oversee upcoming elections to stabilise Peru's political system.

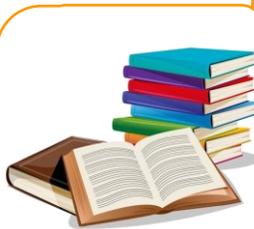


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Impeachment:** A formal process by which a legislative body charges a public official with misconduct, which may lead to removal from office after due procedure.
- **Interim President:** A temporary head of state appointed to serve until a new leader is elected or a regular government is restored.
- **Democratic Transition:** The process of transferring political power through constitutional and electoral means while maintaining institutional stability.
- **Graft Allegations:** Accusations of corruption involving misuse of public office for personal gain.

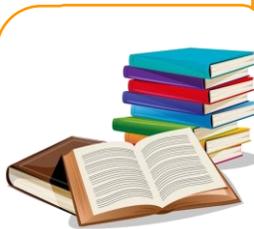


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Election of Jose Maria Balcazar as Interim President
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Lima, Peru
Issuing authority	Congress of Peru
Policy/series name	Interim Presidential Appointment
Key figures	Jose Maria Balcazar, Jose Jeri
Purpose/reason	To fill leadership vacancy after impeachment over graft allegations
Feature details	Balcazar, aged 83, lawyer and former judge, becomes eighth President since 2016
Validity or status	Interim arrangement until elections are conducted
Strategic/significant value	Aims to restore political stability and ensure transparent democratic transition



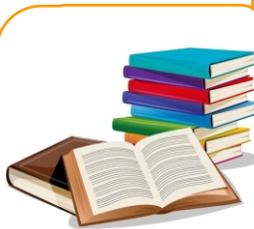
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➤ **Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Slice Small Finance Bank after RBI approval?**

- A) Satish Kumar Kalra
- B) Rajan Bajaj
- C) Uday Kotak
- D) Eugene Emmanuel Karthak
- E) Arvind Krishna

**Answer**  
**B) Rajan Bajaj**

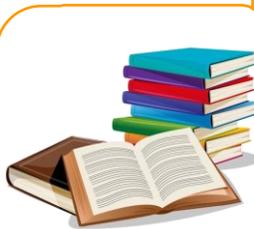


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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Rajan Bajaj as MD & CEO of **Slice Small Finance Bank**
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** February 25, 2026

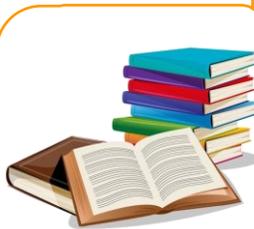


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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Slice Small Finance Bank (Slice SFB) appointed its founder Rajan Bajaj as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer after approval from the board, shareholders, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- **Objectives:** The leadership transition aims to strengthen AI-driven digital banking, enhance regulatory compliance, and accelerate financial inclusion by delivering personalised and technology-enabled banking services across India.

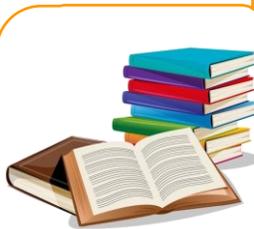


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Slice Small Finance Bank (Slice SFB):** A digital-first small finance bank formed after the 2024 merger of Slice fintech with North East Small Finance Bank, offering savings accounts, fixed deposits, UPI services, and lending products.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):** India's central banking institution responsible for regulating banks, managing monetary policy, and ensuring financial stability.

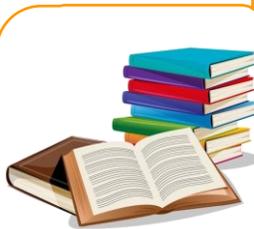


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## Important Terms Explained:

- **Small Finance Bank (SFB):** A category of banks in India licensed by the RBI to provide basic banking services primarily to underserved and unbanked sections including small businesses and rural customers.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Technology that enables systems to analyse data, learn patterns, and deliver personalised financial services efficiently at scale.
- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time payment system developed by NPCI that enables instant inter-bank transactions through mobile platforms.

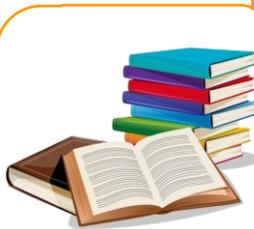


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Rajan Bajaj as MD & CEO of Slice SFB
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Slice Small Finance Bank with RBI approval
Policy/series name	Leadership Transition
Key figures	Rajan Bajaj, Satish Kumar Kalra
Purpose/reason	To strengthen AI-driven digital banking and financial inclusion
Feature details	Founder-led leadership, focus on AI, UPI-led branch, digital banking products
Validity or status	Appointment approved by RBI and effective
Strategic/significant value	Enhances fintech-regulatory integration and expands access to banking services



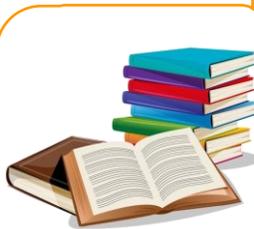
➤ **The Strela-10 missile system recently test-fired by the Indian Army is classified as which type of defence system?**

- A) Long Range Ballistic Missile
- B) Cruise Missile
- C) Anti Tank Guided Missile
- D) Very Short Range Air Defence System
- E) Submarine Launched Missile



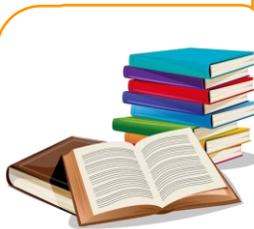
**Answer**

**D) Very Short Range Air Defence System**



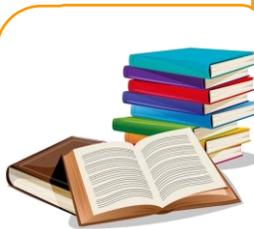
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Successful test firing of Strela-10 VSHORADS by the Indian Army
- **Location:** Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- **Date:** February 25, 2026



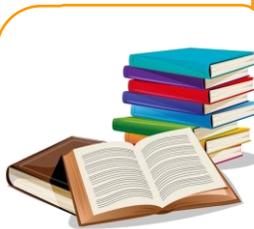
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Army's Konark Corps, under the Blazing Skies Brigade, conducted a high-intensity test firing of the Strela-10 Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) to validate operational readiness and firing standards.
- **Objectives:** The exercise aimed to enhance combat preparedness, strengthen crew coordination, and ensure effective capability to counter low-altitude aerial threats including drones, helicopters, and low-flying aircraft under realistic desert battlefield conditions.



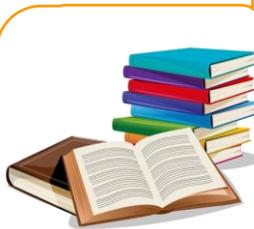
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Strela-10:** A mobile, short-range surface-to-air missile system mounted on a BMP platform, designed to engage low-altitude aerial threats within a range of approximately 6–10 km.
- **Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS):** A category of air defence systems designed to neutralise low-flying aerial targets at short distances, typically up to 10 km.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Konark Corps:** A formation of the Indian Army responsible for operational preparedness in its designated sector, including desert regions.
- **Pokhran Field Firing Range:** A major military testing range in Rajasthan used by the Indian Armed Forces for missile and weapon trials.

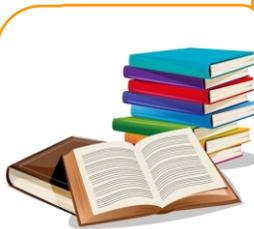


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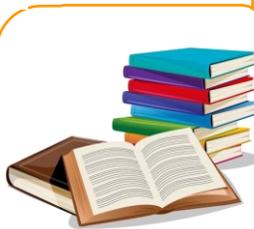
Parameter	Details
Event name	Strela-10 VSHORADS Test Firing
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
Issuing authority	Indian Army
Policy/series name	Air Defence Operational Exercise
Key figures	Konark Corps, Blazing Skies Brigade
Purpose/reason	To validate readiness against low-altitude aerial threats
Feature details	Direct hits on simulated targets, 6–10 km range, BMP-based mobile platform
Validity or status	Successfully completed live firing exercise
Strategic/significant value	Enhances air defence preparedness in desert and sensitive regions



➤ **The 16<sup>th</sup> edition of Exercise 'Vajra Prahar' is being conducted between India and which country?**

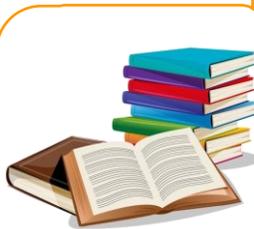
- A) France
- B) Russia
- C) United States
- D) Australia
- E) Japan

**Answer**  
**C) United States**



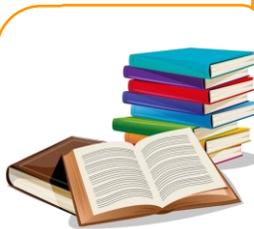
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 16<sup>th</sup> edition of India–US Joint Special Forces Exercise Vajra Prahar
- **Location:** Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- **Date:** February 24 to March 16, 2026



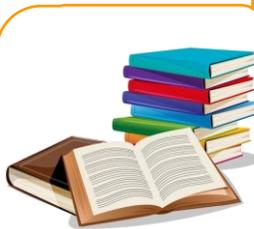
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Army and the United States Army are conducting the 16th edition of Exercise Vajra Prahar with participation from 45 Indian Special Forces personnel and 12 US personnel from the Green Berets.
- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to enhance military cooperation, improve interoperability between Special Forces, strengthen joint operational capabilities, and exchange expertise in special operations tactics, particularly in mountainous terrain.



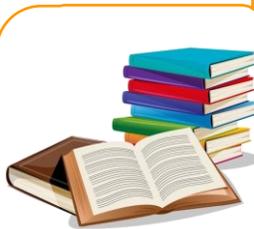
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Vajra Prahar:** A bilateral joint Special Forces exercise conducted between India and the United States to improve coordination, interoperability, and operational synergy in complex combat scenarios.
- **Green Berets:** The United States Army Special Forces unit known for conducting unconventional warfare, counter-terrorism, and special operations missions globally.



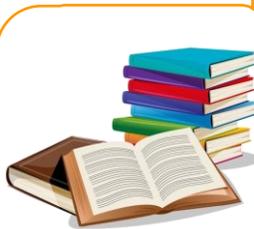
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Interoperability:** The ability of military forces from different countries to operate together effectively through compatible tactics, communication systems, and operational procedures.
- **Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs):** The structured methods and operational practices followed by military units to execute missions efficiently and safely.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	16th Edition of Exercise Vajra Prahar
Announcement date	February 24, 2026
Location	Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
Issuing authority	Indian Army and United States Army
Policy/series name	India–US Joint Special Forces Exercise
Key figures	Indian Special Forces, US Green Berets
Purpose/reason	To enhance interoperability and mountain warfare skills
Feature details	45 Indian troops, 12 US troops, focus on joint planning and tactical drills
Validity or status	Ongoing from Feb 24 to March 16, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India–US defence partnership and operational readiness



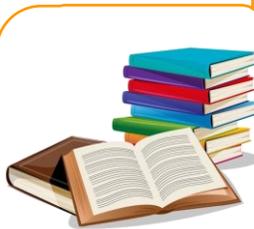
➤ **The 7th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs was convened by which force?**

- A) CISF
- B) BSF
- C) Railway Protection Force
- D) CRPF
- E) ITBP



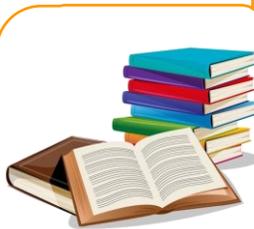
**Answer**

**C) Railway Protection Force**



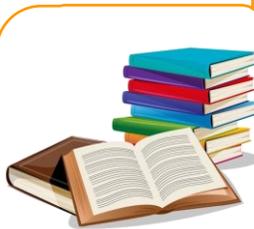
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 7<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of Government Railway Police Chiefs
- **Location:** Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- **Date:** February 25, 2026



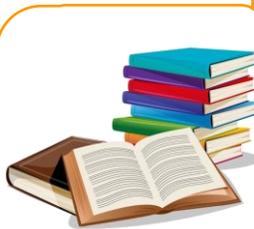
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Railway Protection Force (RPF) convened the conference under the leadership of Director General Sonali Mishra to develop a coordinated action plan with Government Railway Police (GRP) chiefs from various states and Union Territories.
- **Objectives:** The conference aimed to strengthen railway security, enhance inter-agency coordination, adopt advanced technologies for surveillance, curb drug trafficking, improve emergency preparedness, and ensure passenger safety across the Indian Railways network.



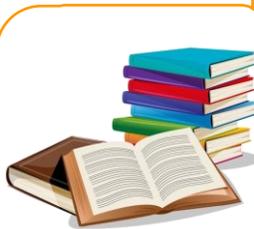
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Railway Protection Force (RPF):** A central armed police force under the Ministry of Railways responsible for protecting railway property, passenger areas, and ensuring security on Indian Railways.
- **Government Railway Police (GRP):** A wing of the State Police responsible for maintaining law and order on railway premises and investigating railway-related crimes.
- **FRS-based CCTV:** Facial Recognition System-enabled Closed-Circuit Television cameras used to identify and track offenders through automated facial recognition technology.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **AI-enabled Video Analytics:** Use of Artificial Intelligence to analyse video feeds in real time for detecting suspicious activities and enhancing surveillance efficiency.
- **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB):** India's apex agency responsible for combating drug trafficking and enforcing the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

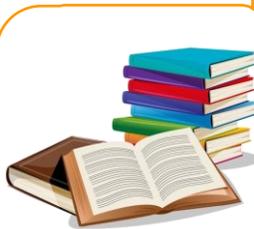


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	7th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Railway Protection Force
Policy/series name	National Railway Security Coordination
Key figures	Sonali Mishra, Satish Kumar
Purpose/reason	To enhance railway security and inter-agency coordination
Feature details	Focus on AI surveillance, drug trafficking control, mock drills, FRS CCTV
Validity or status	Successfully concluded
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens technology-driven railway security framework

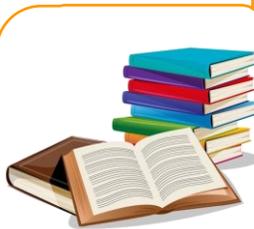


➤ **The first round of India–Israel Free Trade Agreement negotiations commenced on which date?**

- A) 20 February 2026
- B) 21 February 2026
- C) 23 February 2026
- D) 25 February 2026
- E) 26 February 2026

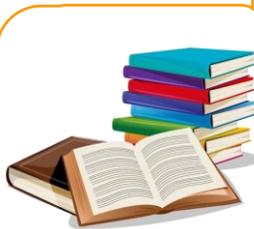
**Answer**

**C) 23 February 2026**



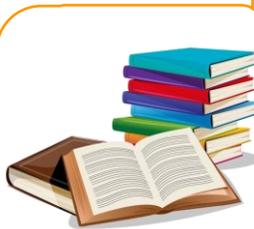
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of first round of India–Israel Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** February 23–26, 2026



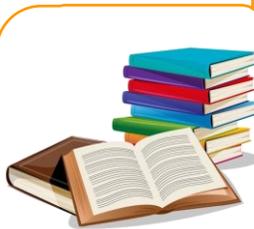
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India and Israel initiated formal negotiations for a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) following the signing of the Terms of Reference (ToR) in November 2025, covering multiple trade-related domains.
- **Objectives:** The negotiations aim to enhance bilateral trade, strengthen supply chain resilience, promote cooperation in high-technology sectors, provide certainty to businesses including MSMEs, and deepen the strategic economic partnership between the two countries.



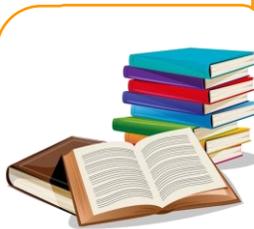
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Free Trade Agreement (FTA):** A bilateral or multilateral agreement between countries to reduce or eliminate tariffs and trade barriers on goods and services to facilitate smoother trade flows.
- **Terms of Reference (ToR):** A formal document outlining the scope, structure, objectives, and framework for conducting negotiations between parties.
- **Rules of Origin:** Criteria used to determine the national source of a product to decide eligibility for tariff concessions under an FTA.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures:** Regulations to protect humans, animals, and plants from diseases, pests, or contaminants in traded goods.
- **Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT):** Standards, regulations, and conformity assessment procedures that may impact international trade.
- **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR):** Legal rights protecting creations of the mind, such as inventions, designs, trademarks, and artistic works.

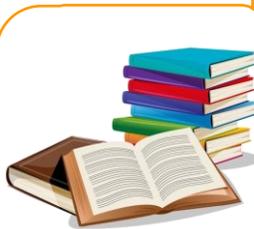


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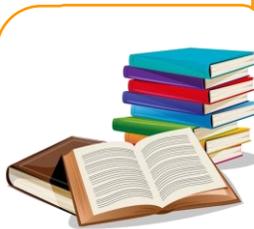
Parameter	Details
Event name	First Round of India–Israel FTA Negotiations
Announcement date	February 23, 2026
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Governments of India and Israel
Policy/series name	India–Israel Free Trade Agreement
Key figures	Rajesh Agrawal, Ajay Bhadoo, Yifat Alon Perel
Purpose/reason	To boost bilateral trade and strengthen supply chains
Feature details	Covers goods, services, SPS, TBT, customs, IPR and rules of origin
Validity or status	Ongoing negotiations
Strategic/significant value	Deepens economic partnership and enhances global trade integration



➤ **The 7th edition of Exercise 'Dharma Guardian' is being conducted between India and which country?**

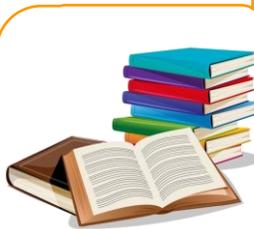
- A) United States
- B) Australia
- C) Japan
- D) France
- E) South Korea

**Answer**  
**C) Japan**



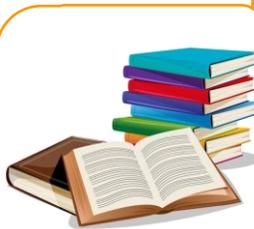
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 7<sup>th</sup> edition of India–Japan Joint Military Exercise Dharma Guardian
- **Location:** Foreign Training Node, Chaubattia, Uttarakhand
- **Date:** February 24 to March 9, 2026



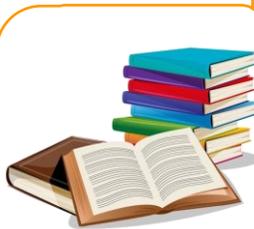
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) commenced the 7th edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian with 120 personnel from each side to conduct joint military training.
- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to strengthen defence cooperation, enhance interoperability, improve combined operational capabilities, and conduct joint operations in semi-urban environments using modern military technologies and coordinated tactics.



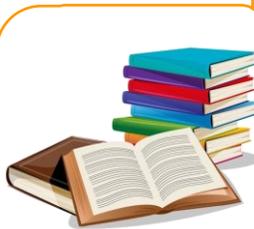
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Dharma Guardian:** An annual bilateral military exercise between India and Japan conducted alternately in both countries to enhance joint combat readiness and defence cooperation.
- **Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF):** The land warfare branch of Japan's Self-Defense Forces responsible for ground-based military operations.



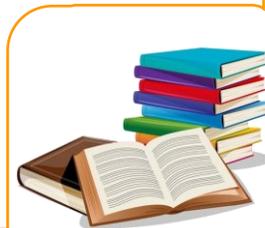
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Interoperability:** The ability of armed forces from different countries to operate together effectively through compatible procedures, communication systems, and tactics.
- **Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR):** Integrated operations that collect and analyse information to support military decision-making and situational awareness.



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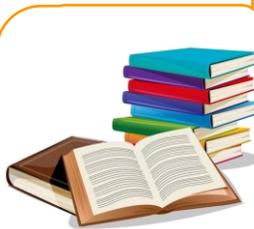
Parameter	Details
Event name	7th Edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian
Announcement date	February 24, 2026
Location	Chaubattia, Uttarakhand
Issuing authority	Indian Army and JGSDF
Policy/series name	India–Japan Joint Military Exercise
Key figures	Ladakh Scouts, 32nd Infantry Regiment (JGSDF)
Purpose/reason	To enhance joint operational capability and military cooperation
Feature details	120 troops each, semi-urban drills, ISR grid, heliborne and cordon operations
Validity or status	Ongoing from Feb 24 to March 9, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India–Japan strategic and defence partnership



➤ Under the newly implemented 'Rah-Veer' Scheme in Delhi, what is the cash reward given to citizens who help road accident victims within the golden hour?

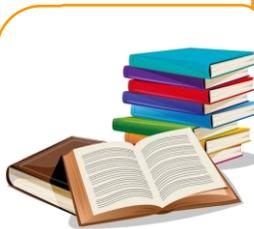
- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹15,000
- C) ₹20,000
- D) ₹25,000
- E) ₹50,000

**Answer**  
**D) ₹25,000**



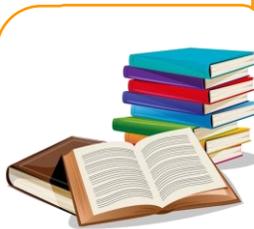
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Implementation of the 'Rah-Veer' Scheme to reward Good Samaritans
- **Location:** Delhi
- **Date:** February 25, 2026



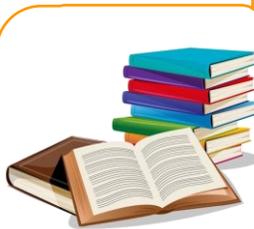
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Delhi government has implemented the Centre's Rah-Veer Scheme, under which citizens who help seriously injured road accident victims reach hospitals within the golden hour will receive a cash reward of ₹25,000 and a certificate of appreciation.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to ensure timely medical treatment during the golden hour after road accidents, reduce fatalities, encourage public participation in emergency response, and provide legal protection to Good Samaritans.



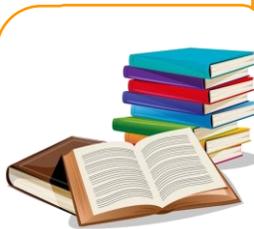
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Rah-Veer Scheme:** A Central Government initiative that rewards individuals who assist seriously injured road accident victims within the golden hour by providing financial incentives and official recognition.
- **Golden Hour:** The first critical hour after a traumatic injury during which prompt medical treatment significantly increases the chances of survival.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019:** An amended legislation that strengthens road safety regulations and includes Good Samaritan provisions to protect citizens who voluntarily help accident victims from legal harassment.
- **Good Samaritan Provisions:** Legal safeguards that protect individuals who assist accident victims from civil or criminal liability and unnecessary police questioning.

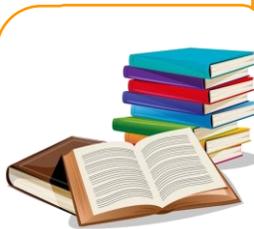


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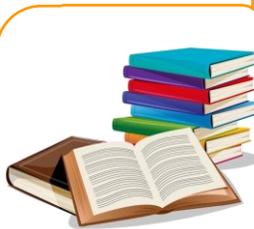
Parameter	Details
Event name	Implementation of Rah-Veer Scheme in Delhi
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Delhi
Issuing authority	Government of Delhi
Policy/series name	Rah-Veer Scheme
Key figures	Rekha Gupta
Purpose/reason	To reduce road accident deaths by encouraging timely public assistance
Feature details	₹25,000 reward, certificate, legal protection, national award of ₹1 lakh for 10 Rah-Veers
Validity or status	Implemented in Delhi
Strategic/significant value	Promotes road safety, citizen responsibility, and emergency response efficiency



➤ **India's first comprehensive Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) will initially cover approximately how many industrial units?**

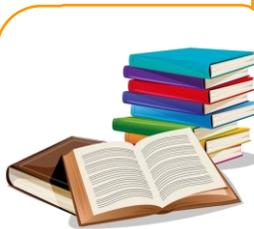
- A) 300
- B) 400
- C) 490
- D) 650
- E) 800

**Answer**  
**C) 490**



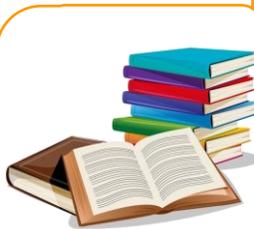
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's first comprehensive Carbon Credit Trading Programme
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** February 25, 2026 (Final stage announcement);  
Compliance period April 2025 – March 2026



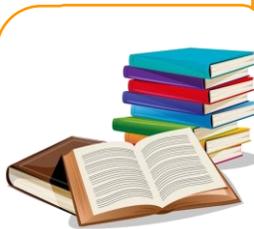
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is implementing the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), assigning emission targets to around 490 industrial units across seven sectors and establishing a compliance-based carbon market.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to regulate and monitor industrial emissions, promote energy efficiency, encourage cleaner production technologies, enhance global competitiveness, and align India with international climate commitments.



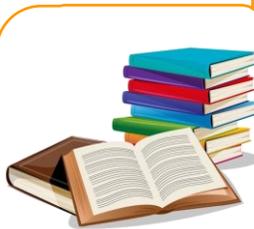
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS):** India's first compliance-based carbon market where industries are assigned emission limits, allowed to earn carbon credits for lower emissions, and required to purchase credits if they exceed prescribed limits.
- **Carbon Credit:** A tradable certificate representing the right to emit a certain amount of carbon dioxide or equivalent greenhouse gases, which can be bought or sold in a regulated market.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE):** A statutory body under the Ministry of Power responsible for promoting energy efficiency and implementing policies related to energy conservation in India.
- **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM):** A European Union mechanism that imposes a carbon tax on imports of high-emission goods to prevent carbon leakage and promote global climate action.

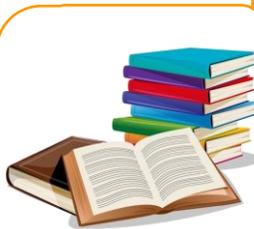


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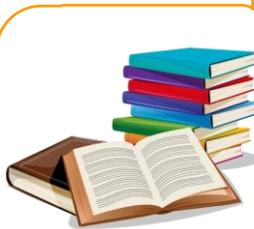
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Carbon Credit Trading Scheme
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Bureau of Energy Efficiency
Policy/series name	Carbon Credit Trading Scheme
Key figures	Saurabh Diddi
Purpose/reason	To regulate industrial emissions and promote climate action
Feature details	Covers 490 units, emission targets assigned, tradable carbon credits
Validity or status	Compliance period April 2025 – March 2026
Strategic/significant value	Supports low-carbon growth and improves global trade competitiveness



➤ **IBM's AI GovTech Innovation Centre, inaugurated by Yogi Adityanath, has been established in which city?**

- A) Kanpur
- B) Noida
- C) Varanasi
- D) Lucknow
- E) Prayagraj

**Answer**  
**D) Lucknow**

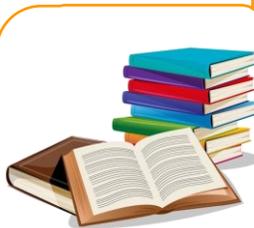


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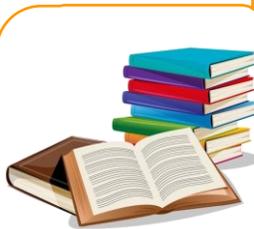
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of IBM's AI GovTech Innovation Centre
- **Location:** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **Date:** February 25, 2026



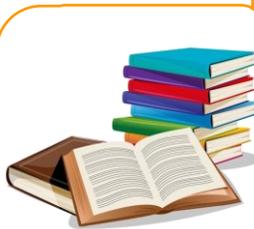
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Uttar Pradesh government, in collaboration with IBM, inaugurated the AI GovTech Innovation Centre to design and scale AI-based solutions for governance and signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with IBM for AI application development and AI literacy programmes.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen technology-driven governance, enhance transparency and public service delivery, promote emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, deep tech and quantum computing, and develop Lucknow as an “AI City.”



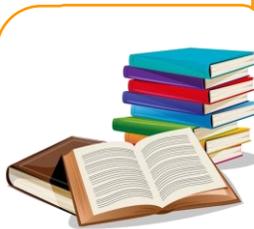
## Important Terms Explained:

- **AI GovTech Innovation Centre:** A technology platform established in collaboration with IBM to create and implement AI-driven governance solutions for improved administrative efficiency and citizen services.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** A branch of computer science that enables machines to simulate human intelligence processes such as learning, reasoning and decision-making.
- **Deep Tech:** Advanced and disruptive technologies based on scientific discoveries or engineering innovation, including AI, robotics and quantum computing.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Computing:** A next-generation computing technology that uses principles of quantum mechanics to process information exponentially faster than classical computers.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A formal agreement between two or more parties outlining mutual intentions and areas of cooperation without being legally binding like a contract.

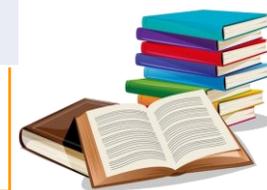


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of IBM AI GovTech Innovation Centre
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Issuing authority	Government of Uttar Pradesh
Policy/series name	AI GovTech Initiative
Key figures	Yogi Adityanath, Arvind Krishna
Purpose/reason	To strengthen AI-driven governance and emerging technologies in UP
Feature details	AI solutions for departments, AI literacy for Classes 6–12, focus on robotics, drones and quantum computing
Validity or status	Operational and supported by state government
Strategic/significant value	Positions Uttar Pradesh as a hub for AI, deep tech and quantum innovation



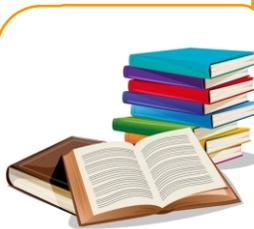
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➤ **With the birth of three cubs to cheetah Gamini at Kuno National Park, India's total cheetah population has risen to:**

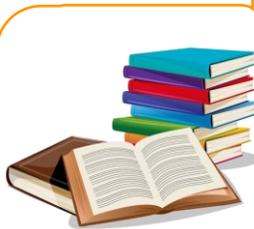
- A) 34
- B) 35
- C) 36
- D) 38
- E) 40

**Answer**  
**D) 38**



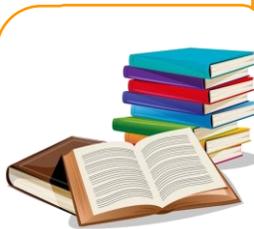
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Birth of three cheetah cubs to Gamini under Project Cheetah
- **Location:** Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, India
- **Date:** February 25, 2026



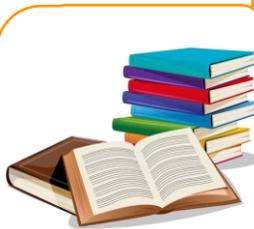
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A South African cheetah named Gamini gave birth to three cubs at Kuno National Park, marking the ninth successful litter in India under Project Cheetah and raising the total cheetah population to 38.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to restore a sustainable cheetah population in India through inter-continental translocation and conservation breeding, as the species was declared extinct in India in 1952.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Project Cheetah:** A wildlife conservation initiative launched by the Government of India to reintroduce cheetahs into Indian habitats through translocation from African countries.
- **Inter-continental Translocation:** The relocation of wildlife species from one continent to another to restore ecological balance and biodiversity.
- **Kuno National Park:** A national park in Madhya Pradesh selected as the primary site for the reintroduction and conservation of cheetahs in India.
- **Extinct (in a country):** A status indicating that a species no longer exists in a particular region, though it may survive elsewhere in the world.

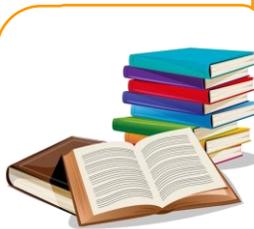


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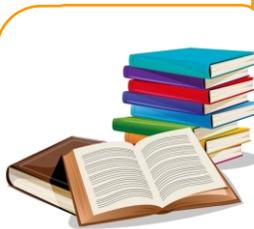
Parameter	Details
Event name	Birth of three cheetah cubs at Kuno National Park
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Policy/series name	Project Cheetah
Key figures	Gamini, Bhupender Yadav, Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	To restore cheetah population in India
Feature details	Ninth successful litter, 27 surviving Indian-born cubs, total population reaches 38
Validity or status	Ongoing conservation project since 2022
Strategic/significant value	World's first inter-continental translocation of a large carnivore



➤ **The power to alter the name of a State in India is provided under which Article of the Constitution?**

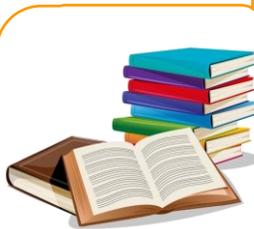
- A) Article 1
- B) Article 2
- C) Article 3
- D) Article 4
- E) Article 5

**Answer**  
**C) Article 3**



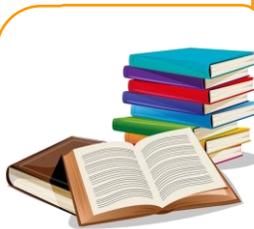
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Union Cabinet approval to rename Kerala as “Keralam”
- **Location:** Kerala, India
- **Date:** February 25, 2026 (Cabinet Approval); Resolution passed on June 24, 2024



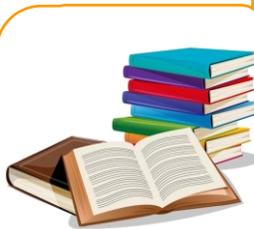
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Union Cabinet approved the proposal to change the name of the State of Kerala to “Keralam” under Article 3 of the Constitution of India, following a resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly.
- **Objectives:** The move aims to align the State’s official name with its Malayalam linguistic identity and cultural heritage, and to amend the First Schedule of the Constitution, where the State is currently listed as Kerala.



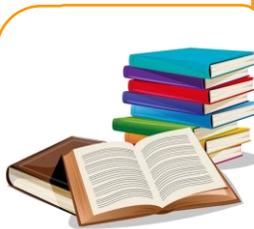
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Article 3 of the Constitution of India:** Empowers Parliament to form new States and alter the areas, boundaries, or names of existing States through legislation.
- **First Schedule of the Constitution:** Lists the names of States and Union Territories along with their territorial jurisdictions.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026:** The proposed legislation to officially change the name of Kerala to Keralam, to be introduced in Parliament after the President's recommendation.
- **Kerala Piravi Day:** Celebrated on November 1 each year, marking the formation of Kerala as a State in 1956 following linguistic reorganisation.

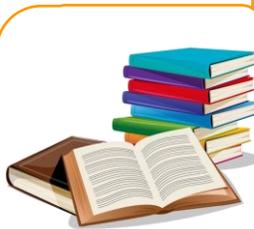


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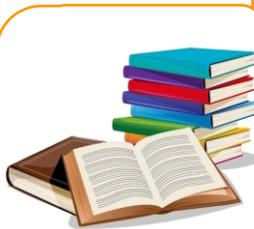
Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval to Rename Kerala as Keralam
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Kerala, India
Issuing authority	Union Cabinet
Policy/series name	Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026
Key figures	Narendra Modi, Amit Shah
Purpose/reason	To reflect Malayalam linguistic identity and cultural heritage
Feature details	Amendment under Article 3, change in First Schedule
Validity or status	Bill to be introduced in Parliament after due constitutional process
Strategic/significant value	Aligns official State name with native pronunciation and identity



➤ The National Arogya Fair 2026 will be organised in which district of Maharashtra?

- A) Nagpur
- B) Buldhana
- C) Nashik
- D) Amravati
- E) Wardha

**Answer**  
**B) Buldhana**

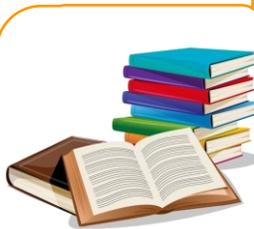


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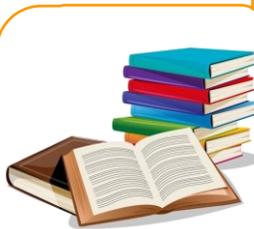
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Organisation of National Arogya Fair 2026
- **Location:** Shegaon, Buldhana district, Maharashtra
- **Date:** February 25–28, 2026



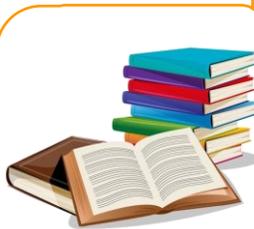
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Ayush, in collaboration with the All India Ayurvedic Congress, will organise a four-day National Arogya Fair providing free consultations, health check-ups, and medicines under various Ayush systems.
- **Objectives:** The fair aims to expand access to preventive and promotive healthcare through Ayush systems, promote medicinal plant cultivation among farmers, strengthen the Ayush supply chain, and enhance rural livelihoods in the Vidarbha region.



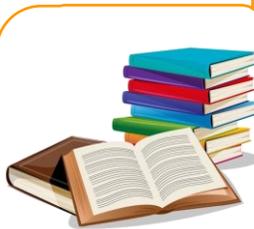
## Important Terms Explained:

- **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, Sowa-Rigpa, and Homoeopathy.
- **Ayush Systems:** A collective term referring to Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, and Homoeopathy, which focus on holistic and preventive healthcare.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **All India Ayurvedic Congress:** A national-level body promoting Ayurveda education, research, and practice in India.
- **Medicinal Plant Cultivation:** The farming of plants used for therapeutic and pharmaceutical purposes, contributing to healthcare and income diversification for farmers.

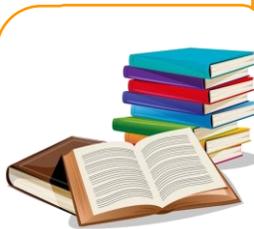


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	National Arogya Fair 2026
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	Shegaon, Buldhana district, Maharashtra
Issuing authority	Ministry of Ayush
Policy/series name	National Arogya Fair Initiative
Key figures	Droupadi Murmu, Prataprao Jadhav
Purpose/reason	To expand access to Ayush healthcare and promote medicinal farming
Feature details	Free consultations, medicines, yoga demos, farmer session on medicinal crops
Validity or status	Scheduled from February 25–28, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens preventive healthcare and rural income generation in Vidarbha

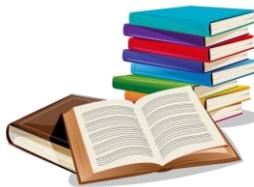


➤ The Cabinet has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute (TD-3 grade) at what amount for the 2026–27 marketing season?

- A) ₹5,650 per quintal
- B) ₹5,750 per quintal
- C) ₹5,825 per quintal
- D) ₹5,925 per quintal
- E) ₹6,000 per quintal

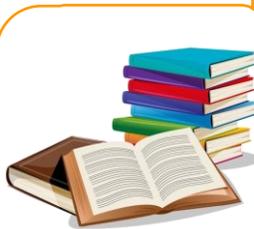
**Answer**

**D) ₹5,925 per quintal**



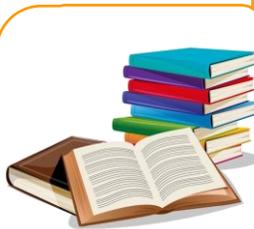
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of MSP for Raw Jute for Marketing Season 2026–27
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** February 25, 2026



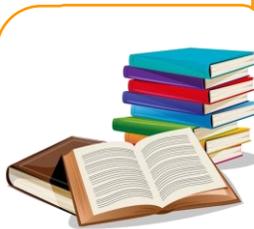
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of ₹5,925 per quintal for Raw Jute (TD-3 grade) for the 2026–27 marketing season, with procurement operations to be carried out by the Jute Corporation of India (JCI).
- **Objectives:** The decision aims to ensure remunerative prices to jute farmers, guarantee a return of 61.8% over the cost of production, promote jute cultivation, strengthen rural incomes, and support the jute industry supply chain.



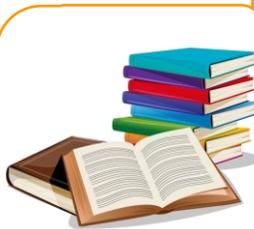
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Minimum Support Price (MSP):** The minimum price at which the government purchases crops from farmers to protect them against sharp declines in market prices.
- **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA):** A key decision-making body of the Union Cabinet responsible for approving economic policies, including MSPs for agricultural commodities.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Jute Corporation of India (JCI):** A government agency designated as the nodal body to undertake price support operations for raw jute procurement.
- **Price Support Operations:** Government intervention in the market to procure agricultural produce at MSP when market prices fall below the announced support price.

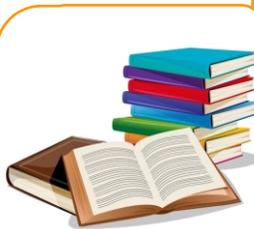


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of MSP for Raw Jute 2026–27
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
Policy/series name	Minimum Support Price for Raw Jute
Key figures	Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	To ensure remunerative prices and income security for jute farmers
Feature details	MSP fixed at ₹5,925 per quintal, 61.8% return over cost, ₹275 increase
Validity or status	Applicable for Marketing Season 2026–27
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens rural economy and supports jute-producing states

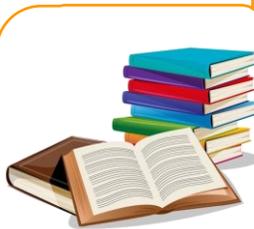


➤ **Him-CONNECT 2026 is being organised by which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Science and Technology
- C) Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- E) Ministry of Power

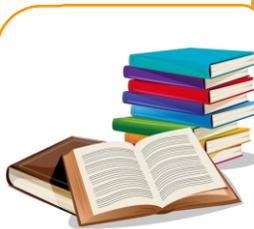
**Answer**

**C) Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change**



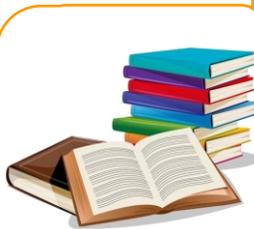
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Organisation of Him-CONNECT during World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2026
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** February 25–27, 2026



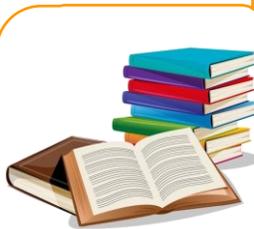
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) will host Him-CONNECT on the sidelines of WSDS 2026 to showcase over 24 climate-resilient technologies developed under the National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS).
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to connect researchers from the Indian Himalayan Region with startups, investors, and policymakers to scale up sustainable innovations, promote climate resilience, encourage commercialisation of research, and support green growth in mountain ecosystems.



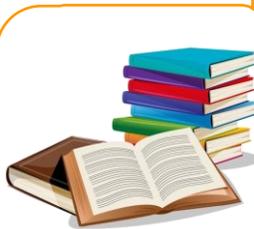
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Him-CONNECT:** A collaborative platform designed to link Himalayan researchers with industry stakeholders to promote climate-resilient technologies and sustainable development solutions.
- **World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS):** An annual global event organised by TERI that focuses on climate change, sustainable development, and environmental governance.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS):** A government mission aimed at addressing key environmental and developmental challenges in the Indian Himalayan Region through research and innovation.
- **Indian Himalayan Region (IHR):** A strategically important ecological zone spanning 13 Indian states and union territories, serving as a major climate regulator and water source for millions.

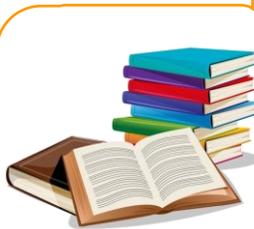


# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Him-CONNECT at WSDS 2026
Announcement date	February 25, 2026
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Policy/series name	National Mission on Himalayan Studies Initiative
Key figures	Bhupender Yadav
Purpose/reason	To promote Himalayan climate innovations and sustainable growth
Feature details	24+ technologies, focus on water security, renewable energy, waste-to-wealth
Validity or status	Scheduled from February 25–27, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Supports climate resilience and green development in the Himalayan region

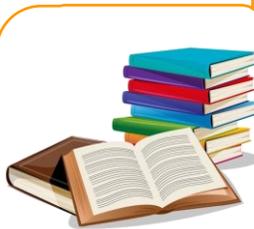


➤ **The Blockchain India Challenge has been launched by which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology
- E) Ministry of Home Affairs

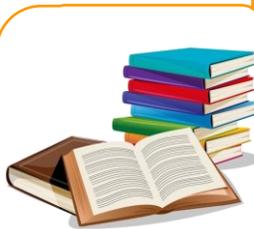
**Answer**

**C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**



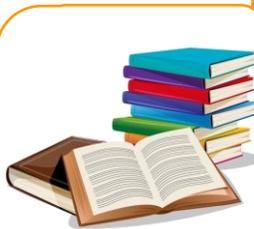
## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Blockchain India Challenge
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** February 23, 2026



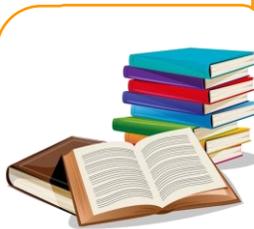
## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Blockchain India Challenge to support startups in developing permissioned blockchain solutions for digital governance, with implementation by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to enhance transparency, security, auditability, and efficiency in government service delivery by creating tamper-proof and scalable blockchain-based systems across key governance sectors.



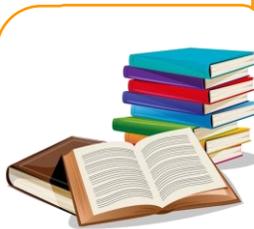
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Blockchain India Challenge:** A national-level innovation initiative encouraging DPIIT-recognised startups to develop blockchain-based governance solutions in partnership with government departments.
- **Permissioned Blockchain:** A type of blockchain network where access is restricted to authorised participants, ensuring regulatory control, data security, and accountability.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC):** A premier R&D organisation under MeitY engaged in advanced computing, digital technologies, and implementation of national IT initiatives.
- **DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade):** A department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry responsible for startup recognition and industrial policy formulation.
- **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR):** Legal rights that protect innovations and creations, ensuring ownership and commercial benefits to innovators.

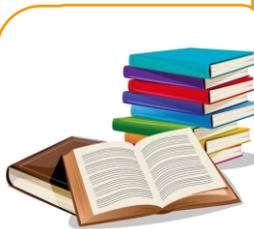


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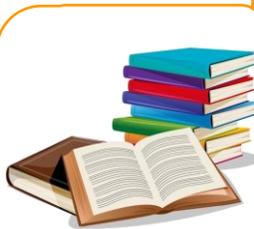
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Blockchain India Challenge
Announcement date	February 23, 2026
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Policy/series name	Blockchain India Challenge Initiative
Key figures	S. Krishnan
Purpose/reason	To promote secure blockchain solutions for digital governance
Feature details	Focus on permissioned blockchain, 10 use cases, stage-wise funding support
Validity or status	Open for startup participation
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens transparency, efficiency, and digital governance ecosystem



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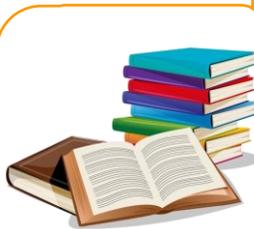
- **The Department of Biotechnology celebrated its 40th Foundation Day on February 25, 2026.**
- **A joint team from NIM and JIM&WS successfully summited Mount Aconcagua on February 22, 2026.**
- **ICRA has projected India's GDP growth to moderate to 7.2% in Q3 FY2025–26 from 8.2% in Q2.**
- **Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel released the Gujarati biography "Vishwaguru Srila Prabhupada" in Gandhinagar on February 25, 2026.**
- **Peru's Congress elected Jose Maria Balcazar as interim President on February 25, 2026.**
- **Slice Small Finance Bank has appointed its founder Rajan Bajaj as its new Managing Director and CEO.**
- **The Indian Army successfully test-fired the Strela-10 VSHORADS at Pokhran Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.**
- **The 16th edition of Exercise Vajra Prahar began on February 24, 2026, in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.**
- **The 7th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs was held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.**



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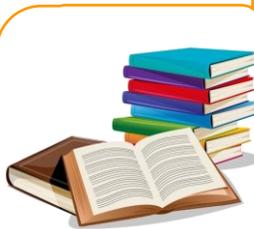
- **India and Israel launched the first round of FTA negotiations in New Delhi on February 23, 2026.**
- **The 7th edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian began on February 24, 2026, in Chaubattia, Uttarakhand.**
- **The Delhi government has implemented the Rah-Veer Scheme to encourage citizens to help road accident victims.**
- **India is set to launch its first compliance-based Carbon Credit Trading Scheme covering 490 industrial units.**
- **Yogi Adityanath inaugurated IBM's AI GovTech Innovation Centre in Lucknow on February 25, 2026.**
- **South African cheetah Gamini gave birth to three cubs at Kuno National Park on February 25, 2026.**
- **The Union Cabinet approved the proposal to rename Kerala as "Keralam" on February 25, 2026.**



# QUICK RECALL



- **The Ministry of Ayush will organise the National Arogya Fair 2026 in Shegaon, Maharashtra from February 25 to 28.**
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved an MSP of ₹5,925 per quintal for Raw Jute for the 2026–27 season.**
- **The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change will organise Him-CONNECT during WSDS 2026 in New Delhi.**
- **The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched the Blockchain India Challenge on February 23, 2026.**



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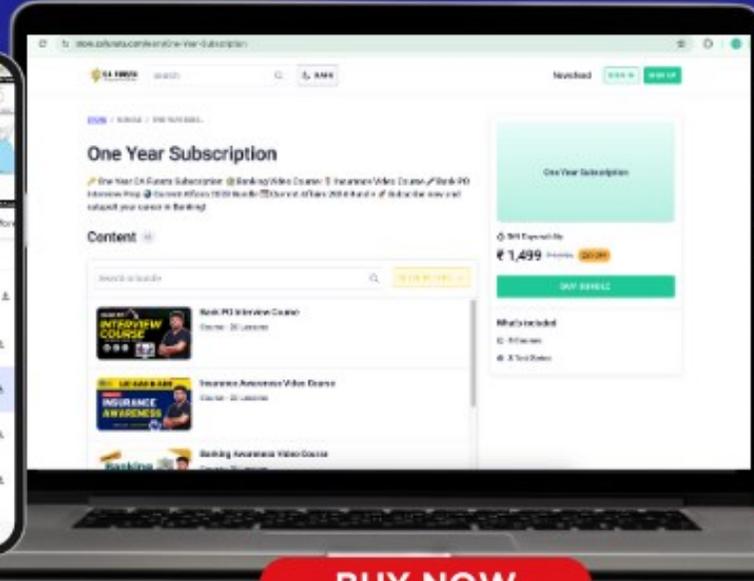
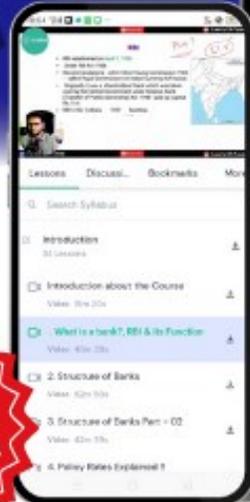


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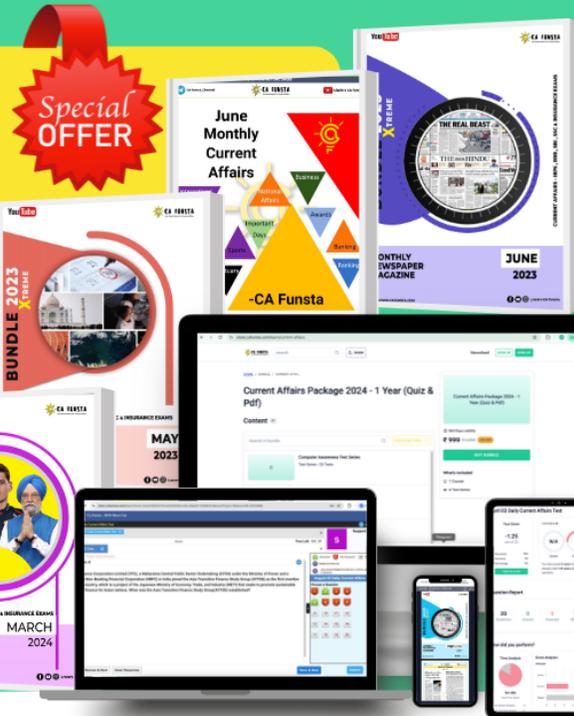
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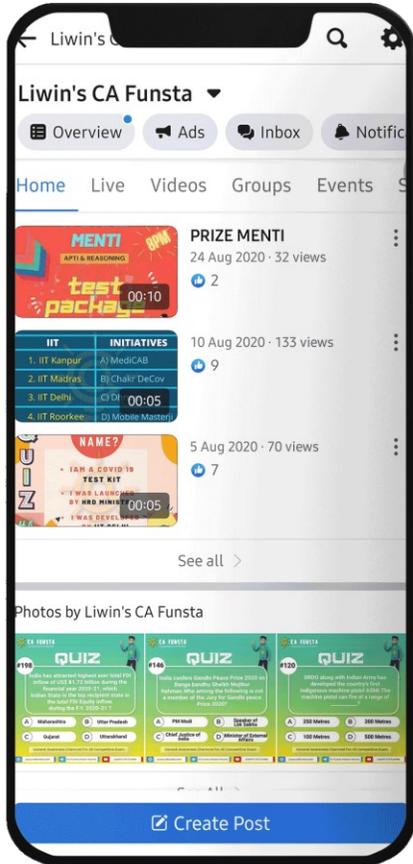
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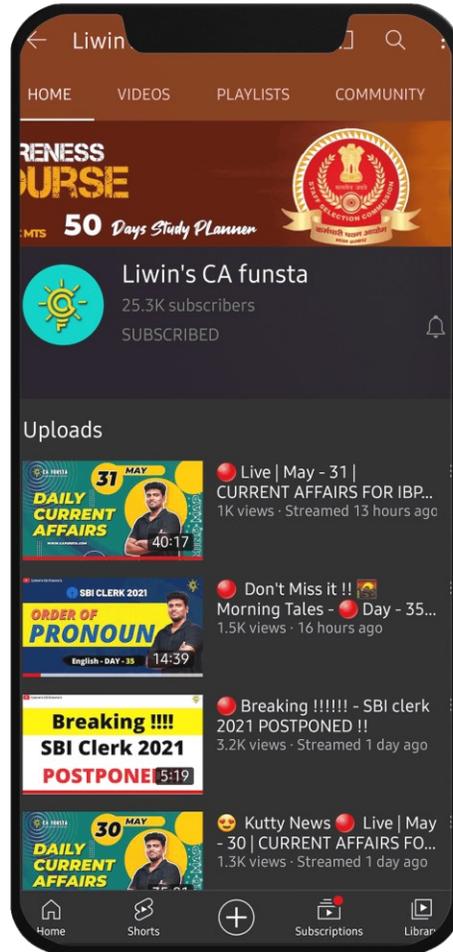


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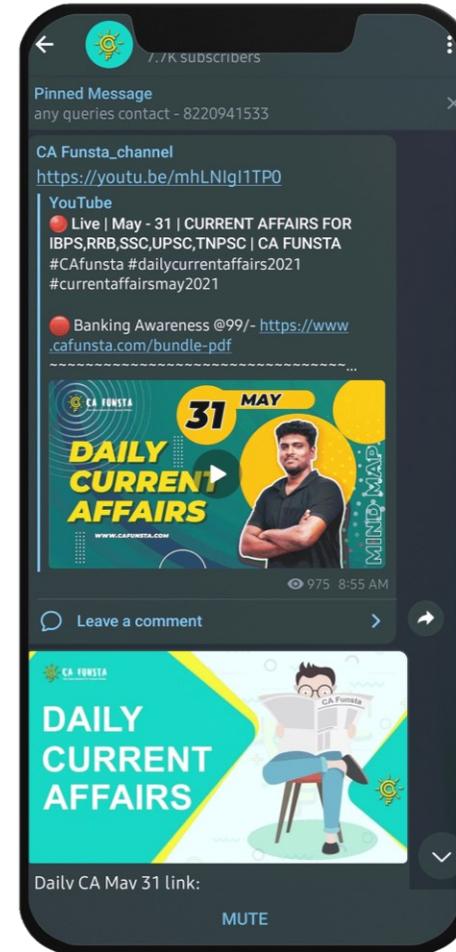
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