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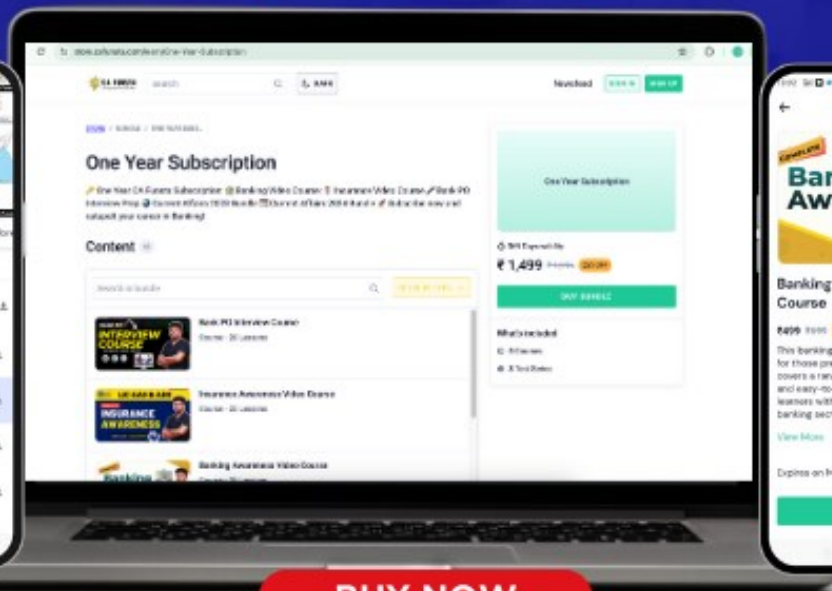
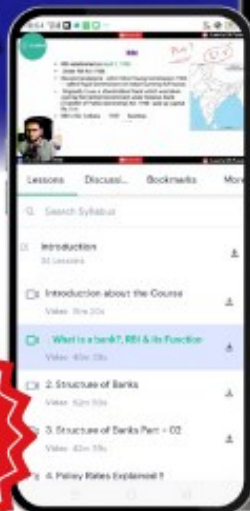
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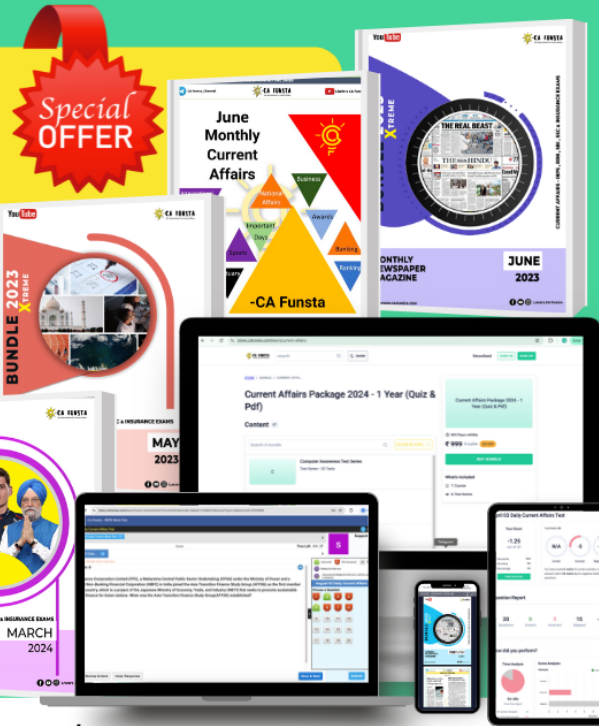
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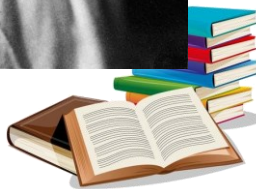
Important Days



➤ On which date is Martyrs' Day observed to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary?

- A) 23 March
- B) 15 August
- C) 2 October
- D) 30 January
- E) 26 January

Answer
D) 30 January

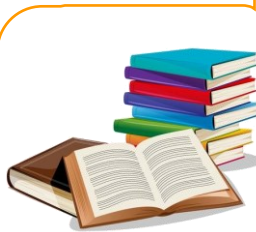


Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observance of Martyrs' Day in memory of Mahatma Gandhi
- **Location:** Nationwide (India); Raj Ghat, Delhi (primary observance site)
- **Date:** 30 January 2026



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India observes Martyrs' Day annually on 30 January to mark the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and honour all martyrs of the freedom struggle.
- **Objectives:** To reinforce the values of non-violence, patriotism, and democratic duty by remembering sacrifices made during the independence movement.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Martyrs' Day (Shaheed Diwas):** A national day of remembrance observed on 30 January and 23 March in India to honour the martyrs of the freedom struggle.
- **Raj Ghat:** The memorial of Mahatma Gandhi in Delhi, where the main prayer ceremony takes place annually on Martyrs' Day.
- **Ahimsa:** The principle of non-violence preached and practised by Mahatma Gandhi as a foundational philosophy of India's freedom movement.

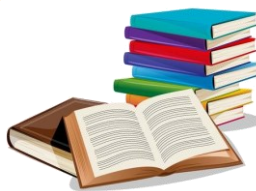


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Martyrs' Day 2026
Announcement date	30 January 1948 (first observance)
Location	India (nationwide), Raj Ghat (main ceremony)
Issuing authority	Government of India
Policy/series name	Shaheed Diwas (Martyrs' Day)
Key figures	Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev
Purpose/reason	To commemorate Gandhi's martyrdom and honour India's freedom fighters
Feature details	Tribute ceremonies, silence observance, public education efforts
Validity or status	Observed annually
Strategic/significant value	Promotes civic responsibility, non-violence, and national unity



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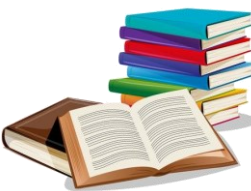
➤ Which former Australian hockey player and ex-India men's hockey coach passed away at age 72 in January 2026?

- A) Terry Walsh
- B) Ric Charlesworth
- C) Michael Nobbs
- D) Graham Reid
- E) Barry Dancer



Answer

C) Michael Nobbs

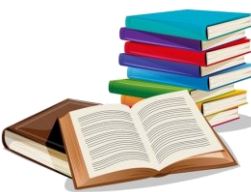


OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Passing of former Australian hockey player and ex-India coach Michael Nobbs
- **Location:** Global (Australia and India relevance)
- **Date:** Announced on 30 January 2026

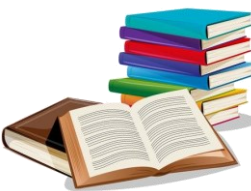


OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Michael Nobbs, a former international hockey player for Australia and head coach of the Indian men's hockey team, passed away at 72 after a prolonged illness.
- **Objectives:**
 - To recognize his contributions to the sport of hockey as a player and coach, especially his role in reviving Indian hockey and promoting international coaching excellence.

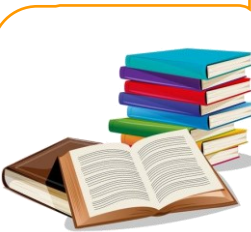


OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Michael Nobbs:**
 - Former Australian hockey player with 76 international caps between 1979 and 1985; served as head coach of the Indian men's hockey team during the 2012 Olympics.
- **2012 London Olympics:**
 - The event where Nobbs led the Indian men's hockey team after their requalification following the 2008 Beijing absence.
- **International Coaching:**
 - Nobbs also coached Japan's national team, showing his influence across multiple national hockey systems.

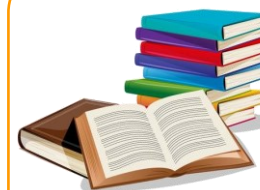


OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Death of Michael Nobbs, former India hockey coach
Announcement date	30 January 2026
Location	Australia/India
Issuing authority	Hockey Australia and Hockey India
Policy/series name	Indian Men's Hockey Team (2011–2013 tenure)
Key figures	Michael Nobbs, former player and coach
Purpose/reason	To honor his contribution to international hockey
Feature details	76 international caps for Australia; coached India at Olympics
Validity or status	Passed away at age 72 after illness
Strategic/significant value	Global coaching legacy; helped modernize Indian hockey



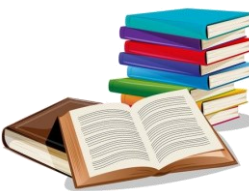
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➤ Which city ranked 1st in Numbeo's Cost of Living Index 2026 as the world's most expensive?

- A) Geneva
- B) New York City
- C) Zurich
- D) Basel
- E) Reykjavik

Answer
C) Zurich

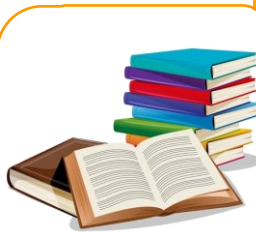


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Numbeo's Cost of Living Index 2026 released
- **Location:** Global index covering 500+ cities
- **Date:** January 2026

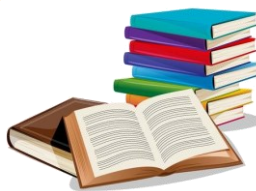


RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To rank global cities based on cost of living for a family of four using standardized metrics relative to New York (index = 100).
- **Objectives:**
 - To assess urban affordability, inform relocation decisions, and compare purchasing power across global cities.

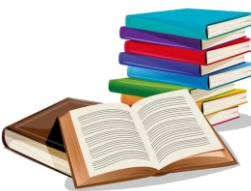


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Top 10 Most Expensive Cities – Numbeo Cost of Living Index 2026

Rank	City	Country	Cost of Living Index
1	Zurich	Switzerland	118.5
2	Geneva	Switzerland	~116
3	Basel	Switzerland	~114
4	Lausanne	Switzerland	~113
5	Lugano	Switzerland	~111
6	Bern	Switzerland	~110
7	New York City	United States	100 (Base city)
8	Reykjavik	Iceland	~99
9	Honolulu	United States	~97
10	San Francisco	United States	~95

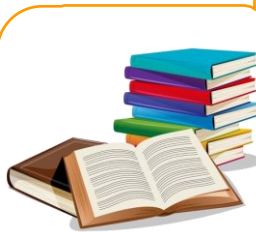


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Numbeo:**
 - The world's largest crowd-sourced database for cost of living, housing, health care, traffic, crime, and pollution.
- **Cost of Living Index:**
 - A numerical comparison of living expenses such as rent, food, transport, and utilities between cities, benchmarked to New York City.
- **Purchasing Power:**
 - The value of money in terms of the quantity of goods/services one unit can buy. High cost cities often still offer strong purchasing power due to high incomes.

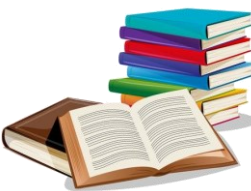


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Cost of Living Index 2026
Announcement date	January 2026
Location	Global (Index published by Numbeo)
Issuing authority	Numbeo
Policy/series name	Cost of Living Index by City
Key figures	Zurich (1st), Geneva (2nd), Basel (3rd)
Purpose/reason	Compare cost of urban living globally
Feature details	Based on rent, groceries, transport, utilities
Validity or status	Annual index for 2026
Strategic/significant value	Influences global mobility, investment, and expatriate decisions

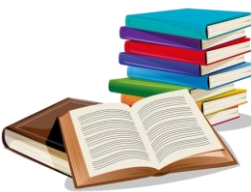


➤ **What key reform helped double the NPA recovery rate and strengthen India's banking system, as per the Economic Survey 2025-26?**

- A) Jan Dhan Yojana
- B) GST Reforms
- C) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code
- D) Digital India Mission
- E) Financial Literacy Campaign

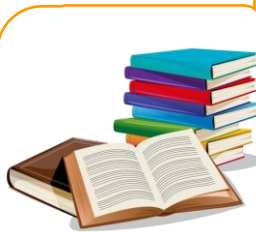
Answer

C) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code



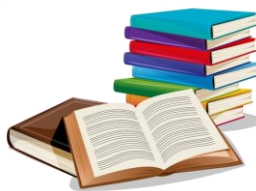
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Major improvement in NPAs and banking profitability
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** Highlighted in Economic Survey tabled on 30 January 2026



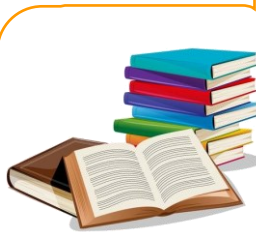
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - India's Economic Survey 2025-26 reports record-low NPAs, better asset quality, record bank profits, and deeper financial inclusion.
- **Objectives:**
 - To showcase the structural improvements in India's banking system, NPA recovery efficiency, financial inclusion, and rural banking reforms.



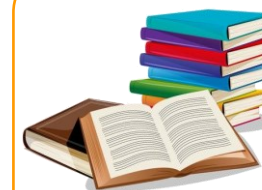
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross Non-Performing Asset (GNPA):**
 - A metric indicating the proportion of loans that have stopped generating income for banks due to default.
- **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC):**
 - A unified legal framework enacted to resolve corporate insolvency efficiently, reducing recovery timelines and improving credit recovery.
- **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs):**
 - Government-backed banks focused on providing rural credit; restructured under the One-State-One-RRB policy for better efficiency and profitability.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	NPA reduction and bank profitability growth
Announcement date	30 January 2026 (Economic Survey release)
Location	India
Issuing authority	Ministry of Finance
Policy/series name	Economic Survey 2025–26
Key figures	CRAR: 17.2%, GNPA: multi-decade low, NPA recovery: 26.2%
Purpose/reason	Show improved banking health and credit discipline
Feature details	IBC-led recoveries, RRB consolidation, microfinance growth
Validity or status	Current trends observed in FY25 and projected for FY26
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens trust in financial sector and boosts rural credit



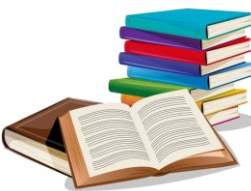
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➤ **At Wings India 2026, which Indian state was awarded Best State for Promotion of Aviation Ecosystem?**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Sikkim

Answer
C) Uttarakhand

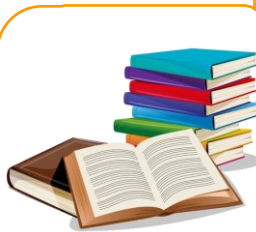


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uttarakhand awarded Best State for Promotion of Aviation Ecosystem
- **Location:** Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad (Wings India 2026)
- **Date:** January 30, 2026

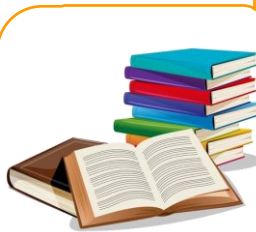


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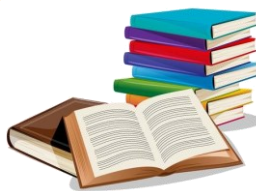
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To strengthen regional air connectivity, heli services, and aviation infrastructure through focused policies, supported by UCADA (Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority).
- **Objectives:**
 - To connect remote and hilly areas, enhance tourism access, improve disaster response, and promote inclusive growth through aviation.



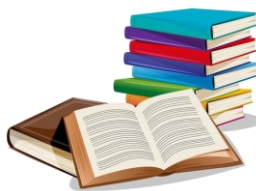
Important Terms Explained:

- **Wings India 2026:**
 - India's flagship civil aviation exhibition and conference organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and FICCI to showcase advancements in the aviation sector.
- **UCADA (Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority):**
 - The nodal agency overseeing civil aviation infrastructure, heliports, and regional air connectivity in Uttarakhand.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Regional Air Connectivity:**
 - A strategy under India's UDAN scheme aimed at connecting underserved and remote regions via air routes, especially useful for states like Uttarakhand.

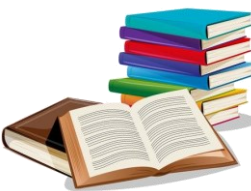


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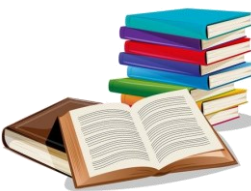
Parameter	Details
Event name	Best State Award for Promotion of Aviation Ecosystem
Announcement date	January 30, 2026
Location	Wings India 2026, Begumpet Airport
Issuing authority	Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India
Policy/series name	Aviation Ecosystem Promotion Awards
Key figures	Pushkar Singh Dhami (CM), UCADA officials
Purpose/reason	Recognize efforts in improving aviation access to remote/hilly areas
Feature details	Heliports, regional air routes, disaster support, medical evacuations
Validity or status	Awarded and recognized as a national benchmark
Strategic/significant value	Boost to tourism, healthcare, emergency response, and economic inclusion



➤ Which Indian university has launched the country's first AI-enabled campus under a pilot project with Google Cloud?

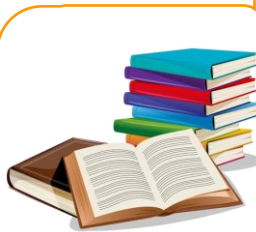
- A) JNU Delhi
- B) CCSU Meerut
- C) BHU Varanasi
- D) AMU Aligarh
- E) DU Delhi

Answer
B) CCSU Meerut



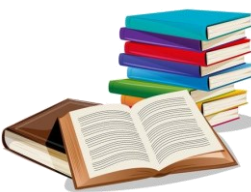
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's first AI-enabled university pilot
- **Location:** Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut (Uttar Pradesh)
- **Date:** January 30, 2026



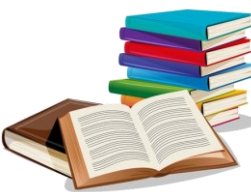
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Implementation of AI-powered teaching, learning, and administrative systems at CCSU through Google Cloud's Gemini platform under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- **Objectives:**
 - To create a scalable model for AI integration in Indian higher education, promoting personalised learning, administrative automation, and inclusive access to digital resources.



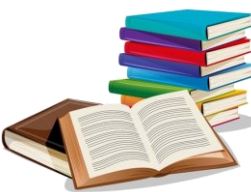
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gemini AI Platform:**
 - An advanced AI suite developed by Google Cloud, used for generative content creation, smart tutoring, simulations, and automation in academic settings.
- **AI Tutors:**
 - Virtual assistants powered by artificial intelligence designed to provide personalised, language-accessible, and self-paced learning experiences for students.



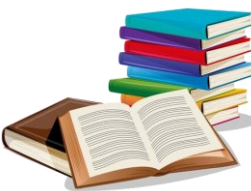
Important Terms Explained:

- **Smart Campus Systems:**
 - Technology-driven management platforms that automate administrative functions, streamline workflows, and improve service delivery across university departments.



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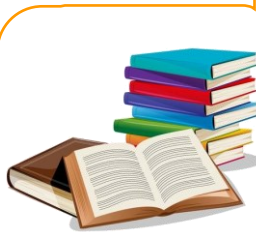
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of AI-powered university pilot
Announcement date	January 2026
Location	CCSU, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
Issuing authority	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
Policy/series name	AI for Learning Pilot Initiative
Key figures	Jayant Chaudhary (Skill Development Minister), Preeti Lobana
Purpose/reason	To modernise higher education with AI tutors and automation
Feature details	AI tutors, smart admin, personalised learning, Gemini platform
Validity or status	Pilot project; potential for nationwide rollout
Strategic/significant value	Bridges education gaps, aligns skills with future workforce



➤ What is the name of ONGC's unified AI platform aimed at transforming its oil and gas operations?

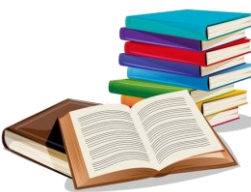
- A) ONGC-VisionX
- B) Energy-AI Grid
- C) Pragya-AIX
- D) OilSmart Core
- E) IntelliGAS

Answer
C) Pragya-AIX



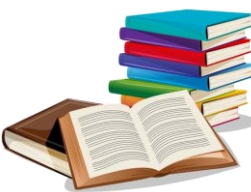
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of ONGC's AI-driven digital platform Pragya-AIX
- **Location:** India (Applicable across ONGC's operational centres)
- **Date:** January 30, 2026



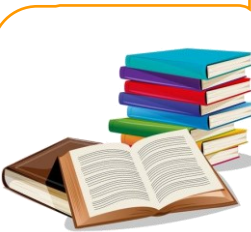
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Deployment of Pragya-AIX, a centralized digital platform integrating 26+ AI applications into ONGC's daily operations.
- **Objectives:**
 - To enhance operational efficiency, safety, and output by converting large-scale exploration and production data into actionable intelligence and real-time insights.



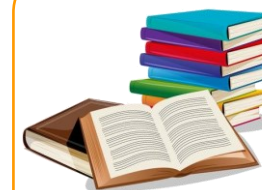
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pragya-AIX:**
 - A unified AI & Innovation Exchange developed by ONGC to bring together all artificial intelligence tools under one scalable ecosystem for enterprise-wide usage.
- **Seismic Analytics:**
 - Use of AI to analyze subsurface seismic data for better oil and gas reservoir mapping and exploration accuracy.
- **Smart Field Monitoring:**
 - Real-time surveillance of oilfields using sensors, AI, and automation to optimize performance, predict faults, and improve safety.



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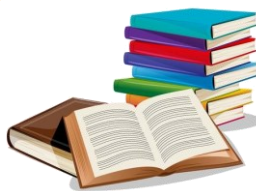
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Pragya-AIX
Announcement date	January 30, 2026
Location	ONGC work centres across India
Issuing authority	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
Policy/series name	Pragya-AIX (AI & Innovation Exchange)
Key figures	Arun Kumar Singh (CMD, ONGC)
Purpose/reason	Integrate AI for real-time monitoring, efficiency, and safety
Feature details	26+ AI apps covering seismic, production, and operational areas
Validity or status	Fully launched (Go-live in January 2026)
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's energy security and tech-led resource management



➤ **What is the name of the first indigenous submarine developed by Taiwan?**

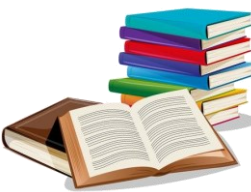
- A) Tiger Shark
- B) Narwhal
- C) Dragonfish
- D) Sea Viper
- E) Blue Whale

Answer
B) Narwhal



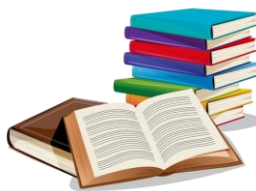
Event and Location:

- **Event:** First underwater trial of Taiwan's indigenous submarine 'Narwhal'
- **Location:** Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- **Date:** January 2026



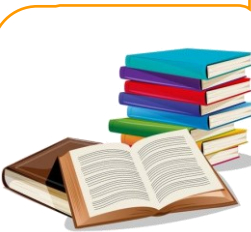
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Conduct shallow-water sea trials of Taiwan's first home-built submarine under an indigenous submarine development programme.
- **Objectives:**
 - To strengthen Taiwan's maritime deterrence capabilities and implement asymmetric defence strategies amid growing tensions with China.



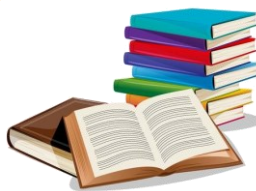
Important Terms Explained:

- **Narwhal Submarine:**
 - Taiwan's first domestically built submarine, part of a fleet of eight planned vessels designed for sea denial and maritime defence.
- **Asymmetric Warfare Strategy:**
 - A defence approach that focuses on leveraging strategic advantages like stealth and mobility against a larger adversary, avoiding direct force-to-force confrontation.
- **Mark 48 Heavyweight Torpedoes:**
 - Advanced U.S.-made submarine-launched torpedoes used by several navies for anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	First underwater trial of Narwhal submarine
Announcement date	January 2026
Location	Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Issuing authority	CSBC Corporation, Taiwan
Policy/series name	Indigenous Submarine Programme
Key figures	Narwhal cost T\$49.36 billion; US tech collaboration
Purpose/reason	Strengthen asymmetric deterrence against rising Chinese military pressure
Feature details	Combat system from U.S. firm, armed with Mark 48 torpedoes
Validity or status	First trial completed; two subs targeted for deployment by 2027
Strategic/significant value	Enhances undersea capability and signals self-reliant defence policy

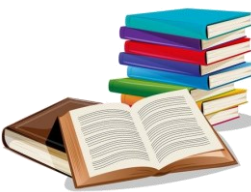


➤ After a gap of 10 years, India is hosting the second India–Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting in partnership with which country?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) Egypt
- C) Qatar
- D) United Arab Emirates
- E) Oman

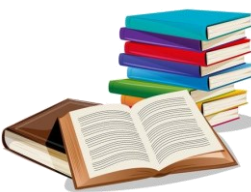
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D) United Arab Emirates



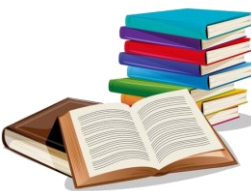
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Second India–Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting after a decade
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** 31 January 2026



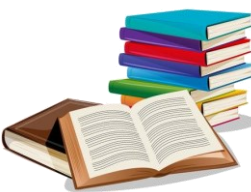
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India and the UAE are co-chairing a multilateral diplomatic meeting with Foreign Ministers of Arab League member states to review and expand cooperation across priority sectors.
- **Objectives:** The meeting aims to deepen political dialogue, strengthen economic and energy partnerships, enhance education and cultural ties, and institutionalise India's engagement with Arab nations at a multilateral level.



Important Terms Explained:

- **India–Arab Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (FMM):** A high-level dialogue platform between India and member states of the League of Arab States to promote cooperation across strategic sectors.
- **Arab League:** A regional organisation of Arab countries that promotes political, economic and cultural cooperation among member states.
- **West Asia Policy:** India’s diplomatic approach toward Middle Eastern countries focusing on energy security, diaspora welfare, trade, and strategic partnerships.

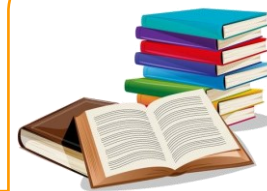


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India–Arab Foreign Ministers’ Meeting 2026
Announcement date	31 January 2026
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Government of India and Arab League
Policy/series name	India–Arab Multilateral Dialogue Mechanism
Key figures	India, UAE leadership and Arab League ministers
Purpose/reason	Strengthen India–Arab cooperation after 10-year gap
Feature details	Focus on economy, energy, education, media and culture
Validity or status	Ongoing diplomatic engagement platform
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India’s multilateral outreach in West Asia

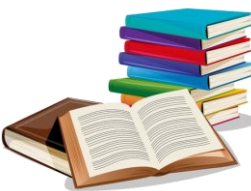


➤ **What is the key feature of the newly launched NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme?**

- A) Life insurance coverage for pensioners
- B) Guaranteed returns on pension funds
- C) Partial withdrawals for medical expenses
- D) Mandatory participation for all government employees
- E) Linking Aadhaar with pension accounts

Answer

C) Partial withdrawals for medical expenses

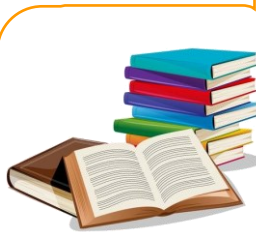


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme under Regulatory Sandbox
- **Location:** India (Nationwide pilot initiative)
- **Date:** 27 January 2026

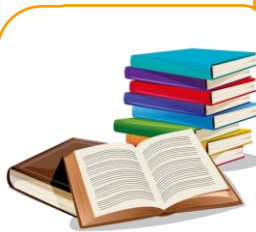


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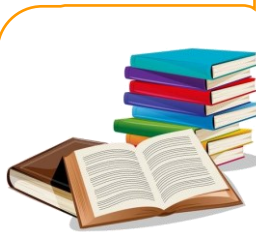
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To pilot a health-linked pension product under NPS, allowing partial withdrawal for medical expenses while preserving long-term retirement savings.
- **Objectives:**
 - To integrate healthcare access into pension planning, offer financial flexibility for health emergencies, and assess innovation feasibility in a regulatory sandbox setting.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme:**
 - A voluntary, contributory pension scheme under NPS that allows subscribers to withdraw a portion of their pension savings to cover medical expenses.
- **Regulatory Sandbox:**
 - A controlled environment created by PFRDA to test new financial products with limited users, ensuring innovation with regulatory safeguards.
- **Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF):**
 - An operational structure under NPS that enables subscribers to hold separate accounts for distinct goals such as retirement or health.

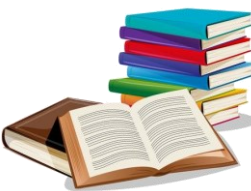


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme
Announcement date	27 January 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
Policy/series name	NPS Swasthya under Regulatory Sandbox Framework
Key figures	Partial withdrawals allowed up to 25% of own contributions
Purpose/reason	To link pension savings with healthcare needs
Feature details	Separate Swasthya account, no withdrawal limit, premature exit for critical care
Validity or status	Pilot phase under limited subscriber participation
Strategic/significant value	Could reshape health-retirement planning and deepen pension inclusivity

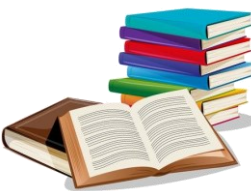


➤ **What is the primary objective of Assam's Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme launched in 2026?**

- A) Promote tea exports
- B) Distribute land to tea estates
- C) Provide one-time financial aid to tea workers
- D) Launch mobile tea processing units
- E) Offer free healthcare to tea garden managers

Answer

C) Provide one-time financial aid to tea workers

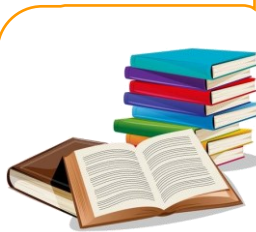


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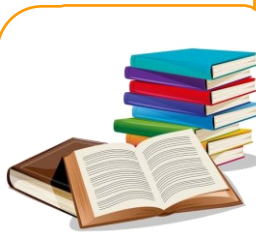
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme for tea workers
- **Location:** Assam (Launched at Doomdooma, Tinsukia district)
- **Date:** January 30, 2026



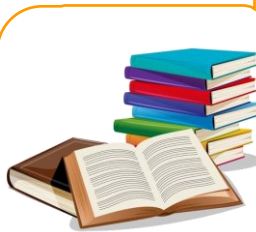
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - To provide a one-time financial assistance of ₹5,000 to over six lakh tea garden workers across 27 districts of Assam.
- **Objectives:**
 - To acknowledge the contribution of tea tribes, promote inclusive development, improve worker dignity, and expand social security in tea garden regions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme:**
 - A welfare initiative by the Assam government offering ₹5,000 one-time assistance to tea garden workers as direct financial support.
- **Mobile Crèches & Toilets:**
 - New facilities launched to support childcare, health, and sanitation for tea workers, especially targeting women's welfare.
- **Land Rights for Tea Workers:**
 - A reform under which land ownership will be granted to workers in tea estates, with transferability restricted within the community for 10 years.

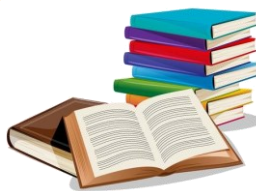


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme
Announcement date	January 30, 2026
Location	Assam (launched at Doomdooma, Tinsukia)
Issuing authority	Government of Assam
Policy/series name	Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme
Key figures	Himanta Biswa Sarma (Chief Minister)
Purpose/reason	Financial aid and dignity for tea workers
Feature details	₹5,000 for 6 lakh+ workers, mobile crèches, land rights
Validity or status	Active from January 2026
Strategic/significant value	Social equity and welfare for Assam's tea workforce

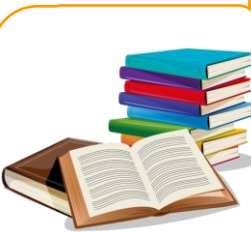


➤ Which Indian state has made Aadhaar-based biometric authentication mandatory for property registration starting February 2026?

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

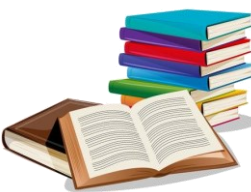


Answer
C) Uttar Pradesh



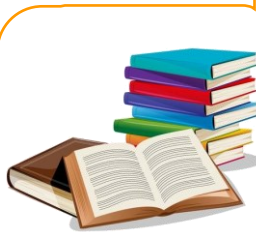
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Aadhaar-based biometric authentication made mandatory for property registration
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh, India
- **Date:** Effective from 1 February 2026



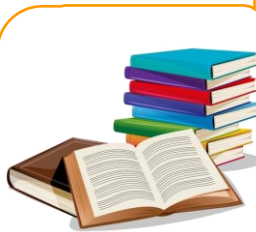
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - All buyers, sellers, and witnesses involved in property registration in Uttar Pradesh must undergo Aadhaar-based biometric verification at the time of registration.
- **Objectives:**
 - To prevent impersonation, land fraud, and forged registrations by ensuring physical presence and verified identity of parties through biometric authentication.



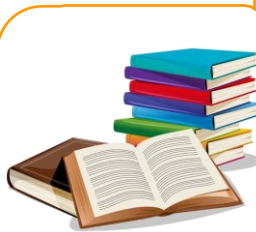
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aadhaar Authentication:**
 - A process through which the Aadhaar number, along with biometric or demographic information, is submitted to the UIDAI for verification to confirm the identity of an individual.
- **Biometric Verification:**
 - A security process that uses fingerprint or iris scans to confirm an individual's identity and prevent impersonation or fraud in legal or financial processes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Governance:**
 - The use of digital technologies by governments to provide efficient, transparent, and accountable services to citizens, often supported by real-time databases and verification systems.

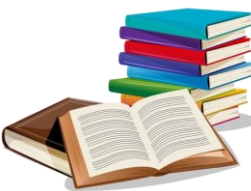


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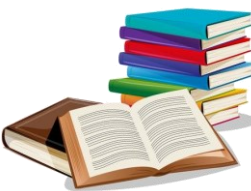
Parameter	Details
Event name	Mandatory Aadhaar authentication for property registration
Announcement date	January 2026
Location	Uttar Pradesh
Issuing authority	Department of Stamps and Registration, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
Policy/series name	Biometric Aadhaar Property Authentication Rule
Key figures	Ravindra Jaiswal (MoS for Stamps and Registration)
Purpose/reason	Prevent land fraud and ensure identity-based verification
Feature details	Biometric devices at registry offices; Aadhaar-linked verification for all parties
Validity or status	Effective from 1 February 2026
Strategic/significant value	Enhances land record transparency and modernisation under Digital India



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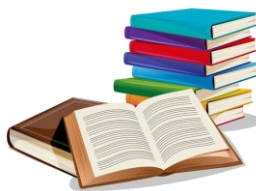
- **Martyrs' Day is observed every year on 30 January to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.**
- **Former Australian international and Indian men's hockey coach Michael Nobbs passed away at the age of 72.**
- **Zurich has topped Numbeo's Cost of Living Index 2026 as the most expensive city globally.**
- **India's Scheduled Commercial Banks reported multi-decade low NPAs and robust capital adequacy in FY25.**
- **Uttarakhand was awarded Best State for Promotion of Aviation Ecosystem at Wings India 2026.**
- **India has launched its first AI-powered university pilot at Chaudhary Charan Singh University in Meerut in collaboration with Google Cloud.**
- **ONGC has launched Pragya-AIX, a unified AI-powered platform to modernize oil and gas operations across India.**
- **Taiwan has conducted the first underwater sea trial of its home-built submarine 'Narwhal', a major step in its indigenous defence programme.**



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- Uttar Pradesh has mandated Aadhaar-based biometric authentication for all property registrations starting 1 February 2026.



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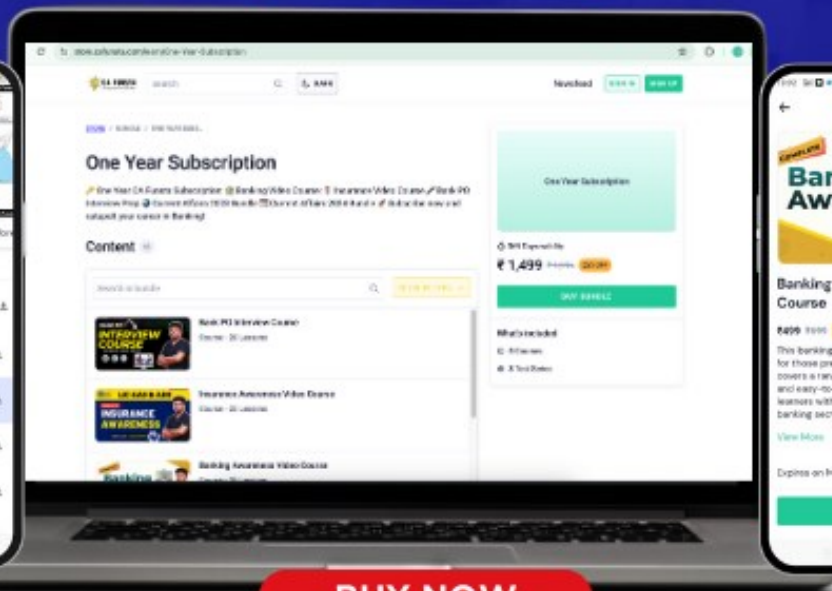
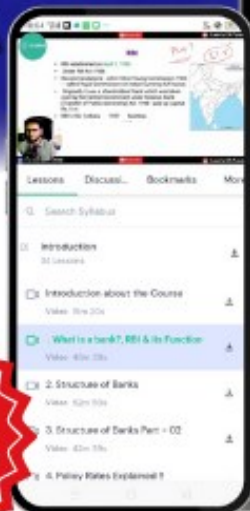
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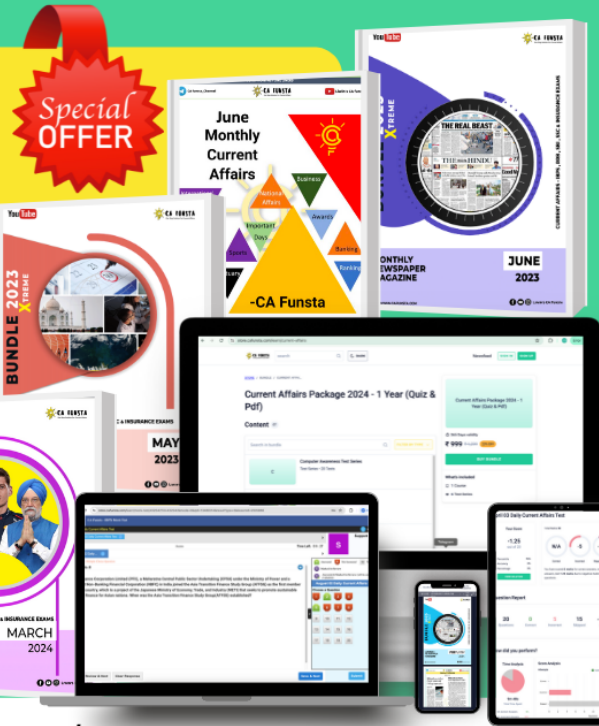


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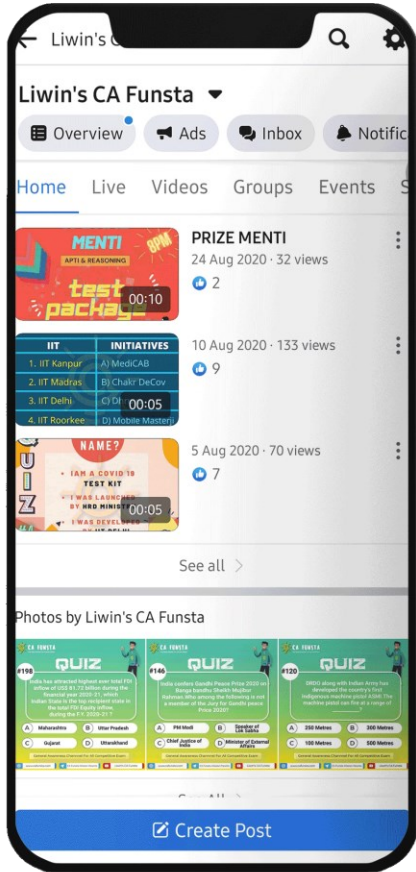
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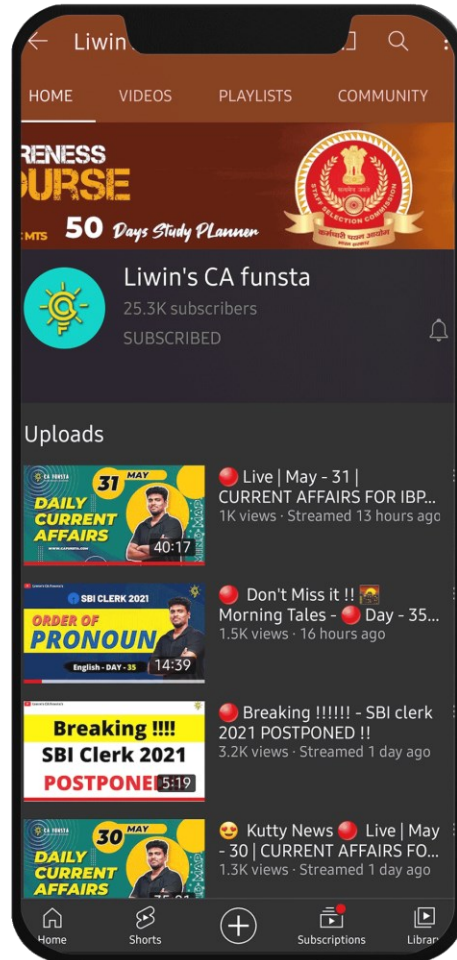


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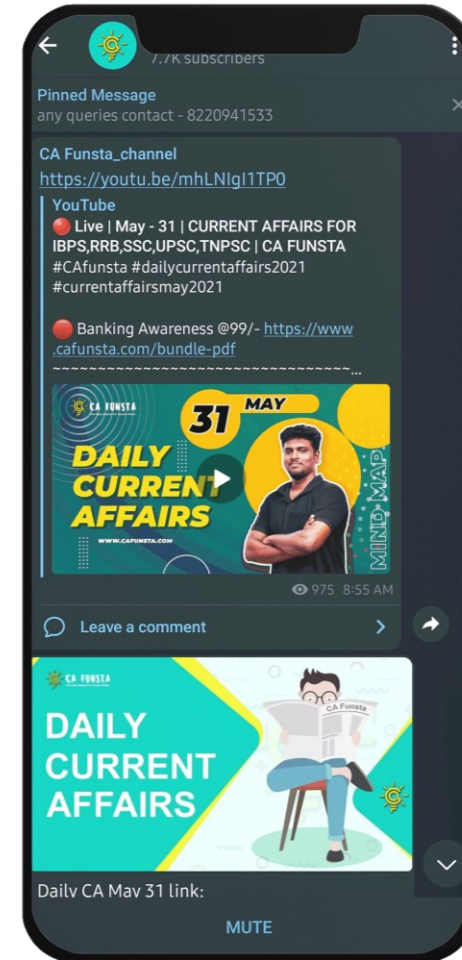
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