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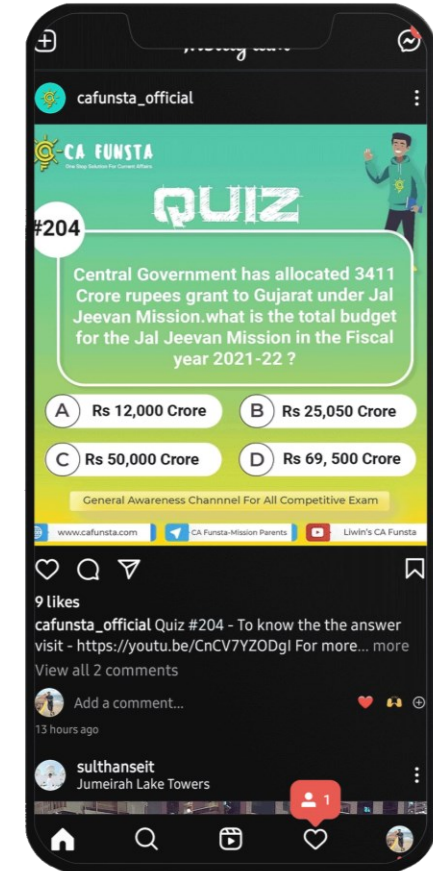


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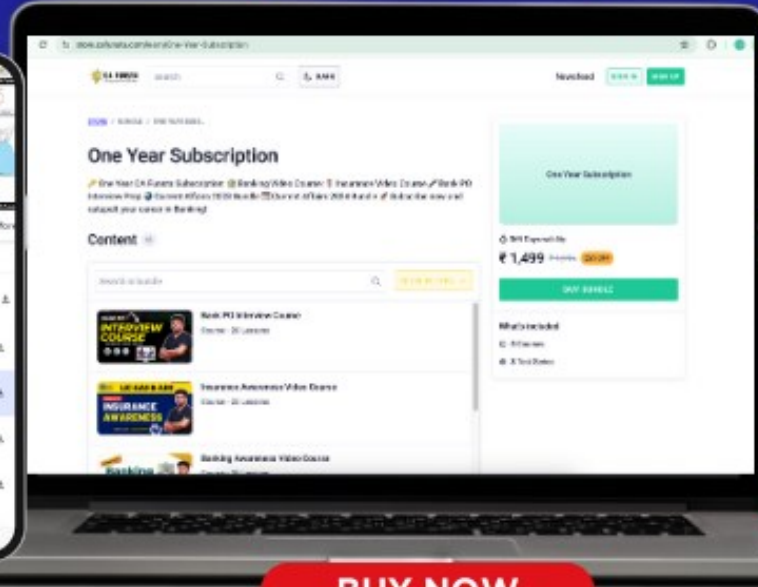


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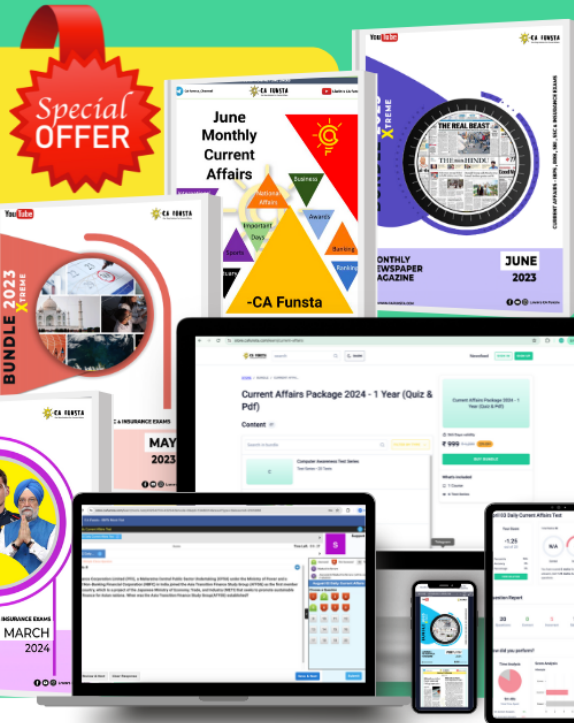
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► **What is the theme of World Voice Day 2026?**

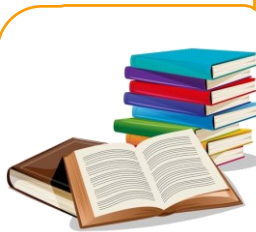
- A) Voice for All
- B) Caring for Our Voices
- C) Healthy Speech for Life
- D) Power of Communication
- E) Global Voice Awareness



WORLD VOICE DAY
April, 16th

Answer

B) Caring for Our Voices.



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Voice Day 2026 was observed to highlight the importance of the human voice in communication, expression, speech, and music.
- **Location:** Global observance.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** World Voice Day is observed annually to promote awareness about vocal health, voice disorders, voice hygiene, and the importance of timely medical care for voice-related problems.
- **Objectives:** The observance aims to encourage preventive care, early diagnosis, healthy vocal habits, and wider understanding of the role of voice in daily life and professional communication.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vocal health:** Vocal health refers to the proper care and maintenance of the voice to ensure healthy speaking and singing ability.
- **Voice disorders:** Voice disorders are conditions that affect the quality, pitch, volume, or ease of voice production.
- **Early diagnosis:** Early diagnosis means identifying voice-related problems at an initial stage so that timely treatment can prevent serious complications.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vocal hygiene:** Vocal hygiene includes healthy habits such as hydration, avoiding vocal strain, and seeking medical advice when needed.
- **Brazilian Voice Day:** Brazilian Voice Day was the original awareness initiative started in 1999, which later evolved into World Voice Day.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Voice Day 2026.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	Global observance.
Issuing authority / organiser	Observed internationally with support from medical experts and awareness institutions.
Key figures	The 2026 theme was "Caring for Our Voices."
Purpose / reason	The day promotes awareness about the importance of the human voice and the need for vocal care.
Feature details	It focuses on preventive care, hydration, avoiding vocal strain, and early treatment of voice disorders.
Strategic / significant value	The observance supports public awareness, early diagnosis, and better health practices related to voice disorders.

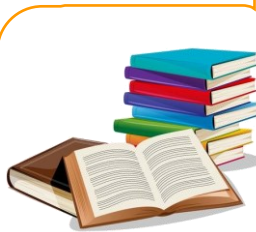


➤ **Which achievement did R Vaishali secure by winning the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026?**

- A) She won the Women's Olympiad 2026
- B) She became India's first woman Grandmaster
- C) She qualified for the Women's World Chess Championship
- D) She defeated Ju Wenjun in the final
- E) She won the Open Candidates Tournament

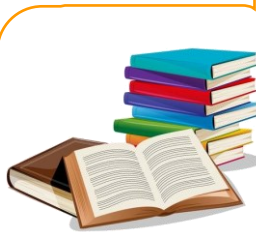
Answer

C) She qualified for the Women's World Chess Championship.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** R Vaishali won the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 and qualified for the Women's World Chess Championship.
- **Location:** Cyprus.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Women's Candidates Tournament determines the challenger for the Women's World Chess Championship, and Vaishali secured that position by winning the 2026 edition.
- **Objectives:** The tournament aims to identify the top contender to face the reigning world champion and serves as a major platform for elite women's chess competition.



Important Terms Explained:

- **R Vaishali:** R Vaishali is an Indian chess player who won the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 and became the second Indian woman to reach the Women's World Chess Championship.
- **Women's Candidates Tournament:** It is the qualifying tournament that decides the challenger for the Women's World Chess Championship.
- **Women's World Chess Championship:** It is the title match in which the reigning women's world champion faces the winner of the Candidates Tournament.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ju Wenjun:** Ju Wenjun is the reigning Women's World Chess Champion whom Vaishali is set to face.
- **Koneru Humpy:** Koneru Humpy is the first Indian woman to reach this milestone, and Vaishali became the second to do so.
- **FIDE Grand Swiss:** It is a major international chess tournament in which Vaishali has also recorded important success.



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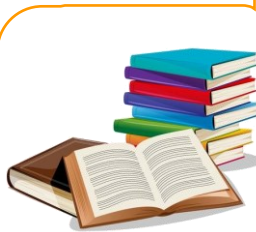
Parameter	Details
Event name	R Vaishali won the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	Cyprus.
Issuing authority / organiser	Women's Candidates Tournament 2026.
Key figures	R Vaishali, Bibisara Assaubayeva, Divya Deshmukh, Ju Wenjun, and Koneru Humpy.
Purpose / reason	The tournament decides the challenger for the Women's World Chess Championship.
Feature details	Vaishali won after a dramatic final round and qualified to face Ju Wenjun.
Strategic / significant value	The victory marks a major milestone for Indian chess and makes Vaishali the second Indian woman to reach this stage.



- Which country became India's top trading partner in FY2025–26, overtaking the United States?

- A) Japan
- B) United States
- C) Germany
- D) China
- E) UAE

Answer
D) China.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** China became India's top trading partner in FY2025–26, overtaking the United States after four years.
- **Location:** India-China and India-United States bilateral trade.
- **Date:** FY2025–26.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The trade data reflects bilateral merchandise trade performance between India and its major global partners, with China recording the highest total trade value with India in FY2025–26.
- **Objectives:** The data aims to track trade flows, assess export-import patterns, and understand India's evolving external trade relationships amid changing global economic conditions.



RANKING



Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	China
2	United States



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bilateral trade:** Bilateral trade refers to the total value of exports and imports between two countries.
- **Trade deficit:** Trade deficit occurs when the value of imports is higher than the value of exports.
- **Trade surplus:** Trade surplus occurs when the value of exports is higher than the value of imports.
- **Imports:** Imports are goods and services purchased by one country from another country.
- **Exports:** Exports are goods and services sold by one country to another country.



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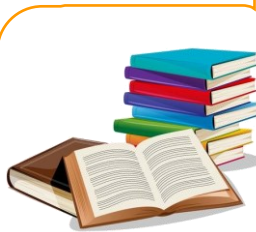
Parameter	Details
Event name	China became India's top trading partner in FY2025–26.
Date	FY2025–26.
Location	India's bilateral trade relations with China and the United States.
Issuing authority / organiser	Trade data reflected India's external trade performance.
Key figures	India-China bilateral trade reached \$151.1 billion.
Purpose / reason	The figures show a shift in India's leading trade partner after four years.
Feature details	India imported \$131.63 billion from China and exported \$19.47 billion to China.
Strategic / significant value	The development highlights stronger India-China trade links but also a record-high trade deficit of \$112.16 billion.



- Who was ranked as the richest person in the world in 2026 according to the given ranking?

- A) Larry Page
- B) Jeff Bezos
- C) Mark Zuckerberg
- D) Elon Musk
- E) Sergey Brin

Answer
D) Elon Musk.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The list of the top-10 richest persons in the world in 2026 was released, with Elon Musk ranked first.
- **Location:** Global ranking.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The ranking presents the names, positions, and net worth of the world's ten richest individuals in 2026 and highlights the broader rise in billionaire wealth globally.
- **Objectives:** The list aims to show global wealth concentration, identify leading billionaires, and indicate the role of technology, stock market growth, and business ownership in wealth creation.



RANKING



Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	Elon Musk
2	Larry Page
3	Sergey Brin
4	Jeff Bezos
5	Mark Zuckerberg
6	Larry Ellison
7	Bernard Arnault & Family
8	Jensen Huang
9	Warren Buffett
10	Amancio Ortega



Important Terms Explained:

- **Billionaire:** A billionaire is a person whose net worth is equal to or more than one billion US dollars.
- **Net worth:** Net worth is the total value of a person's assets after subtracting liabilities.
- **Artificial Intelligence:** Artificial Intelligence refers to advanced computer systems that can perform tasks involving data analysis, prediction, and automation, and it has contributed to rapid wealth creation in technology sectors.



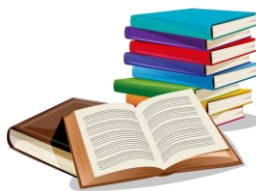
Important Terms Explained:

- **Stock market:** The stock market is a platform where shares of companies are bought and sold, and rising share values can significantly increase personal wealth.
- **Global billionaire ranking:** A global billionaire ranking is a comparative list that places individuals according to their total estimated wealth.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Top-10 richest persons in the world in 2026 ranking.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	Global ranking.
Issuing authority / organiser	The article presents the global billionaire ranking for 2026.
Key figures	Elon Musk ranked first with \$839 billion net worth.
Purpose / reason	The ranking highlights the wealthiest individuals and the scale of global billionaire wealth in 2026.
Feature details	The world had 3,428 billionaires in 2026 with combined wealth of \$20.1 trillion.
Strategic / significant value	The ranking reflects rising wealth concentration driven by technology growth, strong stock markets, and global business expansion.

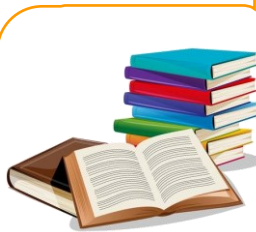
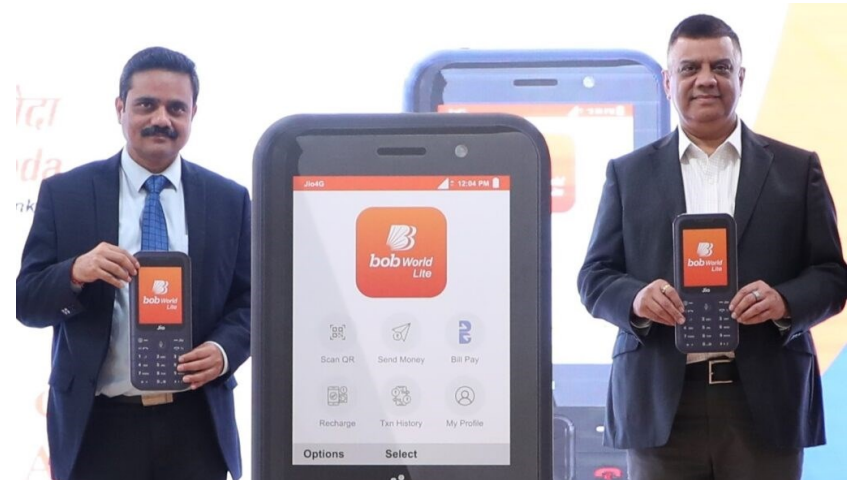


➤ Which service was launched by Bank of Baroda on JioPhone devices for feature phone users?

- A) bob Pay Plus
- B) bob World Lite
- C) Jio Bank Connect
- D) Baroda Smart UPI
- E) bob Mobile Prime

Answer

B) bob World Lite.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bank of Baroda partnered with Reliance Jio to launch bob World Lite on JioPhone devices for feature phone banking services.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Bank of Baroda launched bob World Lite for feature phone users through JioPhone devices to provide essential mobile banking services such as UPI payments, money transfers, bill payments, and recharges on basic phones.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to expand digital financial access, bridge the digital divide, support cashless transactions, and improve banking inclusion for users in rural and semi-urban areas.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bank of Baroda:** Bank of Baroda is a major public sector bank in India that launched bob World Lite to extend banking access to feature phone users.
- **Reliance Jio:** Reliance Jio is a telecom service provider that partnered with Bank of Baroda to make the app available on JioPhone devices.
- **bob World Lite:** bob World Lite is a lightweight mobile banking application designed for feature phones with low bandwidth requirements and simple navigation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **JioPhone Prima 4G:** JioPhone Prima 4G is the device on which bob World Lite was introduced for feature phone users.
- **Financial inclusion:** Financial inclusion means ensuring access to useful and affordable financial services for all sections of society.
- **UPI:** Unified Payments Interface is a digital payment system that enables instant money transfer and merchant payments through mobile devices.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of bob World Lite on JioPhone devices by Bank of Baroda.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Bank of Baroda in partnership with Reliance Jio.
Key figures	The service is available for feature phone users and can be used by customers of any bank.
Purpose / reason	The initiative seeks to bring digital banking services to users without smartphones.
Feature details	It offers UPI Scan and Pay, money transfer, bill payment, mobile recharge, secure login, and keypad-based navigation.
Strategic / significant value	The launch strengthens digital financial inclusion and supports India's move towards a less-cash economy.



➤ According to the latest PLFS data, what was India's unemployment rate in March 2026?

- A) 4.3%
- B) 4.9%
- C) 5.1%
- D) 5.3%
- E) 6.8%

Answer
C) 5.1%.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's unemployment rate rose to 5.1% in March 2026, marking a five-month high.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** March 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The NSO released labour market data showing changes in unemployment, labour force participation, and worker population levels under the Current Weekly Status method.
- **Objectives:** The data aims to measure short-term employment conditions, assess labour market participation, and track trends in rural and urban job availability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PLFS:** Periodic Labour Force Survey is the national survey used to measure employment and unemployment indicators in India.
- **NSO:** National Statistics Office is the government agency responsible for compiling and releasing official statistical data.
- **Current Weekly Status:** It is a method under which a person is treated as unemployed if he or she did not work even for one hour during the past week but was seeking or available for work.



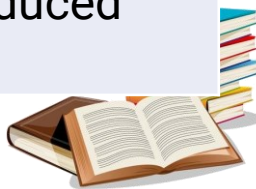
Important Terms Explained:

- **Labour Force Participation Rate:** It is the percentage of people who are working or actively looking for work in the economy.
- **Worker Population Ratio:** It is the proportion of the population that is actually employed.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's unemployment rate rose to 5.1% in March 2026.
Date	March 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	National Statistics Office through the Periodic Labour Force Survey.
Key figures	Overall unemployment was 5.1%, urban unemployment was 6.8%, and rural unemployment was 4.3%.
Purpose / reason	The release tracks labour market conditions and measures employment and job-seeking trends.
Feature details	Labour Force Participation Rate declined to 55.4% and Worker Population Ratio declined to 52.6%.
Strategic / significant value	The data indicates weaker hiring activity, especially in urban areas, and reduced workforce participation.

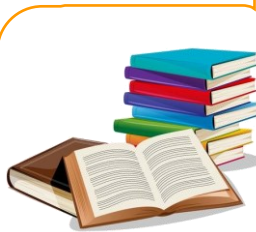


- **Which certification did ITC Limited achieve for wheat and paddy, becoming the first company in India to receive it?**

- A) GlobalG.A.P. Standard
- B) FSA 3.0 Certification
- C) ISO 22000 Certification
- D) Agmark Excellence Standard
- E) Green Farm Index

Answer

B) FSA 3.0 Certification.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ITC Limited achieved FSA 3.0 Certification for wheat and paddy, becoming the first company in India to receive this global recognition.
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, India.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** ITC implemented Farm Sustainability Assessment 3.0 standards across wheat and paddy sourcing systems involving farmland, farmers, and FPOs in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen sustainable farming, improve farmer incomes, promote traceable and responsible sourcing, and align Indian agriculture with global sustainability benchmarks.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ITC Limited:** ITC Limited is an Indian diversified company that achieved FSA 3.0 certification for wheat and paddy sourcing.
- **FSA 3.0 Certification:** Farm Sustainability Assessment 3.0 Certification is a globally recognized framework used to evaluate sustainability, traceability, and ethical practices at the farm level.
- **SAI Platform:** Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform is the global body that developed the FSA framework for assessing sustainable agricultural practices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FPOs:** Farmer Producer Organizations are collective bodies of farmers that help improve market access, inputs, and income opportunities.
- **Traceable sourcing:** Traceable sourcing means the agricultural produce can be tracked through the supply chain from farm to buyer.
- **Sustainable farming:** Sustainable farming refers to agricultural practices that protect the environment, support economic viability, and maintain social responsibility.



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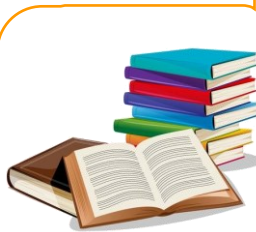
Parameter	Details
Event name	ITC achieved FSA 3.0 certification for wheat and paddy.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, India.
Issuing authority / organiser	FSA framework developed by SAI Platform and implemented by ITC.
Key figures	The initiative covered over 22,000 acres, more than 3,500 farmers, and over 70 FPOs.
Purpose / reason	The certification supports sustainable agriculture, traceable sourcing, and improved farmer incomes.
Feature details	ITC's wheat and paddy sourcing met global benchmarks for sustainability, traceability, and ethical practices.
Strategic / significant value	The milestone strengthens India's standing in global agri-markets and promotes responsible farm-level practices.



➤ **What is the target year set by India to achieve cocoa self-sufficiency under its long-term strategy?**

- A) 2030
- B) 2035
- C) 2040
- D) 2045
- E) 2050

Answer
C) 2040.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India has prepared a long-term strategy to achieve cocoa self-sufficiency by 2040 and reduce import dependence.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A knowledge paper prepared by Grant Thornton Bharat in collaboration with FICCI has proposed a roadmap for increasing domestic cocoa production through a National Mission on Cocoa, research support, seed gardens, farmer training, and digital traceability.
- **Objectives:** The strategy aims to reduce cocoa imports, strengthen farmer incomes, expand cocoa cultivation, improve productivity, and build a sustainable domestic cocoa ecosystem under the vision of self-reliance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cocoa self-sufficiency:** Cocoa self-sufficiency means meeting domestic cocoa demand through domestic production without heavy dependence on imports.
- **Grant Thornton Bharat:** Grant Thornton Bharat is a professional services firm that co-developed the knowledge paper outlining the cocoa roadmap.
- **FICCI:** Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry is an industry body that collaborated on the roadmap for cocoa sector development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Mission on Cocoa:** It is the proposed mission to provide structured policy, research, financial, and institutional support for cocoa cultivation in India.
- **Centre of Excellence:** A Centre of Excellence is a specialised institution proposed to support cocoa research, innovation, and best practices.
- **Digital traceability:** Digital traceability refers to a system that tracks produce and related data across the supply chain through digital records.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's long-term strategy for cocoa self-sufficiency by 2040.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Knowledge paper by Grant Thornton Bharat in collaboration with FICCI.
Key figures	India imports cocoa worth \$866 million annually and currently produces less than 20% of its requirement.
Purpose / reason	The roadmap aims to reduce import dependence and strengthen domestic cocoa production.
Feature details	The strategy includes a National Mission on Cocoa, Centre of Excellence, seed gardens, farmer training, and digital traceability.
Strategic / significant value	The plan seeks to improve farmer incomes, support agri-self-reliance, and develop India as a cocoa processing hub.



APPOINTMENTS

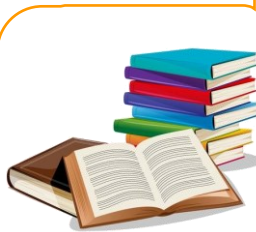


- **Infosys partnered with which tennis player as its global brand ambassador for AI-driven sports performance solutions?**

- A) Novak Djokovic
- B) Rafael Nadal
- C) Daniil Medvedev
- D) Carlos Alcaraz
- E) Jannik Sinner



Answer
D) Carlos Alcaraz.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Infosys signed a multi-year partnership with Carlos Alcaraz and appointed him as its global brand ambassador for AI-driven sports performance solutions.
- **Location:** Global sports technology collaboration.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Infosys entered into a multi-year partnership with Carlos Alcaraz to use Infosys Topaz for developing match analytics tools and personalised performance applications in tennis.
- **Objectives:** The partnership aims to enhance player performance through AI-based insights, improve tactical planning and training, and strengthen Infosys' role in the global sports technology ecosystem.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Infosys:** Infosys is an Indian information technology company that provides digital services, consulting, and AI-based solutions.
- **Carlos Alcaraz:** Carlos Alcaraz is an international tennis player who has been appointed as Infosys' global brand ambassador under the partnership.
- **Infosys Topaz:** Infosys Topaz is an AI-first platform designed to provide real-time insights, analytics, and intelligent digital solutions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sports analytics:** Sports analytics refers to the use of data and technology to evaluate performance, strategies, and match patterns in sports.
- **Artificial Intelligence:** Artificial Intelligence is the use of computer systems to perform tasks that require human-like analysis, prediction, and decision support.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Infosys partnered with Carlos Alcaraz for AI-driven sports performance solutions.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	Global sports technology collaboration.
Issuing authority / organiser	Infosys.
Key figures	Carlos Alcaraz was appointed as the global brand ambassador.
Purpose / reason	The partnership aims to use AI tools to improve performance analysis, training, and match strategy.
Feature details	Infosys Topaz will support match analytics tools and personalised performance applications.
Strategic / significant value	The collaboration reflects the growing role of AI and data-driven technology in modern sports performance.

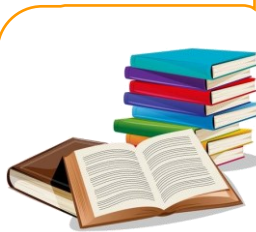
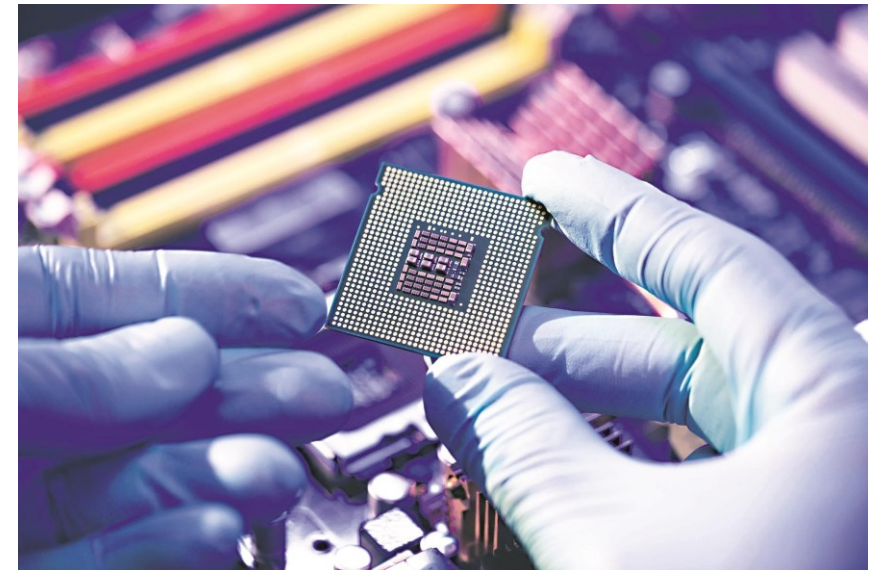


➤ **What was the approved investment amount for Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing's SEZ project in Dholera?**

- A) ₹13,000 crore
- B) ₹2,150 crore
- C) ₹681 crore
- D) ₹91,000 crore
- E) ₹100 crore

Answer

D) ₹91,000 crore.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing Pvt Ltd received approval for a Special Economic Zone to set up a semiconductor project in Dholera.
- **Location:** Dholera, Gujarat, India.
- **Date:** April 9, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The government approved and notified a Special Economic Zone for Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing in Dholera to support semiconductor fabrication and related electronic hardware, software, and IT/ITeS activities.
- **Objectives:** The project aims to establish India's first chip fabrication unit, strengthen domestic semiconductor production, reduce import dependence, promote exports, and generate employment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing Pvt Ltd:** It is the company approved to develop the semiconductor SEZ project in Dholera with a major investment in chip fabrication.
- **Special Economic Zone:** A Special Economic Zone is a designated area where business and trade regulations are more industry-friendly to promote investment, manufacturing, and exports.
- **Chip fabrication unit:** A chip fabrication unit is a facility where semiconductor wafers and integrated circuits are manufactured.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Board of Approval:** The Board of Approval is the highest authority for matters related to Special Economic Zones in India.
- **Dholera Special Investment Region:** It is a planned industrial region in Gujarat being developed as a smart manufacturing and infrastructure hub.
- **Semiconductor:** A semiconductor is a material used to manufacture electronic chips essential for devices such as phones, computers, automobiles, and industrial equipment.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	SEZ approval for Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing project in Dholera.
Date	April 9, 2026.
Location	Dholera, Gujarat, India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Department of Commerce based on approval by the Board of Approval.
Key figures	The project involves an investment of ₹91,000 crore.
Purpose / reason	The approval aims to promote domestic semiconductor manufacturing and reduce import dependence.
Feature details	The SEZ will be developed over 66.16 hectares and will support chip fabrication and related technology activities.
Strategic / significant value	The project is expected to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and position Dholera as a major high-tech manufacturing hub.



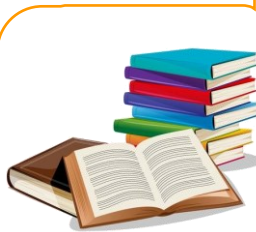
► Where did the Indian Navy Commanders Conference 2026 begin on April 14, 2026?

- A) South Block
- B) Sena Bhawan
- C) Nausena Bhawan
- D) Rashtrapati Bhavan
- E) Manekshaw Centre



Answer

C) Nausena Bhawan.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Navy Commanders Conference 2026 began to review operational readiness and future naval strategies for safeguarding India's maritime interests.
- **Location:** Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** April 14, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The conference brings together senior naval leadership, operational and area commanders, and representatives from Naval Headquarters to assess current operations, maritime deployments, combat preparedness, and lessons from Operation Sindoor.
- **Objectives:** The conference aims to strengthen maritime security, protect sea lanes and energy interests, improve war-fighting capability, enhance inter-services coordination, and integrate emerging technologies into future naval operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Maritime security:** Maritime security refers to the protection of sea lanes, coastal interests, trade routes, and strategic waters from threats and disruptions.
- **Operational readiness:** Operational readiness means the preparedness of the armed forces to respond effectively to military, strategic, and emergency situations.
- **Operation Sindoor:** Operation Sindoor refers to the naval operation whose lessons are being reviewed for improving jointness and future operational doctrines.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hybrid warfare:** Hybrid warfare involves the use of conventional and non-conventional methods, including cyber, information, and technological tools, in conflict situations.
- **Chief of the Naval Staff:** The Chief of the Naval Staff is the professional head of the Indian Navy and currently Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi holds this position.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Indian Navy Commanders Conference 2026.
Date	April 14, 2026.
Location	Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi.
Issuing authority / organiser	Indian Navy.
Key figures	Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi addressed the conference as Chief of the Naval Staff.
Purpose / reason	The conference reviews naval operations and prepares future strategies to safeguard India's maritime interests.
Feature details	Major focus areas include combat readiness, maritime deployments, emerging technologies, and post-Operation Sindoor review.
Strategic / significant value	The conference supports India's maritime security, energy security, and joint operational preparedness amid global uncertainty.

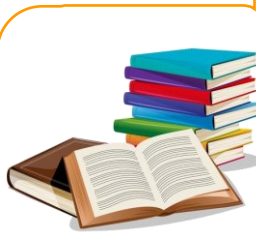


- ▶ Which jet engine is central to the co-development agreement between HAL and GE Aerospace?

- A) F404
- B) F414
- C) Kaveri
- D) EJ200
- E) AL-31FP



Answer
B) F414.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and GE Aerospace signed a technology agreement to co-develop and jointly manufacture advanced jet engines for India.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The agreement provides for the co-production of F414 jet engines in India along with the transfer of critical manufacturing technology to support indigenous fighter aircraft programmes.
- **Objectives:** The deal aims to strengthen defence self-reliance, reduce dependence on foreign suppliers, support Make in India, and enhance India's capability to produce next-generation combat aircraft engines domestically.



Important Terms Explained:

- **HAL:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is India's leading aerospace and defence public sector company involved in aircraft and engine manufacturing.
- **GE Aerospace:** GE Aerospace is an American aerospace company that develops aircraft engines and related advanced aviation technologies.
- **F414:** F414 is a high-performance turbofan jet engine used in advanced fighter aircraft and known for its reliability and high thrust-to-weight ratio.



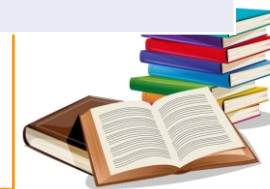
Important Terms Explained:

- **Technology transfer:** Technology transfer refers to the sharing of manufacturing know-how, technical processes, and production capability from one company or country to another.
- **Make in India:** Make in India is a Government of India initiative aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing and reducing import dependence in key sectors.
- **Defence self-reliance:** Defence self-reliance means developing the domestic capacity to design, manufacture, and maintain defence equipment within the country.



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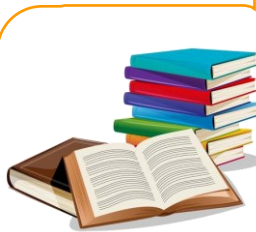
Parameter	Details
Event name	HAL and GE Aerospace signed a deal to co-develop advanced jet engines for India.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and GE Aerospace.
Key figures	The agreement focuses on co-production of the F414 jet engine.
Purpose / reason	The deal is intended to strengthen indigenous fighter aircraft capability and defence manufacturing in India.
Feature details	It includes transfer of critical manufacturing technology and supports next-generation combat aircraft programmes.
Strategic / significant value	The agreement boosts defence self-reliance, supports Make in India, and deepens India-United States strategic cooperation.



► **The Karnataka High Court linked menstrual leave to which Article of the Indian Constitution?**

- A) Article 14
- B) Article 19
- C) Article 21
- D) Article 32
- E) Article 44

Answer
C) Article 21.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Karnataka High Court directed the state government to implement a menstrual leave policy across organised and unorganised sectors and recognized it as linked to dignity under Article 21.
- **Location:** Karnataka, India.
- **Date:** April 16, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Karnataka High Court directed the state government to strictly enforce menstrual leave across all sectors, including the unorganised workforce, through guidelines, circulars, and administrative measures until the proposed bill is enacted.
- **Objectives:** The ruling aims to ensure dignity, humane working conditions, menstrual health support, and substantive equality for women workers, especially those in vulnerable and informal employment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Karnataka High Court:** Karnataka High Court is the constitutional court of the state that issued directions for implementation of the menstrual leave policy.
- **Menstrual leave:** Menstrual leave refers to leave granted to women employees during menstruation to support health, dignity, and humane working conditions.
- **Article 21:** Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees the right to life and personal liberty, which the court linked to dignity and menstrual health.
- **Article 14:** Article 14 guarantees equality before law, and the court observed that menstrual leave supports substantive equality rather than violating equality.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Unorganised sector:** The unorganised sector includes informal workers such as daily wage earners who often lack formal workplace protections.
- **Karnataka Menstrual Leave and Hygiene Bill, 2025:** It is the proposed state legislation referred to by the court, under which the current directions will remain effective until formal enactment.



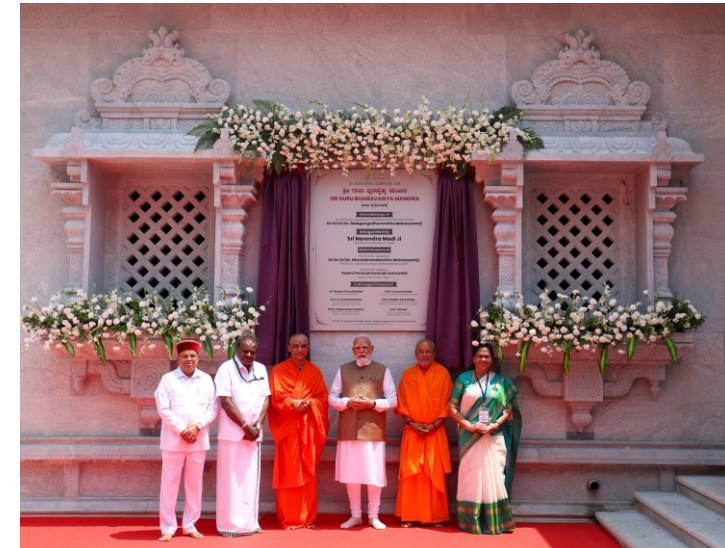
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Karnataka High Court directed implementation of menstrual leave policy across all sectors.
Date	April 16, 2026.
Location	Karnataka, India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Karnataka High Court.
Key figures	Justice M. Nagaprasanna and a woman daily wage worker from Belagavi.
Purpose / reason	The order seeks to protect dignity, menstrual health, and humane working conditions for women workers.
Feature details	The policy was ordered to cover organised and unorganised sectors through official guidelines and administrative action.
Strategic / significant value	The ruling strengthens gender-sensitive workplace reform and recognizes menstrual leave as part of constitutional dignity and substantive equality.



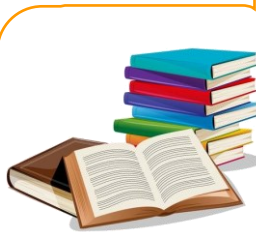
➤ **Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira on April 15, 2026?**

- A) Sri Siddaganga Math
- B) Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math
- C) Dharmasthala Temple
- D) Jwala Peetha
- E) Sri Kalabhairava Temple



Answer

B) Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira during his visit to Karnataka.
- **Location:** Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math, Karnataka, India.
- **Date:** April 15, 2026.



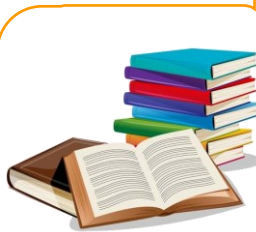
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The visit marked the inauguration of the Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira and included prayers at Jwala Peetha and Sri Kalabhairava Temple, along with tribute to Sri Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji.
- **Objectives:** The visit aimed to highlight India's spiritual traditions, preserve cultural heritage, and underline the role of spiritual institutions in service, education, healthcare, and social empowerment.



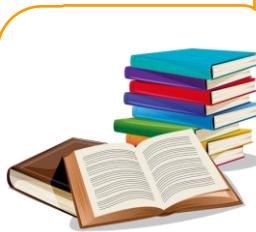
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira:** It is a newly inaugurated spiritual memorial at Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math linked to the Math's spiritual lineage and teachings.
- **Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math:** It is a prominent spiritual institution in Karnataka associated with religious guidance and social service.
- **Jwala Peetha:** Jwala Peetha is a sacred place visited by the Prime Minister during his Karnataka tour.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sri Kalabhairava Temple:** It is a temple visited by the Prime Minister as part of his spiritual itinerary in Karnataka.
- **Sri Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji:** He was a revered spiritual leader remembered for contributions to education, healthcare, and social welfare.



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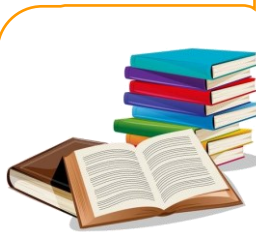
Parameter	Details
Event name	Inauguration of Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Date	April 15, 2026.
Location	Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math, Karnataka.
Issuing authority / organiser	Prime Minister's visit to the spiritual institution in Karnataka.
Key figures	Narendra Modi and Sri Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji.
Purpose / reason	To honour spiritual heritage and highlight the role of religious institutions in social service.
Feature details	The visit included inauguration of the Mandira and prayers at Jwala Peetha and Sri Kalabhairava Temple.
Strategic / significant value	The event reinforced the importance of cultural heritage, spiritual tourism, and values-based social development.



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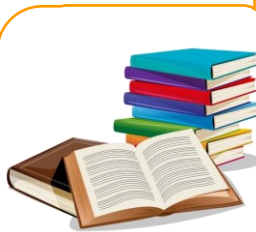
- **World Voice Day 2026 was observed on April 16, 2026.**
- **R Vaishali won the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 in Cyprus.**
- **China became India's top trading partner in FY2025–26.**
- **The number of billionaires in the world reached 3,428 in 2026.**
- **Bank of Baroda launched bob World Lite for feature phone users on JioPhone devices.**
- **India's unemployment rate increased from 4.9% in February 2026 to 5.1% in March 2026.**
- **ITC Limited became the first company in India to receive FSA 3.0 certification for wheat and paddy.**
- **India has set a target to achieve cocoa self-sufficiency by 2040.**
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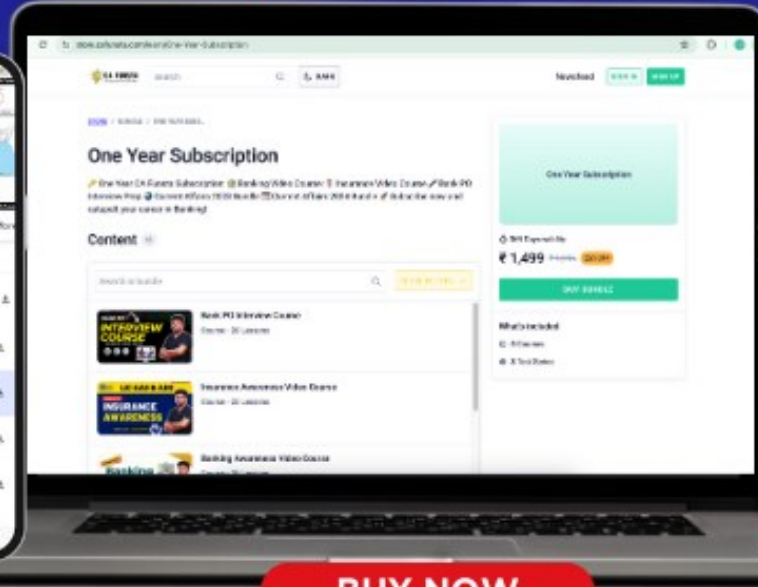
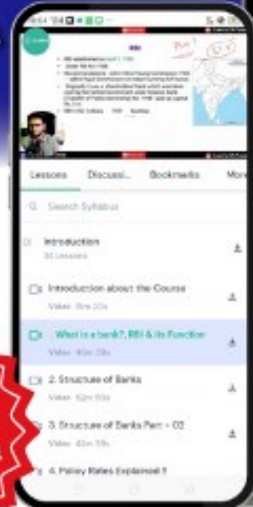


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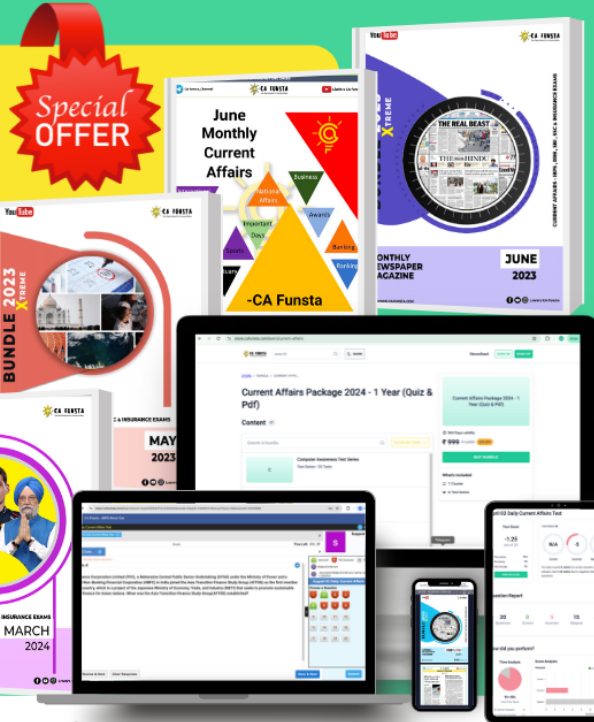
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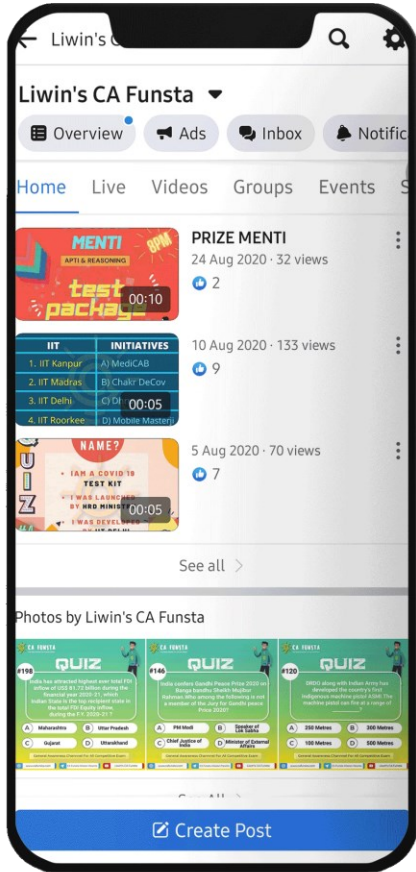
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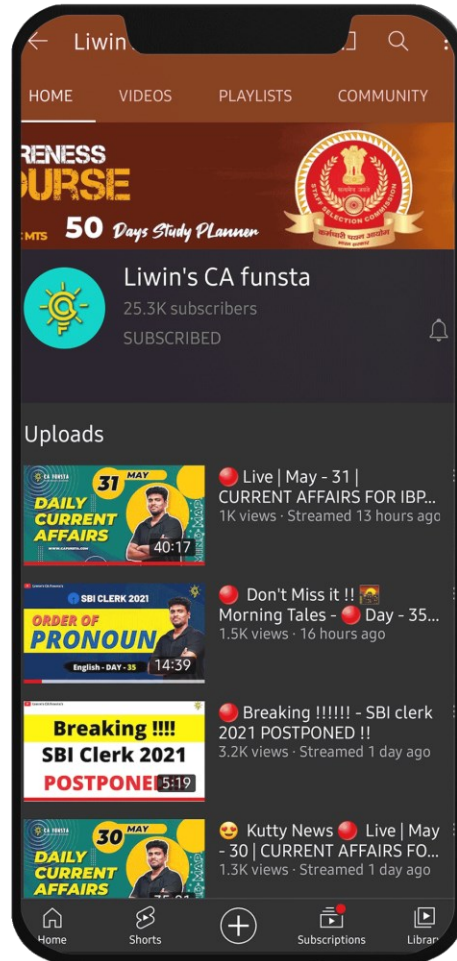


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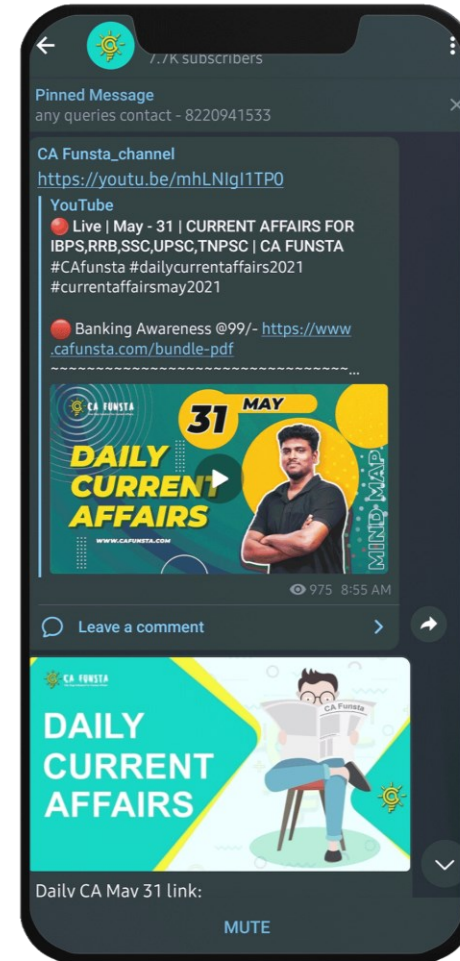
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