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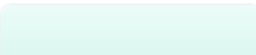


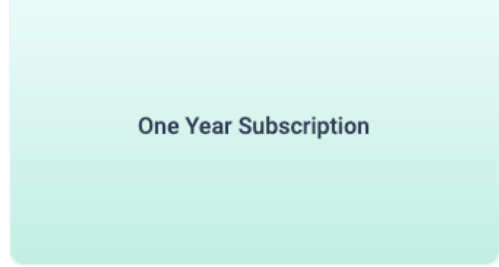
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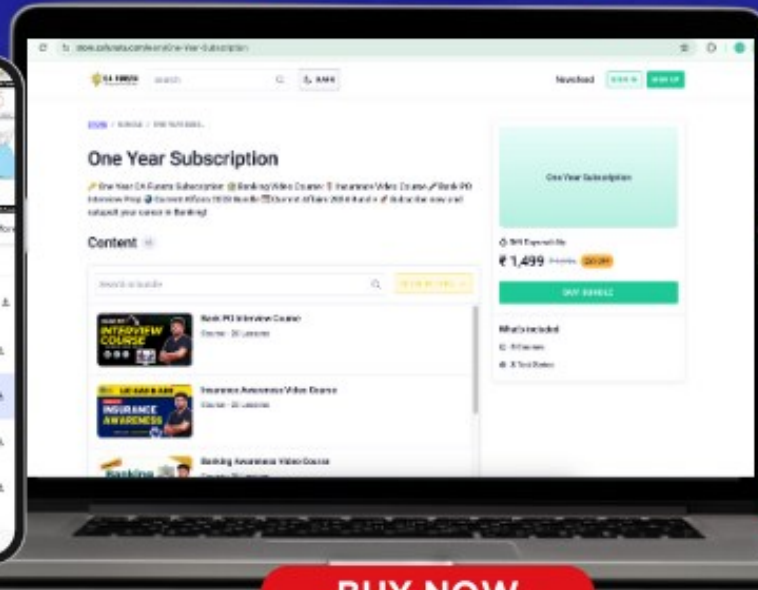


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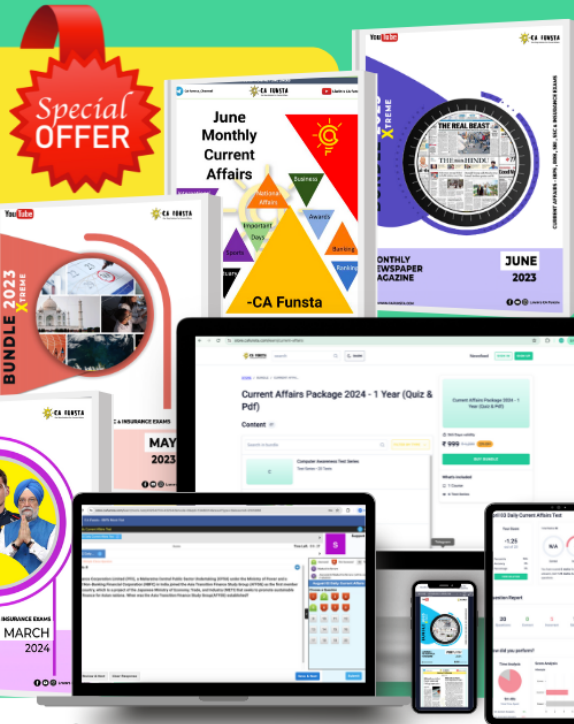
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Important Days

➤ **Earth Day is observed every year on which date?**

- A) April 20
- B) April 21
- C) April 22
- D) April 23
- E) April 24

Answer
C) April 22.



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Earth Day 2026 is being observed to raise awareness about environmental protection and inspire action against climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss.
- **Location:** Global.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance highlights urgent environmental challenges such as climate change, pollution, deforestation, and biodiversity loss while encouraging public participation in sustainability efforts.
- **Objectives:** It aims to promote environmental awareness, support sustainable lifestyles, encourage renewable energy adoption, and strengthen collective action for a healthier planet.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Our Power, Our Planet:** It is the theme of Earth Day 2026 that emphasises the role of individual and community action in driving environmental change.
- **Silent Spring:** It is the influential book by Rachel Carson that exposed the harmful effects of pollution and helped strengthen the environmental movement.
- **International Solar Alliance:** It is an India-led initiative that promotes the adoption and expansion of solar energy globally.



Important Terms Explained:

- **LiFE:** The Lifestyle for Environment movement encourages sustainable and environment-friendly habits in daily life.
- **NAPCC:** The National Action Plan on Climate Change is India's framework focused on climate action, clean energy, and sustainability.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Earth Day 2026.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	Global.
Theme	Our Power, Our Planet.
Historical origin	The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970.
Key figure associated	Gaylord Nelson organised the early Earth Day environmental awareness campaign.
Purpose / reason	It raises awareness about environmental protection and promotes action on climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss.
Strategic / significant value	It encourages sustainable living, renewable energy use, and collective responsibility for planetary health.



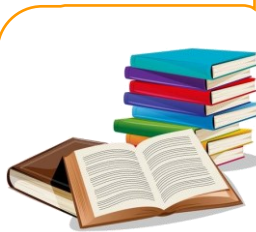
➤ **Abhishek Sharma became the first Indian batter to achieve which feat in IPL history?**

- A) Most sixes in a single season
- B) Multiple IPL centuries in under 50 balls
- C) Fastest IPL double century
- D) Most centuries against Delhi Capitals
- E) Highest partnership in IPL history



Answer

B) Multiple IPL centuries in under 50 balls.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Abhishek Sharma became the first Indian batter in IPL history to score multiple centuries in under 50 balls, achieving the feat during Sunrisers Hyderabad's match against Delhi Capitals.
- **Location:** Indian Premier League, India.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Abhishek Sharma produced a record-breaking innings of 135 not out and brought up his century in 47 balls, setting new batting milestones in IPL history.
- **Objectives:** The performance highlighted his explosive batting ability, powered Sunrisers Hyderabad to victory, and placed him in an elite group of IPL batters with sub-50-ball centuries.



Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	Abhishek Sharma
2	Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
3	Yusuf Pathan



Important Terms Explained:

- **IPL:** The Indian Premier League is a professional Twenty20 cricket league in India.
- **Century:** It refers to a batter scoring 100 or more runs in a single innings.
- **Strike rate:** It is the rate at which a batter scores runs, calculated per 100 balls faced.
- **Not out:** It means the batter remained unbeaten at the end of the innings.
- **T20 cricket:** It is the short format of cricket in which each team plays a maximum of 20 overs.



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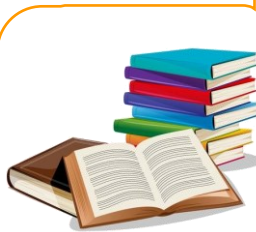
Parameter	Details
Event name	Abhishek Sharma becomes first Indian with multiple IPL centuries in under 50 balls.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	Indian Premier League, India.
Opponent	Delhi Capitals.
Team	Sunrisers Hyderabad.
Century speed	He reached his century in 47 balls.
Final score	He remained unbeaten on 135 runs.
Strategic / significant value	The innings created a unique IPL record for an Indian batter and powered Sunrisers Hyderabad to victory.



➤ Which city will host the World Para Athletics Championships 2027 in June?

- A) Doha
- B) Dubai
- C) Kobe
- D) Tashkent
- E) New Delhi

Answer
D) Tashkent.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tashkent was announced as the host city for the World Para Athletics Championships 2027, making it the first Central Asian city to host the event.
- **Location:** Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** World Para Athletics announced that the 2027 championships will be held in June at the Olympic City Main Stadium in Tashkent as the 13th edition of the global event.
- **Objectives:** It aims to promote inclusive sports, expand the geographical reach of para athletics, provide a world-class platform for athletes with disabilities, and strengthen global participation in para sports.



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Para Athletics Championships:** It is a major international para sports event featuring elite track and field competitions for athletes with disabilities.
- **World Para Athletics:** It is the governing body responsible for organising international para athletics competitions.
- **Para athletics:** It refers to track and field events for athletes with disabilities under adapted competition categories.



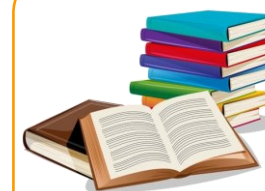
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Paralympic Committee:** It is the global body that governs the Paralympic Movement and oversees para sports worldwide.
- **Olympic City Main Stadium:** It is the venue in Tashkent selected to host the 2027 World Para Athletics Championships.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Para Athletics Championships 2027.
Date	June 2027.
Location	Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
Issuing authority / organiser	World Para Athletics.
Edition	It will be the 13th edition of the championships.
Venue	The event will be held at the Olympic City Main Stadium.
Regional significance	It will be the first time Central Asia hosts the World Para Athletics Championships.
Strategic / significant value	The event strengthens inclusive sports, regional representation, and global development of para athletics.

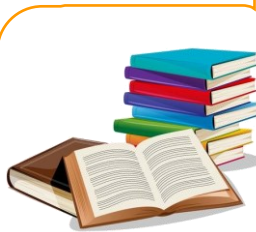


► **Dr Gopalrao Patil, who passed away in 2026, was widely known by which title?**

- A) Loknayak
- B) Devmanus
- C) Jansevak
- D) Balmitra
- E) Karmayogi



Answer
B) Devmanus.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Noted pediatrician and former Rajya Sabha member Dr Gopalrao Patil passed away, leaving behind a legacy of service in child healthcare and social welfare.
- **Location:** Latur, Maharashtra, India.
- **Date:** April 21, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Dr Gopalrao Patil devoted his life to pediatric healthcare, free rural medical service, educational development, and public service through medicine and parliamentary work.
- **Objectives:** His work aimed to improve child healthcare access, support rural communities, strengthen medical and educational institutions, and promote public welfare.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pediatrician:** A pediatrician is a doctor who specialises in the medical care of infants, children, and adolescents.
- **Rajya Sabha:** It is the upper house of the Parliament of India.
- **Devmanus:** It is a term used to describe a person regarded as god-like because of selfless service and compassion.
- **Indian Pediatric Association:** It is a professional body associated with the advancement of child healthcare and pediatric practice.
- **Shiv Chhatrapati Shikshan Sanstha:** It is the educational institution founded by Dr Gopalrao Patil to promote learning and institutional development.



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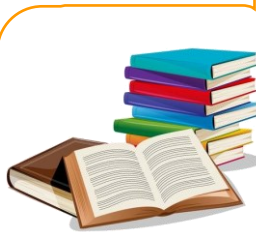
Parameter	Details
Event name	Demise of Dr Gopalrao Patil.
Date	April 21, 2026.
Location	Latur, Maharashtra, India.
Age	He passed away at the age of 94.
Profession	He was a noted pediatrician and social worker.
Public role	He served as a Rajya Sabha member from 1994 to 2000.
Institutional contribution	He founded Shiv Chhatrapati Shikshan Sanstha and contributed to pediatric healthcare networks.
Strategic / significant value	He is remembered for lifelong service in child healthcare, rural medicine, education, and community welfare.



- **Nearly what percentage of UNESCO-designated sites are facing significant environmental stress?**

- A) 60%
- B) 70%
- C) 80%
- D) 90%
- E) 100%

Answer
D) 90%.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The UNESCO People and Nature Report 2026 raised concern that nearly 90% of UNESCO-designated sites are under significant environmental stress.
- **Location:** Global.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The report assessed more than 2,260 UNESCO-designated sites, including World Heritage Sites, Biosphere Reserves, and Global Geoparks, to examine the impact of climate change, forest loss, invasive species, and ecological degradation.
- **Objectives:** It aims to identify major environmental threats, highlight ecosystem vulnerability, and support stronger conservation measures for globally important protected sites.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UNESCO:** The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is an international body that promotes education, science, culture, and heritage conservation.
- **World Heritage Sites:** These are places recognised by UNESCO for their outstanding cultural or natural value.
- **Biosphere Reserves:** These are protected areas designated to combine biodiversity conservation with sustainable use of natural resources.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Geoparks:** These are UNESCO-recognised areas with important geological heritage managed for conservation, education, and sustainable development.
- **Tipping points:** These are critical ecological thresholds beyond which environmental damage may become irreversible.



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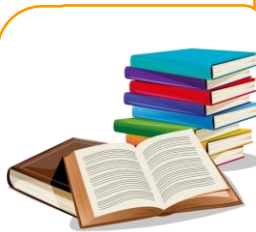
Parameter	Details
Event name	UNESCO People and Nature Report 2026.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	Global.
Coverage	The report covered more than 2,260 protected sites across over 13 million square kilometres.
Key finding	Nearly 90% of UNESCO-designated sites are under significant environmental stress.
Major threats	Climate change, human activity, forest loss, invasive species, and ecological degradation.
Climate impact	About 98% of the sites are affected by climate change impacts.
Strategic / significant value	The report highlights risks to biodiversity, ecosystem stability, and the long-term survival of globally protected sites.



► **Moody's revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY27 from 6.8% to what level?**

- A) 5.5%
- B) 5.8%
- C) 6%
- D) 6.2%
- E) 6.5%

Answer
C) 6%.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Moody's cut India's GDP growth forecast for FY27 from 6.8% to 6% due to geopolitical tensions, rising energy prices, and weaker domestic demand.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The revised outlook reflects concerns over weaker private consumption, slower industrial growth, imported energy dependence, and the impact of West Asia tensions on oil and gas prices.
- **Objectives:** It aims to assess the risks to India's growth, inflation, fiscal balance, and external sector arising from global energy disruptions and domestic economic pressures.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Moody's:** It is a global credit rating agency that assesses economic conditions, creditworthiness, and financial risks.
- **GDP growth forecast:** It refers to the projected rate at which a country's economy is expected to grow over a given financial year.
- **West Asia:** It is a strategically important region for global energy supplies and a key source of crude oil and gas for India.



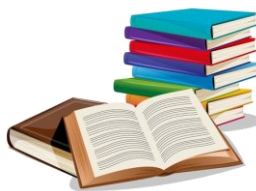
Important Terms Explained:

- **Strait of Hormuz:** It is a critical maritime route through which a large share of the world's oil supply passes.
- **Current account deficit:** It is the gap that arises when a country's total imports of goods, services, and transfers exceed its total exports and inflows.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Moody's cuts India's GDP growth forecast for FY27.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Moody's.
Revised forecast	India's FY27 GDP growth forecast was lowered to 6%.
Earlier forecast	The earlier FY27 GDP growth forecast was 6.8%.
Key reasons	West Asia tensions, rising energy prices, weaker domestic demand, and slower industrial growth.
Strategic / significant value	The revision highlights risks to inflation, fiscal stability, consumption, and external balances in an energy-import dependent economy.

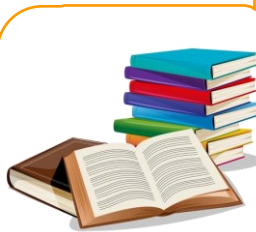


➤ Which product remained the largest contributor to India's seafood exports in FY 2025-26?

- A) Frozen fish
- B) Dried seafood
- C) Frozen shrimp
- D) Fish oil
- E) Cuttlefish

Answer

C) Frozen shrimp.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's seafood exports reached a record ₹72,325.82 crore in FY 2025-26, with export volumes rising to 19.32 lakh metric tonnes.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The export performance data released by the Marine Products Export Development Authority highlighted record growth in India's seafood exports, supported by higher volumes, strong product demand, and market diversification.
- **Objectives:** It aims to strengthen India's position as a leading global seafood exporter by expanding into new markets, improving export resilience, and increasing marine product trade value.



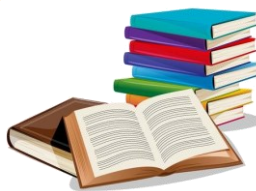
Important Terms Explained:

- **Marine Products Export Development Authority:** It is the statutory authority responsible for promoting the export of marine products from India.
- **Seafood exports:** These are exports of marine products such as shrimp, fish, squid, cuttlefish, and other aquatic products to international markets.
- **Frozen shrimp:** It is the leading marine export product of India and contributes the largest share to seafood export earnings.
- **European Union:** It is a major export destination consisting of member countries that import marine products from India.
- **Surimi:** It is a processed fish paste used in seafood-based food products and export markets.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's seafood exports hit a record high in FY 2025-26.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Marine Products Export Development Authority.
Export value	Seafood exports reached ₹72,325.82 crore.
Export volume	Export volumes rose to 19.32 lakh metric tonnes.
Top export product	Frozen shrimp remained the largest contributor with ₹47,973.13 crore in export earnings.
Strategic / significant value	The growth reflected strong global demand and successful diversification into China, the European Union, and Southeast Asia.

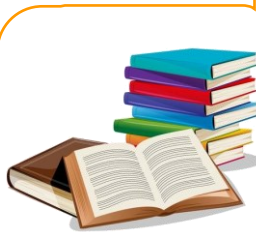


► According to the UN report, India's GDP growth is projected at what rate in 2026?

- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.0%
- C) 6.2%
- D) 6.4%
- E) 6.8%



Answer
D) 6.4%.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** A United Nations report projected India's GDP growth at 6.4% in 2026 and 6.6% in 2027, highlighting its role as a major Asia-Pacific growth engine.
- **Location:** India and the Asia-Pacific region.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The report by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific assessed regional economic trends and projected India's growth outlook based on domestic demand, services expansion, inflation trends, trade conditions, and investment patterns.
- **Objectives:** It aims to present India's economic outlook, identify major growth drivers and risks, and highlight the country's contribution to regional economic stability and long-term development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GDP growth:** It refers to the increase in the total value of goods and services produced in an economy over a specific period.
- **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:** It is a regional commission of the United Nations that studies economic and social developments in the Asia-Pacific region.
- **Domestic demand:** It refers to consumption and investment demand generated within the country.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FDI:** Foreign Direct Investment refers to investment made by a foreign entity in business assets or projects in another country.
- **PLI scheme:** The Production-Linked Incentive scheme is a government initiative that promotes domestic manufacturing by offering incentives linked to output.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UN report projects India's GDP growth at 6.4% in 2026.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	India and the Asia-Pacific region.
Issuing authority / organiser	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
2026 growth forecast	India's GDP growth is projected at 6.4%.
2027 growth forecast	India's GDP growth is projected at 6.6%.
Main growth drivers	Strong domestic demand, services sector expansion, and policy support.
Strategic / significant value	The projection reinforces India's role as a key growth engine in the Asia-Pacific region despite global uncertainties.



APPOINTMENTS

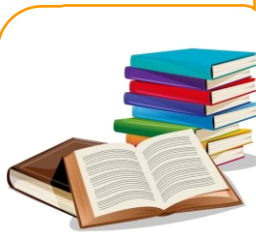


➤ Who has been reappointed as MD & CEO of HDFC Life for another five-year term?

- A) Deepak Parekh
- B) Vibha Padalkar
- C) Keki Mistry
- D) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- E) Niraj Shah



Answer
B) Vibha Padalkar.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** HDFC Life approved the reappointment of Vibha Padalkar as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for another five-year term.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 21, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The board of HDFC Life approved Vibha Padalkar's reappointment for a further five-year term, subject to shareholder approval at the Annual General Meeting and regulatory clearance from IRDAI.
- **Objectives:** The decision aims to ensure leadership continuity, maintain strategic direction, and support long-term growth in India's life insurance sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MD & CEO:** It refers to the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, the top executive responsible for overall leadership and management of a company.
- **IRDAI:** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India is the statutory regulator that oversees the insurance sector in India.
- **Annual General Meeting:** It is the formal yearly meeting of shareholders where important corporate decisions are considered and approved.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Exchange filing:** It is an official disclosure made by a listed company to stock exchanges regarding important business decisions or developments.
- **Life insurance sector:** It is the segment of the insurance industry that provides financial protection against the risk of death and related long-term financial needs.

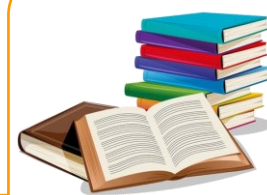


APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	HDFC Life reappoints Vibha Padalkar as MD and CEO.
Date	April 21, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	HDFC Life board.
Appointee	Vibha Padalkar.
Tenure	She has been approved for another five-year term.
Approval conditions	The reappointment is subject to shareholder approval and IRDAI clearance.
Strategic / significant value	The move ensures leadership continuity and supports stable growth in the insurance business.



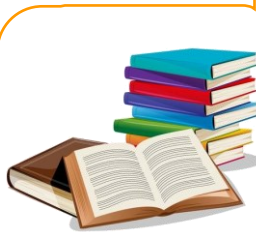
► Arthur Law was named Young Global Leader 2026 by which organisation?

- A) United Nations
- B) World Bank
- C) World Economic Forum
- D) OECD
- E) International Monetary Fund



Answer

C) World Economic Forum.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Arthur Law was named Young Global Leader 2026 in recognition of his work in transforming urban living through innovative space solutions.
- **Location:** Global.
- **Date:** April 21, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The recognition by the World Economic Forum honours Arthur Law's contributions to urban innovation, space management, and technology-enabled infrastructure development through his leadership in the self-storage sector.
- **Objectives:** It aims to recognise emerging leaders under 40 who are shaping the future through innovation, leadership, and measurable social and economic impact.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Young Global Leader:** It is a recognition given to exceptional leaders under the age of 40 for their impact across business, society, policy, and innovation.
- **World Economic Forum:** It is an international organisation that promotes public-private cooperation on global, regional, and industry issues.
- **Storefriendly Asia:** It is a tech-enabled self-storage platform co-founded by Arthur Law to address urban space constraints.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Self-storage platform:** It is a service model that provides individuals and businesses with managed storage space for goods and assets.
- **KALE Foundation:** It is a foundation associated with Arthur Law's social impact work in healthcare, education, and sustainable urban planning.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Arthur Law named Young Global Leader 2026.
Date	April 21, 2026.
Location	Global.
Issuing authority / organiser	World Economic Forum.
Recognition basis	He was recognised for transforming urban living through innovative space solutions.
Professional role	He is Co-founder and Managing Principal of Storefriendly Asia.
Program feature	The Young Global Leaders program selects exceptional leaders under 40 from around the world.
Strategic / significant value	The recognition highlights innovation in urban infrastructure, leadership, and global impact in solving space challenges.



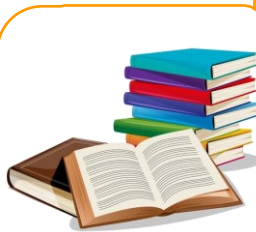
➤ **The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope has entered its final testing phase after assembly completion at which NASA facility?**

- A) Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- B) Kennedy Space Center
- C) Johnson Space Center
- D) Goddard Space Flight Center
- E) Marshall Space Flight Center



Answer

D) Goddard Space Flight Center.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** NASA completed the assembly of the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope and moved it into the final testing phase ahead of its planned 2026 launch.
- **Location:** Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland, United States.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** NASA has completed the telescope's assembly by integrating the spacecraft module, telescope optics, solar panels, and scientific instruments into one system and has now started final testing and launch preparation.
- **Objectives:** The mission aims to conduct wide-field sky surveys, study dark energy and dark matter, observe cosmic events such as supernovae, and detect faint exoplanets using advanced imaging instruments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope:** It is NASA's upcoming space observatory designed for wide-field surveys, cosmological studies, and exoplanet detection.
- **Dark energy:** It is the unknown force believed to be driving the accelerated expansion of the universe.
- **Dark matter:** It is an unseen form of matter that does not emit light but influences the universe through gravity.



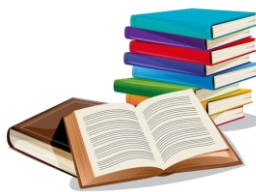
Important Terms Explained:

- **Coronagraph:** It is a specialised instrument that blocks bright starlight to help detect faint nearby celestial objects such as exoplanets.
- **Lagrange Point 2:** It is a stable location in space about 1 million miles from Earth that is suitable for deep-space observation missions.



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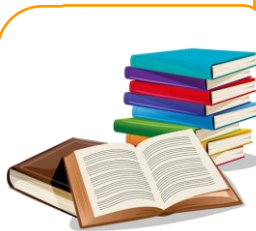
Parameter	Details
Event name	Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope enters final testing phase.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland, United States.
Issuing authority / organiser	NASA.
Assembly milestone	The telescope has been fully assembled with its spacecraft module, optics, solar panels, and instruments.
Key mission focus	It will study dark energy, dark matter, cosmic events, and exoplanets.
Launch plan	It is planned for launch in 2026 aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket.
Strategic / significant value	The telescope is expected to expand deep-space observation through wide-field surveys and high-speed data collection.



➤ Under the Draft Sugarcane Control Order 2026, the government has proposed increasing the minimum distance between new sugar mills from 15 km to what distance?

- A) 18 km
- B) 20 km
- C) 22 km
- D) 25 km
- E) 30 km

Answer
D) 25 km.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The government proposed increasing the minimum distance between new sugar mills from 15 km to 25 km under the Draft Sugarcane Control Order 2026.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The draft proposal bars the establishment of a new sugar factory within a 25 km radius of an existing or proposed mill and also introduces stricter norms for expansion of existing mills based on sugarcane availability and related factors.
- **Objectives:** It aims to ensure better distribution of sugarcane resources, protect farmers' interests, prevent excessive clustering of mills, and align production capacity with changing demand trends in the sugar sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sugarcane Control Order 2026:** It is the draft regulatory framework proposing revised rules for the establishment and expansion of sugar mills in India.
- **Sugar mills:** These are industrial units that process sugarcane to produce sugar and related products.
- **Khandsari units:** These are traditional sugar processing units, and larger units are proposed to be brought under similar regulatory oversight as sugar mills.



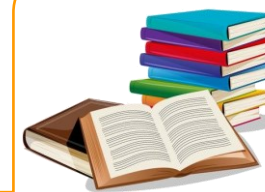
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jaggery:** It is a traditional sweetener made from sugarcane or palm sap and is increasingly preferred as an alternative to refined sugar.
- **Production capacity:** It refers to the maximum output a mill or processing unit can produce within a given period.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Proposal to increase minimum distance between new sugar mills.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	India.
Policy framework	Draft Sugarcane Control Order 2026.
Key proposal	The minimum distance between new sugar mills has been proposed to rise from 15 km to 25 km.
Expansion rule	Expansion of existing mills will depend on sugarcane availability, cultivable area, yield, operational days, and impact on nearby mills.
Sectoral change	Large Khandsari units above 500 tonnes per day will follow similar regulatory rules.
Strategic / significant value	The proposal seeks balanced industry growth, fair resource distribution, and better protection of farmers and supply chains.



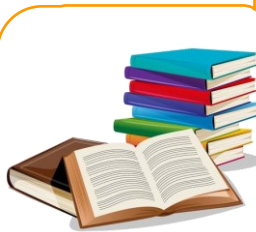
➤ Which wetland was added as India's 99th Ramsar site on April 22, 2026?

- A) Loktak Lake
- B) Wular Lake
- C) Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary
- D) Bhoj Wetland
- E) Harike Wetland



Answer

C) Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary was designated as India's 99th Ramsar site, strengthening the country's wetland conservation efforts.
- **Location:** Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- **Date:** April 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The designation under the Ramsar Convention recognises Shekha Jheel as a wetland of international importance and supports the conservation of its ecosystem, migratory bird habitat, and aquatic biodiversity.
- **Objectives:** It aims to promote wetland conservation, protect biodiversity, strengthen climate and water security, and encourage community-linked ecological management and eco-tourism.



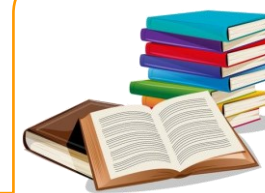
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ramsar site:** It is a wetland recognised under the Ramsar Convention as being of international importance.
- **Ramsar Convention:** It is an international treaty adopted in 1971 for the conservation and wise use of wetlands.
- **Wetland conservation:** It refers to the protection and sustainable management of wetlands and their biodiversity.
- **Central Asian Flyway:** It is a major migratory route used by birds travelling between breeding and wintering grounds across Asia.
- **Bird Sanctuary:** It is a protected area created for the conservation of birds and their habitats.



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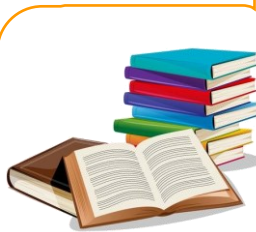
Parameter	Details
Event name	Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary added as India's 99th Ramsar site.
Date	April 22, 2026.
Location	Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India.
Announced by	Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.
New national count	India's total number of Ramsar sites increased to 99.
State significance	Uttar Pradesh's total Ramsar sites increased to 12.
Ecological feature	The wetland is part of the Central Asian Flyway and supports migratory birds and aquatic biodiversity.
Strategic / significant value	The designation strengthens wetland conservation, biodiversity protection, climate security, and eco-tourism potential.



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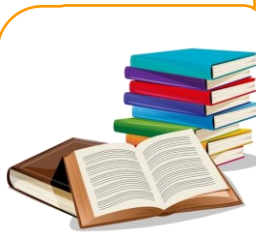
- **Earth Day is observed globally every year on April 22.**
- **Abhishek Sharma became the first Indian batter to score multiple IPL centuries in under 50 balls.**
- **Tashkent will host the World Para Athletics Championships 2027 in June.**
- **Dr Gopalrao Patil passed away on April 21, 2026, in Latur, Maharashtra.**
- **UNESCO's People and Nature Report 2026 assessed more than 2,260 protected sites worldwide.**
- **Moody's lowered India's GDP growth forecast for FY27 from 6.8% to 6%.**
- **India's seafood exports touched a record ₹72,325.82 crore in FY 2025-26.**
- **The United Nations projected India's GDP growth at 6.4% in 2026.**
- **HDFC Life approved the reappointment of Vibha Padalkar as MD and CEO for another five-year term.**
- **Arthur Law was named Young Global Leader 2026 by the World Economic Forum.**
- **NASA has completed the assembly of the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope.**



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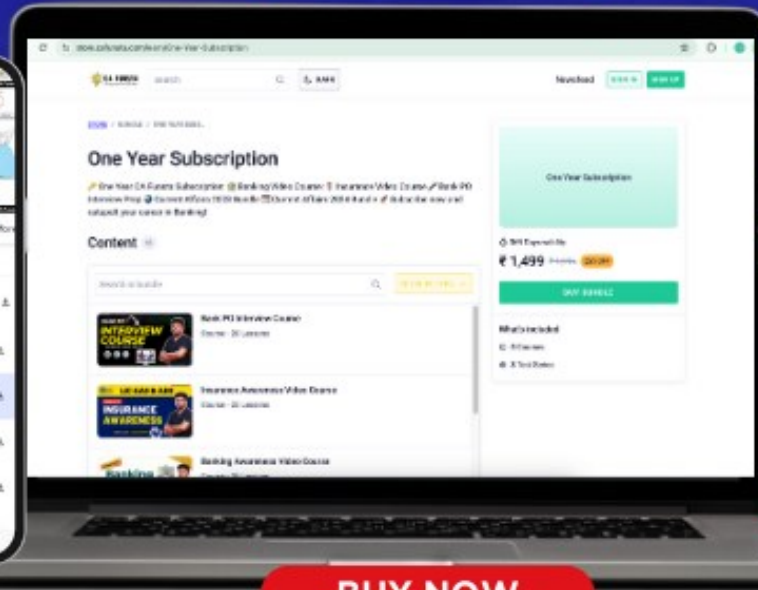
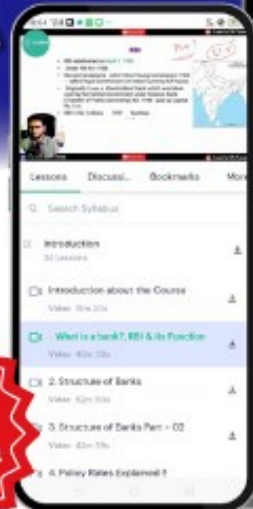


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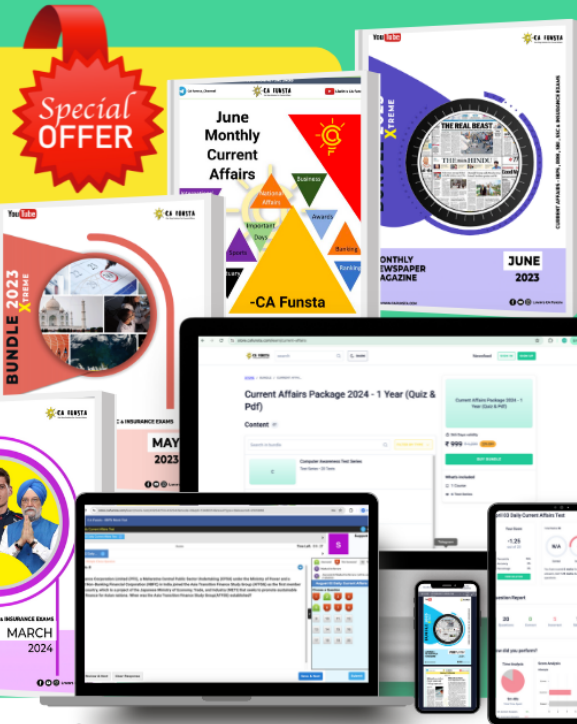
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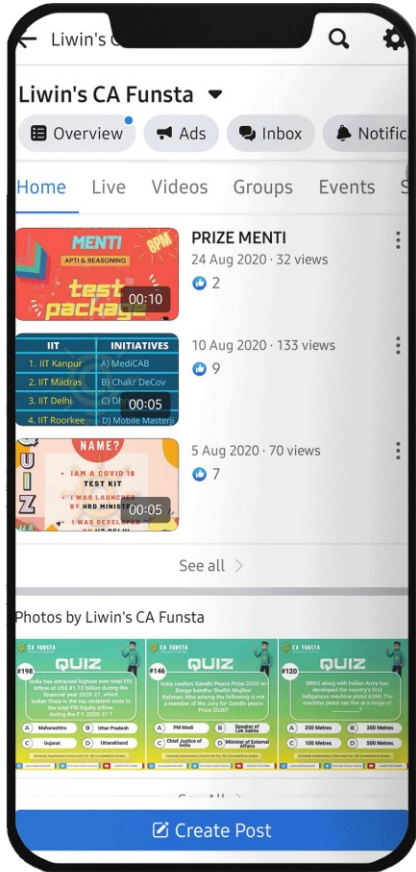
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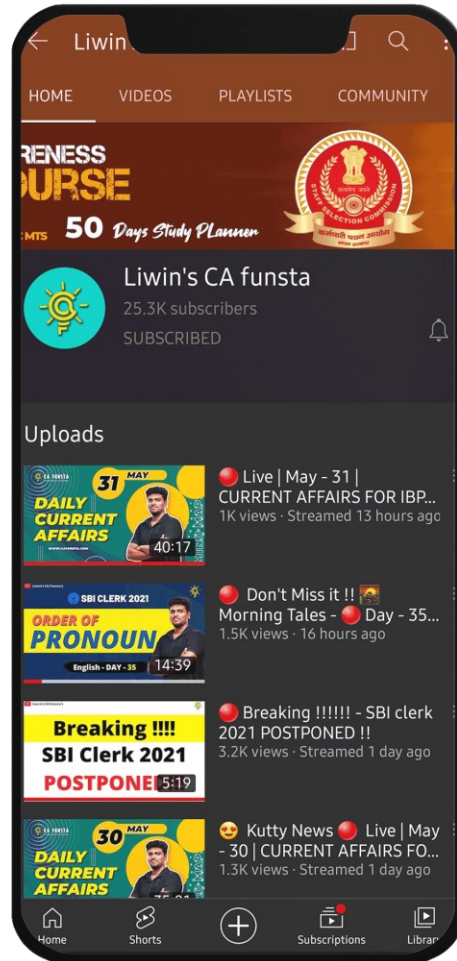


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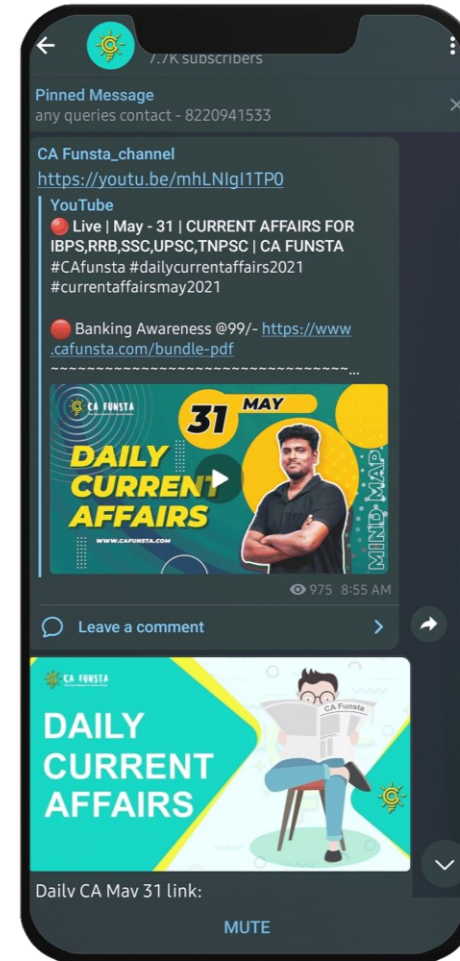
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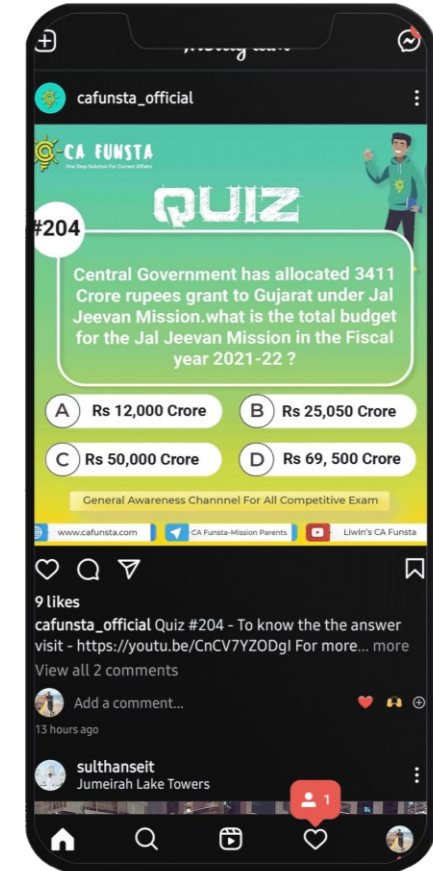
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