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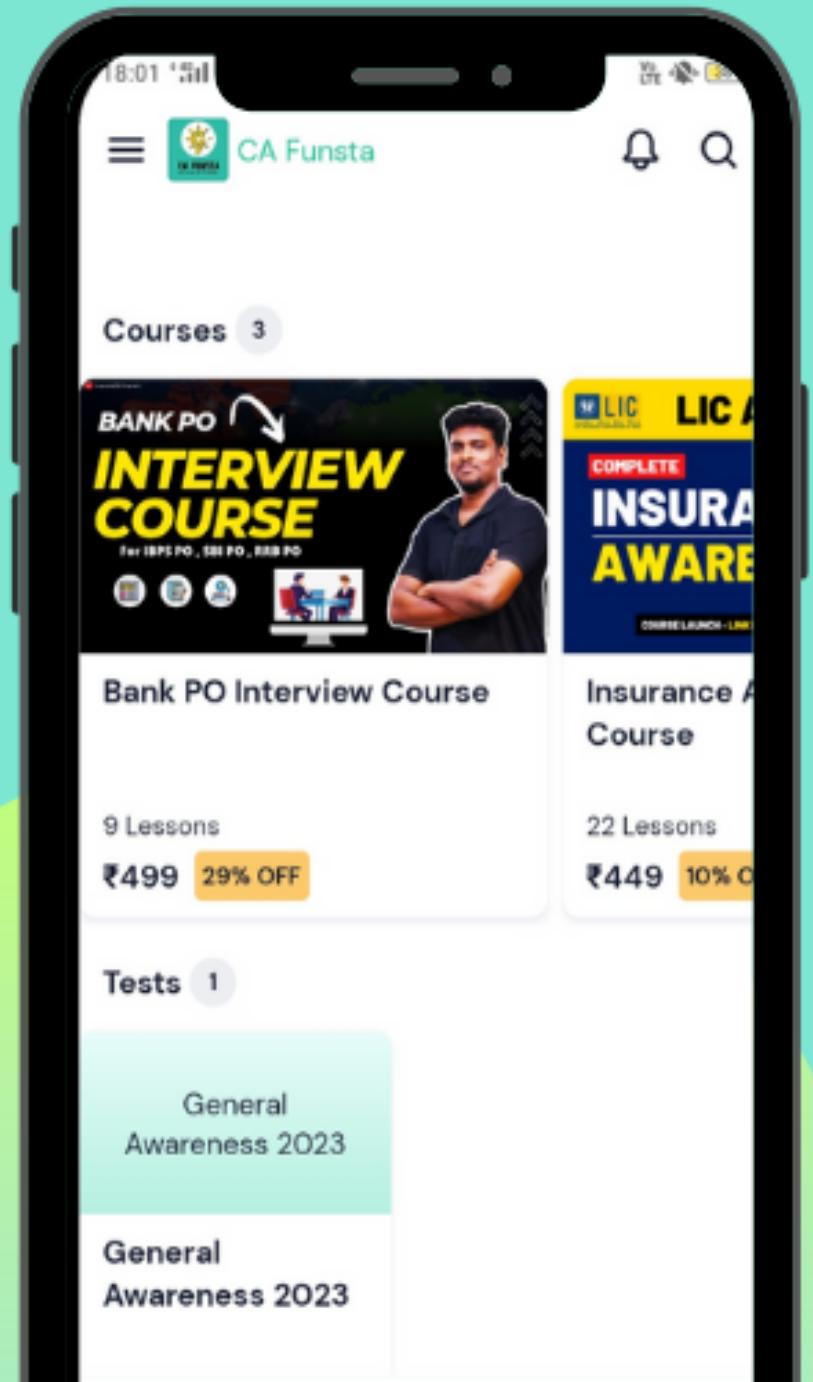
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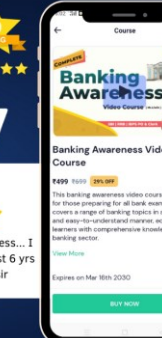
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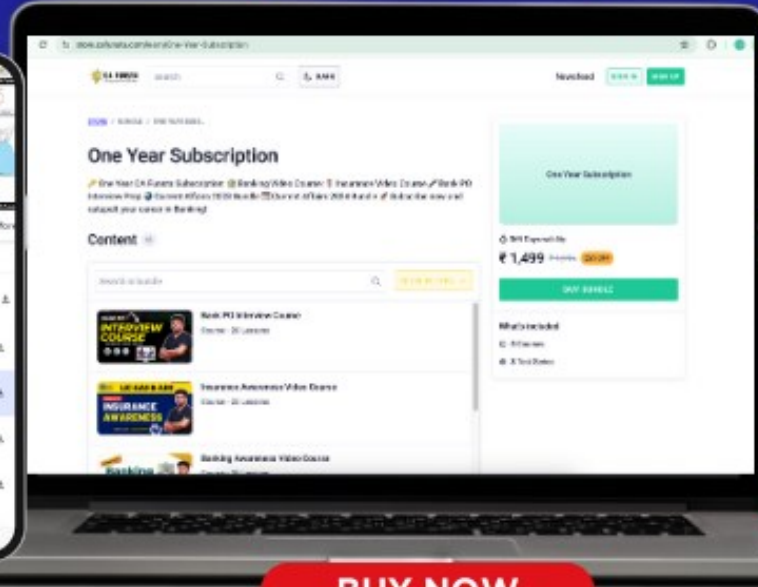
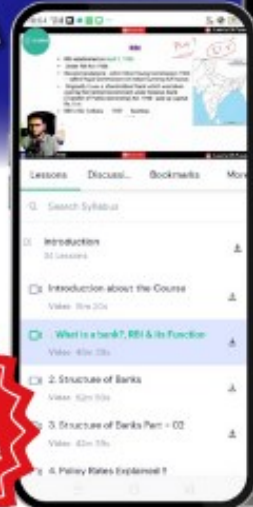


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# Important Days

► **International Dance Day 2026 is celebrated every year on which date?**

- A) April 27
- B) April 28
- C) April 29
- D) April 30
- E) May 1

**Answer**  
**C) April 29.**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Dance Day 2026 will be celebrated to promote dance as a universal language of expression and cultural unity.
- **Location:** Worldwide.
- **Date:** April 29, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The day is observed globally to honour Jean-Georges Noverre and celebrate dance as an important form of art, expression, education, and cultural identity.
- **Objectives:** It aims to promote creativity, cultural exchange, emotional well-being, artistic freedom, dance education, and global participation in dance.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **International Dance Day:** It is a global observance celebrated every year on April 29 to promote dance as a medium of expression, culture, education, and unity.
- **Jean-Georges Noverre:** He was a French dancer and ballet master regarded as the father of modern dance theatre, and International Dance Day is observed on his birth anniversary.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **International Theatre Institute:** It is the organisation that established International Dance Day in 1982 with support from UNESCO to promote performing arts across the world.
- **UNESCO:** It is a United Nations agency that supports education, science, culture, and communication to promote international cooperation and cultural heritage.



# Important Days



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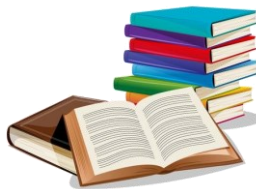
Parameter	Details
Event name	International Dance Day 2026.
Date	April 29, 2026.
Location	Worldwide.
Also known as	World Dance Day.
Established year	International Dance Day was established in 1982.
Organiser	It is organised by the International Theatre Institute with support from UNESCO.
Purpose / reason	The day promotes dance as a universal language of expression, creativity, and cultural exchange.
Strategic / significant value	It supports emotional well-being, artistic freedom, cultural diversity, and global harmony.



➤ Which Union Minister announced a three-year intellectual property registration fee waiver for the sports sector?

- A) Piyush Goyal
- B) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- C) Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- E) Dharmendra Pradhan

**Answer**  
**A) Piyush Goyal.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced a three-year intellectual property registration fee waiver for the sports sector.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** World Intellectual Property Day 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The announcement provides a three-year waiver on intellectual property registration fees for sports-related trademarks, copyrights, patents, designs, geographical indications, and traditional knowledge.
- **Objectives:** It aims to promote sports innovation, reduce financial barriers for innovators, support legal ownership of ideas, strengthen manufacturing, and improve India's global competitiveness in the sports sector.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Intellectual Property:** It refers to legally protected creations of the mind, including inventions, designs, brands, artistic works, geographical indications, and traditional knowledge.
- **Geographical Indication:** It is a tag given to products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities, reputation, or characteristics linked to that place.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kashmir Willow Cricket Bat:** It is a GI-tagged sports product from Jammu and Kashmir known for traditional craftsmanship and its role in India's sports goods sector.
- **Viksit Bharat Digital Matrix 2026 Hackathon:** It is a six-month innovation initiative launched with IIT Delhi to develop smart wearable technologies for fitness, health, and performance tracking.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Three-year IP fee waiver for the sports sector.
Date	World Intellectual Property Day 2026.
Location	New Delhi, India.
Announced by	Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.
Coverage	The waiver covers sports-related trademarks, copyrights, patents, designs, geographical indications, and traditional knowledge.
Key focus	The initiative supports startups, athletes, students, and innovators in securing intellectual property protection.
Manufacturing push	Sports manufacturing clusters are planned in Jammu and Kashmir and Meerut in Uttar Pradesh.
Strategic / significant value	The move aims to boost innovation, exports, employment, indigenous manufacturing, and global competitiveness.

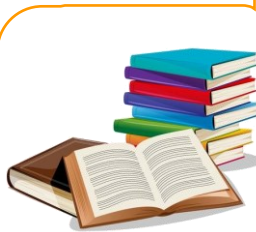


➤ **Who became India's first transgender cricket umpire?**

- A) Rithika Sri
- B) Mithali Raj
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Smriti Mandhana
- E) Jhulan Goswami



**Answer**  
**A) Rithika Sri.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rithika Sri from Tamil Nadu became India's first transgender cricket umpire.
- **Location:** Tamil Nadu, India.
- **Date:** April 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association introduced an 'Other' category in its State Panel Umpire examination application process.
- **Objectives:** The move aims to promote gender inclusion, provide equal opportunities, recognise transgender individuals in cricket administration, and remove barriers in professional sports officiating.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Tamil Nadu Cricket Association:** It is the state cricket governing body in Tamil Nadu that introduced the 'Other' category in the umpire examination process.
- **Transgender:** It refers to a person whose gender identity differs from the sex assigned at birth.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **State Panel Umpire Examination:** It is an examination process used to select eligible candidates for officiating cricket matches at the state level.
- **Third Gender:** It refers to the legal recognition of transgender individuals as a gender category beyond the male and female binary.



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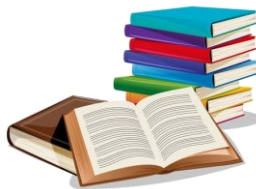
Parameter	Details
Event name	Rithika Sri becoming India's first transgender cricket umpire.
Date	April 2026.
Location	Tamil Nadu, India.
Person in news	Rithika Sri.
Association involved	Tamil Nadu Cricket Association.
Key reform	The 'Other' category was introduced in the State Panel Umpire examination application.
Professional beginning	Rithika Sri began her umpiring journey in 2021.
Strategic / significant value	The achievement promotes transgender inclusion and gender representation in Indian cricket.



➤ Which team retained the AIFF Elite Youth League 2025–26 title with a 3-0 win over Zinc Football Academy?

- A) Punjab FC
- B) Bengaluru FC
- C) Kerala Blasters FC
- D) Mohun Bagan Super Giant
- E) East Bengal FC

**Answer**  
**A) Punjab FC.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Punjab FC retained the AIFF Elite Youth League 2025–26 title by defeating Zinc Football Academy 3-0.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The final match of the AIFF Elite Youth League 2025–26 was decided by Punjab FC's three second-half goals against Zinc Football Academy.
- **Objectives:** The tournament aims to promote youth football, strengthen grassroots development, identify emerging talent, and improve competitive exposure for young footballers in India.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **AIFF Elite Youth League:** It is a national-level youth football competition organised under the All India Football Federation framework to develop young football talent in India.
- **Punjab FC:** It is an Indian football club known for its growing youth development system and strong performance in national youth competitions.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Zinc Football Academy:** It is a football academy that participated in the AIFF Elite Youth League 2025–26 final against Punjab FC.
- **Grassroots Football:** It refers to football development at the beginner and youth levels, focusing on training, participation, and talent identification.



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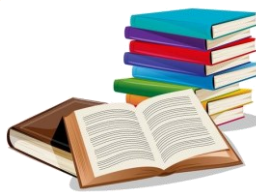
Parameter	Details
Event name	AIFF Elite Youth League 2025–26 final.
Date	April 2026.
Location	India.
Winner	Punjab FC.
Runner-up	Zinc Football Academy.
Final score	Punjab FC defeated Zinc Football Academy 3-0.
Goal scorers	Karish Soram, Vishal Yadav, and Thongram Rishikanta Singh scored for Punjab FC.
Strategic / significant value	The win reinforced Punjab FC's dominance in youth football and its strong talent development pipeline.



► How many gold medals did Indian weightlifters win at the Commonwealth Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Apia?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five
- E) Six

**Answer**  
**C) Four.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India won four gold medals at the Commonwealth Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships.
- **Location:** Apia, Samoa.
- **Date:** April 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian weightlifters competed in youth, junior, and senior-level events held alongside the Universal Cup in Samoa.
- **Objectives:** The achievement highlights India's growing strength in international weightlifting, improved youth development, better coaching support, and strong competitive performance across categories.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Commonwealth Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships:** It is an international weightlifting event for young athletes from Commonwealth countries.
- **Universal Cup:** It is a senior-level weightlifting event held alongside the youth and junior championships, providing additional international exposure to athletes.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Snatch:** It is a weightlifting technique in which the athlete lifts the barbell from the ground to overhead in one continuous movement.
- **Clean and Jerk:** It is a two-step weightlifting technique in which the athlete first lifts the barbell to the shoulders and then pushes it overhead.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Commonwealth Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships.
Date	April 2026.
Location	Apia, Samoa.
Country in news	India.
Gold medals won	India won four gold medals across multiple categories.
Gold medal winners	Sunil Singh, Aisangfa Gogoi, Abhinob Gogoi, and Charu Pesi won gold medals.
Best Indian total	Charu Pesi lifted 289 kg in the Universal Cup Men's 65 kg category.
Strategic / significant value	The performance reflects India's growing depth in youth and senior weightlifting.



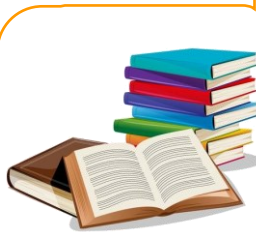
- **Which veteran Indian actor and director passed away in Mumbai on April 27, 2026, at the age of 80?**

- A) Bharat Kapoor
- B) Avtar Gill
- C) Rahul Kapoor
- D) Sagar Kapoor
- E) Lopa Kapoor



**Answer**

**A) Bharat Kapoor.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Veteran Indian actor and director Bharat Kapoor passed away at the age of 80.
- **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- **Date:** April 27, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The news marks the passing of a noted Indian actor and director known for his work in films and television serials.
- **Objectives:** It highlights his career, contribution to Indian cinema, television presence, directorial work, and legacy as a versatile performer.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Jangal Mein Mangal:** It was the 1972 film through which Bharat Kapoor began his acting career.
- **Indian Cinema:** It refers to the film industry of India, where Bharat Kapoor contributed through supporting, negative, and character roles.
- **Television Serials:** These are episodic television programmes in which Bharat Kapoor appeared and reached audiences across India.



## Tabular Summary:

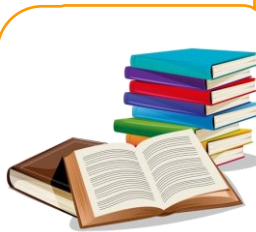
Parameter	Details
Event name	Passing of veteran actor and director Bharat Kapoor.
Date	April 27, 2026.
Location	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
Age	Bharat Kapoor passed away at the age of 80.
Career beginning	He began his acting career in 1972 with Jangal Mein Mangal.
Film contribution	He appeared in over 150 films during a career spanning nearly four decades.
Notable works	His notable films included Noorie, Love Story, Aakhree Raasta, Khuda Gawah, Saajan Chale Sasural, and Meenaxi: A Tale of Three Cities.
Family details	He is survived by his wife Lopa Kapoor, sons Rahul Kapoor and Sagar Kapoor, and daughter Kavita Arora.



► What was India's global rank in military spending in 2025 as per SIPRI?

- A) Third
- B) Fourth
- C) Fifth
- D) Sixth
- E) Seventh

**Answer**  
**C) Fifth.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India became the fifth-largest military spender globally with defence expenditure rising to \$92.1 billion.
- **Location:** India and global defence expenditure rankings.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute released data showing India's rise in global military spending due to higher defence expenditure and modernisation needs.
- **Objectives:** The spending increase aims to strengthen defence readiness, improve operational preparedness, support military modernisation, and enhance strategic security capabilities.



# RANKING



## Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	United States
2	China
3	Russia
4	Germany
5	India
31	Pakistan



## Important Terms Explained:

- **SIPRI:** It stands for Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and is an independent institute that studies conflict, armaments, arms control, and military expenditure.
- **Military Expenditure:** It refers to government spending on armed forces, defence equipment, operations, personnel, research, and military modernisation.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Defence Modernisation:** It means upgrading military capabilities through advanced weapons, technology, infrastructure, combat aircraft, drones, and missile systems.
- **Operational Readiness:** It refers to the ability of armed forces to respond quickly and effectively to security threats or conflicts.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's rise to fifth position in global military spending.
Date	2025.
Location	India and global military expenditure rankings.
Report authority	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.
India's rank	India ranked fifth globally in military spending.
India's spending	India's defence expenditure rose by 8.9% to \$92.1 billion.
Global spending	Global military expenditure reached \$2,887 billion in 2025.
Strategic / significant value	The rise reflects India's focus on defence readiness, border security, and military modernisation.

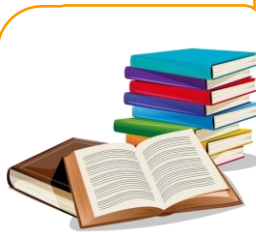


➤ Which mission was launched by the Reserve Bank of India to strengthen governance and efficiency in Urban Co-operative Banks?

- A) Mission SAKSHAM
- B) Mission Karmayogi
- C) Mission Indradhanush
- D) Mission Sahakar
- E) Mission Samarth

**Answer**

**A) Mission SAKSHAM.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India launched Mission SAKSHAM to strengthen Urban Co-operative Banks.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 28, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The initiative will train around 1.4 lakh participants from Urban Co-operative Banks, including board members, senior management officials, technical staff, and employees in critical operational roles.
- **Objectives:** It aims to improve governance, operational efficiency, compliance culture, risk management, audit practices, and long-term institutional capacity in the Urban Co-operative Banking sector.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission SAKSHAM:** It stands for Sahkari Bank Kshamta Nirman and is a mission-mode capacity-building initiative launched by RBI for Urban Co-operative Banks.
- **Urban Co-operative Banks:** These are co-operative banking institutions that mainly serve urban and semi-urban customers, including small businesses, local communities, and middle-income groups.



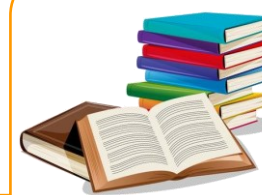
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Capacity Building:** It refers to improving the skills, knowledge, systems, and governance capabilities of institutions and their personnel.
- **Compliance Culture:** It refers to the practice of consistently following regulatory norms, internal controls, and legal requirements in banking operations.



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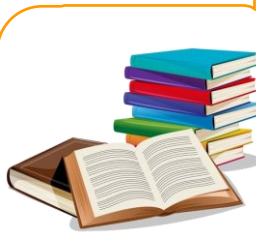
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Mission SAKSHAM.
Date	April 28, 2026.
Location	India.
Launching authority	Reserve Bank of India.
Full form	Mission SAKSHAM stands for Sahkari Bank Kshamta Nirman.
Target participants	Around 1.4 lakh participants from Urban Co-operative Banks will be trained.
Key beneficiaries	Board members, directors, senior management, risk heads, compliance heads, audit heads, IT staff, and operational employees.
Strategic / significant value	The mission aims to build a self-sustaining learning ecosystem for stronger and more stable Urban Co-operative Banks.



➤ What was India's Index of Industrial Production growth rate in March 2026?

- A) 0.8%
- B) 3.9%
- C) 4.1%
- D) 4.3%
- E) 5.5%

**Answer**  
**C) 4.1%.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's Index of Industrial Production growth eased to 4.1%, marking the lowest growth in five months.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** March 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The National Statistics Office released industrial output data showing slower growth in India's manufacturing and power sectors, while mining recorded stronger growth.
- **Objectives:** The data aims to measure industrial sector performance, track economic momentum, and assess trends in manufacturing, mining, and electricity output.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Index of Industrial Production:** It is a statistical indicator that measures changes in the volume of production in key industrial sectors such as manufacturing, mining, and electricity.
- **National Statistics Office:** It is the official statistical agency responsible for collecting, compiling, and releasing key economic and social data in India.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Manufacturing Sector:** It refers to industries involved in producing finished goods from raw materials and carries the largest weight in the Index of Industrial Production.
- **Industrial Output:** It refers to the total production generated by industrial sectors, including manufacturing, mining, and electricity.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's IIP growth slowdown in March 2026.
Date	March 2026.
Location	India.
Releasing authority	National Statistics Office.
Overall IIP growth	India's industrial output growth eased to 4.1%.
Manufacturing growth	Manufacturing grew by 4.3% in March 2026.
Power sector growth	Electricity sector growth slowed sharply to 0.8%.
Mining sector growth	Mining output grew by 5.5%, showing resilience.

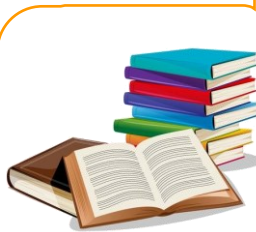


► Where will the Indian Army host the first edition of Exercise PRAGATI?

- A) Pune, Maharashtra
- B) Umroi, Meghalaya
- C) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- D) Kochi, Kerala
- E) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Answer**

**B) Umroi, Meghalaya.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Army will host military delegations from 11 friendly foreign countries for the inaugural edition of Exercise PRAGATI.
- **Location:** Foreign Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya, India.
- **Date:** April 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The exercise will bring together regional military delegations for joint engagement, training, cooperation, and knowledge sharing.
- **Objectives:** It aims to enhance military cooperation, interoperability, mutual trust, regional stability, and collective security in the Indian Ocean Region.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise PRAGATI:** It stands for Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region and is a regional military exercise hosted by the Indian Army.
- **Interoperability:** It refers to the ability of different armed forces to operate together effectively during joint training, operations, or security missions.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Training Node:** It is a designated military training facility used for hosting foreign military delegations and conducting joint training activities.
- **Indian Ocean Region:** It is a strategically important maritime region connecting Asia, Africa, and Australia through major sea routes and security partnerships.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	First edition of Exercise PRAGATI.
Date	April 2026.
Location	Foreign Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya, India.
Host	Indian Army.
Participating countries	Military delegations from 11 friendly foreign countries will participate.
Invited countries	India invited 15 countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.
Purpose / reason	The exercise aims to strengthen defence cooperation and interoperability among partner nations.
Strategic / significant value	It highlights India's growing role in collective security and stability in the Indian Ocean Region.



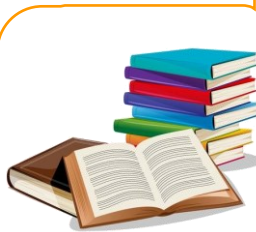
➤ Which country announced its exit from OPEC and OPEC+ effective May 1, 2026?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) United Arab Emirates
- C) Kuwait
- D) Iraq
- E) Venezuela



**Answer**

**B) United Arab Emirates.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The United Arab Emirates announced its exit from OPEC and OPEC+ after nearly six decades of membership.
- **Location:** United Arab Emirates and global oil market.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The UAE's decision ends its membership in OPEC and OPEC+ to gain greater flexibility in oil production after capacity expansion investments.
- **Objectives:** The move aims to increase oil production freedom, reduce quota-related constraints, meet global energy demand, and strengthen the UAE's position in the global oil market.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **OPEC:** The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is a group of oil-exporting nations established in 1960 to coordinate oil production and support stable oil prices.
- **OPEC+:** It is a wider grouping of OPEC members and non-OPEC oil-producing countries that coordinate production decisions to influence global oil supply.



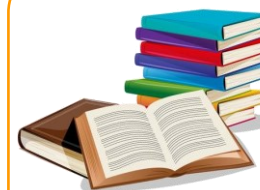
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Production Quota:** It refers to a limit set on how much oil a country can produce under collective production agreements.
- **Strait of Hormuz:** It is a critical maritime route in the Middle East through which nearly 20% of global oil supply passes.



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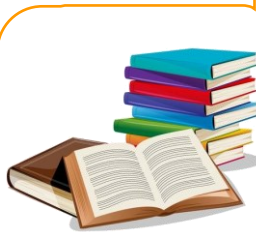
Parameter	Details
Event name	UAE exit from OPEC and OPEC+.
Effective date	May 1, 2026.
Location	United Arab Emirates and global oil market.
Organisation involved	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and OPEC+.
UAE membership year	The UAE joined OPEC in 1967.
Key reason	The UAE seeks greater oil production flexibility without quota restrictions.
Production level	The UAE produced about 2.9 million barrels per day in 2024.
Strategic / significant value	The exit may reshape global oil supply, weaken OPEC's influence, and increase market volatility.



➤ Which country launched Europe's first fully integrated lithium project near Kokkola?

- A) Sweden
- B) Finland
- C) Norway
- D) Germany
- E) Denmark

**Answer**  
**B) Finland.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Finland began operations at Europe's first fully integrated lithium project.
- **Location:** Near Kokkola, Finland.
- **Date:** April 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The project covers the complete lithium value chain from extraction of lithium ore to refining into battery-grade lithium hydroxide.
- **Objectives:** It aims to strengthen Europe's energy independence, reduce import dependence, support electric vehicle battery production, and boost the clean energy transition.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Lithium:** It is a critical mineral used in electric vehicle batteries, smartphones, electronics, and renewable energy storage systems.
- **Battery-grade Lithium Hydroxide:** It is a refined lithium compound used mainly in high-performance rechargeable batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage.



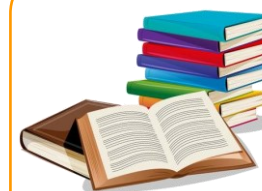
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Keliber Project:** It is Finland's integrated lithium project near Kokkola, involving mining, concentration, and refining for Europe's battery industry.
- **Spodumene Ore:** It is a lithium-bearing mineral extracted from mines and processed to produce lithium compounds.



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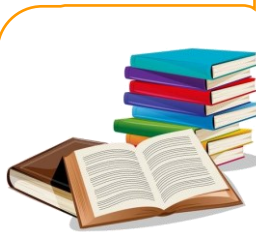
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Europe's first fully integrated lithium project.
Date	April 2026.
Location	Near Kokkola, Finland.
Project name	The project is widely known as the Keliber project.
Value chain	It covers lithium mining, concentration, and refining into battery-grade lithium hydroxide.
Investment	The project involves an investment of around €783 million or \$920 million.
Production capacity	It is expected to produce 15,000 tonnes of battery-grade lithium hydroxide annually.
Strategic / significant value	The project may meet around 10% of Europe's lithium demand and support electric vehicle production.



- ▶ **India submitted its updated climate targets for 2031–2035 to which international climate body?**

- A) UNFCCC
- B) UNEP
- C) IPCC
- D) IUCN
- E) WMO

**Answer**  
**A) UNFCCC.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India submitted its updated climate targets for 2031–2035 to the UNFCCC.
- **Location:** India and international climate framework under the UNFCCC.
- **Date:** April 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India's updated climate plan sets new targets for reducing emissions intensity, expanding non-fossil power capacity, and increasing carbon sink through forests and tree cover.
- **Objectives:** It aims to strengthen India's climate action, support clean energy transition, enhance carbon sequestration, and align national efforts with the long-term net-zero target of 2070.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **UNFCCC:** The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is an international treaty that supports global cooperation to address climate change.
- **Nationally Determined Contributions:** These are country-specific climate action plans submitted under the Paris Agreement to reduce emissions and support adaptation.



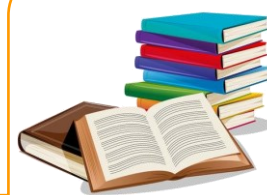
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Paris Agreement:** It is a global climate agreement under the UNFCCC that requires countries to set and update climate targets to limit global warming.
- **Carbon Sink:** It refers to a natural or artificial system, such as forests and tree cover, that absorbs more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere than it releases.



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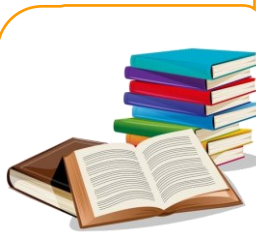
Parameter	Details
Event name	Submission of India's updated climate targets for 2031–2035.
Date	April 2026.
Location	India and UNFCCC framework.
Submitting authority	Government of India.
Key target	India aims for a 47% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP.
Clean energy goal	India targets 60% installed power capacity from non-fossil sources.
Carbon sink goal	India aims to create a carbon sink of 3.5–4 billion tonnes through forests and tree cover.
Strategic / significant value	The targets support India's 2070 net-zero goal and strengthen its role in global climate action.



➤ Where will APEDA set up a ₹15 crore basmati and organic training centre?

- A) Pilibhit
- B) Meerut
- C) Lucknow
- D) Varanasi
- E) Bareilly

**Answer**  
**A) Pilibhit.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** APEDA will set up a ₹15 crore basmati and organic training centre to boost agricultural exports.
- **Location:** Tanda Bijesi village, Pilibhit district, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- **Date:** April 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The project involves transferring 7 acres of land to APEDA for establishing a training centre focused on basmati cultivation, seed production, organic farming, export practices, and modern testing facilities.
- **Objectives:** It aims to improve farmer capacity, promote premium basmati cultivation, strengthen organic farming, enhance export readiness, and support quality assurance in agricultural exports.



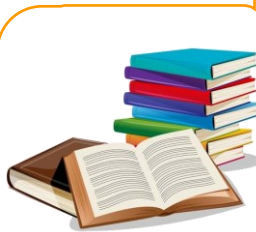
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority:** It is an export promotion body that supports India's agricultural and processed food exports through infrastructure, quality standards, training, and market development.
- **Basmati Export Development Foundation:** It is an initiative associated with APEDA that supports basmati rice development, export promotion, quality improvement, and farmer training.



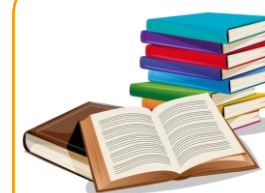
## Important Terms Explained:

- **NABL-accredited Laboratory:** It is a laboratory accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories for reliable and standardised testing services.
- **AI-based Crop Mapping:** It refers to the use of artificial intelligence and satellite surveys to identify crop areas, varieties, and production estimates for better planning and traceability.



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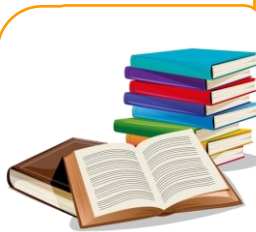
Parameter	Details
Event name	APEDA basmati and organic training centre project.
Date	April 2026.
Location	Tanda Bijesi village, Pilibhit district, Uttar Pradesh.
Implementing authority	Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.
Project cost	The centre will be developed at a cost of ₹15 crore.
Land transferred	7 acres of land have been transferred for the project.
Key facilities	The centre will include training facilities, demonstration farms, a seed production unit, an auditorium, a museum, and a NABL-accredited laboratory.
Strategic / significant value	The project will boost basmati exports, organic farming, quality testing, and farmer capacity building.



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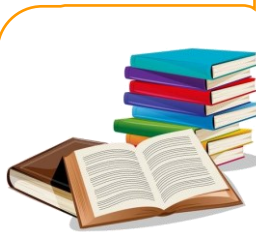
- **International Dance Day is celebrated every year on April 29 across the world.**
- **India announced a three-year waiver on intellectual property registration fees for the sports sector.**
- **Rithika Sri from Tamil Nadu became India's first transgender cricket umpire.**
- **Punjab FC retained the AIFF Elite Youth League 2025–26 title.**
- **Indian weightlifters won four gold medals in Apia, Samoa.**
- **Bharat Kapoor was born on October 15, 1945, in India.**
- **India became the fifth-largest military spender in the world in 2025.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India launched Mission SAKSHAM on April 28, 2026.**
- **India's industrial output growth slowed to 4.1% in March 2026.**
- **The Indian Army will host the inaugural edition of Exercise PRAGATI in Meghalaya.**
- **The UAE announced that it will leave OPEC and OPEC+ from May 1, 2026.**



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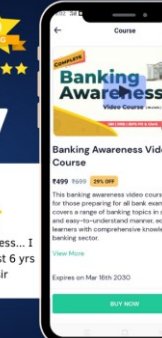
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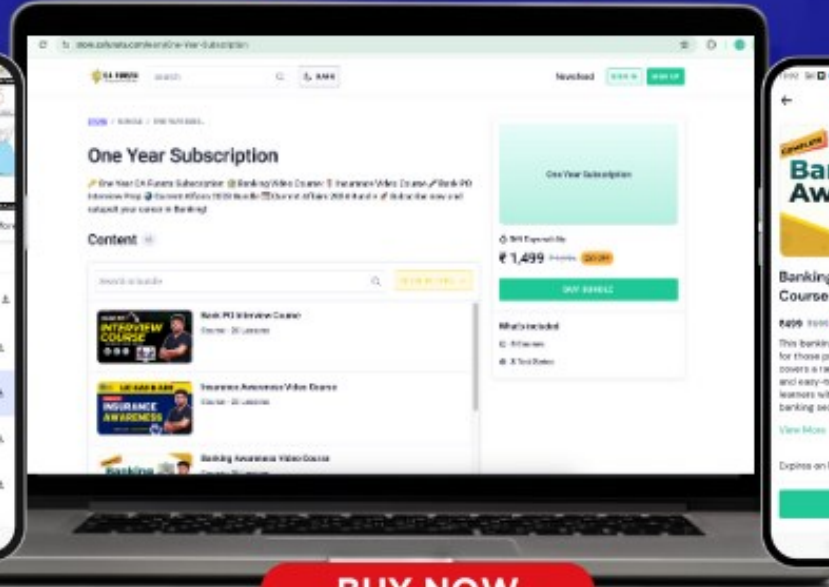
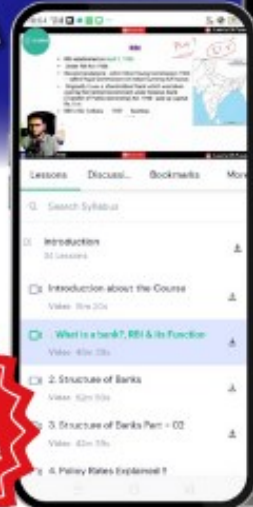


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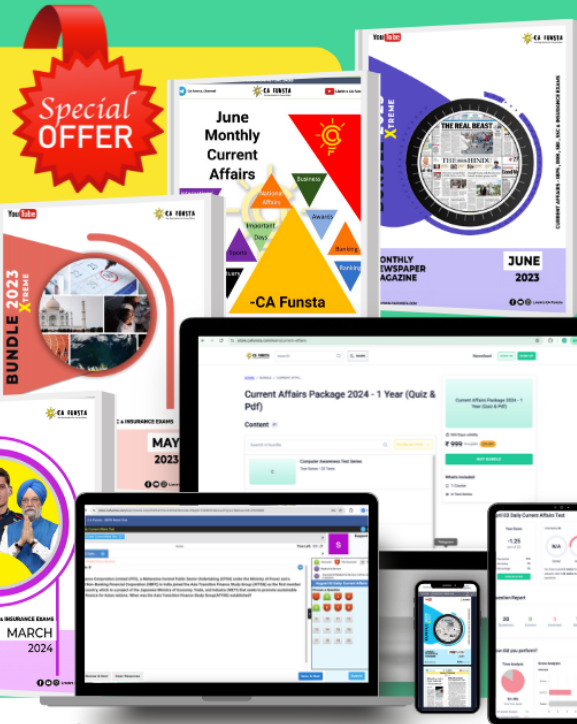
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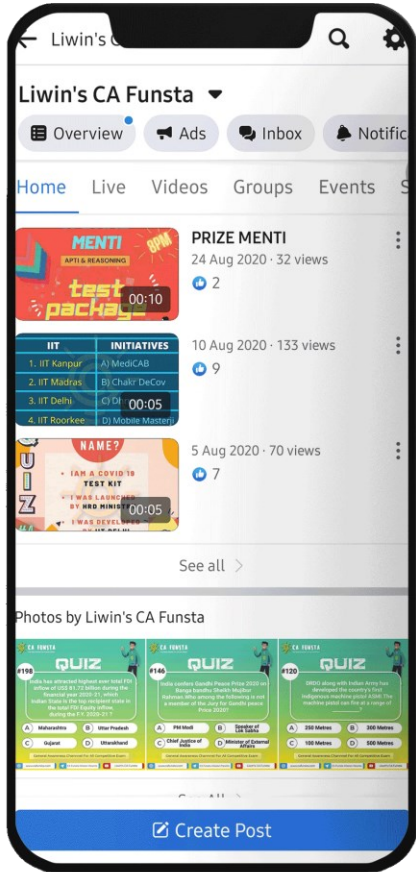
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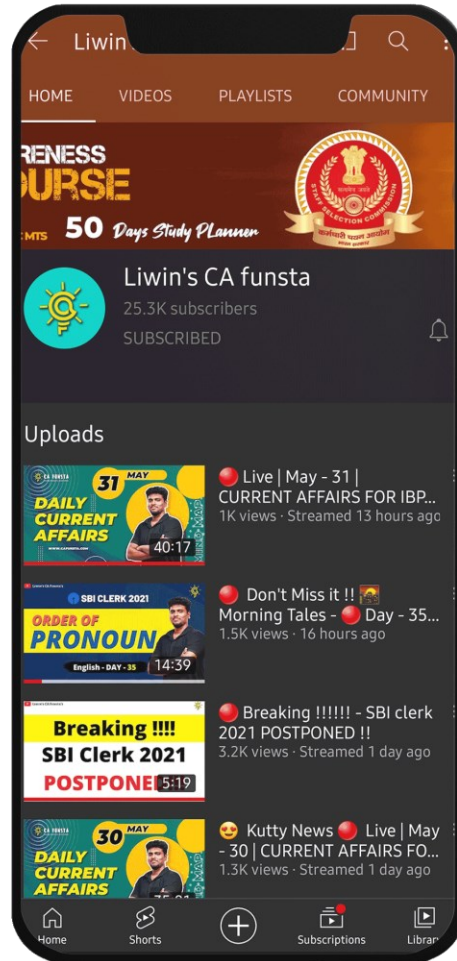


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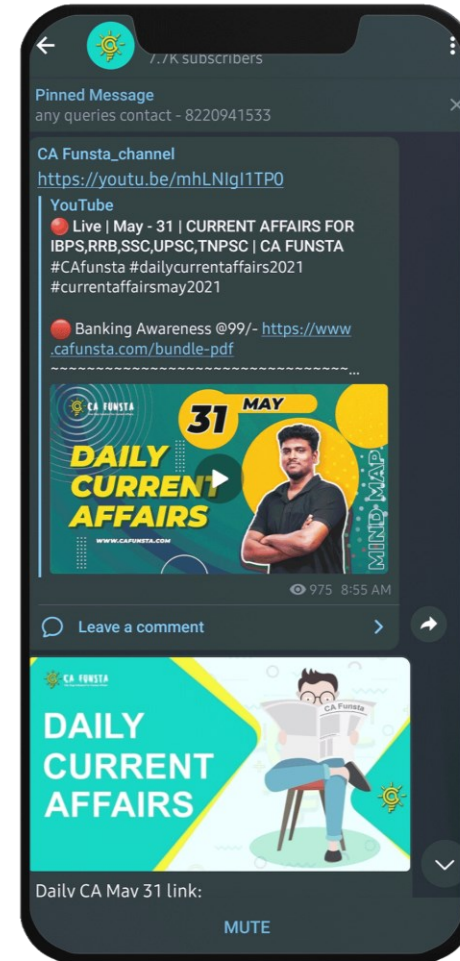
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