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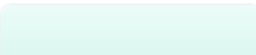


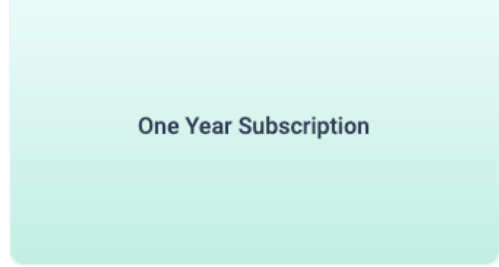
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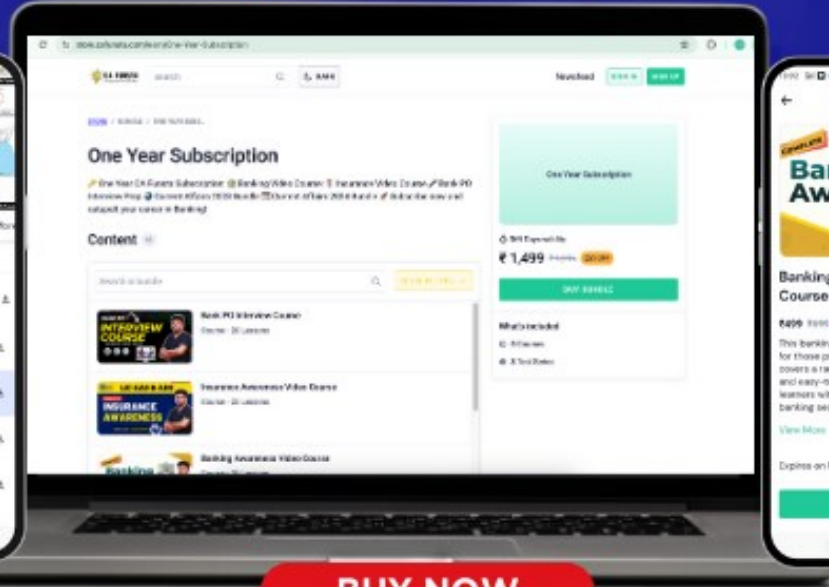
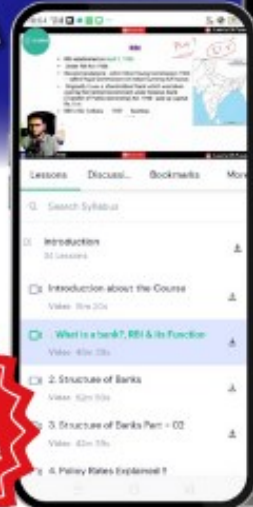


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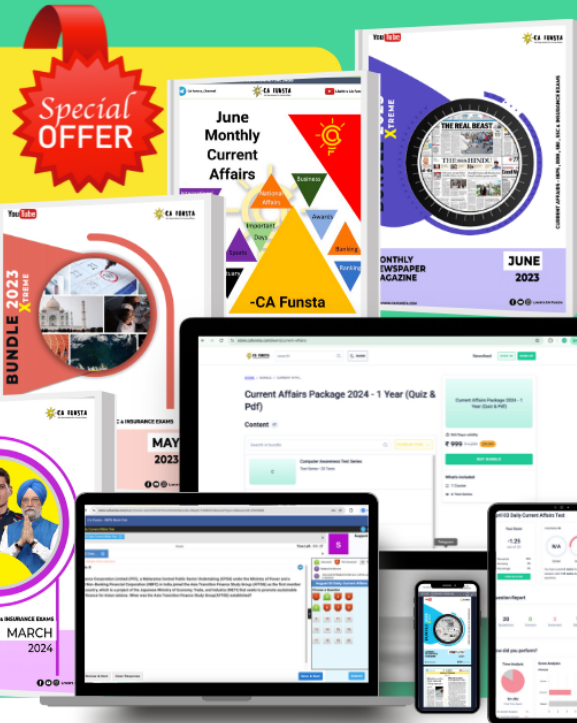
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Important Days

➤ Where is the state-level celebration of Gujarat Foundation Day 2026 being held?

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Gandhinagar
- C) Surat
- D) Rajkot
- E) Vadodara

Answer
C) Surat.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat Foundation Day 2026, also known as Gujarat Gaurav Diwas, marks the formation of Gujarat as a separate state.
- **Location:** The state-level celebration is being held in Surat, Gujarat.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The celebration commemorates the creation of Gujarat in 1960 after its separation from the former Bombay State under the Bombay Reorganization Act, 1960.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to honour Gujarat's linguistic identity, cultural heritage, unity, development journey, and the sacrifices made during the Mahagujarat Movement.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gujarat Gaurav Diwas:** Gujarat Gaurav Diwas is the annual celebration of Gujarat's formation on May 1, highlighting the state's pride, heritage, and progress.
- **Bombay Reorganization Act, 1960:** Bombay Reorganization Act, 1960 was the law through which the former Bombay State was divided into Gujarat and Maharashtra on linguistic lines.
- **Mahagujarat Movement:** Mahagujarat Movement was a public movement demanding a separate Gujarati-speaking state, led prominently by Indulal Yagnik.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Greater Bombay State:** Greater Bombay State was an administrative unit formed in 1956 that included both Gujarati-speaking and Marathi-speaking populations before its division in 1960.
- **Growth Engine of India:** Growth Engine of India refers to Gujarat's strong role in industrial development, trade, commerce, infrastructure, and innovation.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Gujarat Foundation Day 2026.
Also known as	Gujarat Gaurav Diwas.
Date	May 1, 2026.
Location	Surat, Gujarat.
Formation year	Gujarat was formed as a separate state in 1960.
Legal basis	The state was created under the Bombay Reorganization Act, 1960.
Key leader	Indulal Yagnik led the Mahagujarat Movement for a separate Gujarati-speaking state.
Celebration highlights	The 2026 celebrations include cultural programmes, seminars, competitions, and police bike stunts.

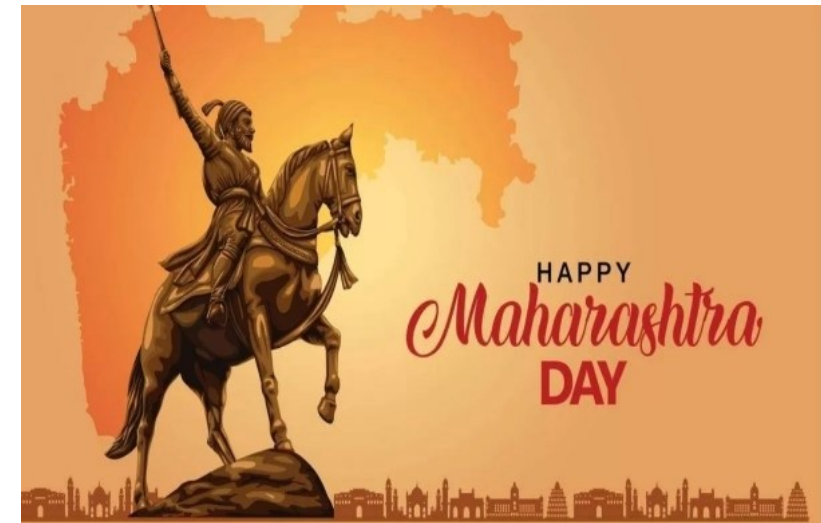


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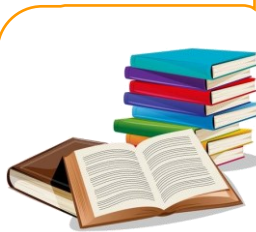
➤ **Maharashtra Day is celebrated every year on May 1 to mark which event?**

- A) Formation of Bombay State
- B) Formation of Maharashtra as a separate state
- C) Launch of Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti
- D) Formation of Indian National Congress
- E) Celebration of Marathi Language Day



Answer

B) Formation of Maharashtra as a separate state.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maharashtra Day 2026, also known as Maharashtra Divas, marks the formation of Maharashtra as a separate state.
- **Location:** The day is celebrated across Maharashtra.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance commemorates the division of the bilingual Bombay State into Maharashtra and Gujarat under the Bombay Reorganisation Act in 1960.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to honour the linguistic identity, unity, cultural pride, and sacrifices of Marathi-speaking people during the Samyukta Maharashtra Movement.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Maharashtra Divas:** Maharashtra Divas is the annual observance on May 1 that celebrates the formation of Maharashtra as a separate state in 1960.
- **Bombay Reorganisation Act:** Bombay Reorganisation Act was the law through which the bilingual Bombay State was divided into Maharashtra for Marathi-speaking regions and Gujarat for Gujarati-speaking regions.
- **Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti:** Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti was formed in 1956 to demand a separate state for Marathi-speaking people.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Samyukta Maharashtra Movement:** Samyukta Maharashtra Movement was a mass movement involving protests and public participation for the creation of a unified Marathi-speaking state.
- **Linguistic States:** Linguistic states are states formed mainly on the basis of language identity to ensure better cultural and administrative representation.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Maharashtra Day 2026.
Also known as	Maharashtra Divas.
Date	May 1, 2026.
Location	Maharashtra.
Formation year	Maharashtra was formed as a separate state in 1960.
Legal basis	The state was created after the division of Bombay State under the Bombay Reorganisation Act.
Key movement	The Samyukta Maharashtra Movement demanded a separate Marathi-speaking state.
Celebration highlights	The day is marked by flag hoisting, parades, cultural programmes, awards, and public celebrations.



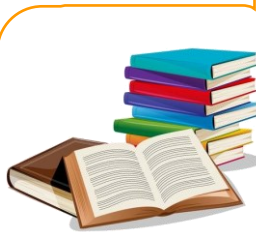
➤ **What is the theme highlighted for International Labour Day 2026?**

- A) Decent Work and Economic Growth
- B) Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment
- C) Equal Pay for Equal Work
- D) Social Justice for Global Workers
- E) Labour Rights in the Digital Economy



Answer

B) Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Labour Day 2026, also known as May Day, will be observed to honour workers and highlight labour rights.
- **Location:** The day will be observed globally, including in India as Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance recognises the struggles of the labour movement and promotes fair wages, safe working conditions, social justice, and workers' rights.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to honour workers' contributions, raise awareness about labour welfare, and strengthen dignity, equality, and mental well-being at workplaces.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Labour Day:** International Labour Day is observed every year on May 1 to recognise workers' contributions and promote labour rights across the world.
- **Haymarket Affair:** Haymarket Affair refers to the 1886 labour protest in Chicago where workers demanded an 8-hour workday, which became a major symbol of the global labour movement.
- **8-hour workday:** The 8-hour workday was a key labour demand aimed at ensuring balanced working hours, rest, and personal life for workers.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Psychosocial Working Environment:** Psychosocial working environment refers to workplace conditions affecting employees' mental, emotional, and social well-being, including stress, burnout, and work-life balance.
- **Labour Codes:** Labour Codes refer to India's consolidated labour law framework formed by merging 29 labour laws into four major codes covering wages, social security, industrial relations, and occupational safety.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Labour Day 2026.
Date	May 1, 2026.
Global name	May Day.
Indian name	Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas.
Historical origin	The day is linked to the 1886 Haymarket Affair in Chicago.
2026 theme	Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment.
First celebration in India	Labour Day was first celebrated in India in 1923 in Chennai under Singaravelu Chettiar.
Key significance	The day promotes fair wages, safe workplaces, labour dignity, social justice, and workers' rights.



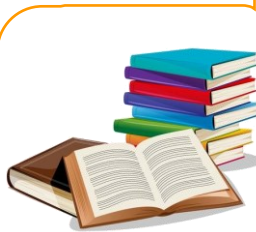
➤ Which bank has launched a zero-balance Self Help Group Savings Account for women-led groups in rural areas?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) India Post Payments Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) NABARD
- E) Bank of Baroda



Answer

B) India Post Payments Bank.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India Post Payments Bank launched a zero-balance Self Help Group Savings Account for women-led SHGs.
- **Location:** The initiative is focused on rural areas across India.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Communications announced the launch of a zero-cost and easy-to-access SHG Savings Account with no minimum balance requirement.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to promote financial inclusion, encourage savings, empower women-led Self Help Groups, and connect rural communities with the formal banking system.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Self Help Group:** Self Help Group is a community-based group, often led by women, that promotes collective savings, credit access, and grassroots economic development.
- **SHG Savings Account:** SHG Savings Account is a banking product designed for Self Help Groups to manage group savings through a formal and secure banking channel.
- **Zero-balance Account:** Zero-balance Account is a bank account that does not require any minimum balance to be maintained.



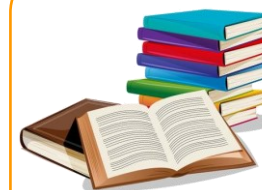
Important Terms Explained:

- **Financial Inclusion:** Financial Inclusion means providing affordable and accessible banking, credit, insurance, and digital financial services to underserved sections of society.
- **Formal Banking System:** Formal Banking System refers to regulated banks and financial institutions that provide secure savings, payments, and credit services.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of IPPB SHG Savings Account.
Announced by	Ministry of Communications.
Bank involved	India Post Payments Bank.
Target group	Women-led Self Help Groups in rural areas.
Minimum balance	No minimum balance is required.
Initial deposit	No initial deposit is required to open the account.
Maximum balance limit	The account allows a maximum balance of ₹2 lakh.
Key purpose	The account aims to strengthen financial inclusion and women empowerment.

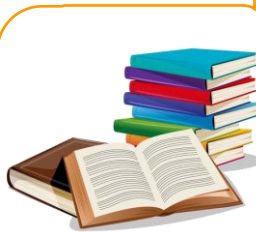


➤ **When was Unified Payments Interface launched by the National Payments Corporation of India?**

- A) April 11, 2014
- B) April 11, 2015
- C) April 11, 2016
- D) April 11, 2017
- E) April 11, 2018

Answer

C) April 11, 2016.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Unified Payments Interface completed 10 years after transforming into the world's largest real-time payments system.
- **Location:** The development is related to India's digital payments ecosystem with expanding global usage.
- **Date:** April 11, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The platform was launched by the **National** Payments Corporation of India under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India to enable instant bank-to-bank digital payments.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to provide seamless, interoperable, low-cost, and real-time digital payments for individuals, merchants, businesses, and the wider economy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Payments Corporation of India:** National Payments Corporation of India is the organisation that operates major retail payment systems in India, including UPI.
- **Reserve Bank of India:** Reserve Bank of India is India's central bank and supervises the country's banking and payment systems.
- **Real-time Payments System:** Real-time payments system allows instant transfer of funds between bank accounts at any time.



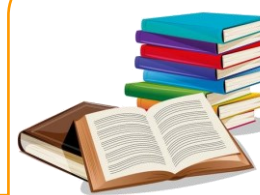
Important Terms Explained:

- **Person-to-Merchant:** Person-to-Merchant refers to UPI payments made by individuals to merchants for purchases such as groceries, transport, and daily-use services.
- **Person-to-Person:** Person-to-Person refers to UPI transfers made between individuals for personal or higher-value payments such as rent and business dealings.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UPI's 10-year journey.
Launch date	UPI was launched on April 11, 2016.
Launching body	It was launched by the National Payments Corporation of India under RBI supervision.
Annual transactions	UPI processed 24,161.69 crore transactions in FY 2025-26.
Annual value	UPI transactions reached around ₹314 lakh crore in FY 2025-26.
Banks on UPI	The number of banks on UPI increased from 21 at launch to 703.
Digital payments share	UPI accounts for 85% of India's digital payments.
Global significance	UPI accounts for nearly 49% of global real-time transaction volume.

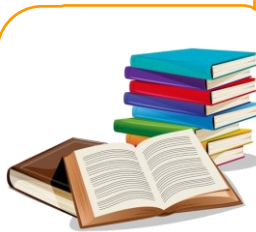


► What was India's record GST collection in April 2026?

- A) ₹1.85 lakh crore
- B) ₹2.11 lakh crore
- C) ₹2.33 lakh crore
- D) ₹2.42 lakh crore
- E) ₹57,000 crore



Answer
D) ₹2.42 lakh crore.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Goods and Services Tax collections reached an all-time high of ₹2.42 lakh crore in April 2026.
- **Location:** The development is related to India's indirect tax system.
- **Date:** April 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The GST collection data reflects tax revenue generated from domestic transactions and imports during April 2026, with strong import growth and year-end stock clearance driving the surge.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to assess revenue performance, track economic activity, monitor refund trends, and strengthen India's indirect tax administration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Goods and Services Tax:** Goods and Services Tax is an indirect tax system in India that subsumes multiple taxes on goods and services into a unified tax framework.
- **Import Revenue:** Import Revenue refers to GST collected on imported goods, which rises when import activity and taxable value increase.
- **Net GST Collection:** Net GST Collection is the GST revenue remaining after deducting refunds from gross GST collections.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Compensation Cess:** Compensation Cess is an additional levy under GST earlier used to compensate states for revenue losses after GST implementation.
- **Inverted Duty Structure:** Inverted Duty Structure occurs when tax on inputs is higher than tax on final goods, leading to refund claims by businesses.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Record GST collection in April 2026.
Gross GST collection	India collected ₹2.42 lakh crore in April 2026.
Year-on-year growth	GST collections grew by 8.7% compared with April 2025.
Previous year figure	GST collections stood at ₹2.33 lakh crore in April 2025.
Import collections	Over ₹57,000 crore was collected from imports.
Domestic collections	Domestic GST collections stood at ₹1.85 lakh crore.
Net GST collection	Net GST collection stood at around ₹2.11 lakh crore.
Key concern	Overall refunds rose by 19.3%, while domestic refunds surged by 54%.

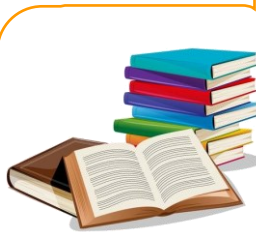


► How much did National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited recover in FY 2025-26?

- A) ₹2,000 crore
- B) ₹3,645 crore
- C) ₹4,364 crore
- D) ₹6,345 crore
- E) ₹1.65 lakh crore



Answer
C) ₹4,364 crore.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited reported strong recovery momentum in resolving stressed assets during FY 2025-26.
- **Location:** The development is related to India's banking and financial sector.
- **Date:** FY 2025-26.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** NARCL acquired stressed borrower accounts from banks and resolved them through structured mechanisms, including processes under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to recover value from non-performing assets, clean up bank balance sheets, reduce systemic risk, and strengthen credit flow in the economy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited:** National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited is India's government-backed bad bank created to acquire and resolve large stressed assets from banks.
- **Non-performing Assets:** Non-performing Assets are loans or advances on which borrowers have stopped making scheduled interest or principal repayments.
- **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code:** Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code is India's legal framework for time-bound resolution of distressed companies and insolvency cases.



Important Terms Explained:

- **India Debt Resolution Company Ltd:** India Debt Resolution Company Ltd works with NARCL to manage and resolve acquired stressed assets.
- **Bad Bank:** Bad Bank is a financial institution created to take over stressed loans from banks and help recover value through sale, restructuring, or liquidation.



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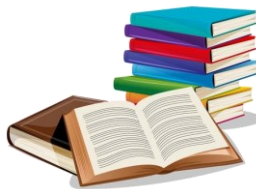
Parameter	Details
Event name	NARCL recovery performance in FY 2025-26.
Institution involved	National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited.
Recovery in FY 2025-26	NARCL recovered ₹4,364 crore during FY 2025-26.
Total recoveries	Total recoveries reached ₹6,345 crore.
Borrower accounts acquired	NARCL acquired 33 stressed borrower entities.
Debt exposure	The acquired debt exposure stood near ₹1,65,862 crore.
Resolution progress	23 borrower accounts were resolved.
Strategic value	NARCL helps banks clean up balance sheets and focus on fresh lending.



➤ Who has been named brand ambassador for Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited's F1 Programme in India?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Shreyas Iyer
- D) Hardik Pandya
- E) Rishabh Pant

Answer
C) Shreyas Iyer.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited named Shreyas Iyer as the brand ambassador for its F1 Programme in India.
- **Location:** The initiative is focused on India's motorsport and esports ecosystem.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited has launched the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026 after securing rights to host the official national-level sim racing competition.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to discover esports talent, nurture digital racing skills, bridge gaming with professional motorsport, and create structured career pathways for young athletes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited:** Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited is an Indian motorsport organisation involved in developing racing platforms and promoting motorsport-related initiatives in India.
- **F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026:** F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026 is a national-level digital racing competition aimed at identifying and developing sim racing talent in India.
- **Sim Racing:** Sim Racing is a digital form of real-world racing that uses advanced simulators to recreate professional motorsport competition.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Esports:** Esports refers to organised competitive video gaming where players compete individually or in teams through digital platforms.
- **Formula 1:** Formula 1 is the highest class of international single-seater motor racing and is associated with elite global motorsport competition.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Shreyas Iyer named brand ambassador of F1 Programme in India.
Organisation	Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited.
Brand ambassador	Shreyas Iyer.
Competition launched	F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026.
Focus area	The initiative focuses on sim racing, esports, and professional motorsport.
Key objective	It aims to discover and nurture digital racing talent in India.
Strategic link	The programme bridges gaming with professional motorsport.
Leadership mention	Ameet Gadhoke is the Managing Director of Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited.



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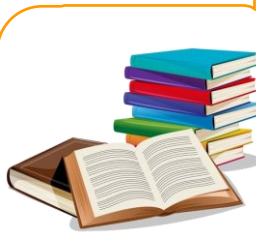


➤ **Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive Vice Chairman of Infosys with immediate effect?**

- A) Nandan Nilekani
- B) N R Narayana Murthy
- C) Nitin Paranjpe
- D) Salil Parekh
- E) Rishad Premji



Answer
C) Nitin Paranjpe.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Infosys appointed Nitin Paranjpe as its Non-Executive Vice Chairman with immediate effect.
- **Location:** The development is related to Infosys, headquartered in Bengaluru, India.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Board of Directors of Infosys approved the appointment of Nitin Paranjpe as Non-Executive Vice Chairman.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to strengthen corporate governance, support strategic leadership, and provide board-level expertise in a rapidly evolving IT sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Infosys:** Infosys is one of India's leading IT services and consulting companies, known for digital transformation, technology services, and global IT solutions.
- **Non-Executive Vice Chairman:** Non-Executive Vice Chairman is a board-level leadership role that supports the Chairman and advises on strategy without managing daily operations.
- **Board of Directors:** Board of Directors is the governing body of a company responsible for major decisions, oversight, governance, and strategic direction.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Corporate Governance:** Corporate Governance refers to the system of rules, practices, and processes through which a company is directed and controlled.
- **Digital Transformation:** Digital Transformation refers to the adoption of digital technologies to improve business operations, services, and customer experience.

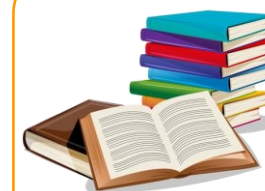


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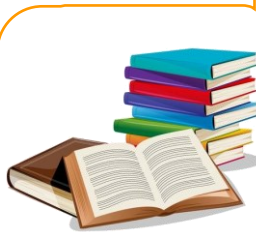
Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Nitin Paranjpe as Non-Executive Vice Chairman of Infosys.
Company	Infosys.
Appointed person	Nitin Paranjpe.
New role	Non-Executive Vice Chairman.
Approval authority	The Board of Directors of Infosys approved the appointment.
Current chairman	Nandan Nilekani will continue as Chairman of the Board.
Existing role of appointee	Nitin Paranjpe currently serves as Non-Executive Chairman of Hindustan Unilever Limited.
Key purpose	The appointment aims to strengthen governance and strategic leadership at Infosys.



➤ **Who won the 2026 Whitley Award for conservation work on the endangered Indian Skimmer?**

- A) Sunita Narain
- B) Parveen Shaikh
- C) Vandana Shiva
- D) Ruma Devi
- E) Saalumarada Thimmakka

Answer
B) Parveen Shaikh.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Parveen Shaikh won the 2026 Whitley Award for her conservation work on the endangered Indian Skimmer.
- **Location:** The award ceremony was held at the Royal Geographical Society, and the conservation work is focused on the Ganga Basin with expansion to Prayagraj.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The award recognises Parveen Shaikh's community-led conservation model for protecting the endangered Indian Skimmer through scientific monitoring and local nest guardians.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to improve Indian Skimmer survival, protect breeding habitats, involve local communities, and expand conservation action to Prayagraj in the Ganga Basin.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Whitley Award:** Whitley Award is an international conservation award presented by the Whitley Fund for Nature to recognise grassroots conservation leaders.
- **Indian Skimmer:** Indian Skimmer is an endangered river bird known for its bright orange bill and surface-skimming feeding style.
- **Community-led Conservation:** Community-led Conservation is a conservation approach in which local people actively participate in protecting species and habitats.



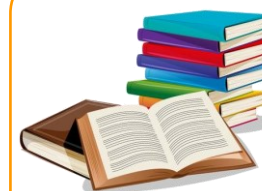
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nest Guardians:** Nest Guardians are trained local villagers who protect bird nests from predators, human disturbance, and habitat threats.
- **Bombay Natural History Society:** Bombay Natural History Society is an Indian conservation research organisation supporting scientific studies and biodiversity protection.



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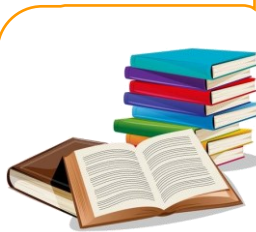
Parameter	Details
Event name	2026 Whitley Award for Indian Skimmer conservation.
Award winner	Parveen Shaikh.
Awarding body	Whitley Fund for Nature.
Award venue	Royal Geographical Society.
Award presented by	Princess Anne.
Species protected	Indian Skimmer.
Conservation area	The project is focused on the Ganga Basin and will expand to Prayagraj.
Key impact	Nest survival increased from 14% to 27%, and the population grew from 400 in 2017 to nearly 1,000 birds.



► India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare infrastructure in which country?

- A) Barbados
- B) Jamaica
- C) Trinidad and Tobago
- D) Guyana
- E) Bahamas

Answer
B) Jamaica.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare infrastructure was deployed by India under its humanitarian assistance framework.
- **Location:** The deployment took place in Jamaica and strengthens India-Caribbean cooperation.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in Jamaica under the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief framework through coordinated support from key Indian institutions.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to provide rapid medical response, technology-driven healthcare support, disaster relief assistance, and stronger humanitarian cooperation with Caribbean nations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aarogya Maitri:** Aarogya Maitri is India's portable healthcare infrastructure initiative designed to deliver quick, modular, and technology-enabled medical support during emergencies.
- **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief:** Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief refers to emergency support provided during disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and other crises.
- **CARICOM:** CARICOM is a regional grouping of Caribbean nations that promotes cooperation in areas such as healthcare, disaster resilience, capacity building, and regional development.



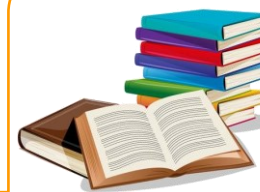
Important Terms Explained:

- **Portable Healthcare Infrastructure:** Portable Healthcare Infrastructure refers to mobile and rapidly deployable medical systems that can provide diagnosis, treatment, and emergency care in disaster-hit areas.
- **National Security Council Secretariat:** National Security Council Secretariat is an Indian government body involved in strategic coordination on national security and related international outreach matters.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Deployment of Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare infrastructure.
Deployed by	India.
Destination country	Jamaica.
Framework	The deployment was made under India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief framework.
Key institutions	National Security Council Secretariat and Ministry of External Affairs coordinated the initiative.
Regional focus	The initiative strengthens India-Caribbean relations.
Main purpose	It aims to provide rapid medical response and humanitarian healthcare support.
Healthcare feature	The system offers modular, scalable, and technology-enabled medical solutions.



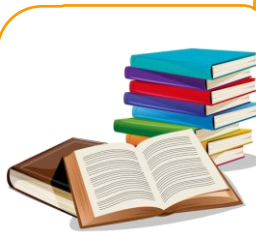
➤ **Which ministry is organising Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026 in coordination with China?**

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Ministry of Culture
- E) Ministry of Civil Aviation



Answer

C) Ministry of External Affairs.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026 will resume as a major cross-border pilgrimage between June and August.
- **Location:** The yatra will operate through Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim, leading to Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar in Tibet Autonomous Region of China.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of External Affairs will organise the yatra in coordination with China through two designated routes and a fully computerized application and selection process.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to facilitate a safe, transparent, and structured pilgrimage for devotees visiting Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ministry of External Affairs:** Ministry of External Affairs is the Government of India ministry responsible for managing India's foreign relations and coordinating international engagements.
- **Lipulekh Pass:** Lipulekh Pass is a Himalayan route in Uttarakhand used for the traditional and physically demanding Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.
- **Nathu La Pass:** Nathu La Pass is a route in Sikkim that offers a comparatively easier vehicle-based journey for pilgrims.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mount Kailash:** Mount Kailash is a sacred mountain in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China, considered the abode of Lord Shiva by Hindus.
- **Lake Mansarovar:** Lake Mansarovar is a sacred lake near Mount Kailash and is an important pilgrimage site for Hindus, Buddhists, and Jains.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026.
Period	The yatra will take place from June to August 2026.
Organising ministry	The Ministry of External Affairs will organise the yatra in coordination with China.
Routes	The yatra will proceed through Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim.
Total batches	The yatra will have 20 batches in total.
Pilgrims per batch	Each batch will include 50 pilgrims.
Total participants	Around 1,000 pilgrims are expected to participate.
Selection process	Selection will be done through a fully computerized random process via kmy.gov.in.

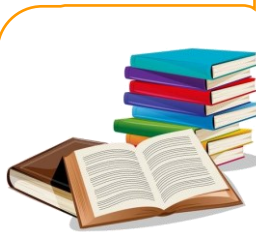


➤ Which state launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Karnataka
- D) Telangana
- E) Kerala



Answer
C) Karnataka.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Karnataka launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers.
- **Location:** The initiative has been launched in Karnataka.
- **Date:** May 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers Board developed the grievance redressal system in collaboration with the Department of e-Governance, Karnataka, to allow gig workers to register complaints digitally.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to protect platform-based workers, improve transparency, ensure accountability, and provide timely resolution of complaints related to wages, working conditions, and platform disputes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gig Workers:** Gig Workers are individuals engaged in short-term, flexible, and platform-based work instead of traditional full-time employment.
- **Gig Economy:** Gig Economy refers to a labour market based on temporary, flexible, and app-based jobs such as ride-hailing, food delivery, and freelance digital services.
- **Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System:** Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System is a digital platform that allows workers to register, track, and seek resolution of grievances.



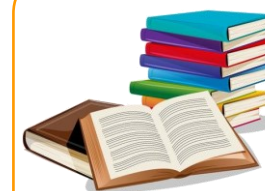
Important Terms Explained:

- **Platform-based Gig Workers Board:** Platform-based Gig Workers Board is the Karnataka body associated with addressing issues and welfare concerns of workers engaged through digital platforms.
- **Digital Grievance Redressal System:** Digital Grievance Redressal System is an online mechanism that enables formal complaint filing, tracking, and resolution through a technology-based platform.



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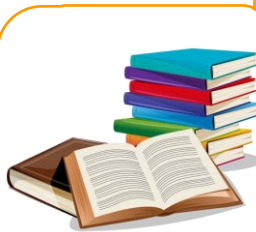
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers.
State	Karnataka.
Developing body	Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers Board.
Collaborating department	Department of e-Governance, Karnataka.
Portal used	Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System.
Target group	Gig workers engaged in platform-based jobs.
Complaint areas	Wages, incentives, payments, working conditions, unfair practices, and disputes.
Key purpose	The system aims to ensure transparency, accountability, and time-bound grievance resolution.



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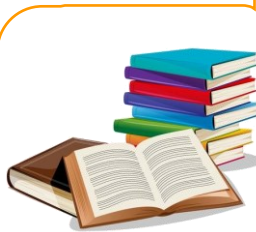
- Gujarat Foundation Day is celebrated every year on May 1.
- Maharashtra Day is celebrated every year on May 1.
- International Labour Day 2026 will be observed globally on May 1, 2026.
- India Post Payments Bank launched a zero-balance SHG Savings Account for rural women-led groups.
- UPI completed 10 years after its launch on April 11, 2016.
- India's GST collections reached a record ₹2.42 lakh crore in April 2026.
- NARCL recovered ₹4,364 crore in FY 2025-26.
- Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited named Shreyas Iyer as brand ambassador for its F1 Programme in India.
- Infosys appointed Nitin Paranjpe as its Non-Executive Vice Chairman with immediate effect.



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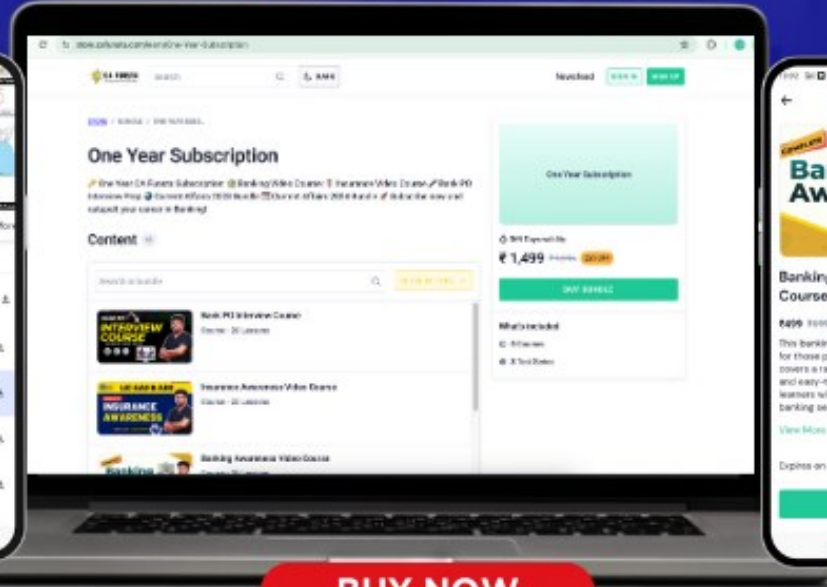
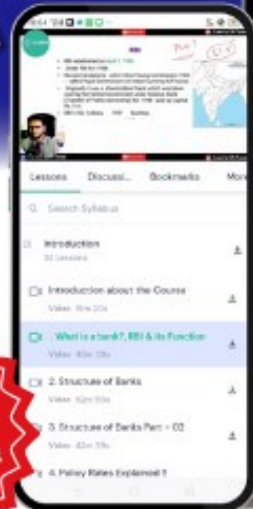


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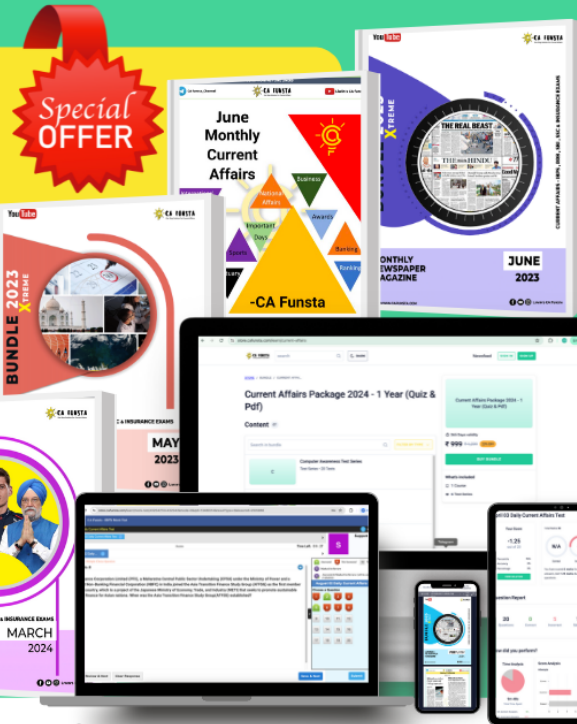
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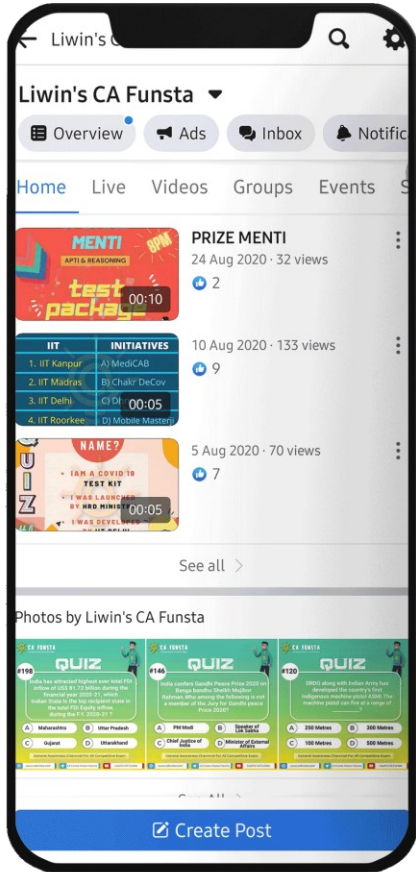
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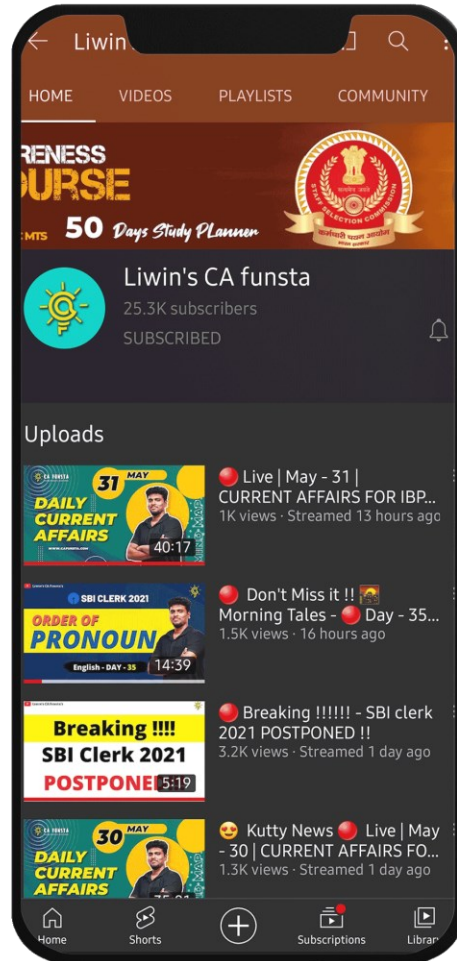


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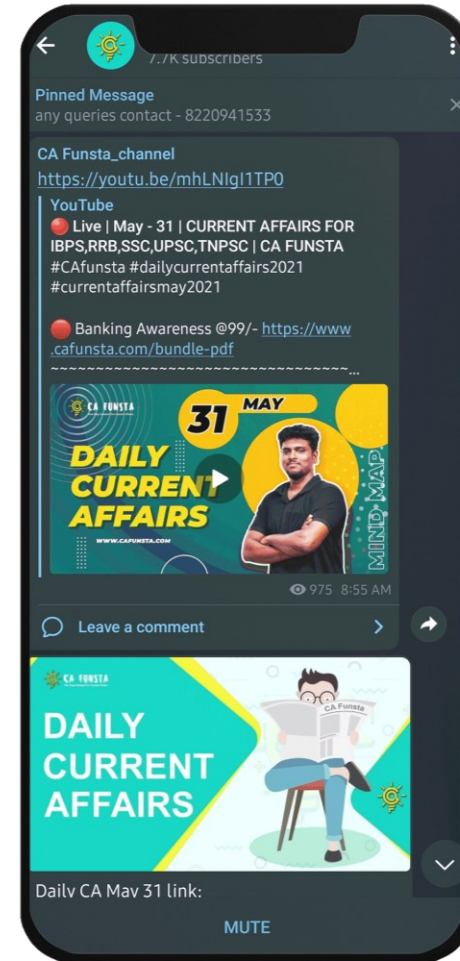
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