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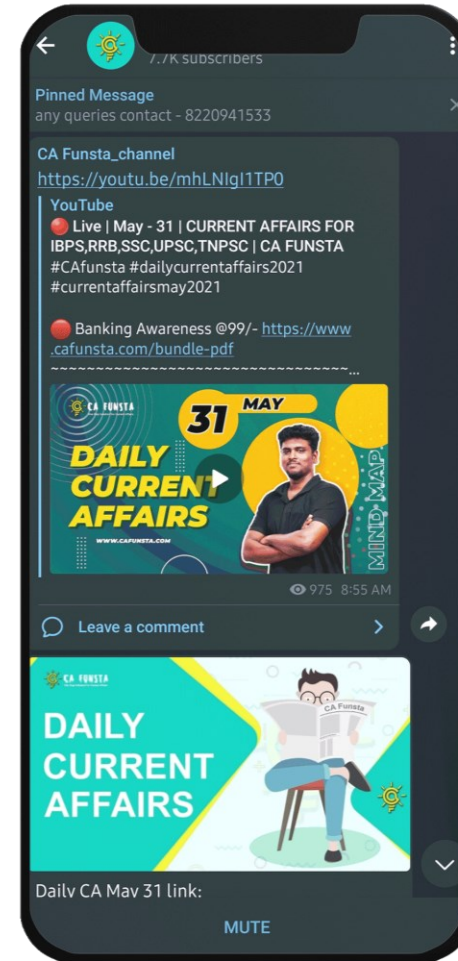
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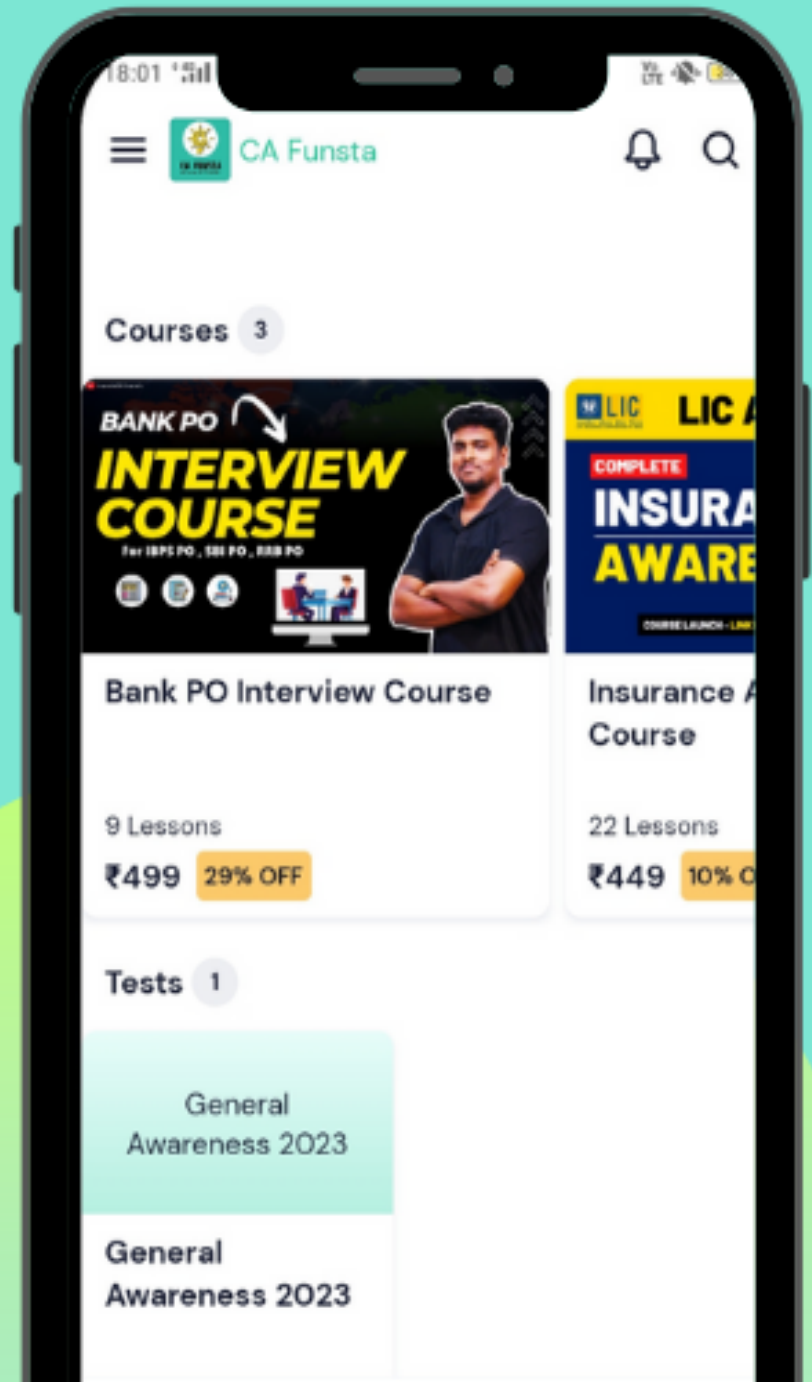
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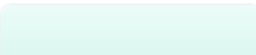


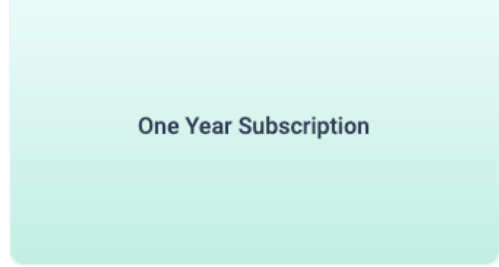
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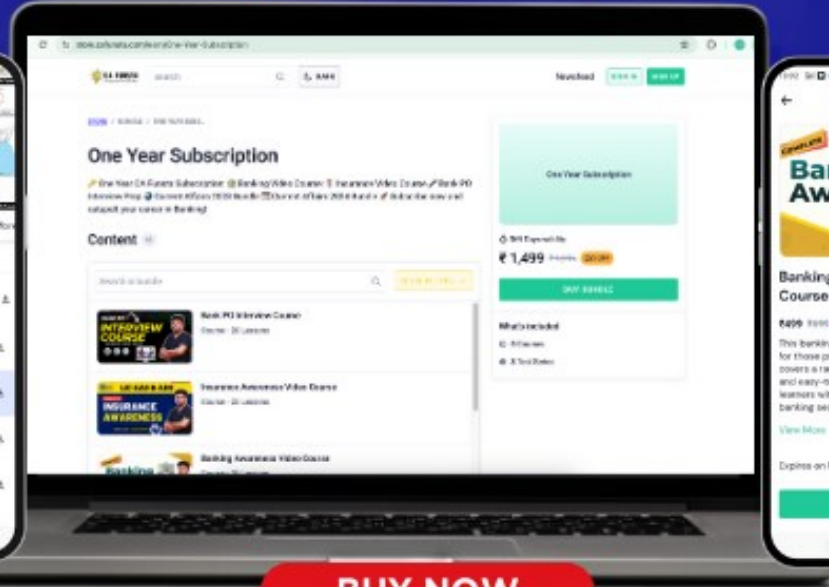
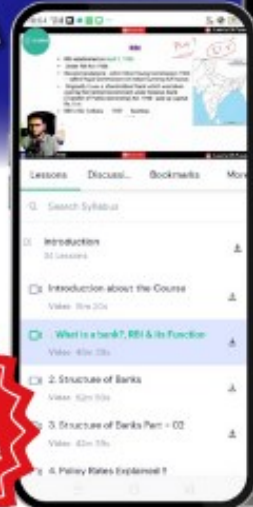


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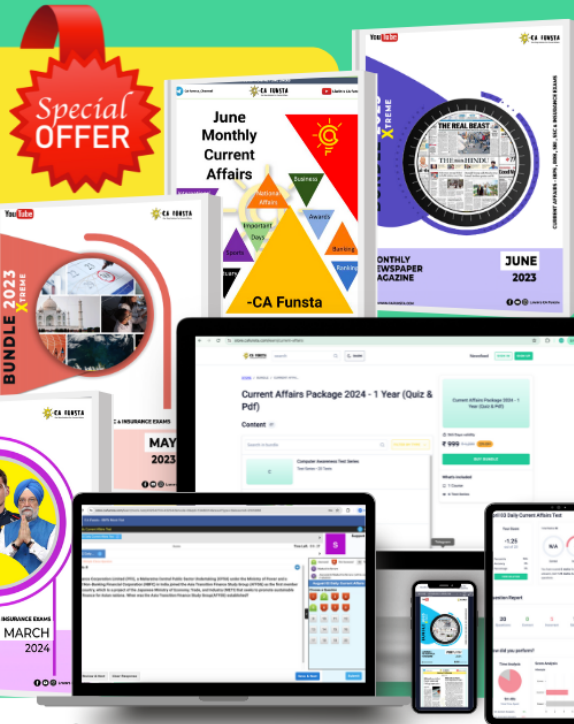
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➤ **Which city recorded the highest AQI in the Top 10 Most Polluted Cities list of May 2026?**

- A) Patna
- B) Kashgar
- C) Cobh
- D) Bikaner
- E) Abu Dhabi

Answer
C) Cobh.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Top 10 Most Polluted Cities list for May 2026 highlighted several unexpected cities with high Air Quality Index levels.
- **Location:** Global coverage, including cities in Ireland, China, India, and the UAE.
- **Date:** May 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The ranking identifies cities recording high Air Quality Index levels and highlights the spread of air pollution across both major urban centres and smaller towns.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to show the rising health and environmental risks of worsening air quality and underline the need for stronger pollution control measures.



Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	Cobh, Ireland
2	Dungarvan, Ireland
3	Clonmel, Ireland
4	Kashgar, China
5	Bikaner, India
6	Patna, India
7	Aurangabad, India
8	Begusarai, India
9	Abu Dhabi, UAE
10	Muzaffarpur, India



Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Quality Index:** Air Quality Index is a measure used to show how polluted the air is and what health risks it may pose to the public.
- **Weather Stagnation:** Weather stagnation refers to a condition in which slow air movement traps pollutants close to the ground and worsens air quality.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Particulate Matter:** Particulate matter refers to tiny solid or liquid particles in the air, such as dust, smoke, and pollutants, that can harm human health when inhaled.
- **Temperature Inversion:** Temperature inversion is a weather condition in which a layer of warm air traps cooler polluted air near the ground, causing pollution levels to rise.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Top 10 Most Polluted Cities in May 2026.
Date	May 2026.
Location	Global, covering cities in Ireland, China, India, and the UAE.
Top ranked city	Cobh in Ireland recorded the highest AQI of 208.
India cities listed	Bikaner, Patna, Aurangabad, Begusarai, and Muzaffarpur were included.
Key concern	AQI levels entered unhealthy, poor, and severe categories in several cities.
Main causes	Weather stagnation, vehicular emissions, construction dust, industrial activity, and desert dust.
Health significance	High AQI can cause breathing difficulties, eye discomfort, fatigue, respiratory diseases, and heart problems.

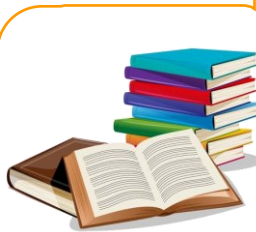


➤ **Which institution launched Electronic Gold Receipts for regulated digital gold trading in India?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C) National Stock Exchange of India
- D) Bombay Stock Exchange
- E) Indian Bullion and Jewellers Association

Answer

C) National Stock Exchange of India.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The National Stock Exchange of India launched Electronic Gold Receipts for regulated digital gold trading.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May 6, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The initiative allows physical gold deposited with a SEBI-accredited vault manager to be converted into Electronic Gold Receipts and traded digitally on the stock exchange platform.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to modernize gold investment by combining the security of physical gold with the convenience, liquidity, transparency, and accessibility of electronic trading.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Electronic Gold Receipts:** Electronic Gold Receipts are electronic securities issued against physical gold stored in certified vaults and traded on a stock exchange.
- **Dematerialization:** Dematerialization is the process of converting physical assets or certificates into electronic form for easier holding and trading.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SEBI-accredited Vault Manager:** SEBI-accredited Vault Manager refers to an entity approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India to store and manage physical gold backing Electronic Gold Receipts.
- **Gold ETF:** Gold ETF is an exchange-traded fund that tracks gold prices and gives investors exposure to gold through units of a fund rather than direct ownership of physical gold.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Electronic Gold Receipts.
Date	May 6, 2026.
Location	India.
Launching institution	National Stock Exchange of India.
Key feature	Physical gold can be converted into electronic receipts for exchange-based trading.
Dematerialized asset	NSE announced dematerialization of a 1000 gram gold bar into an Electronic Gold Receipt.
Quality standards	Eligible gold must meet standards notified by the London Bullion Market Association and Bureau of Indian Standards.
Investor benefit	EGRs offer regulated trading, liquidity, safety, and the option of physical gold delivery.



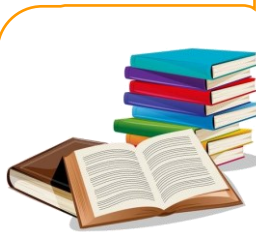
- **Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea Limited from May 5, 2026?**

- A) Ravinder Takkar
- B) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- C) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- D) Himanshu Kapania
- E) Akshaya Moondra



Answer

B) Kumar Mangalam Birla.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kumar Mangalam Birla was appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea Limited.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May 5, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Vodafone Idea Limited appointed Kumar Mangalam Birla as Non-Executive Chairman, while Ravinder Takkar stepped down as Chairman and became Non-Executive Vice Chairman.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to strengthen leadership, support business revival efforts, improve investor confidence, and guide Vodafone Idea's long-term strategy in India's competitive telecom sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Executive Chairman:** Non-Executive Chairman is a board-level leadership position that provides strategic guidance and governance oversight without managing daily operations.
- **Vodafone Idea Limited:** Vodafone Idea Limited is an Indian telecom operator formed through the merger of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aditya Birla Group:** Aditya Birla Group is a diversified Indian multinational conglomerate led by Kumar Mangalam Birla with businesses across sectors such as telecom, metals, cement, finance, and retail.
- **Telecom Sector:** Telecom sector refers to the industry that provides communication services such as mobile connectivity, internet services, and network infrastructure.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Kumar Mangalam Birla as Non-Executive Chairman.
Date	May 5, 2026.
Location	India.
Company	Vodafone Idea Limited.
New Chairman	Kumar Mangalam Birla.
Outgoing Chairman	Ravinder Takkar.
New role of Ravinder Takkar	Non-Executive Vice Chairman of Vodafone Idea Limited.
Significance	The appointment marks a leadership transition during Vodafone Idea's business strengthening phase.

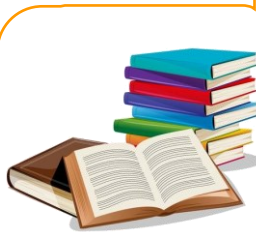


➤ **To whom did Himanta Biswa Sarma submit his resignation as Chief Minister of Assam?**

- A) J P Nadda
- B) Atul Bora
- C) Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- D) Nayab Singh Saini
- E) Keshab Mahanta

Answer

C) Lakshman Prasad Acharya.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Himanta Biswa Sarma submitted his resignation from the post of Chief Minister of Assam after the assembly election results.
- **Location:** Lok Bhawan, Guwahati, Assam.
- **Date:** May 6, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Himanta Biswa Sarma submitted his resignation to Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya, who requested him and his council of ministers to continue in a caretaker capacity until the new government is formed.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to follow the constitutional convention of government formation after elections and ensure continuity of administration until the next ministry takes oath.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Caretaker Government:** Caretaker government refers to the outgoing government that temporarily continues administrative functions until a new government is formally sworn in.
- **Council of Ministers:** Council of Ministers is the group of ministers headed by the Chief Minister that aids and advises the Governor in the administration of a state.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Legislature Party Leader:** Legislature Party Leader is the elected leader of a political party's MLAs who is usually invited to form the government if the party or alliance has majority support.
- **Asom Gana Parishad:** Asom Gana Parishad is a regional political party in Assam and an ally of the BJP-led NDA in the state.

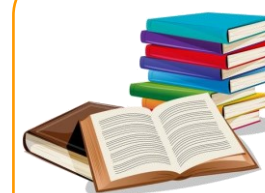


APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Resignation of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
Date	May 6, 2026.
Location	Lok Bhawan, Guwahati.
State	Assam.
Resignation submitted to	Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya.
Caretaker role	Himanta Biswa Sarma and his council of ministers were asked to continue until the new government forms.
Political context	The BJP-led NDA secured a landslide victory in the state.
Expected development	The oath-taking ceremony is expected to be held on May 12, 2026.



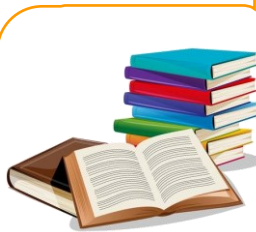
➤ Which countries jointly hosted the Santa Marta Climate Conference in April 2026?

- A) Colombia and Netherlands
- B) Tuvalu and Ireland
- C) France and Germany
- D) Brazil and Spain
- E) Nigeria and Nepal



Answer

A) Colombia and Netherlands.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Santa Marta Climate Conference brought representatives from around 50 countries to discuss faster action on fossil fuel dependence and climate change.
- **Location:** Santa Marta, Colombia.
- **Date:** April 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The conference was organized as an alternative platform to traditional UN climate negotiations to encourage faster commitments on fossil fuel reduction and clean energy transition.
- **Objectives:** The objective was to promote national roadmaps for reducing fossil fuel use, align financial and trade systems with low-carbon pathways, strengthen renewable energy cooperation, and advance practical climate diplomacy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Santa Marta Climate Conference:** Santa Marta Climate Conference was an international climate meeting hosted by Colombia and Netherlands to promote faster climate action and fossil fuel phase-out commitments.
- **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change:** United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the global treaty framework under which countries negotiate international climate action through mechanisms such as the Conference of the Parties.



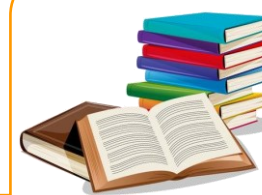
Important Terms Explained:

- **Conference of the Parties:** Conference of the Parties is the main decision-making body under the UN climate framework where member countries negotiate global climate commitments.
- **International Scientific Panel on Energy Transition:** International Scientific Panel on Energy Transition is a new panel announced at the conference to focus specifically on fossil fuel phase-out and clean energy transition strategies.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Santa Marta Climate Conference.
Date	April 2026.
Location	Santa Marta, Colombia.
Host countries	Colombia and Netherlands.
Participation	Representatives from around 50 countries attended the conference.
Key themes	Fossil fuel reduction, energy system transformation, and climate diplomacy.
Major announcement	France presented a timeline to phase out coal by 2030, oil by 2045, and natural gas by 2050.
Next conference	The next conference will be held in Tuvalu in 2027 and co-hosted by Tuvalu and Ireland.

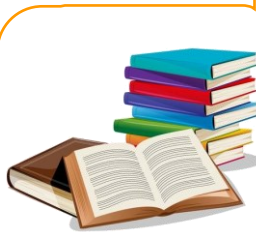


► **What is the targeted credit flow under the approved Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0?**

- A) ₹5,000 crore
- B) ₹1.50 lakh crore
- C) ₹2.55 lakh crore
- D) ₹3.00 lakh crore
- E) ₹100 crore

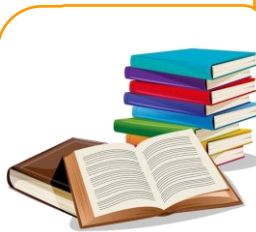
Answer

C) ₹2.55 lakh crore.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Cabinet approved the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 to provide additional credit support to businesses affected by liquidity stress.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May 6, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme will provide credit guarantee coverage through the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited to Member Lending Institutions for extending additional loans to eligible MSMEs, non-MSMEs, and scheduled passenger airlines.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to ensure business continuity, improve credit flow, protect employment, and support economic stability amid disruptions caused by the West Asia crisis.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0:**
Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 is a government-backed credit guarantee scheme that supports additional lending to businesses facing short-term liquidity stress.
- **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited:**
National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited is the agency that provides credit guarantee support to lenders under government-backed credit guarantee schemes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Member Lending Institutions:** Member Lending Institutions are banks and financial institutions authorized to provide loans under the scheme with government-backed guarantee coverage.
- **Moratorium Period:** Moratorium period is the initial period during which borrowers are not required to repay the principal amount of a loan.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0.
Date	May 6, 2026.
Location	India.
Approving authority	Union Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Targeted credit flow	₹2.55 lakh crore.
Airline sector allocation	₹5,000 crore has been specifically targeted for the airline sector.
Guarantee coverage	100 percent for MSMEs and 90 percent for non-MSMEs and the airline sector.
Operational period	The scheme will remain operational until March 31, 2027.

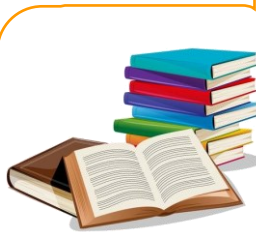


➤ **Which institution launched PRASHAST 2.0 for early identification of disabilities in school children?**

- A) University Grants Commission
- B) National Council of Educational Research and Training
- C) Central Board of Secondary Education
- D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- E) National Testing Agency

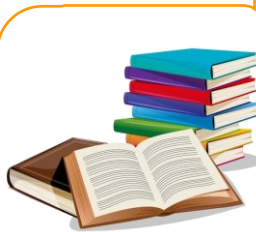
Answer

B) National Council of Educational Research and Training.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The National Council of Educational Research and Training launched PRASHAST 2.0 for early identification of disabilities in school children.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May 6, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** PRASHAST 2.0 provides a digital screening platform for teachers, principals, special educators, and schools to identify 21 types of disabilities among children as defined under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to support early detection, timely intervention, inclusive education, educational adjustments, and access to government support systems for children with special needs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PRASHAST 2.0:** PRASHAST 2.0 stands for Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool and is a digital platform developed to screen school children for disabilities at an early stage.
- **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016:** Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 is an Indian law that recognizes specified disabilities and provides rights, protections, and support measures for persons with disabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Samagra Shiksha:** Samagra Shiksha is an integrated school education scheme that supports inclusive and equitable education from pre-school to senior secondary level.
- **Children with Special Needs:** Children with Special Needs refers to students who require additional educational, developmental, or support services due to disabilities or learning challenges.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of PRASHAST 2.0.
Date	May 6, 2026.
Location	India.
Launching institution	National Council of Educational Research and Training.
Full form	Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool.
Coverage	The tool screens children for 21 types of disabilities.
Key integration	PRASHAST 2.0 is integrated with UDISE+, APAAR ID, and the Swavlamban Card Portal.
Purpose / reason	The platform promotes early detection, inclusive education, and timely support for children with special needs.

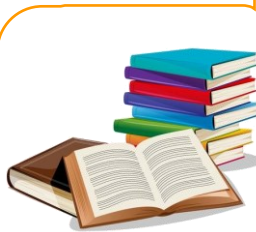


➤ **Which amendment bill has been proposed to increase the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges in India?**

- A) Supreme Court Administrative Reform Bill, 2026
- B) Supreme Court Judicial Efficiency Bill, 2026
- C) Supreme Court Number of Judges Amendment Bill, 2026
- D) Constitution Judicial Strength Amendment Bill, 2026
- E) National Judicial Capacity Bill, 2026

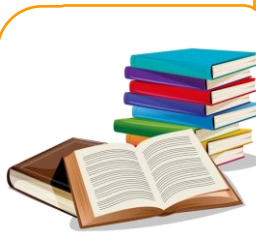
Answer

C) Supreme Court Number of Judges Amendment Bill, 2026



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Cabinet approved a proposal to increase the sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court of India from 34 to 38 judges including the Chief Justice of India.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May 5, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposal seeks to amend the Supreme Court Number of Judges Act, 1956 through the Supreme Court Number of Judges Amendment Bill, 2026, to add four more judges to the Supreme Court.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to improve judicial efficiency, reduce the pressure of pending cases, enable faster constitution of benches, and ensure speedier justice delivery for citizens.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Supreme Court of India:** The Supreme Court of India is the highest judicial court and final court of appeal in the country.
- **Chief Justice of India:** The Chief Justice of India is the head of the Indian judiciary and presides over the Supreme Court of India.
- **Article 124(1):** Article 124(1) of the Constitution of India provides for the composition of the Supreme Court and allows Parliament to prescribe the number of judges by law.



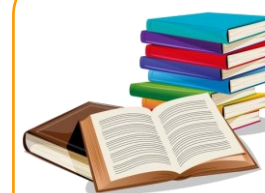
Important Terms Explained:

- **Consolidated Fund of India:** The Consolidated Fund of India is the main government fund into which revenues, loans, and loan repayments are credited, and from which government expenditure is met with legal authorization.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval to increase Supreme Court judge strength.
Date	May 5, 2026.
Location	India.
Approving authority	Union Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Current sanctioned strength	34 judges including the Chief Justice of India.
Proposed sanctioned strength	38 judges including the Chief Justice of India.
Legal route	Supreme Court Number of Judges Amendment Bill, 2026.
Purpose / reason	To improve case disposal, judicial capacity, and overall efficiency of the Supreme Court.

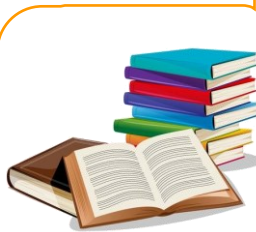


Under which mission did the Union Cabinet approve two new semiconductor projects in Gujarat?

- A) Digital India Mission
- B) India Semiconductor Mission
- C) Make in India Electronics Mission
- D) National Electronics Policy Mission
- E) Semiconductor Innovation Mission

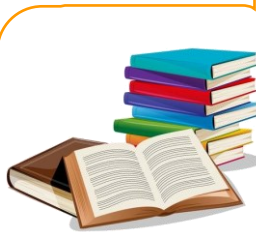
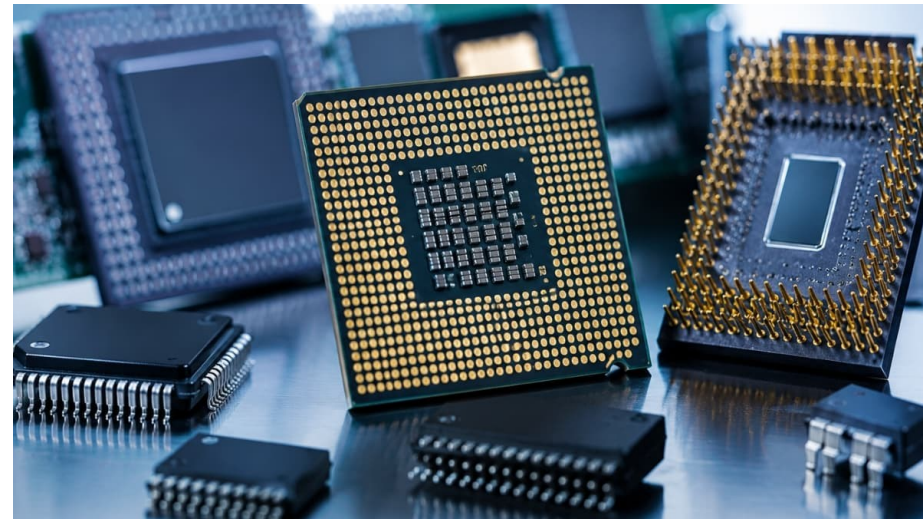
Answer

B) India Semiconductor Mission.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Cabinet approved two new semiconductor projects under the India Semiconductor Mission with a combined investment of over ₹3,936 crore.
- **Location:** Gujarat, India.
- **Date:** May 6, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The approval covers one compound semiconductor fabrication facility with Mini/Micro-LED production in Dholera and one Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test facility in Surat.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to strengthen India's domestic semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem, create skilled jobs, and enhance India's role in global electronics supply chains.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Consolidated Fund of India:** The Consolidated Fund of India is the main government fund into which revenues, loans, and loan repayments are credited, and from which government expenditure is met with legal authorization.
- **Semiconductor:** A semiconductor is a material used to make chips that power electronic devices such as smartphones, vehicles, displays, and industrial equipment.
- **Compound Semiconductor Fabrication:** Compound semiconductor fabrication refers to the manufacturing of semiconductors using compound materials such as Gallium Nitride for advanced electronic and display applications.



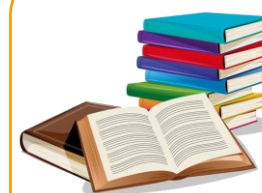
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gallium Nitride:** Gallium Nitride is a semiconductor material used in high-performance electronics, power devices, and next-generation display technologies.
- **Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test:** Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test is a backend semiconductor process involving chip packaging, assembly, and testing before final use in electronic products.



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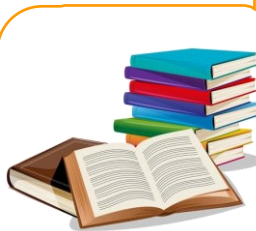
Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of two new semiconductor projects under India Semiconductor Mission.
Date	May 6, 2026.
Location	Gujarat, India.
Approving authority	Union Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Investment value	Over ₹3,936 crore.
Key projects	Compound semiconductor fabrication facility in Dholera and OSAT facility in Surat.
Employment potential	More than 2,200 skilled jobs are expected to be created.
Strategic value	The projects will boost India's chip ecosystem and support its goal of becoming a global semiconductor hub.



- **Where has the Union Cabinet approved the establishment of a new state-of-the-art ship repair facility?**

- A) Mundra
- B) Kandla
- C) Vadinar
- D) Kochi
- E) Surat

Answer
C) Vadinar.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Cabinet approved a state-of-the-art ship repair facility at Vadinar with an investment of around ₹1,570 crore.
- **Location:** Vadinar, Gujarat, India.
- **Date:** May 6, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The project will be implemented by Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited under the approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to strengthen India's ship repair infrastructure, reduce dependence on foreign shipyards, improve port competitiveness, and support India's emergence as a global maritime hub.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs is a high-level government body that takes major decisions on economic policies, infrastructure projects, and investment proposals.
- **Brownfield Project:** A brownfield project refers to the expansion, redevelopment, or upgrading of existing infrastructure instead of building entirely new facilities from scratch.



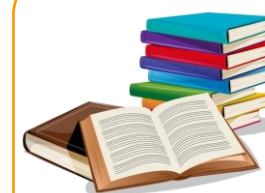
Important Terms Explained:

- **Floating Dry Dock:** A floating dry dock is a floating platform used to lift ships out of water for inspection, maintenance, and repair activities.
- **Maritime India Vision 2030:** Maritime India Vision 2030 is India's long-term strategy to modernize ports, improve logistics efficiency, and strengthen the country's maritime sector.



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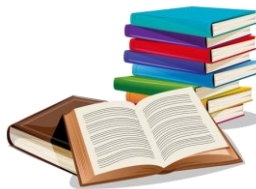


► What is the total approved outlay for the Mission for Cotton Productivity for the 2026–31 cycle?

- A) ₹3,936 crore
- B) ₹1,570 crore
- C) ₹5,659.22 crore
- D) ₹1.64 lakh crore
- E) ₹4,980 crore

Answer

C) ₹5,659.22 crore.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Cabinet approved the Mission for Cotton Productivity for the 2026–27 to 2030–31 cycle.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May 5, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The mission will be implemented jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Textiles to improve cotton yield, quality, processing, testing, certification, branding, and exports.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to tackle declining cotton yields, improve cotton quality, strengthen India's global competitiveness in textiles, and enhance farmer incomes through a stronger cotton value chain.



Important Terms Explained:

- **5F Vision:** The 5F Vision refers to the integrated textile value chain of Farm, Fibre, Factory, Fashion, and Foreign, linking cotton production with manufacturing, branding, and exports.
- **Kasturi Cotton Bharat:** Kasturi Cotton Bharat is India's branded cotton initiative aimed at promoting high-quality, traceable, and contamination-controlled Indian cotton in domestic and global markets.



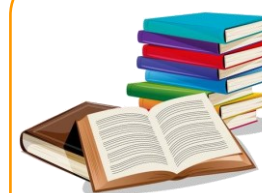
Important Terms Explained:

- **Climate Resilient Seeds:** Climate resilient seeds are crop varieties developed to withstand climate-related stresses such as drought, heat, and irregular rainfall.
- **Contamination Free Cotton:** Contamination free cotton refers to cotton with minimal impurities such as dust, plastic, foreign fibres, or other unwanted materials, improving its quality and export value.



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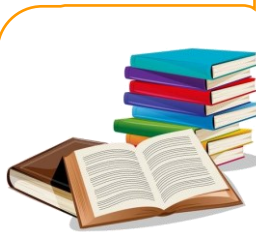
Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of ship repair facility at Vadinar.
Date	May 6, 2026.
Location	Vadinar, Gujarat.
Approving authority	Union Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Implementing agencies	Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited.
Investment value	Around ₹1,570 crore.
Feature details	The facility will include a 650-metre jetty, two floating dry docks, and advanced workshops.
Strategic value	The project will reduce foreign dependence for large vessel repairs and strengthen India's maritime hub ambitions.



➤ **Where will the headquarters of the newly notified South Coast Railway Zone be located?**

- A) Vijayawada
- B) Guntur
- C) Visakhapatnam
- D) Secunderabad
- E) Bhubaneswar

Answer
C) Visakhapatnam.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Government notified the creation of the South Coast Railway Zone with headquarters at Visakhapatnam.
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India.
- **Date:** June 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The new railway zone has been created through the reorganization of the existing East Coast Railway and South Central Railway under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to improve railway administration, strengthen regional connectivity, enhance operational efficiency, and support infrastructure development in Andhra Pradesh and nearby regions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **South Coast Railway Zone:** South Coast Railway Zone is a newly notified railway zone of Indian Railways headquartered at Visakhapatnam and formed through railway divisional reorganization.
- **Railways Act, 1989:** Railways Act, 1989 is the law that governs railway administration, operations, safety, and related matters in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Railway Zone:** Railway zone is an administrative unit of Indian Railways headed by a General Manager and consisting of multiple railway divisions.
- **Waltair Division:** Waltair Division is a railway division whose existing structure will be bifurcated, with one part becoming Visakhapatnam division under South Coast Railway and another part merging into Rayagada division under East Coast Railway.



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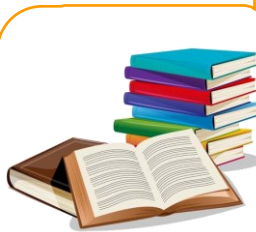
Parameter	Details
Event name	Mission for Cotton Productivity approval.
Date	May 5, 2026.
Location	India.
Approving authority	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Outlay	₹5,659.22 crore.
Implementation period	2026–27 to 2030–31.
Coverage	140 districts across 14 states.
Key target	Cotton productivity is targeted to rise from 440 kg/ha to 755 kg/ha by 2031.



QUICK RECALL



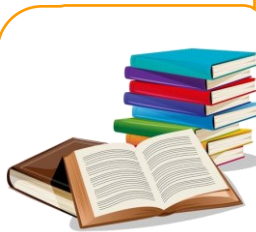
- **Cobh in Ireland topped the May 2026 polluted cities list with an AQI of 208.**
- **The National Stock Exchange of India launched Electronic Gold Receipts for digital gold trading.**
- **Kumar Mangalam Birla was appointed Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea Limited from May 5, 2026.**
- **Himanta Biswa Sarma submitted his resignation as Chief Minister of Assam to Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya.**
- **The Santa Marta Climate Conference was held in Colombia in April 2026.**
- **The Union Cabinet approved Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 to support businesses facing liquidity stress.**
- **NCERT launched PRASHAST 2.0 to identify disabilities in school children at an early stage.**
- **The Union Cabinet approved the proposal to increase the Supreme Court's sanctioned strength on May 5, 2026.**
- **The Union Cabinet approved two semiconductor projects in Gujarat under the India Semiconductor Mission.**



QUICK RECALL



- **The Union Cabinet approved a new ship repair facility at Vadinar in Gujarat.**
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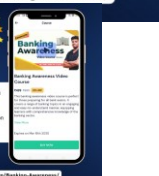
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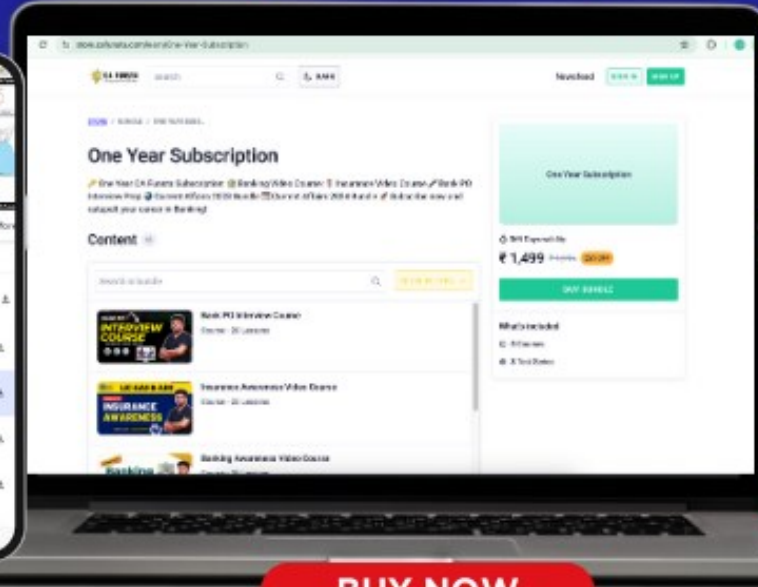
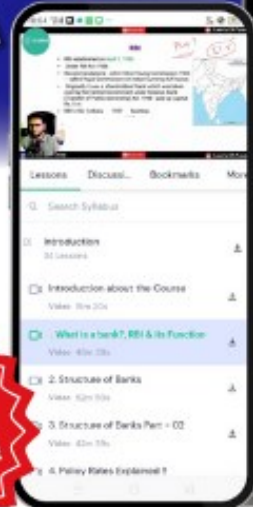


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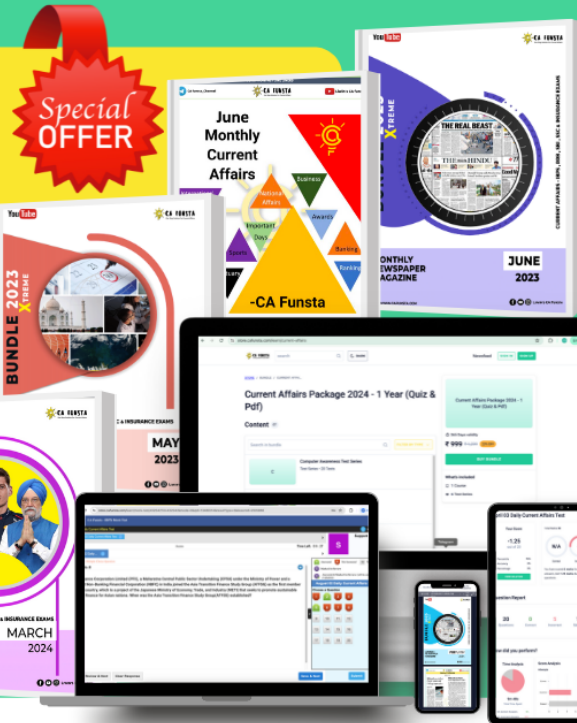
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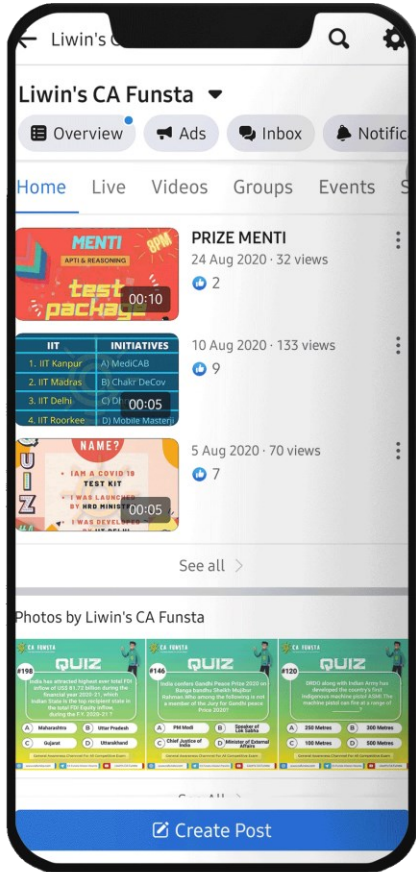
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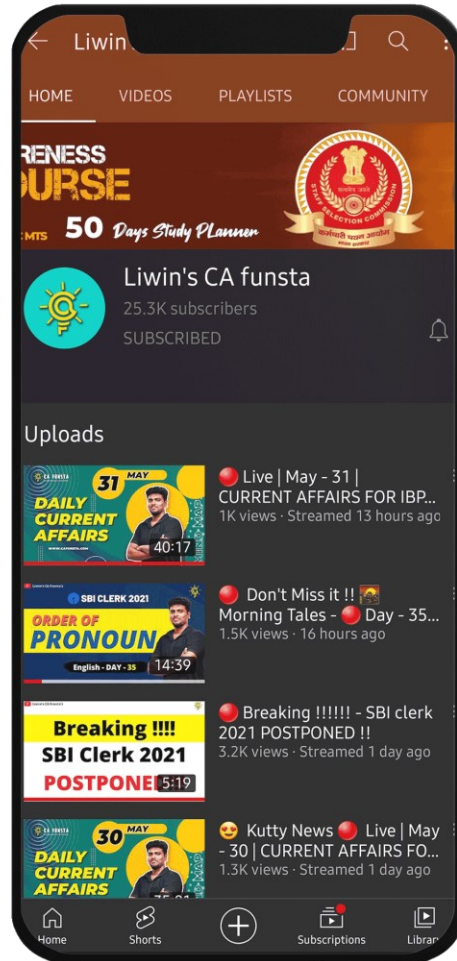


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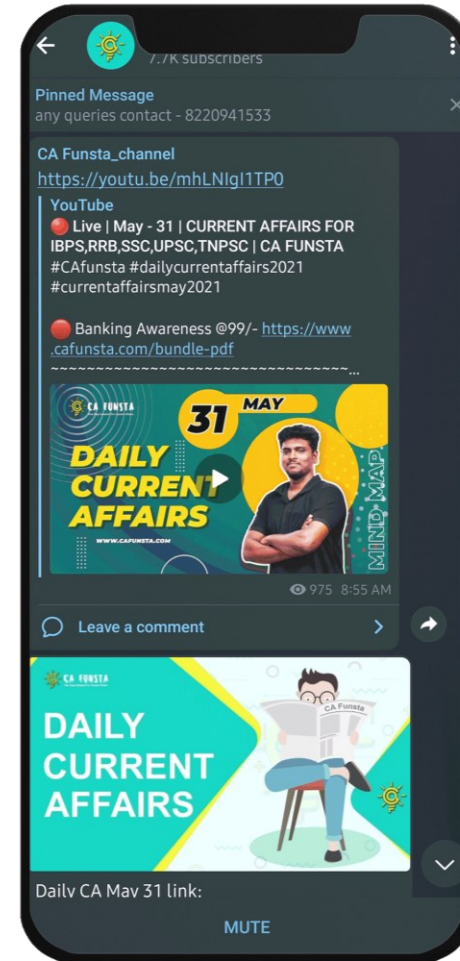
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