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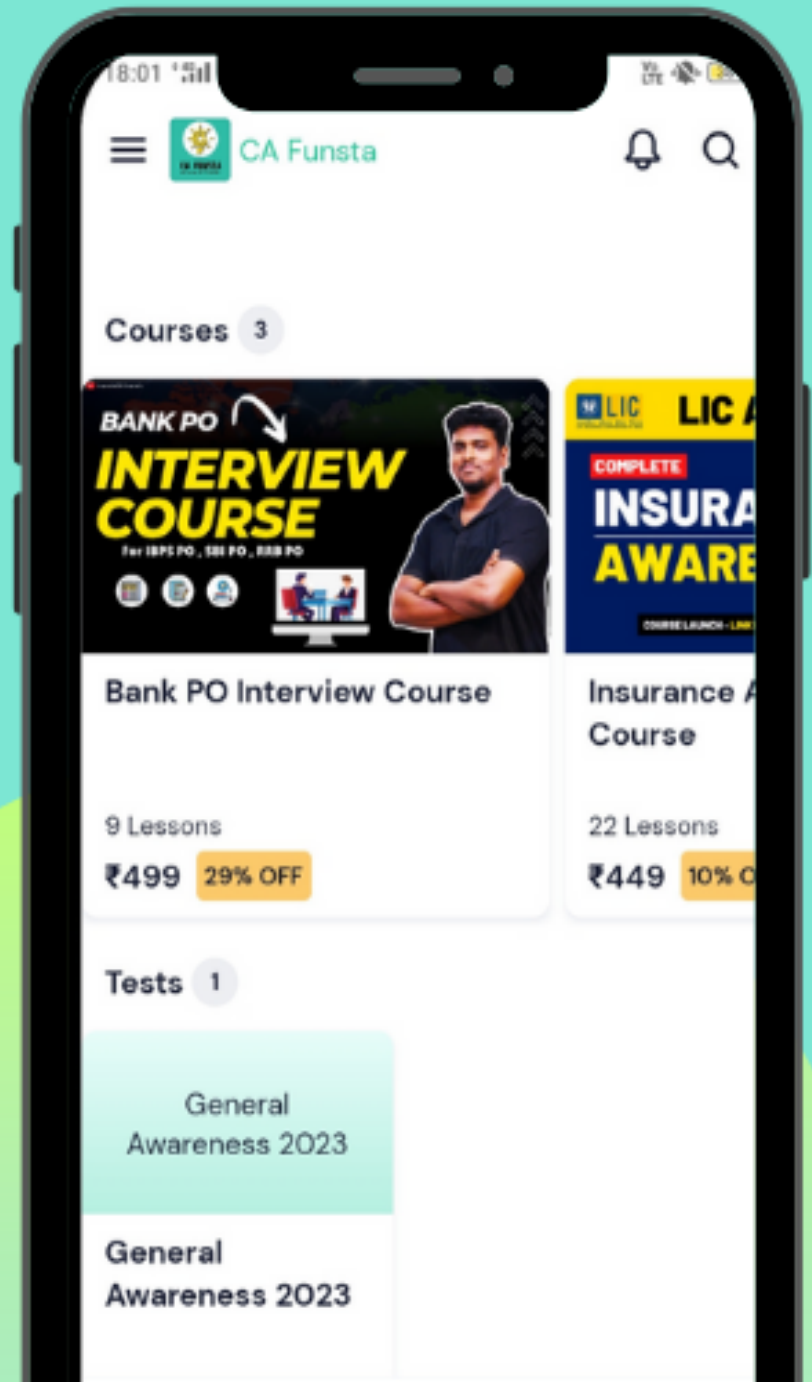
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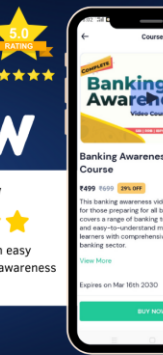
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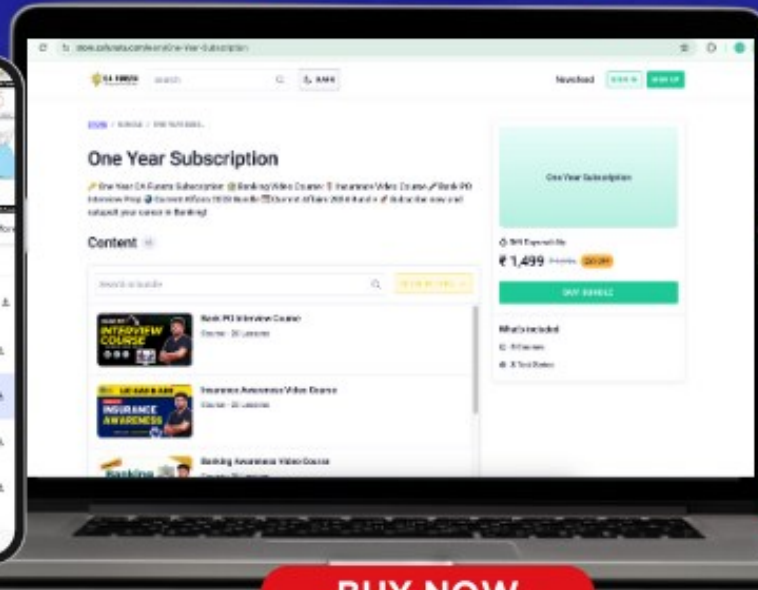


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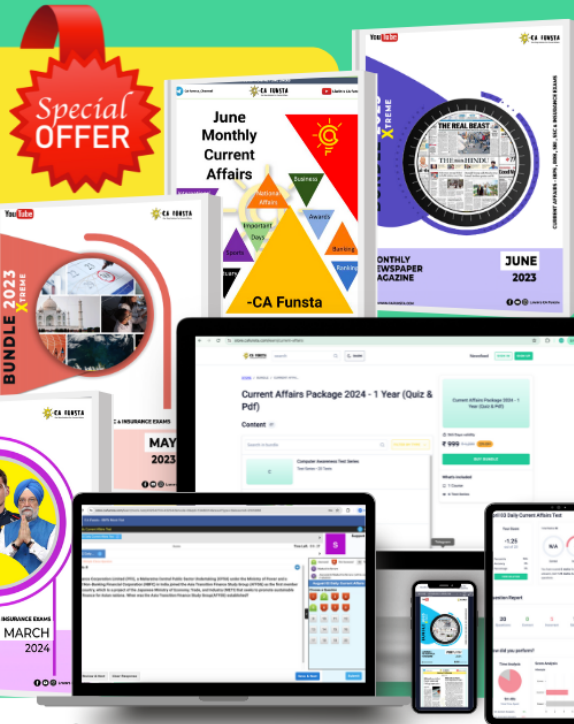
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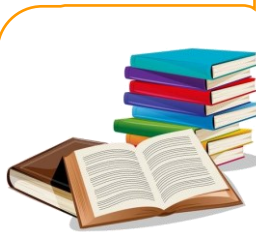
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➤ **World Bee Day 2026 will be observed with which official theme?**

- A) Save Bees for Sustainable Agriculture
- B) Bee together for people and the planet
- C) Protect Pollinators for Food Security
- D) Bees for Biodiversity and Climate Action
- E) Sustainable Beekeeping for Rural Growth

Answer

B) Bee together for people and the planet.



Event and Location:

- **Event: World Bee Day 2026** will be observed to raise awareness about the role of bees and other pollinators in food security, biodiversity, and ecological balance.
- **Location:** The observance is global and is marked across countries under the framework of the **United Nations**.



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Date: World Bee Day 2026** will be observed on May 20, 2026.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: World Bee Day** is observed annually on May **20** to highlight the importance of bees, pollinators, and beekeeping for agriculture, livelihoods, and environmental sustainability.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The day aims to promote pollinator conservation, protect declining bee populations, support sustainable agriculture, and strengthen awareness about threats such as habitat loss, climate change, pesticide use, pollution, diseases, and invasive species.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pollinators:** Pollinators are organisms such as bees that help transfer pollen between flowering plants, enabling plant reproduction and crop production.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Apiculture:** Apiculture refers to the scientific practice of beekeeping, including bee management and honey production.
- **Apimondia:** Apimondia is the **International Federation of Beekeepers Associations** that supported Slovenia's proposal for **World Bee Day**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sustainable Agriculture:** Sustainable agriculture refers to farming practices that protect natural resources, support biodiversity, and ensure long-term food production.



Important Days



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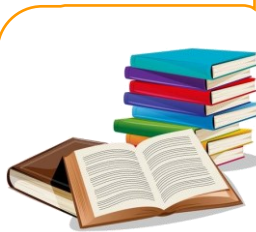
Parameter	Details
Event name	World Bee Day 2026.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Theme	Bee together for people and the planet.
Global authority	United Nations.
Proposed by	Slovenia.
First official observance	The first official World Bee Day was observed in 2018.
Historical significance	May 20 marks the birth anniversary of Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern apiculture.
Purpose / reason	The day promotes protection of bees and pollinators for food security, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, and ecological balance.



► ICRA has lowered India's FY27 GDP growth forecast from 6.5% to what level?

- A) 5.9%
- B) 6.0%
- C) 6.1%
- D) 6.2%
- E) 6.4%

Answer
D) 6.2%.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICRA has cut India's FY27 GDP growth forecast due to higher crude oil prices and geopolitical uncertainty.
- **Location:** The forecast applies to India's economy.
- **Date:** The revision was reported on May 20, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** ICRA revised India's **GDP** growth estimate for FY27 from **6.5%** to **6.2%**, citing sustained high crude oil prices caused by tensions in **West Asia**.
- **Objectives:** The revision aims to reflect risks from higher oil import costs, inflationary pressure, rupee weakness, softer exports, and slowing industrial and services activity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross Domestic Product:** Gross Domestic Product is the total monetary value of all final goods and services produced within a country during a specific period.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Crude Oil Prices:** Crude oil prices refer to the global market price of unrefined petroleum, which affects fuel costs, inflation, import bills, and industrial production.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Inflation:** Inflation is the rise in the general price level of goods and services, reducing the purchasing power of consumers.



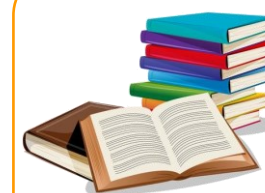
Important Terms Explained:

- **Merchandise Exports:** Merchandise exports refer to physical goods sold by a country to other countries, such as manufactured products, agricultural goods, and industrial items.



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Parameter	Details
Event name	ICRA revision of India's FY27 GDP growth forecast.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	India.
Agency involved	ICRA.
Revised FY27 forecast	India's FY27 GDP growth forecast was lowered to 6.2%.
Earlier FY27 forecast	The earlier FY27 GDP growth forecast was 6.5%.
Key reason	The downgrade was linked to higher crude oil prices due to the West Asia crisis.
FY26 growth estimate	ICRA expects India's economy to grow by 7.5% in FY26.

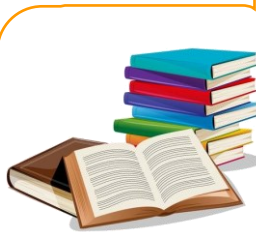


► **Google and Blackstone's \$5 billion AI cloud venture will be built around which Google chip technology?**

- A) Graphics Processing Units
- B) Tensor Processing Units
- C) Central Processing Units
- D) Quantum Processing Units
- E) Neural Interface Chips

Answer

B) Tensor Processing Units.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Google-Blackstone AI cloud venture has been launched as a **\$5 billion** artificial intelligence infrastructure initiative.
- **Location:** The venture is focused on the global AI cloud computing market.
- **Date:** The announcement was reported on May **20, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Google and Blackstone** have launched a new AI cloud infrastructure company built around Google's **Tensor Processing Units** to provide compute-as-a-service for businesses.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The venture aims to help businesses rent powerful AI computing resources, reduce dependence on costly in-house infrastructure, and challenge Nvidia's dominance in the AI chip and cloud computing market.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tensor Processing Units: Tensor Processing Units** are Google's custom AI chips designed to accelerate machine learning, AI model training, inference, large language models, and high-speed parallel computing.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Compute-as-a-Service:** Compute-as-a-Service is a cloud model that allows businesses to rent computing resources on demand instead of purchasing and maintaining expensive hardware.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence Cloud Infrastructure:** Artificial intelligence cloud infrastructure refers to the data centers, chips, power systems, cooling systems, and cloud platforms required to run AI workloads at scale.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Graphics Processing Units: Graphics Processing Units** are semiconductor chips widely used for AI workloads and have helped Nvidia dominate the AI chip market.



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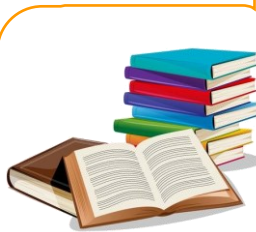
Parameter	Details
Event name	Google-Blackstone AI cloud venture.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Partners involved	Google and Blackstone.
Investment size	Around \$5 billion.
Core technology	Google's Tensor Processing Units.
Service model	The venture will provide compute-as-a-service to businesses.
Initial capacity	The first phase is expected to involve around 500 megawatts of data center capacity.
Strategic value	The project aims to strengthen AI cloud infrastructure and challenge Nvidia's AI market dominance.



➤ **Bharat Forge will set up India's first private-sector marine gas turbine facility in which city?**

- A) Kochi
- B) Chennai
- C) Mumbai
- D) Visakhapatnam
- E) Paradip

Answer
D) Visakhapatnam.



Event and Location:

- **Event: Bharat Forge** marine gas turbine facility will be established as India's first private-sector facility for marine gas turbine repair and overhaul.
- **Location:** The facility will be set up in Visakhapatnam, **Andhra Pradesh.**



Event and Location:

- **Date:** The announcement was reported on May 20, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Bharat Forge** signed an MoU with the **Andhra Pradesh** government to establish a private-sector marine gas turbine repair and overhaul facility in Visakhapatnam.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to strengthen naval self-reliance, reduce dependence on overseas marine propulsion servicing, improve **Indian Navy** operational readiness, boost defence manufacturing, and create employment opportunities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Marine Gas Turbine:** **Marine Gas Turbine** is a propulsion system used in naval vessels to generate high power for ship movement and operational performance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MoU:** MoU stands for **Memorandum of Understanding**, which is a formal agreement between parties to cooperate on a proposed project or initiative.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** Atmanirbhar Bharat is India's self-reliance initiative focused on strengthening domestic capabilities in sectors such as defence, manufacturing, and technology.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Repair and Overhaul:** Repair and overhaul refers to inspection, restoration, servicing, and testing of equipment to ensure operational efficiency and extended service life.



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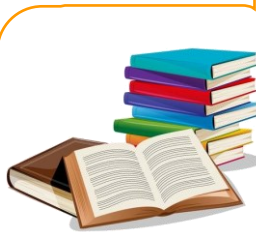
Parameter	Details
Event name	India's first private-sector marine gas turbine facility.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
Company involved	Bharat Forge Limited.
State partner	Government of Andhra Pradesh.
Agreement venue	Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Conclave in Puttaparthi.
Key signatories	Guru Biswal of Bharat Forge Limited and Dr G Satheesh Reddy.
Purpose / reason	The facility will support marine gas turbine repair and overhaul, reduce foreign dependence, and strengthen naval self-reliance.



► India has notified new fuel standards for petrol blended with up to what percentage of ethanol?

- A) 20%
- B) 22%
- C) 25%
- D) 27%
- E) 30%

Answer
E) 30%.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** E30 petrol standards have been notified as part of India's next phase of ethanol blending policy.
- **Location:** The notification applies to petrol fuel standards across India.
- **Date:** The notification was reported on May 20, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Bureau of Indian Standards notified technical specifications for higher ethanol-petrol blends including E22, E25, E27, and E30 for petrol vehicles.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The move aims to prepare India for higher ethanol blending, reduce crude oil imports, support biofuel production, promote agricultural feedstock use, and lower transport emissions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **E30 Petrol:** E30 Petrol refers to petrol containing **30%** ethanol and **70%** conventional gasoline.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ethanol Blending:** Ethanol blending is the process of mixing ethanol with petrol to reduce fossil fuel use and promote cleaner fuel alternatives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bureau of Indian Standards: Bureau of Indian Standards** is India's national standards body responsible for setting quality and technical standards for products and systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Anhydrous Ethanol:** Anhydrous ethanol is ethanol with very low water content, used for blending with petrol in motor fuel applications.



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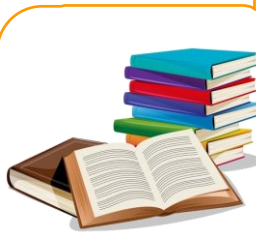
Parameter	Details
Event name	Notification of E30 petrol standards.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	India.
Notifying authority	Bureau of Indian Standards.
Fuel blends covered	E22, E25, E27, and E30.
E30 composition	E30 contains 30% ethanol and 70% conventional gasoline.
Implementation status	The notification is a preparatory regulatory step and not an immediate nationwide rollout.
Purpose / reason	The move supports reduced crude oil imports, biofuel growth, cleaner mobility, and India's ethanol blending roadmap beyond E20.



► DRDO successfully completed final development trials of which indigenous UAV-launched precision-guided missile?

- A) Nag Mk-II
- B) Astra Mk-I
- C) ULPGM-V3
- D) Akash-NG
- E) Rudram-II

Answer
C) ULPGM-V3.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** **ULPGM-V3** missile successfully completed final development trials in air-to-ground and air-to-air modes.
- **Location:** The trials were conducted at the **DRDO** test range near Kurnool.
- **Date:** The successful trials were reported on May **20, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** DRDO conducted final development trials of the indigenous **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile-V3** to validate its performance in offensive ground attack and aerial engagement roles.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The missile aims to strengthen India's drone warfare capabilities, improve anti-tank operations, counter airborne threats, and support self-reliance in defence manufacturing.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile** is a missile designed to be launched from drones for accurate strikes against ground or aerial targets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ground Control System:** Ground Control System is an integrated control setup used to manage missile readiness checks, launch operations, and mission coordination.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** Aatmanirbhar Bharat is India's self-reliance initiative that promotes domestic production and reduced dependence on imports in key sectors including defence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Anti-Tank Warfare:** Anti-tank warfare refers to military operations and weapons designed to destroy or disable enemy tanks and armoured vehicles.



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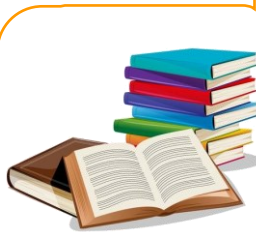
Parameter	Details
Event name	DRDO final trials of ULPGM-V3 missile.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	DRDO test range near Kurnool.
Developing agency	Defence Research and Development Organisation.
Missile type	Indigenous UAV-launched precision-guided missile.
Test modes	Air-to-ground and air-to-air modes.
Key partners	NewSpace Research and Technologies, Bharat Dynamics Limited, and Adani Defense & Aerospace.
Strategic value	The missile strengthens India's drone warfare, precision strike capability, and indigenous defence manufacturing ecosystem.



➤ **Russian President Vladimir Putin is scheduled to attend the BRICS Summit 2026 in which Indian city?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Chennai
- D) New Delhi
- E) Hyderabad

Answer
D) New Delhi.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** **BRICS Summit 2026** will be attended by **Russian President Vladimir Putin** during his visit to India.
- **Location:** The summit will be held in **New Delhi**, India.
- **Date:** The summit is scheduled to be held in September **2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Kremlin has confirmed that **Russian President Vladimir Putin** will participate in the **BRICS Summit 2026** hosted by **India in New Delhi**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The summit aims to discuss global trade, geopolitics, strategic cooperation, energy security, supply chain resilience, climate cooperation, technology partnerships, AI governance, and multilateral coordination among **BRICS** countries.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS: BRICS** is a grouping of major emerging economies originally comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and **South Africa**, with a focus on economic cooperation and global governance reform.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Multilateral Cooperation:** Multilateral cooperation refers to collaboration among multiple countries to address common economic, political, security, and development-related issues.



Important Terms Explained:

- **South-South Cooperation:** South-South Cooperation refers to cooperation among developing countries in areas such as trade, technology, finance, capacity building, and development.



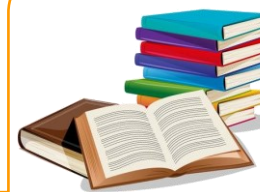
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Governance Reform:** Global governance reform refers to efforts to make international institutions and decision-making systems more representative and responsive to changing global realities.



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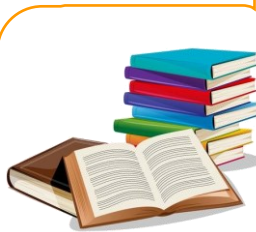
Parameter	Details
Event name	BRICS Summit 2026.
Date	September 2026.
Location	New Delhi, India.
Key participant	Russian President Vladimir Putin.
Confirmation authority	Kremlin.
Host country	India.
Likely discussion areas	Global trade, geopolitics, energy security, climate cooperation, technology partnerships, and AI governance.
Strategic value	The visit is expected to strengthen India-Russia ties and highlight BRICS' role in global cooperation.



➤ **The Ministry of Ayush launched the Ayush Anudan Portal under which digital initiative?**

- A) Ayushman Bharat Mission
- B) Ayush Grid
- C) Digital India Health Stack
- D) NGO Darpan
- E) National Health Mission

Answer
B) Ayush Grid.



Event and Location:

- **Event: Ayush Anudan Portal** was launched to digitise grant management processes in the **AYUSH** sector.
- **Location:** The initiative applies to **AYUSH** institutions across India.
- **Date:** The launch was reported on May **20, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Ayush launched the **Ayush Anudan Portal** under the **Ayush Grid** initiative to manage grant applications, verification, approvals, and monitoring through a paperless online system.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The portal aims to improve transparency, reduce paperwork delays, enable real-time tracking, simplify institutional verification, and streamline funding management for eligible **AYUSH** organisations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayush Grid:** **Ayush Grid** is the **Ministry of Ayush's** digital transformation initiative to create an integrated technology-driven ecosystem for **AYUSH** education, research, healthcare delivery, drug regulation, medicinal plants, capacity building, and international outreach.



Important Terms Explained:

- **AYUSH: AYUSH** refers to traditional systems of medicine including Ayurveda, **Yoga and Naturopathy**, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy, and Sowa-Rigpa.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NGO Darpan Portal:** **NGO Darpan Portal** is a digital platform used for authentication and verification of non-governmental organisations applying for government-linked support or grants.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission: Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** is India's digital health initiative focused on creating interoperable digital health infrastructure.



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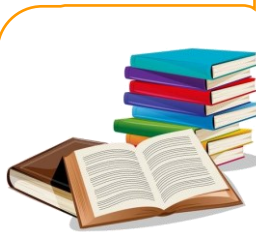
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Ayush Anudan Portal.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	India.
Launching authority	Ministry of Ayush.
Launched by	Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav.
Parent initiative	Ayush Grid.
Key feature	The portal enables online grant applications, document verification, approvals, and real-time tracking.
Purpose / reason	The portal aims to make AYUSH grant management paperless, transparent, faster, and more efficient.



- ▶ **India's cheetah population under Project Cheetah has reached what number according to the latest update?**

- A) 33
- B) 44
- C) 53
- D) 60
- E) 72

Answer
C) 53.



Event and Location:

- **Event: Project Cheetah** has reached a major milestone as India's cheetah population rose to **53**, including **33** Indian-born cubs.
- **Location:** The core habitat is **Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh**, with expansion planned to **Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary**, Banni grasslands, and **Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary**.



Event and Location:

- **Date:** The update was reported on May 20, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The government reviewed the progress of **Project Cheetah** and discussed expansion beyond **Kuno National Park** to create a broader landscape-based conservation model.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The mission aims to restore cheetahs in India, rebuild grassland ecosystems, improve biodiversity balance, strengthen prey populations, support scientific wildlife management, and develop a sustainable cheetah metapopulation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Project Cheetah:** **Project Cheetah** is India's cheetah reintroduction programme aimed at restoring the species after it was declared extinct in the country in **1952**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Intercontinental Translocation:** Intercontinental translocation refers to the movement of wildlife species from one continent to another for conservation or restoration purposes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Metapopulation:** Metapopulation refers to multiple separate wildlife populations living in different habitats but connected through movement and genetic exchange.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Genetic Diversity:** Genetic diversity refers to the variety of genes within a species population, which helps improve survival, adaptation, and disease resistance.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Project Cheetah population milestone.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Current cheetah population	India's cheetah population has reached 53.
Indian-born cubs	The population includes 33 cheetahs born in India.
Core habitat	Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
Future habitats	Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary, Banni grasslands, and Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary.
Original source countries	Cheetahs were initially relocated from Namibia and South Africa.
Strategic value	The project supports species restoration, grassland conservation, biodiversity balance, and long-term cheetah recovery.

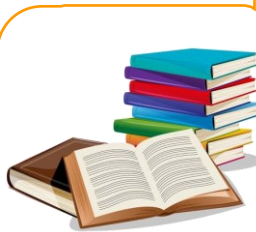


➤ The Uttarakhand government is planning a ₹450 crore ropeway project between Rishikesh and which temple?

- A) Kedarnath Temple
- B) Badrinath Temple
- C) Neelkanth Mahadev Temple
- D) Tungnath Temple
- E) Jageshwar Temple

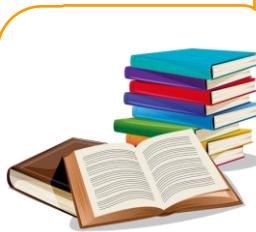
Answer

C) Neelkanth Mahadev Temple.



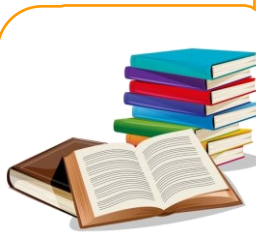
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uttarakhand ropeway project is planned to connect Rishikesh with **Neelkanth Mahadev Temple** for faster pilgrimage access.
- **Location:** The ropeway will connect **Tapovan in Rishikesh to Neelkanth Mahadev Temple in Uttarakhand.**



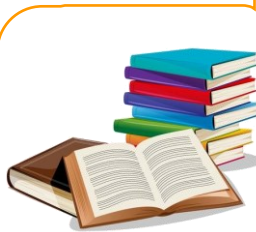
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The project details were reported on May 20, 2026.



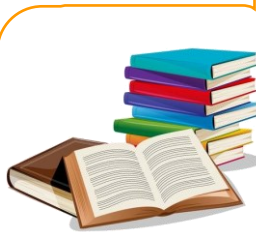
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Uttarakhand government will develop a ₹450 crore ropeway between **Rishikesh and Neelkanth Mahadev Temple** with wildlife-sensitive safeguards near protected forest zones.



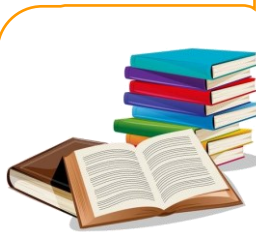
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to reduce travel time from nearly three hours to about **15** minutes, ease congestion on mountain roads, improve religious tourism connectivity, and minimise pressure on forest trekking routes.



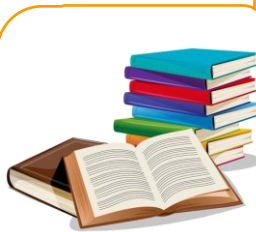
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ropeway:** A ropeway is an aerial transport system that uses cable-supported cabins or carriers to move passengers across difficult terrain.



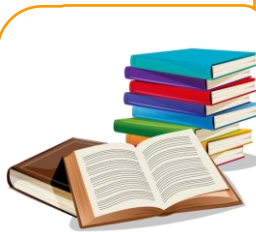
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajaji Tiger Reserve:** Rajaji Tiger Reserve is an ecologically important protected area in Uttarakhand located near the project route and requiring careful wildlife protection measures.



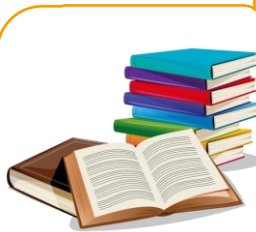
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Board for Wildlife:** The **National Board for Wildlife** is a statutory body involved in reviewing projects that may affect protected wildlife habitats and ecologically sensitive zones.



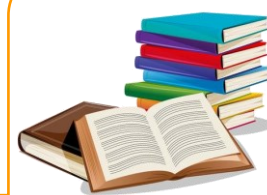
Important Terms Explained:

- **Samudra Manthan:** **Samudra Manthan** refers to the Hindu mythological churning of the ocean, during which **Lord Shiva** is believed to have consumed poison and became known as Neelkanth.



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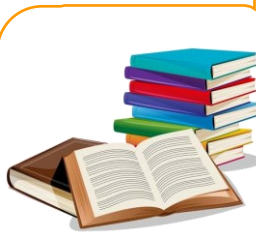
Parameter	Details
Event name	Rishikesh-Neelkanth Mahadev Temple ropeway project.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	Tapovan in Rishikesh to Neelkanth Mahadev Temple, Uttarakhand.
Estimated cost	₹450 crore.
Project length	6.5 km.
Travel time reduction	The journey will reduce from nearly three hours to about 15 minutes.
Environmental focus	The alignment will include wildlife-sensitive safeguards near Rajaji Tiger Reserve and the Ganga river ecosystem.
Purpose / reason	The project will improve pilgrimage connectivity, reduce road congestion, and support religious tourism.



➤ **Delhi IGI Airport's first automated air train project is expected to be launched by which year?**

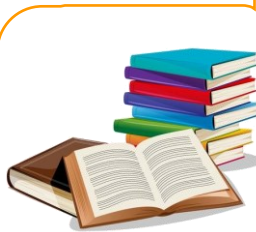
- A) 2027
- B) 2028
- C) 2029
- D) 2030
- E) 2031

Answer
C) 2029.



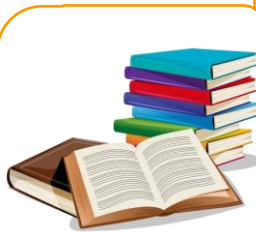
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Delhi **IGI** Airport air train project will introduce an automated transit system to improve passenger movement between major airport zones.
- **Location:** The project will be developed at **Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.**



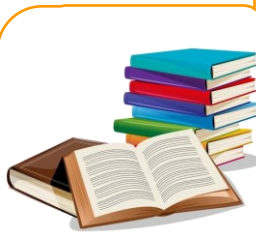
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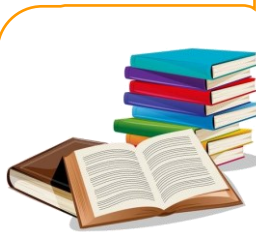
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Delhi International Airport Limited will directly fund and develop the **Automated People Mover** project after the earlier concessionaire-based model failed to move forward.



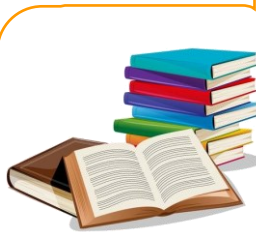
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to provide faster terminal transfers, improve passenger convenience, support seamless airport connectivity, and create a world-class transit experience at **Delhi Airport**.



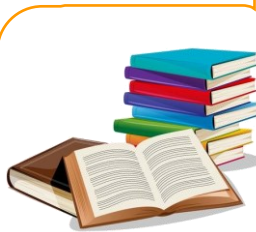
Important Terms Explained:

- **Automated People Mover: An Automated People Mover** is a driverless transit system designed to move passengers efficiently within airports, campuses, or large transport hubs.



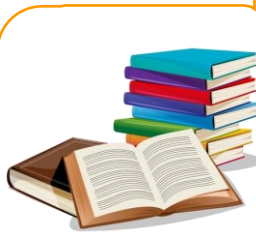
Important Terms Explained:

- **Delhi International Airport Limited: Delhi International Airport Limited** is the airport operator responsible for managing and developing **Indira Gandhi International Airport**.



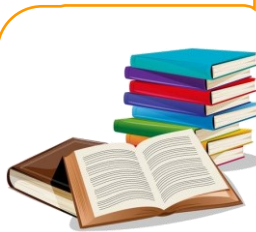
Important Terms Explained:

- **GMR Airports:** GMR Airports is the airport infrastructure company associated with the management and development of **Delhi Airport**.



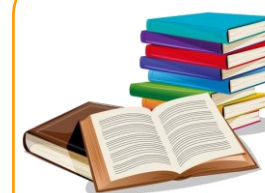
Important Terms Explained:

- **Airport Tariffs:** Airport tariffs are charges collected from airport users and airlines to recover infrastructure costs and support airport operations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Delhi IGI Airport automated air train project.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.
Implementing authority	Delhi International Airport Limited.
Estimated cost	₹3,000 crore to ₹4,000 crore.
Project route	The air train will connect Terminal 1, Terminal 2, Terminal 3, Aerocity, and Cargo City.
Route length	The proposed route will cover approximately 7.7 km.
Expected launch	The automated air train is expected to be launched by 2029.

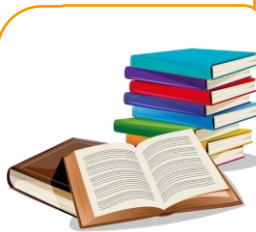


► West Bengal's approval of the 7th Pay Commission mainly depends on which factor to determine the final salary hike?

- A) Dearness Allowance
- B) Fitment Factor
- C) House Rent Allowance
- D) Grade Pay
- E) Pension Index

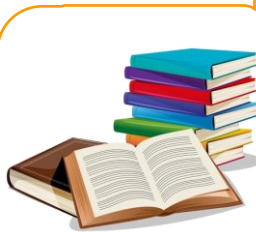


Answer
B) Fitment Factor.



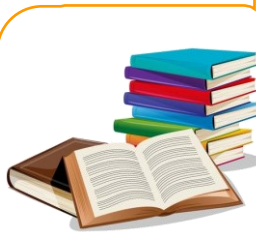
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **West Bengal 7th Pay Commission** has been approved for state government employees and pensioners.
- **Location:** The decision applies to **West Bengal** state government employees, pensioners, and eligible workers in related state institutions.



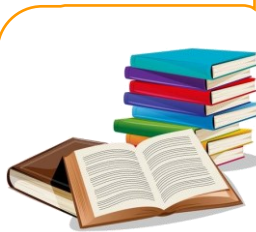
Event and Location:

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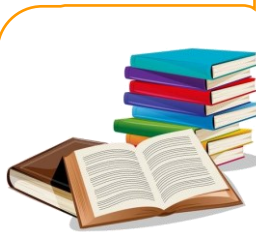
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The West Bengal Cabinet approved the implementation of the **7th Pay Commission** for state government employees, pensioners, and workers in state boards, corporations, aided institutions, and educational bodies.



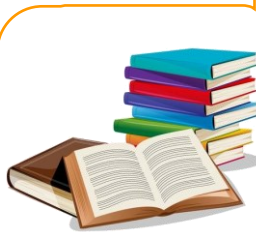
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The decision aims to revise salaries and pensions, provide financial relief to employees and pensioners, and update the state pay structure after the previous pay revision.



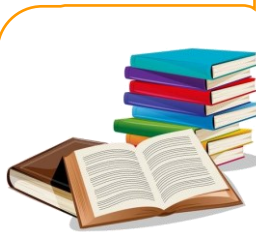
Important Terms Explained:

- **7th Pay Commission:** The **7th Pay Commission** refers to a pay revision framework used to restructure salaries, pensions, and allowances of government employees.



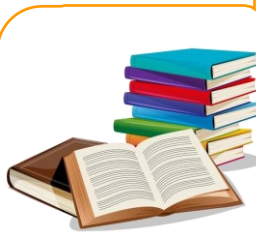
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fitment Factor:** The fitment factor is a multiplier used to calculate the revised basic pay from the existing basic salary.
- **Basic Pay:** Basic pay is the fixed core salary of an employee before adding allowances or deductions.



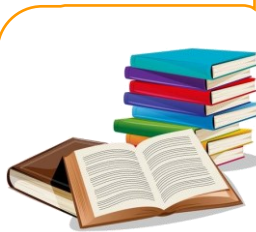
Important Terms Explained:

- **Retrospective Benefits:** Retrospective benefits refer to financial benefits applied from an earlier date even if the decision is implemented later.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	West Bengal approval of 7th Pay Commission.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	West Bengal.
Approving authority	West Bengal Cabinet.
Key beneficiaries	State government employees, pensioners, and eligible workers in state-linked institutions.
Key pending detail	The fitment factor has not been officially announced.
Previous pay revision	The 6th Pay Commission was introduced in 2019 with retrospective benefits from January 1, 2016.
Purpose / reason	The decision is intended to revise salaries and pensions and provide financial relief.



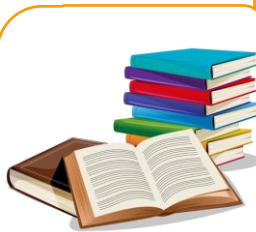
► Indian Railways has approved ₹238 crore for safety and infrastructure upgrades on which rail section?

- A) Jammu-Udhampur
- B) Jammu-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra
- C) Udhampur-Banihal
- D) Banihal-Baramulla
- E) Pathankot-Jammu



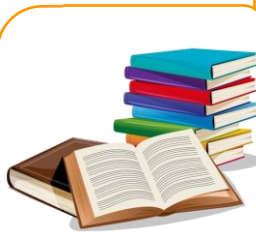
Answer

B) Jammu-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra.



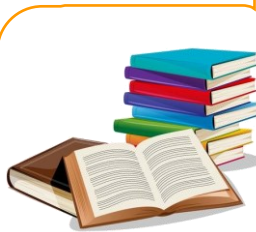
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Jammu-**Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra** rail section upgrade has been approved for critical safety and infrastructure strengthening works.
- **Location:** The project applies to the Jammu-**Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra** rail section under **Northern Railway in Jammu and Kashmir**.



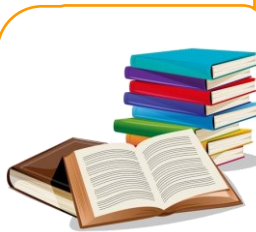
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The approval was reported on May 20, 2026.



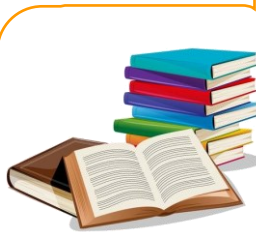
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Indian Railways** sanctioned **₹238 crore** for slope stabilisation, tunnel rehabilitation, seepage treatment, bridge protection, and additional safety works on vulnerable stretches of the Jammu-Katra rail section.



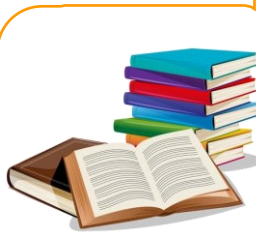
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to improve passenger safety, strengthen infrastructure durability, enhance operational reliability, and make the strategically important route more resilient against difficult terrain and geological risks.



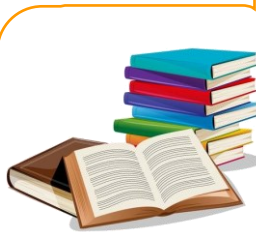
Important Terms Explained:

- **Slope Stabilisation:** Slope stabilisation refers to engineering measures used to prevent landslides, rockfalls, and soil movement along railway tracks in hilly or unstable terrain.



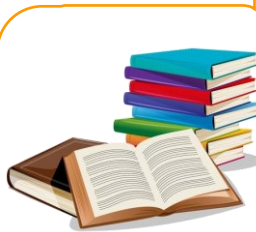
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tunnel Rehabilitation:** Tunnel rehabilitation involves repairing, strengthening, and restoring tunnel structures to improve safety, durability, and operational performance.



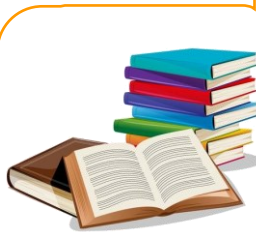
Important Terms Explained:

- **Seepage Treatment:** Seepage treatment refers to methods used to control water leakage in tunnels, slopes, or structures to prevent damage and instability.



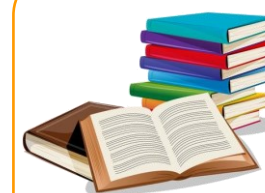
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bridge Protection Works:** Bridge protection works are measures taken to safeguard railway bridges from erosion, flooding, structural stress, and environmental threats.



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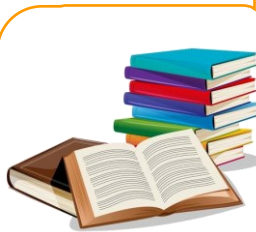
Parameter	Details
Event name	Jammu-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra rail section upgrade.
Date	May 20, 2026.
Location	Jammu-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra rail section, Jammu and Kashmir.
Railway zone	Northern Railway.
Approved amount	₹238 crore.
Key works	Slope stabilisation, tunnel rehabilitation, seepage treatment, and bridge protection.
Key authority	Indian Railways.
Purpose / reason	The project will improve safety, operational reliability, and long-term resilience on a strategically important pilgrimage and connectivity route.



QUICK RECALL



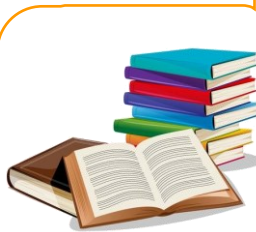
- **World Bee Day is observed every year on May 20 to highlight the importance of bees and other pollinators.**
- **ICRA has reduced India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 6.2%.**
- **Google and Blackstone have launched a \$5 billion AI cloud venture.**
- **Bharat Forge will establish India's first private-sector marine gas turbine facility in Visakhapatnam.**
- **India has notified new technical standards for petrol blended with up to 30% ethanol.**
- **DRDO successfully completed the final development trials of the ULPGM-V3 missile.**
- **Russian President Vladimir Putin will visit India to attend the BRICS Summit 2026.**
- **The Ministry of Ayush launched the Ayush Anudan Portal under the Ayush Grid initiative.**
- **Project Cheetah has recorded strong progress as India's cheetah population reached 53.**



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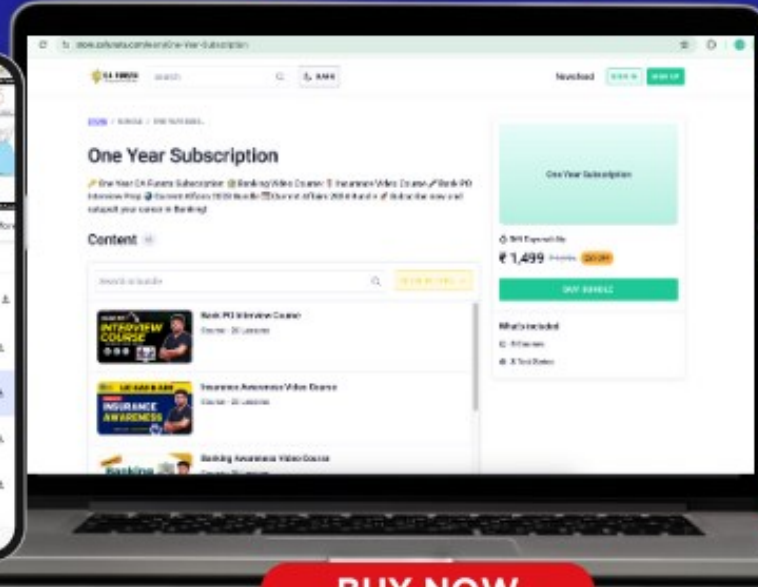
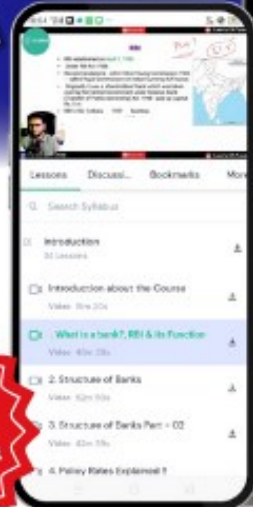


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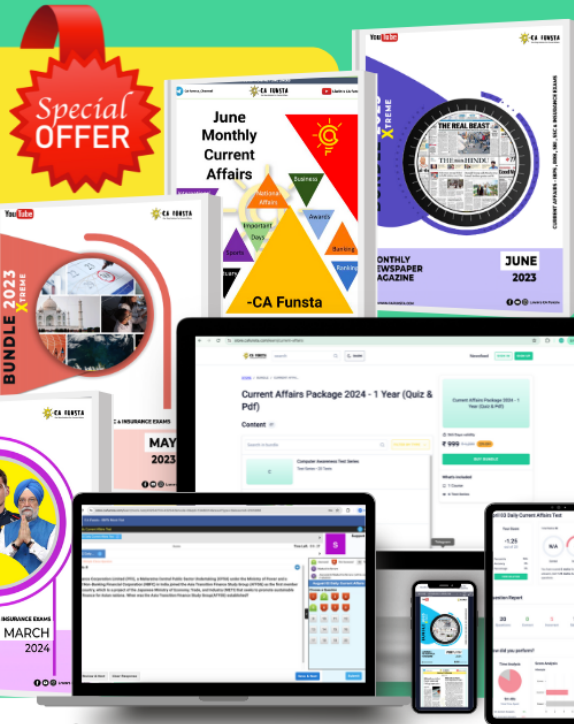
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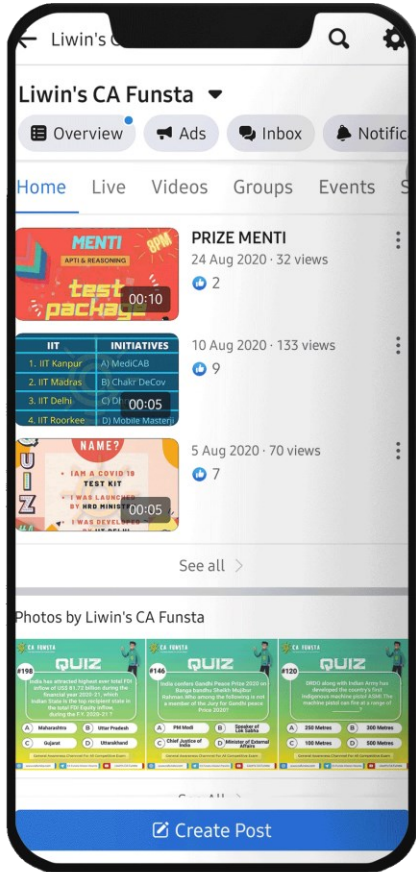
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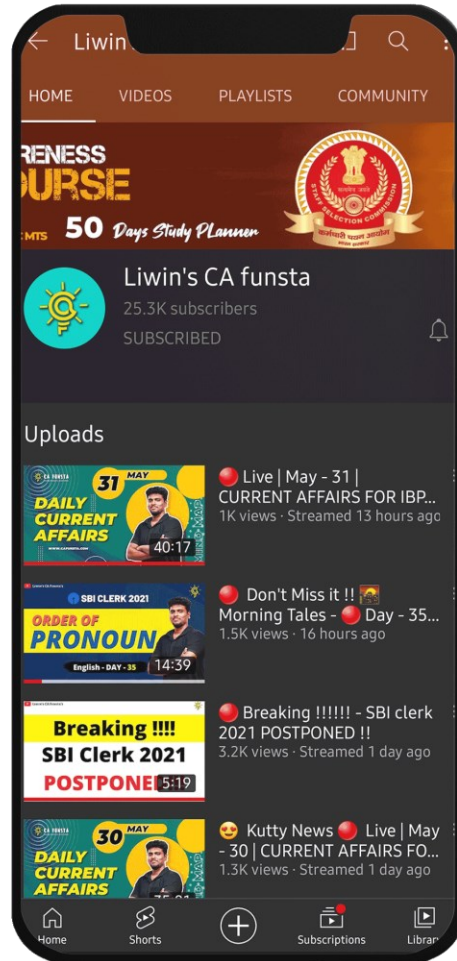


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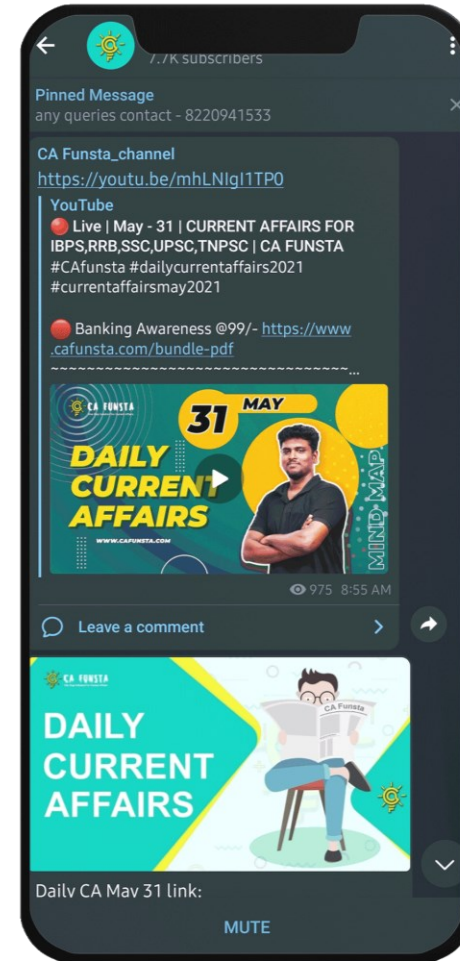
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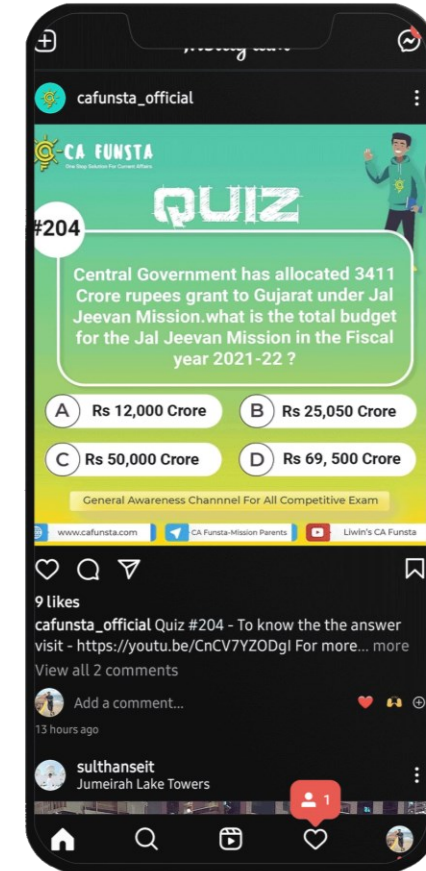
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