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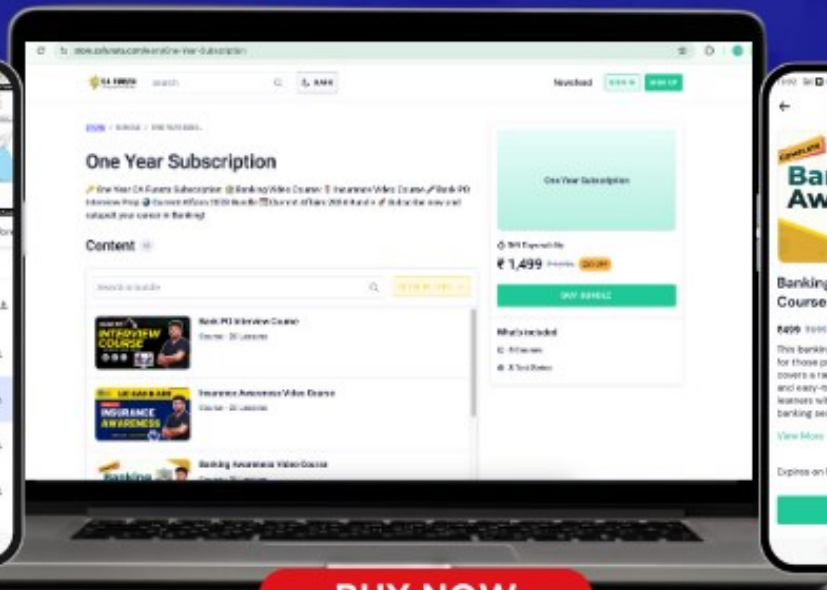
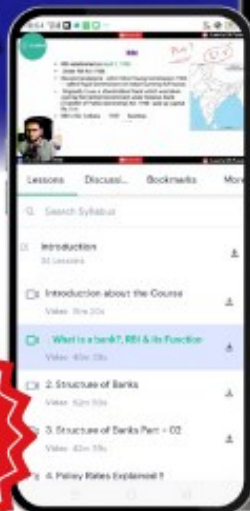
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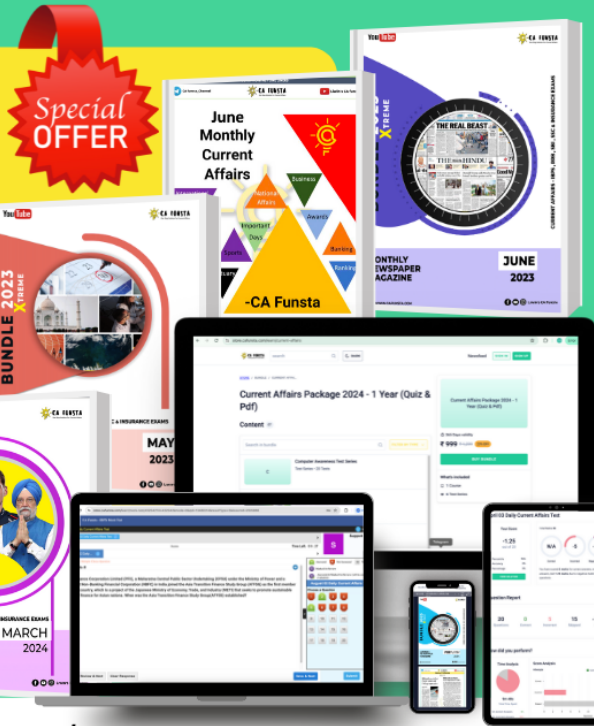


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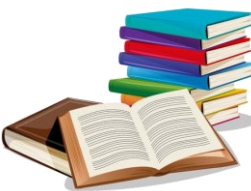


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➤ NPCI partnered with HSBC India and JP Morgan Payments to enable real-time FX settlement for which payment system?

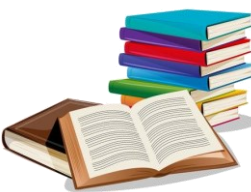
- A) NEFT
- B) RTGS
- C) UPI
- D) IMPS
- E) SWIFT

Answer
C) UPI.



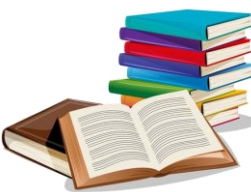
Event and Location:

- **Event:** NPCI partnered with **HSBC** India and **JP Morgan Payments** to enable real-time foreign exchange settlement for international **UPI** payments.
- **Location:** India and international payment corridors.
- **Date:** July 2, 2026.



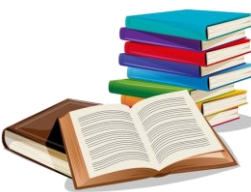
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The partnership introduces real-time foreign exchange conversion and settlement for cross-border **Unified Payments Interface** transactions.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to make international digital payments faster, more transparent, efficient, and less dependent on delayed settlement processes.



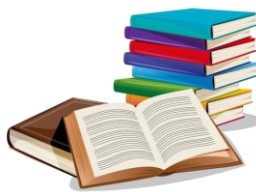
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Payments Corporation of India:** It is India's umbrella organisation for operating retail payment and settlement systems, including **Unified Payments Interface**.



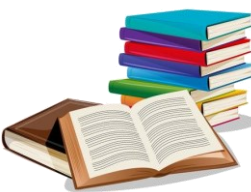
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface:** It is a real-time digital payment system that enables instant fund transfers through interoperable payment platforms.



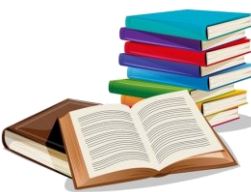
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign exchange settlement:** It is the process of converting one country's currency into another and settling the transaction during international payments.



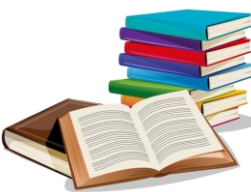
Important Terms Explained:

- **HSBC India:** It is the Indian banking arm of **HSBC** and is one of the partners supporting real-time FX settlement for international **UPI** payments.



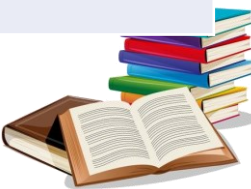
Important Terms Explained:

- **JP Morgan Payments:** It is the payments division of JP Morgan that supports global payment processing, settlement, and financial transaction solutions.



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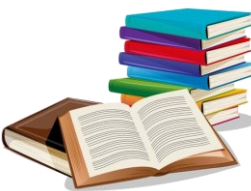
Parameter	Details
Event name	NPCI partnership for real-time FX settlement in international UPI payments.
Date	July 2, 2026.
Location	India and cross-border payment markets.
Partner institutions	HSBC India and JP Morgan Payments.
Payment system involved	Unified Payments Interface.
Key feature	Currency conversion and settlement will take place in real time.
Major benefits	The system will improve speed, transparency, customer experience, and settlement certainty.
Strategic significance	The partnership strengthens UPI's global expansion and international payment acceptance.



➤ Which public sector enterprise was granted Miniratna Category-I status by the Ministry of Steel on July 1, 2026?

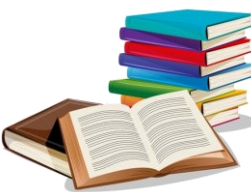
- A) SAIL
- B) NMDC
- C) MECON Limited
- D) BHEL
- E) RITES

Answer
C) MECON Limited.



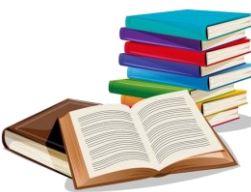
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **MECON** Limited was granted **Miniratna Category-I** status by the **Ministry of Steel**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** July 1, 2026.



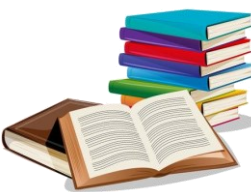
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Steel granted **Miniratna Category-I** status to **MECON** Limited based on its consistent profitability, positive net worth, and financial stability.



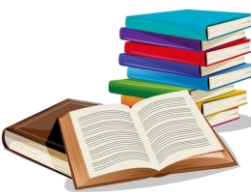
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The recognition aims to provide greater operational and financial autonomy to **MECON** for faster decision-making, technology upgradation, business expansion, and improved competitiveness.



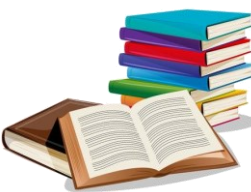
Important Terms Explained:

- **MECON Limited:** It is a Schedule 'A' **Central Public Sector Enterprise** under the **Ministry of Steel**, engaged in engineering, consultancy, project management, and contracting services.



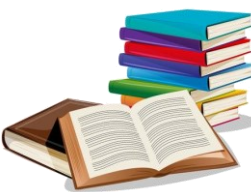
Important Terms Explained:

- **Miniratna Category-I** status: It is a classification granted by the **Department of Public Enterprises** to financially strong **Central Public Sector Enterprises** for greater operational freedom.



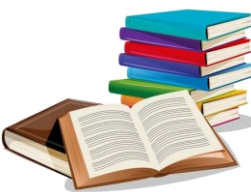
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Public Sector Enterprise:** It refers to a government-owned company in which the **Central Government** has ownership and administrative control.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Department of Public Enterprises:** It is the authority that lays down policy guidelines and eligibility norms for granting Miniratna status to eligible public sector enterprises.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	MECON Limited granted Miniratna Category-I status.
Date	July 1, 2026.
Location	India.
Granting authority	Ministry of Steel.
Company status	MECON Limited is a Schedule 'A' Central Public Sector Enterprise.
Headquarters	Ranchi, Jharkhand.
Financial eligibility	MECON reported profits for the last three financial years and had a net worth of ₹535.42 crore as of March 31, 2026.
Significance	The status gives MECON greater autonomy for business decisions, expansion, technology upgradation, and competitiveness.



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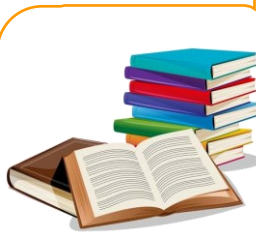
➤ Who assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff on July 1, 2026?

- A) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor
- B) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
- C) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
- D) General Dhiraj Seth
- E) Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari



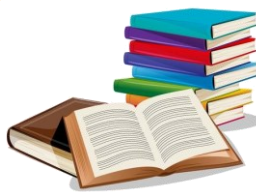
Answer

C) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit.



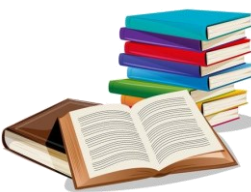
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge as **Vice Chief** of the **Air Staff**, while **Air Marshal Tejinder Singh** took over as **CISC**.
- **Location:** Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** July 1, 2026.



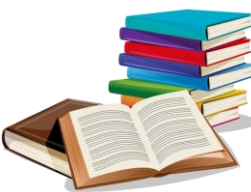
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed office as **Vice Chief** of the **Air Staff** after succeeding **Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor**, who retired on June **30, 2026**.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to support the Chief of the **Air Staff** in operational preparedness, modernisation, administration, and strategic planning of the **Indian Air Force**.



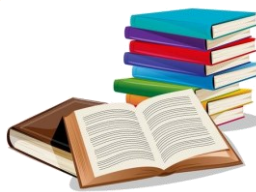
Important Terms Explained:

- **Vice Chief of the Air Staff:** It is a senior leadership position in the **Indian Air Force** responsible for assisting the Chief of the **Air Staff** in key operational, administrative, and strategic functions.



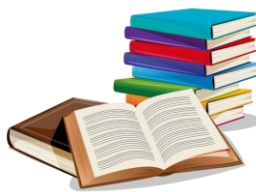
Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee:** It is a senior tri-services post that supports integrated defence planning and coordination among the Army, Navy, and **Air Force**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vayu Bhawan:** It is the headquarters of the **Indian Air Force in New Delhi.**
- **Guard of Honour:** It is a ceremonial military tribute given during important occasions such as appointments, retirements, or formal changes of command.

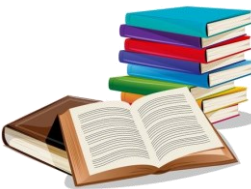


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Air Staff.
Date	July 1, 2026.
Location	Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi, India.
New VCAS	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit.
Predecessor	Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor retired on June 30, 2026.
Related appointment	Air Marshal Tejinder Singh took over as CISC.
Service background	Air Marshal Dixit was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on December 6, 1986.
Key experience	He has over 3,300 flying hours and experience on more than 20 aircraft types.



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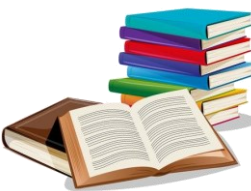
➤ Who assumed command as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Indian Army's Southern Command in July 2026?

- A) Lt Gen Sandeep Jain
- B) Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar
- C) General Dhiraj Seth
- D) Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
- E) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit



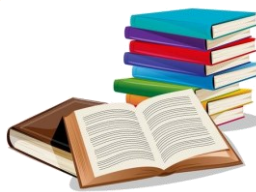
Answer

B) Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar.



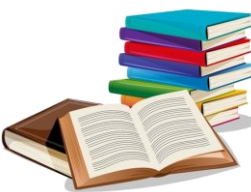
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar assumed command as the **General Officer Commanding-in-Chief** of the **Indian Army's Southern Command**.
- **Location:** **Southern Command Headquarters**, Pune, Maharashtra, India.
- **Date:** July 1, 2026.



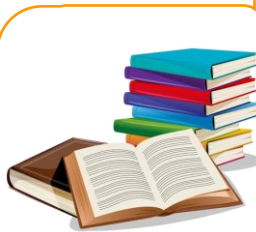
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar took charge of **Southern Command** after succeeding Lt Gen Sandeep Jain, who was appointed as **Vice Chief** of the **Army Staff**.



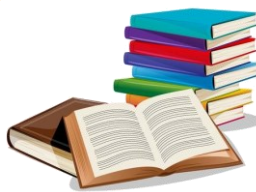
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to strengthen operational preparedness, command leadership, logistics, training, and strategic military coordination across **Southern Command's** area of responsibility.



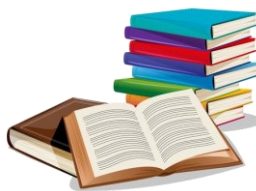
Important Terms Explained:

- **General Officer Commanding-in-Chief:** It is a senior Army commander responsible for leading an operational command and overseeing its military preparedness and administration.



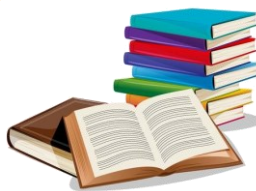
Important Terms Explained:

- **Southern Command:** It is one of the **Indian Army's** oldest operational commands, headquartered in Pune and responsible for southern and parts of central India.



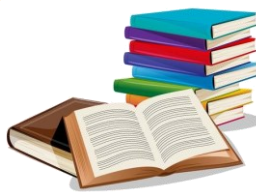
Important Terms Explained:

- **Armoured Corps:** It is a combat arm of the **Indian Army** that operates tanks and armoured fighting vehicles in mechanised warfare.
- **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal:** It is a military award given for distinguished service of an exceptional order.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vishisht Seva Medal:** It is a military award given for distinguished service of a high order.

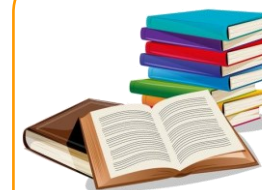


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar assumed command of Southern Command.
Date	July 1, 2026.
Location	Southern Command Headquarters, Pune, Maharashtra.
New commander	Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar, AVSM, VSM.
Predecessor	Lt Gen Sandeep Jain.
Previous key command	He served as GOC of 2 Corps, also known as Kharga Corps.
Commissioning details	He was commissioned into the 74 Armoured Regiment in December 1988.
Significance	The appointment supports operational readiness, training, logistics, and strategic coordination in southern and central India.



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➤ Who assumed charge as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command on July 1, 2026?

- A) Air Marshal Manish Khanna
- B) Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann
- C) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
- D) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
- E) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor

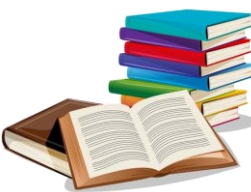
Answer

B) Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann.



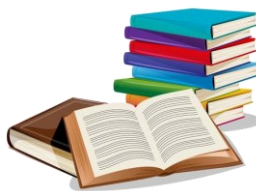
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann assumed charge as the **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command**.
- **Location:** Southern Air Command Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India.
- **Date:** July 1, 2026.



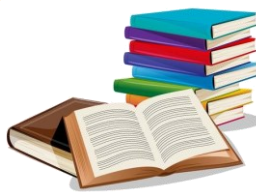
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann took charge of **Southern Air Command** after succeeding **Air Marshal Manish Khanna**, who retired on June 30, 2026.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to strengthen the operational command responsible for safeguarding India's southern airspace and maritime interests.



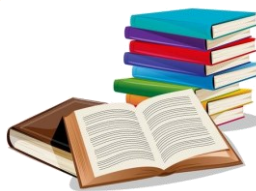
Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief:** It is a senior **Indian Air Force** appointment responsible for leading an operational air command and overseeing its readiness, administration, and strategic functions.



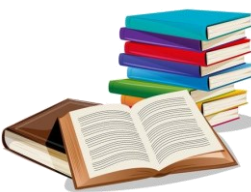
Important Terms Explained:

- **Southern Air Command:** It is a major operational command of the **Indian Air Force** responsible for air operations in southern India and related maritime security areas.



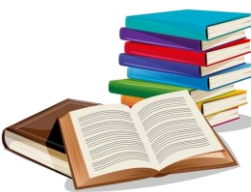
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Air Force:** It is the air arm of the **Indian Armed Forces** responsible for securing Indian airspace and conducting aerial warfare operations.



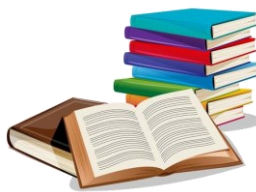
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal:** It is a military honour awarded for distinguished service of an exceptional order.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vayu Sena Medal:** It is an **Indian Air Force** gallantry or distinguished service award given for exceptional devotion to duty or acts of courage.



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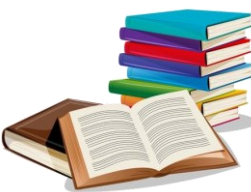
Parameter	Details
Event name	Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann assumed charge as AOC-in-C of Southern Air Command.
Date	July 1, 2026.
Location	Southern Air Command Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
New AOC-in-C	Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann, AVSM, VSM.
Predecessor	Air Marshal Manish Khanna retired on June 30, 2026.
Commissioning details	He was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on December 16, 1989.
Flying experience	He has more than 3,000 flying hours on aircraft including Apache, MiG-21, Jaguar, MiG-29, Su-30, and Rafale.
Previous role	He served as Senior Air Staff Officer at Western Air Command before assuming the new charge.



➤ The Government of India extended the tenure of which Foreign Secretary by one year on July 1, 2026?

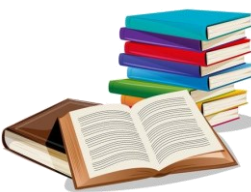
- A) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- B) Vikram Misri
- C) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- D) S Jaishankar
- E) Taranjit Singh Sandhu

Answer
B) Vikram Misri.



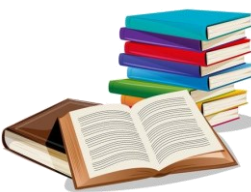
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Government of India extended **Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's** tenure by one year.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** July 1, 2026.



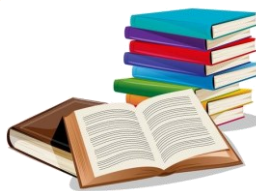
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The government order allows **Vikram Misri** to continue as India's **Foreign Secretary** for another one year.
- **Objectives:** The extension aims to ensure continuity in India's diplomatic leadership and foreign policy administration amid a dynamic global strategic environment.



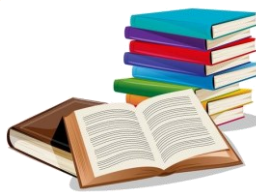
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Secretary:** It is the senior-most career diplomat in the **Ministry of External Affairs** and serves as the administrative head of India's foreign policy machinery.



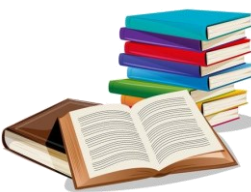
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Foreign Service:** It is India's diplomatic civil service responsible for managing foreign relations, representing India abroad, and handling international negotiations.



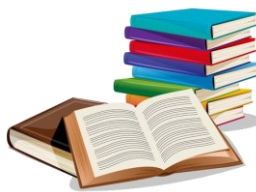
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ministry of External Affairs:** It is the **Government of India** ministry responsible for foreign policy, diplomatic relations, consular services, and international cooperation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deputy National Security Adviser:** It is a senior strategic position that supports the **National Security Adviser** in national security planning and strategic affairs.

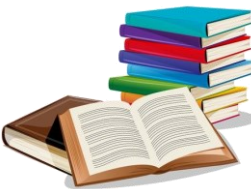


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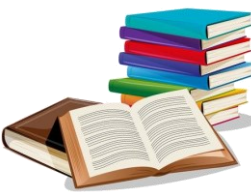
Parameter	Details
Event name	Extension of Vikram Misri's tenure as Foreign Secretary.
Date	July 1, 2026.
Location	India.
Official concerned	Vikram Misri.
Service batch	He is a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service officer.
Current position	Foreign Secretary of India.
Tenure extension	His tenure was extended by one year.
Previous role	He served as Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Affairs from January 2022 to June 2024.



➤ Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India effective July 1, 2026?

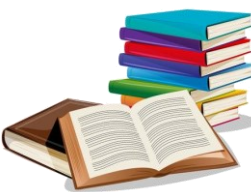
- A) Ravi Shankar
- B) Ravi Agrawal
- C) Sanjay Malhotra
- D) T Rabi Sankar
- E) M Rajeshwar Rao

Answer
A) Ravi Shankar.



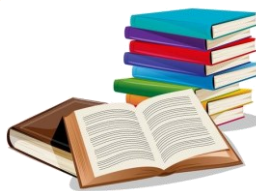
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ravi Shankar was appointed as the new **Executive Director** of the **Reserve Bank of India**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** July 1, 2026.



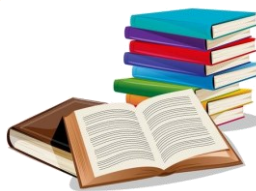
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India appointed **Ravi Shankar** as **Executive Director** after his service as Adviser-In-Charge of the **Department of Statistics and Information Management**.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to strengthen **RBI's** leadership in statistical analysis, economic data management, central banking operations, and data-driven policymaking.



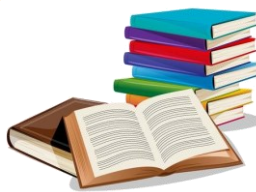
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reserve Bank of India:** It is India's central bank responsible for monetary policy, banking regulation, currency management, financial stability, and payment systems.



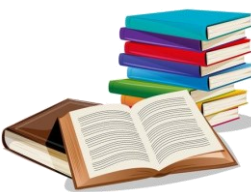
Important Terms Explained:

- **Executive Director:** It is a senior leadership position in the **RBI** responsible for overseeing key departments, policy functions, and administrative responsibilities.



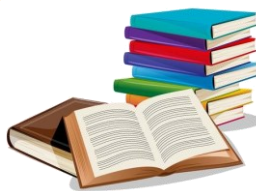
Important Terms Explained:

- **Department of Statistics and Information Management:** It is an **RBI** department that manages statistical data, economic information, surveys, and analytical inputs for policymaking.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Government securities market:** It refers to the market where government bonds and securities are issued, traded, and managed for public borrowing and financial operations.

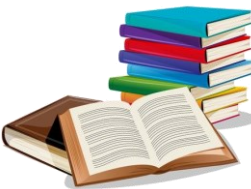


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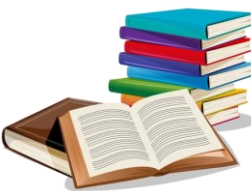
Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Ravi Shankar as RBI Executive Director.
Date	July 1, 2026.
Location	India.
Appointed person	Ravi Shankar.
Appointing authority	Reserve Bank of India.
Previous role	Adviser-In-Charge of the Department of Statistics and Information Management.
Experience	He has over three decades of experience in central banking.
Key expertise	His expertise includes statistics, data management, government securities, settlement systems, public debt management, and economic research.



➤ Who was honoured with the 2026 USISPF Leadership Award at the IX Annual Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.?

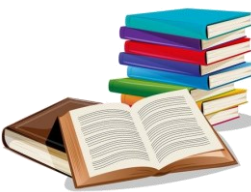
- A) Mukesh Ambani
- B) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- C) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- D) Gautam Adani
- E) Anand Mahindra

Answer
B) Sunil Bharti Mittal.



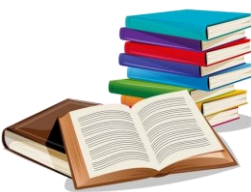
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Sunil Bharti Mittal** was honoured with the **2026 USISPF Leadership Award** for strengthening India-US economic ties.
- **Location:** Washington, D.C., **United States**.
- **Date:** July 2, 2026.



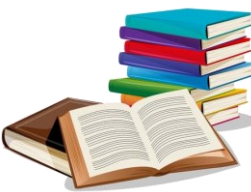
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum presented the award during its IX **Annual Leadership Summit** to recognise leadership in economic, commercial, and strategic cooperation.



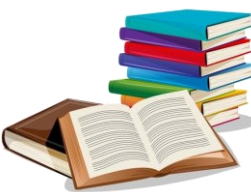
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The recognition aims to honour contributions to India-US business collaboration, telecom transformation, digital connectivity, innovation, and investor confidence.



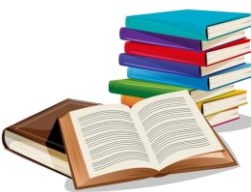
Important Terms Explained:

- **USISPF Leadership Award:** It is an award presented by the **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum** to recognise leaders who strengthen India-US economic and strategic relations.



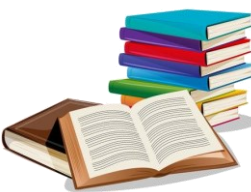
Important Terms Explained:

- **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum:** It is a non-profit organisation that promotes strategic, economic, commercial, and policy cooperation between India and the **United States**.



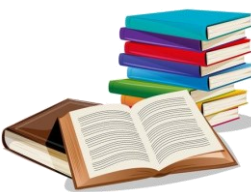
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bharti Enterprises:** It is a leading Indian business group founded by **Sunil Bharti Mittal** with interests in telecom, digital services, infrastructure, space communications, financial services, and real estate.



Important Terms Explained:

- India-US bilateral trade agreement: It refers to the proposed trade deal aimed at strengthening trade, investment, and economic cooperation between India and the **United States**.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	2026 USISPF Leadership Award.
Date	July 2, 2026.
Location	Washington, D.C., United States.
Awardee	Sunil Bharti Mittal.
Organisation	US-India Strategic Partnership Forum.
Summit	IX USISPF Annual Leadership Summit.
Reason for honour	He was recognised for strengthening India-US economic ties and transforming India's telecom sector.
Other awardees	Christopher T. Calio of RTX and V. Prem Watsa of Fairfax Financial Holdings were also recognised.

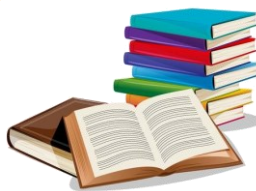


➤ The UP Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2026 is implemented by which state government?

- A) Government of Bihar
- B) Government of Rajasthan
- C) Government of Uttar Pradesh
- D) Government of Madhya Pradesh
- E) Government of Gujarat

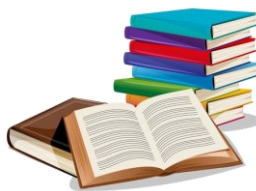
Answer

C) Government of Uttar Pradesh.



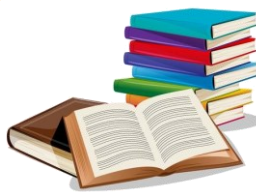
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The UP **Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2026** provides training, toolkit assistance, and concessional loans to traditional artisans.
- **Location:** **Uttar Pradesh, India.**
- **Date:** **July 2, 2026.**



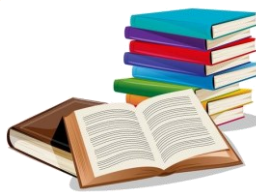
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme supports traditional artisans and craftsmen through free residential skill training, modern toolkits, and access to affordable credit.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to preserve traditional occupations, improve livelihoods, promote self-employment, increase productivity, and strengthen artisan-led enterprises.



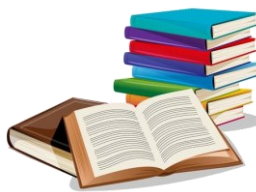
Important Terms Explained:

- **UP Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana:** It is a welfare scheme of the **Government of Uttar Pradesh** launched in **2018** to support traditional artisans through training, toolkit assistance, and concessional loans.



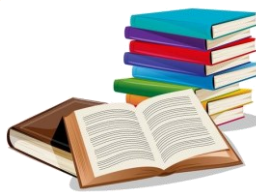
Important Terms Explained:

- **Toolkit assistance:** It refers to financial support of **₹10,000** provided to trained beneficiaries for purchasing tools and equipment related to their trade.



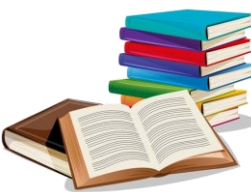
Important Terms Explained:

- **Concessional loans:** These are loans offered at favourable terms to eligible artisans for starting, expanding, or strengthening their businesses.



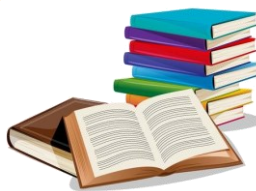
Important Terms Explained:

- **UPKVIB:** It stands for **Uttar Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board**, which facilitates loans for eligible artisans under the scheme.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM Vishwakarma Scheme:** It is a central government scheme that supports traditional artisans and craftspeople, while the **Uttar Pradesh** scheme addresses state-specific artisan needs.

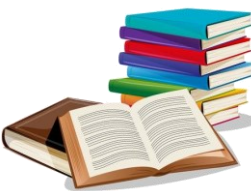


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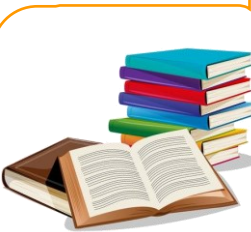
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	UP Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2026.
Date	July 2, 2026.
Location	Uttar Pradesh, India.
Launched by	Government of Uttar Pradesh.
Launch year	The scheme was introduced in 2018.
Key beneficiaries	Traditional artisans and craftsmen engaged in notified trades.
Major benefits	Beneficiaries receive six days of free residential training, ₹10,000 toolkit assistance, and concessional loans up to ₹10 lakh.
Official portal	Applications can be submitted through https://www.diupmsme.upsdc.gov.in/



➤ The revamped RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme came into effect from which date?

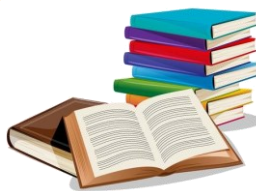
- A) June 1, 2026
- B) July 1, 2026
- C) July 15, 2026
- D) August 1, 2026
- E) September 1, 2026

Answer
B) July 1, 2026.



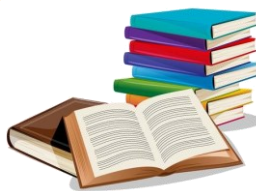
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India implemented its revamped **Integrated Ombudsman Scheme** for customer grievance redressal.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** July 1, 2026.



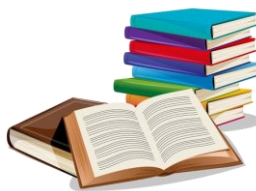
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The revised scheme replaces the **Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021**, and provides a unified mechanism for complaints against **RBI**-regulated financial entities.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to offer free, faster, transparent, and standardised grievance redressal for financial consumers across India.



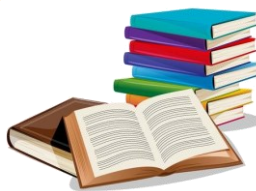
Important Terms Explained:

- **Integrated Ombudsman Scheme:** It is **RBI's** unified grievance redressal framework for resolving customer complaints against regulated financial institutions.



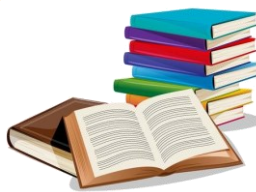
Important Terms Explained:

- **One Nation, One Ombudsman:** It is the principle under which complaints are processed uniformly irrespective of the customer's location or the regulated entity's location.



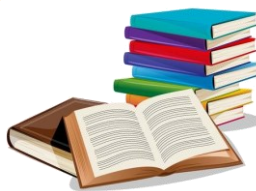
Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Banking Financial Companies:** These are financial institutions that provide banking-like services without holding a full banking licence.



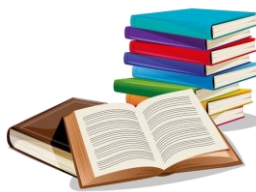
Important Terms Explained:

- **Prepaid Payment Instrument:** It refers to payment tools such as wallets or cards that allow users to make payments using pre-loaded value.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Credit Information Companies:** These are entities that collect and maintain credit-related information of individuals and businesses.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI's revamped Integrated Ombudsman Scheme came into effect.
Date	July 1, 2026.
Location	India.
Implemented by	Reserve Bank of India.
Replaced scheme	The revamped framework replaces the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021.
Covered entities	The scheme covers scheduled and commercial banks, eligible NBFCs, PPI issuers, and CICs.
Complaint timeline	Customers can approach the RBI Ombudsman within 90 days after an unsatisfactory final response or expiry of the response period.
Compensation limit	Compensation may go up to ₹30 lakh for financial losses and ₹3 lakh for harassment, expenses, and mental anguish.

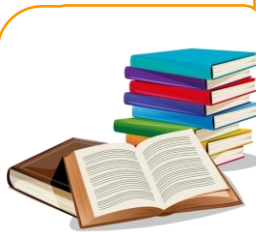


➤ The Government of India asked which company to pause the rollout of the WhatsApp username feature in India?

- A) Google
- B) Meta
- C) Microsoft
- D) Apple
- E) Telegram

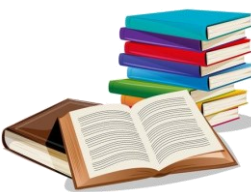


Answer
B) Meta.



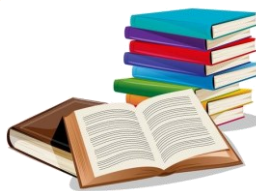
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Government of India asked Meta to temporarily pause the rollout of the WhatsApp username feature.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** July 2, 2026.



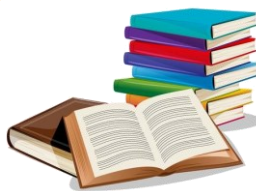
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Centre issued a notice directing Meta to pause the feature rollout and submit a detailed explanation within three days.
- **Objectives:** The move aims to assess the feature's impact on user privacy, security, regulatory compliance, misuse prevention, and digital safety.



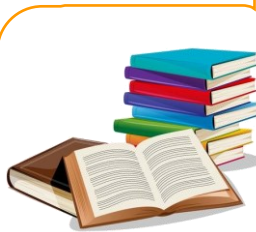
Important Terms Explained:

- **WhatsApp username feature:** It is a proposed feature that would allow users to connect through unique usernames instead of mandatorily sharing mobile phone numbers.



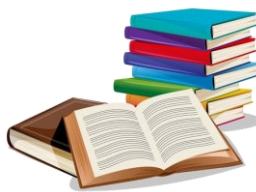
Important Terms Explained:

- **Meta:** It is the parent company of WhatsApp and has been asked by the **Government of India** to explain the feature before its rollout.



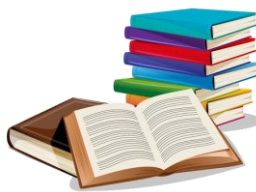
Important Terms Explained:

- **User privacy:** It refers to the protection of personal information, including phone numbers and identity details, from unnecessary exposure or misuse.



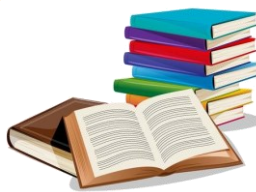
Important Terms Explained:

- **Regulatory compliance:** It means following applicable laws, rules, and digital governance requirements set by the authorities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Impersonation:** It refers to falsely pretending to be another person or entity, which can lead to fraud, scams, or misuse of digital platforms.



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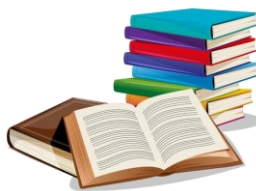
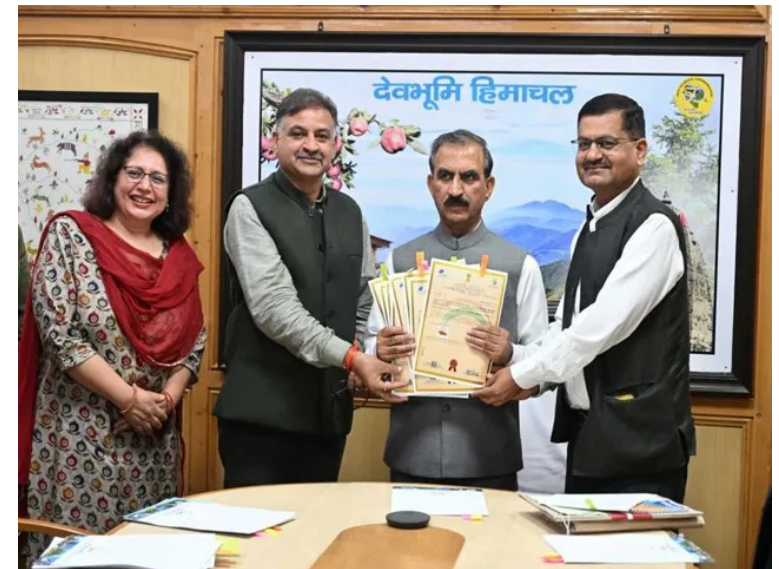
Parameter	Details
Event name	Centre's notice to Meta on WhatsApp username rollout.
Date	July 2, 2026.
Location	India.
Company involved	Meta.
Platform involved	WhatsApp.
Government direction	Meta was asked to temporarily pause the username feature rollout.
Response deadline	Meta was asked to submit a detailed explanation within three days.
Key concern	The government sought clarity on privacy, security, misuse risks, and regulatory compliance.



- **Swar Prerna Veethika was launched by Akashvani to celebrate which aspect of India's heritage?**

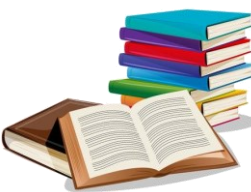
- A) Literary heritage
- B) Musical heritage
- C) Theatre heritage
- D) Folk art heritage
- E) Cinema heritage

Answer
B) Musical heritage.



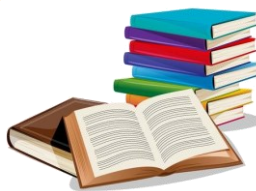
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Akashvani launched **Swar Prerna Veethika** as a permanent photo gallery dedicated to India's legendary musicians.
- **Location:** Akashvani Rang Bhavan Auditorium, New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** July 2, 2026.



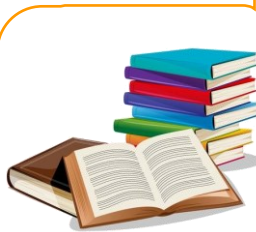
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The initiative was launched as part of Akashvani's **90**-year public service broadcasting celebrations and ahead of the centenary of radio broadcasting in India in **2027**.
- **Objectives:** The gallery aims to honour legendary musicians, preserve India's musical heritage, inspire future generations, and highlight Akashvani's contribution to Indian music.



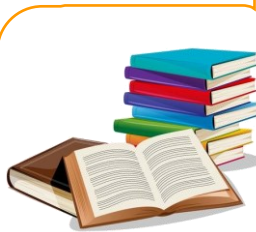
Important Terms Explained:

- **Swar Prerna Veethika:** It is a permanent photo gallery established by Akashvani to honour eminent musicians associated with India's musical traditions and public broadcasting.



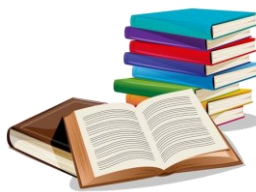
Important Terms Explained:

- **Akashvani:** It is India's public service radio broadcaster that has played a major role in promoting classical, folk, devotional, and regional music.



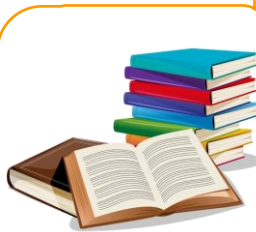
Important Terms Explained:

- **Public service broadcasting:** It refers to broadcasting meant to inform, educate, entertain, and preserve cultural heritage for the wider public interest.



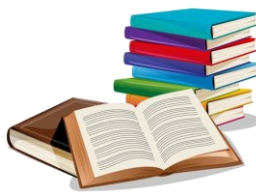
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bharat Ratna:** It is India's highest civilian award, received by several music legends featured in the gallery, including M.S. Subbulakshmi, **Ravi Shankar**, **Lata Mangeshkar**, **Bismillah Khan**, **Bhimsen Joshi**, and **Bhupen Hazarika**.



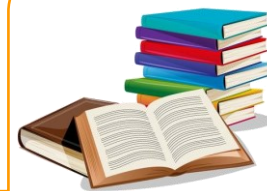
Important Terms Explained:

- **Raagam:** It is Akashvani's **24×7** digital channel dedicated to Hindustani classical music.



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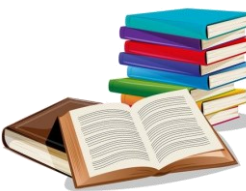
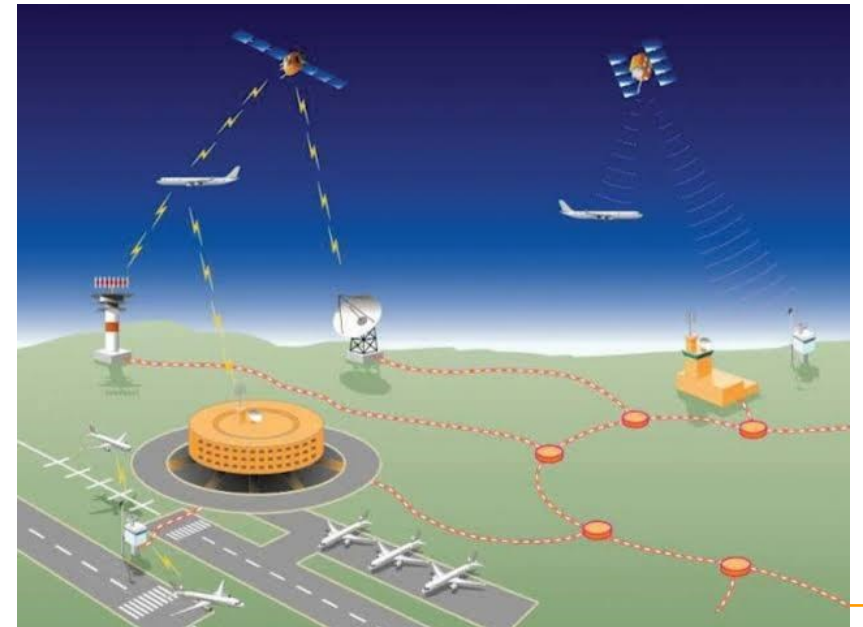
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Swar Prerna Veethika.
Date	July 2, 2026.
Location	Akashvani Rang Bhavan Auditorium, New Delhi.
Inaugurated by	Padma Vibhushan Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia.
Organiser	Akashvani.
Occasion	Akashvani's 90 years of public service broadcasting.
Featured icons	The first phase features portraits of 20 eminent musicians.
Significance	The gallery preserves India's musical legacy and supports the centenary build-up of radio broadcasting in India in 2027.



➤ **GAGAN was jointly developed by ISRO and AAI to improve the accuracy of which navigation system?**

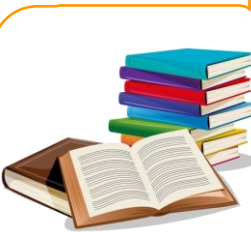
- A) GPS
- B) NavIC
- C) GLONASS
- D) Galileo
- E) BeiDou

Answer
A) GPS.



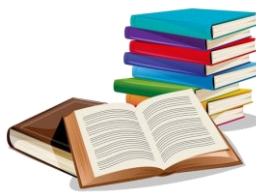
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's **GAGAN** system was highlighted as an indigenous satellite-based **GPS** augmentation system for safer and more precise aircraft navigation.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** July 2, 2026.



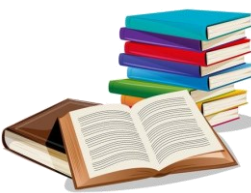
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **GAGAN** enhances standard **GPS** signals by providing real-time correction and integrity information through ground stations and geostationary satellites.
- **Objectives:** The system aims to improve **GPS** accuracy, enhance aviation safety, enable satellite-based precision landing, and strengthen India's indigenous navigation capabilities.



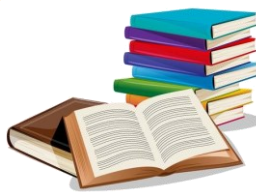
Important Terms Explained:

- **GAGAN:** It stands for **GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation**, India's indigenous Satellite-Based **Augmentation System** developed by **ISRO** and **AAI**.



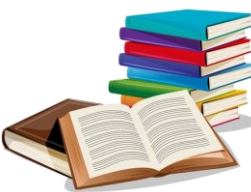
Important Terms Explained:

- **Satellite-Based Augmentation System:** It is a navigation support system that improves the accuracy, reliability, and integrity of satellite navigation signals.



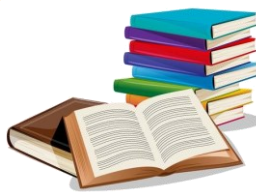
Important Terms Explained:

- **ISRO:** It is India's national space agency and jointly developed **GAGAN** with the **Airports Authority of India**.
- **AAI:** It stands for **Airports Authority of India**, which jointly developed **GAGAN** to improve aviation navigation and safety.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NavIC:** It is India's regional navigation satellite system that provides independent navigation, positioning, and timing services.



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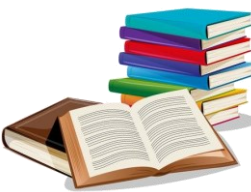
Parameter	Details
System name	GAGAN or GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation.
Date	July 2, 2026.
Location	India.
Developed by	ISRO and Airports Authority of India.
Operational year	GAGAN became fully operational in 2015.
Key infrastructure	The system uses 15 INRES, 2 INMCC, 3 INLUS, 4 communication networks, and 3 geostationary satellites.
Satellite support	GAGAN operates through GSAT-8, GSAT-10, and GSAT-15 with dedicated payloads.
Strategic significance	It improves aviation navigation safety and reduces dependence on foreign navigation systems.



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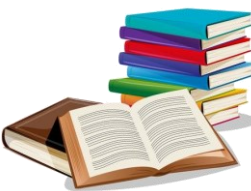
- **NPCI partnered with HSBC India and JP Morgan Payments for real-time FX settlement in international UPI payments.**
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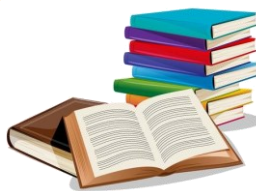
- **Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar assumed command of the Indian Army's Southern Command in July 2026.**
- **Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann assumed charge as AOC-in-C of Southern Air Command on July 1, 2026.**
- **Vikram Misri's tenure as India's Foreign Secretary was extended by one year.**
- **Ravi Shankar was appointed as Executive Director of the RBI from July 1, 2026.**
- **Sunil Bharti Mittal received the 2026 USISPF Leadership Award in Washington, D.C.**
- **The UP Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2026 is a welfare scheme for traditional artisans in Uttar Pradesh.**
- **The revamped RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme came into effect from July 1, 2026.**



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- **The Centre asked Meta to pause the rollout of WhatsApp usernames in India.**
- **Akashvani launched Swar Prerna Veethika as a permanent photo gallery in New Delhi.**
- **GAGAN is India's indigenous GPS augmentation system developed for safer aircraft navigation.**





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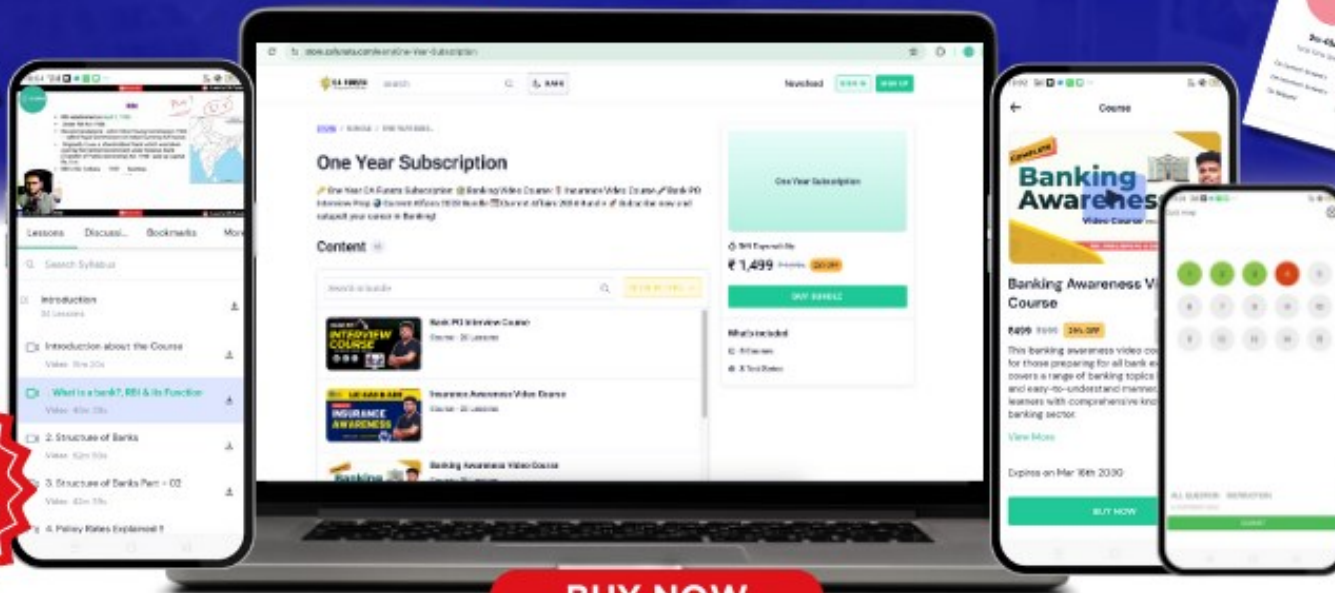
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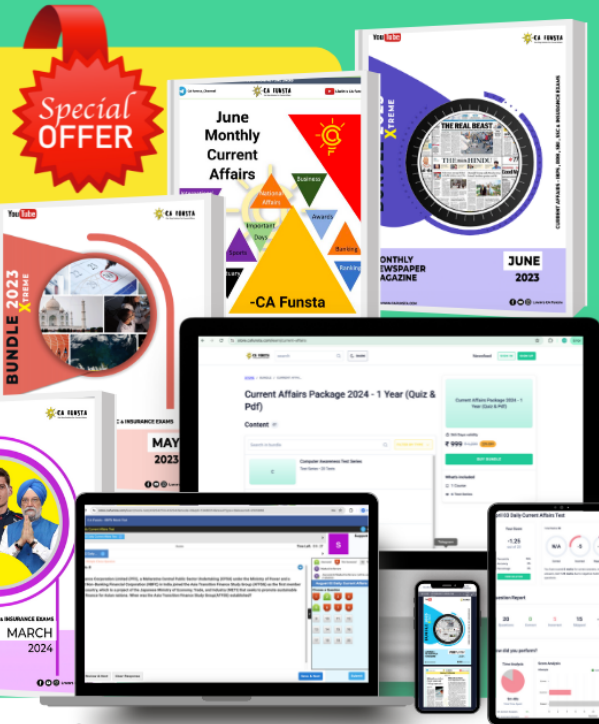


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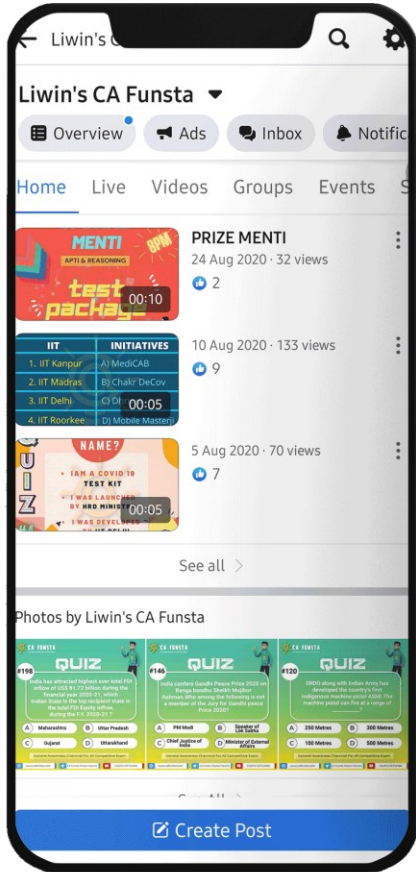
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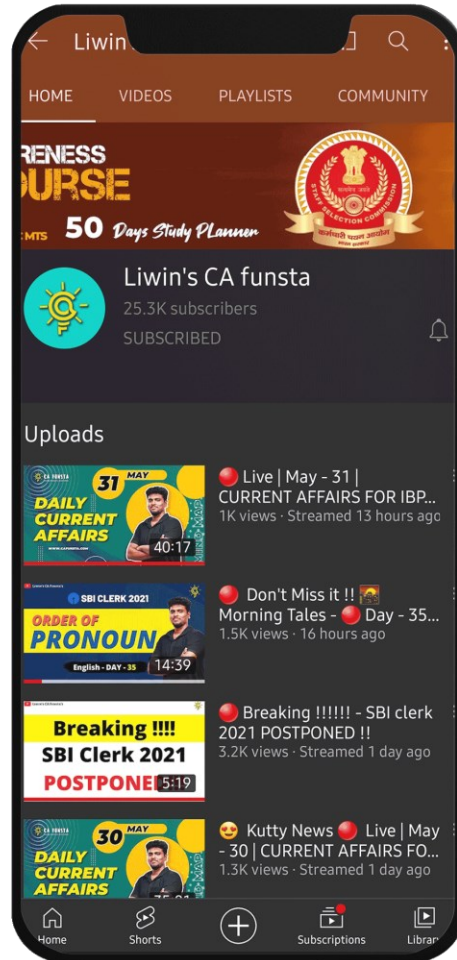


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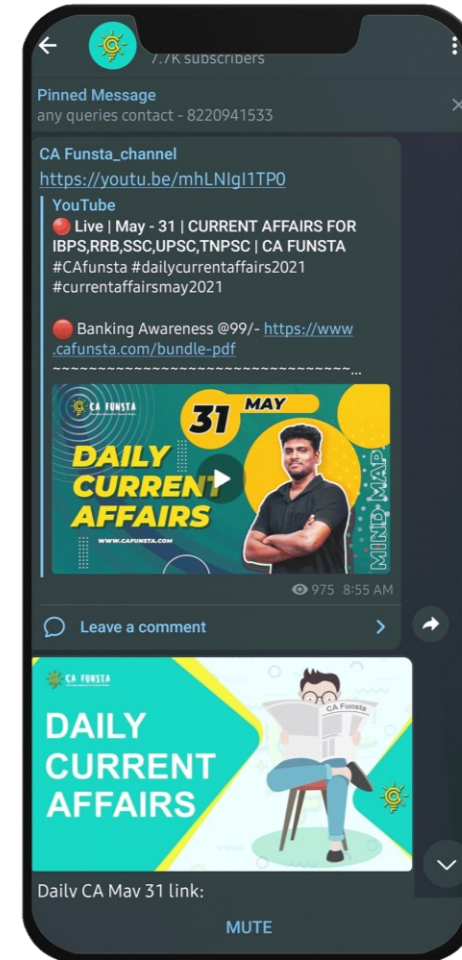
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