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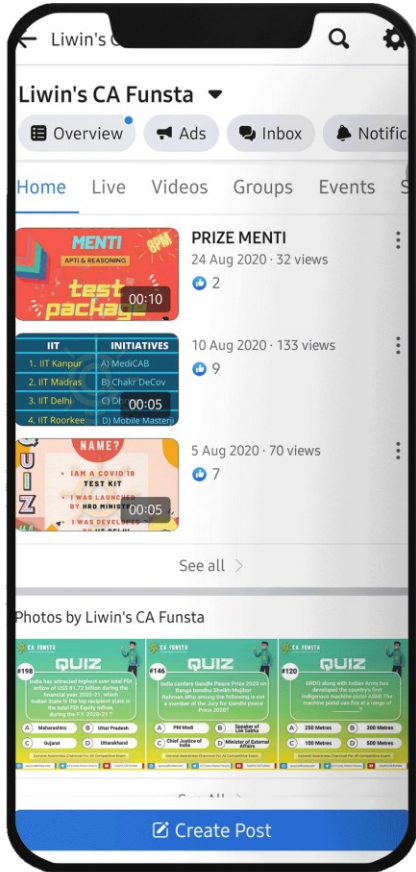


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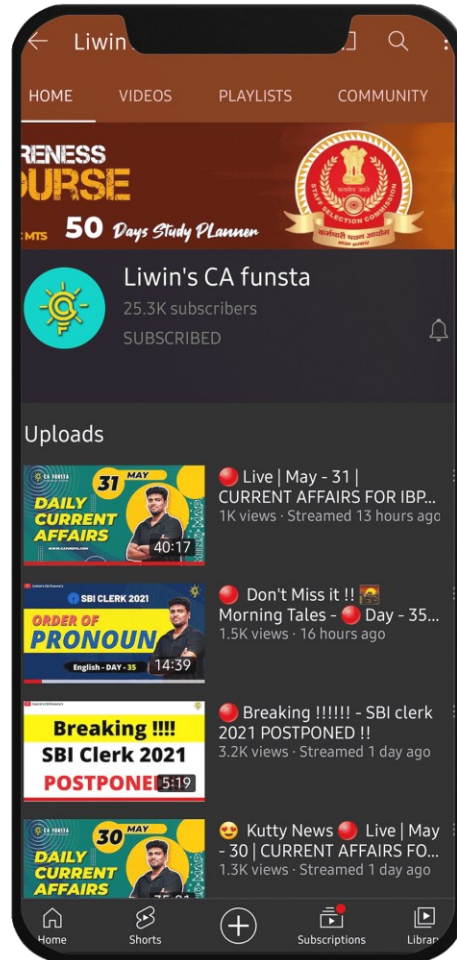
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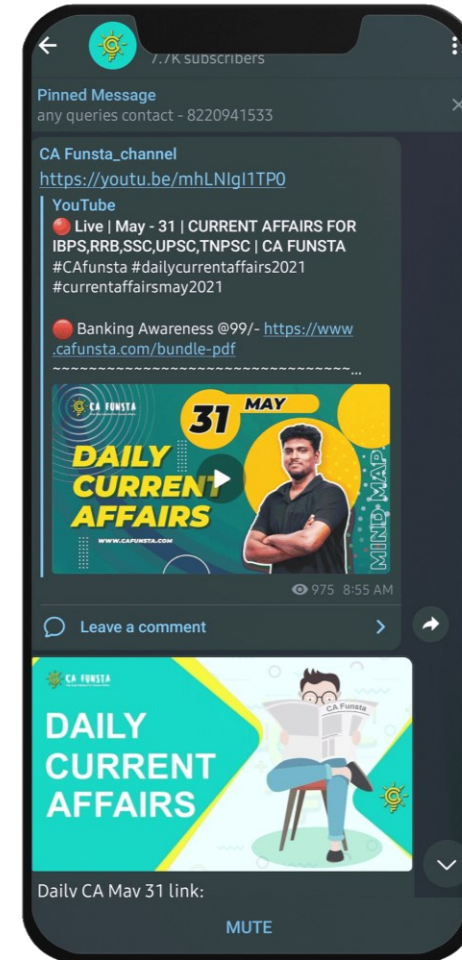
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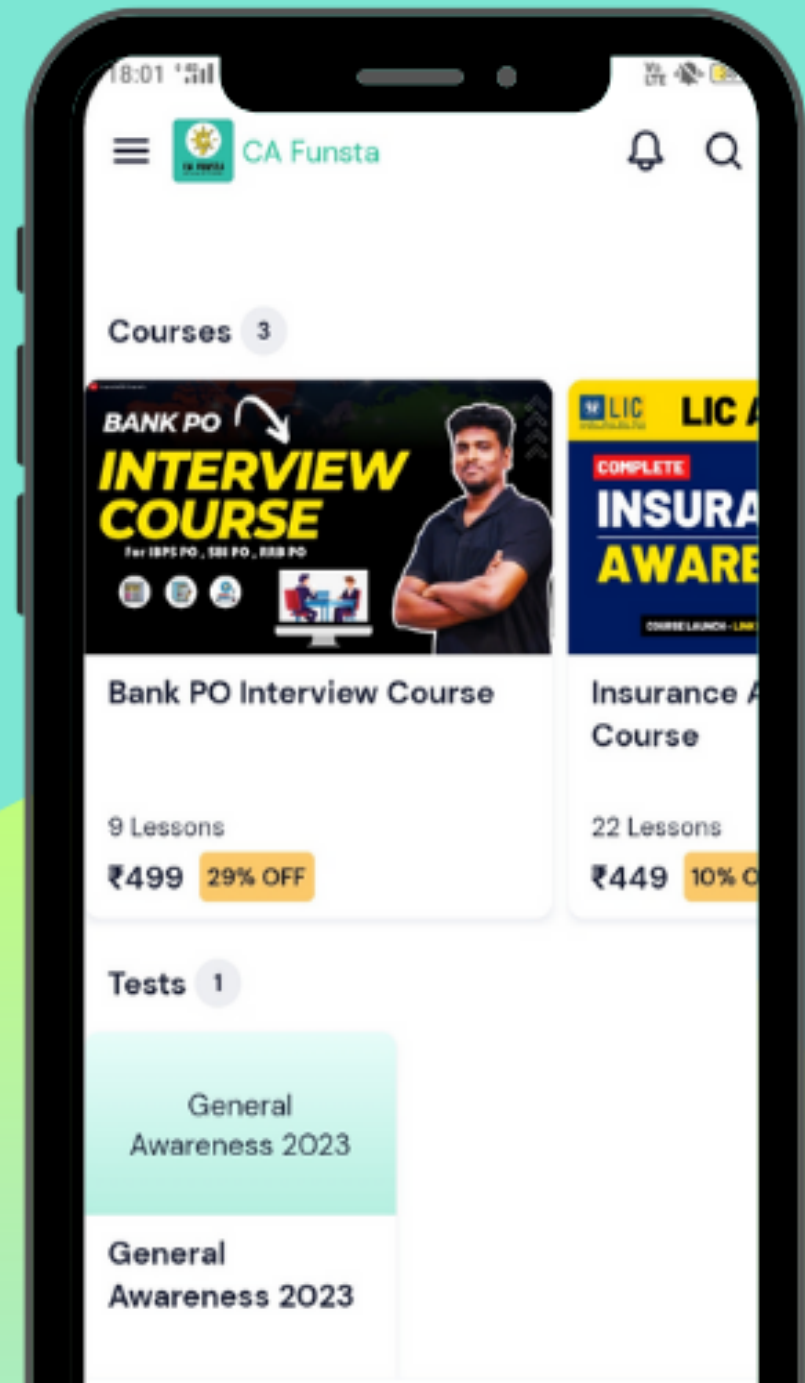
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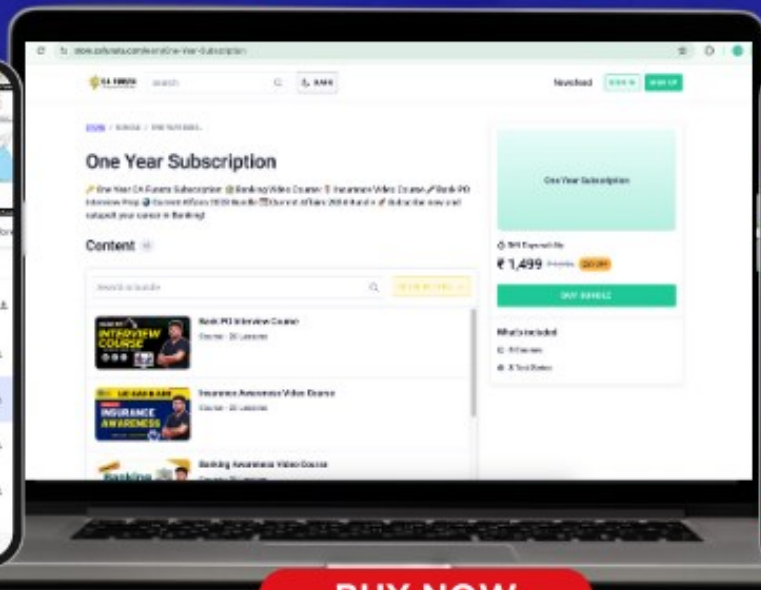
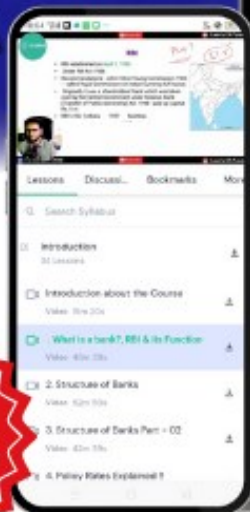
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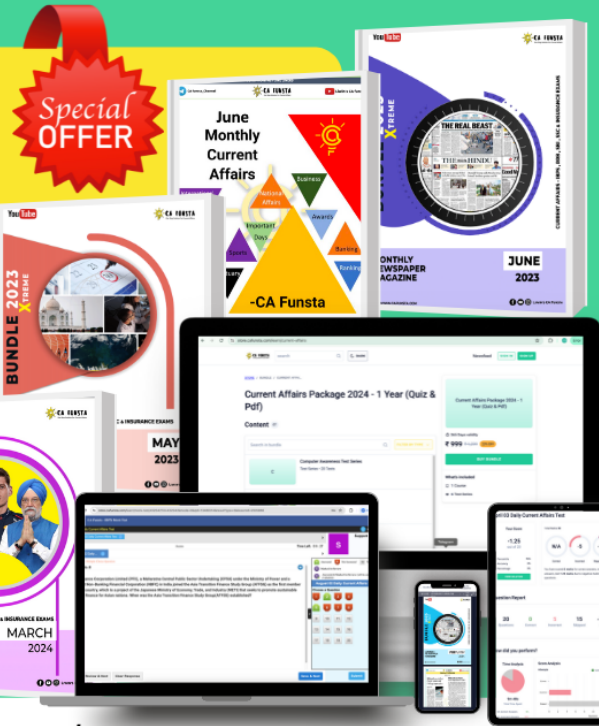
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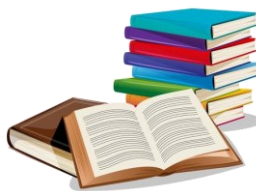


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► How many gold medals did the Indian team win at the 56th International Physics Olympiad 2026?

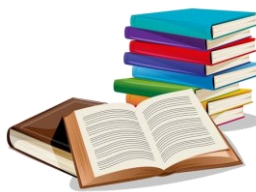
- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five
- E) Six

Answer
D) Five.



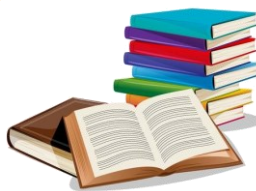
Event and Location:

- **Event:** All five Indian students won gold medals at the **56th International Physics Olympiad 2026**, helping India secure the joint first rank.
- **Location:** Bucaramanga, Colombia.
- **Date:** July **2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The competition tested secondary-school students through advanced theoretical physics problems, laboratory experiments and analytical challenges.
- **Objectives:** **The Olympiad** aims to promote excellence in physics, strengthen scientific ability and encourage international cooperation among talented students.



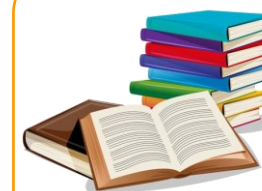
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Physics Olympiad:** An annual international competition in which highly talented secondary-school students solve advanced theoretical and experimental physics problems.
- **Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education:** A national centre under the **Tata Institute of Fundamental Research** that coordinates India's participation and training for international science Olympiads.
- **Physics Olympiad Cell:** The specialised unit responsible for selecting and preparing Indian students through theoretical instruction, laboratory sessions and orientation camps.



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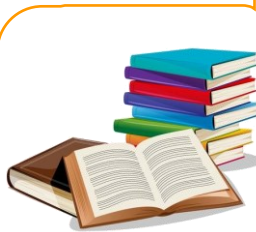
Parameter	Details
Event name	56th International Physics Olympiad 2026.
Venue	Bucaramanga, Colombia.
India's result	India won five gold medals and secured the joint first rank.
Indian gold medallists	Kanishk Jain, Riddhesh Anant Bendale, Rishit Garg, Shresth Suraiya and Svarit Joshi.
Participation	A total of 381 students from 87 countries competed.
Joint rank holders	India shared first place with China, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan.
India's participation record	The 2026 edition marked India's 27th participation in the Olympiad.
Training authority	The Indian team was prepared by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education.



➤ According to the standings provided, which player leads the 2026 FIFA World Cup Golden Boot race?

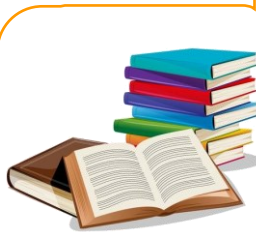
- A) Kylian Mbappé
- B) Erling Haaland
- C) Lionel Messi
- D) Jude Bellingham
- E) Harry Kane

Answer
C) Lionel Messi.



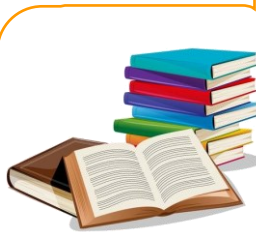
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Lionel Messi** leads the latest **2026 FIFA World Cup** top-scorer standings with eight goals and four assists, ahead of Kylian Mbappé on the assists tiebreaker.
- **Location:** The **2026 FIFA World Cup** tournament.
- **Date:** **14 July 2026.**



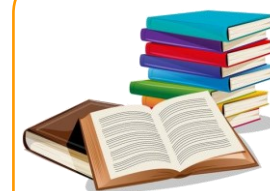
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** FIFA ranks players primarily by goals scored, followed by assists and then the fewest minutes played when players finish level on goals.
- **Objectives:** The standings identify the tournament's leading goal scorer and determine the recipient of the **Golden Boot** award.



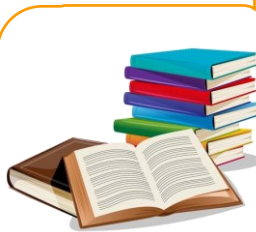
Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	Lionel Messi of Argentina.
2	Kylian Mbappé of France.
3	Erling Haaland of Norway.
4	Jude Bellingham of England.
5	Harry Kane of England.
6	Ousmane Dembélé of France.
7	Mikel Oyarzabal of Spain.



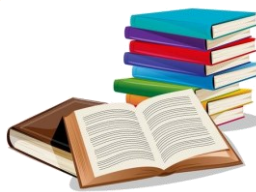
Important Terms Explained:

- **FIFA World Cup Golden Boot:** An individual award presented to the player who scores the highest number of goals during a **FIFA World Cup** tournament.
- **Assist:** The final pass or action by a player that directly contributes to a teammate scoring a goal.
- **Tiebreaker:** A prescribed criterion used to separate players who finish with the same number of goals, with assists serving as the first tiebreaker.
- **Knockout Stage:** The phase of a tournament in which the losing team is eliminated and the winning team advances to the next round.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Competition	2026 FIFA World Cup.
Standings date	The latest standings were reported on 14 July 2026.
Leading scorer	Lionel Messi leads with eight goals and four assists.
Second position	Kylian Mbappé has eight goals and three assists.
Third position	Erling Haaland finished with seven goals after Norway's elimination.
Leading English scorers	Jude Bellingham and Harry Kane have scored six goals each.
Primary tiebreaker	Assists separate players who finish level on goals.
Secondary tiebreaker	The fewest minutes played may be considered when goals and assists are equal.



➤ Which sector is the primary focus of the Digital Threat Report 2025–26?

- A) Agriculture and rural development
- B) Banking, Financial Services and Insurance
- C) Defence and aerospace
- D) Education and research
- E) Manufacturing and logistics

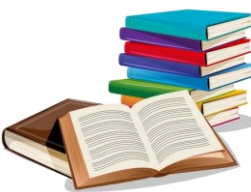
Answer

B) Banking, Financial Services and Insurance.



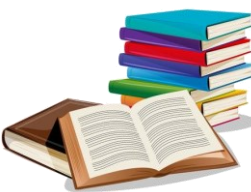
Event and Location:

- **Event:** MeitY released the second edition of the **Digital Threat Report 2025–26** for India's **BFSI** sector and digital payments ecosystem.
- Location: India.
- Date: **14 July 2026**.



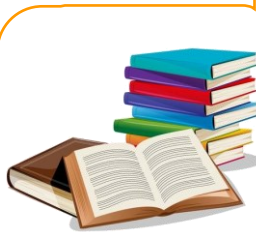
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The report assesses emerging cyber threats, artificial intelligence-driven attacks, identity misuse, supply-chain compromises and vulnerabilities affecting financial institutions and digital payment systems.
- **Objectives:** It aims to strengthen cyber resilience, improve real-time threat detection and guide financial institutions through an **18-month** cybersecurity roadmap.



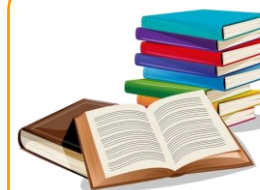
Important Terms Explained:

- **BFSI Sector: The Banking, Financial Services and Insurance** sector comprising banks, insurers, payment providers, financial institutions and related service organisations.
- **AI Asymmetry:** A cybersecurity imbalance in which attackers use artificial intelligence to launch sophisticated attacks faster and more cheaply than defenders can detect or counter them.
- **Digital Forensics and Incident Response:** The process of investigating cyber incidents, preserving digital evidence, identifying attack methods and restoring affected systems.
- **Cyber Failure Anatomy Framework:** A four-layer framework used to analyse how multiple weaknesses combine to enable successful cyberattacks.



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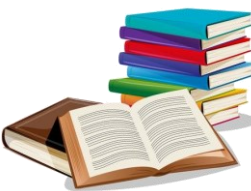
Parameter	Details
Report name	Digital Threat Report 2025–26.
Edition	It is the second edition of the cybersecurity assessment.
Releasing organisations	MeitY released the report in collaboration with CERT-In, CSIRT-Fin and SISA.
Target sector	The report focuses on the BFSI sector and digital payments ecosystem.
Major finding	Six of the seven predictions from the previous edition had already materialised.
Key emerging risk	Artificial intelligence is enabling faster, cheaper and harder-to-detect cyberattacks.
Threat categories	Major risks include credential theft, social engineering, cloud exploitation, identity attacks and supply-chain compromises.
Recommended timeline	The report provides an 18-month roadmap for improving cyber resilience.



➤ What was India's merchandise trade deficit in June 2026?

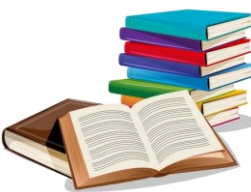
- A) \$19.10 billion
- B) \$28.21 billion
- C) \$30.43 billion
- D) \$40.41 billion
- E) \$70.84 billion

Answer
C) \$30.43 billion.



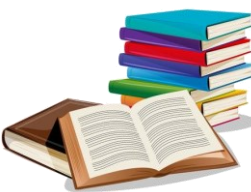
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's merchandise trade deficit widened by **59%** year-on-year to **\$30.43 billion** in June **2026**.
- Location: India.
- Date: June **2026**.



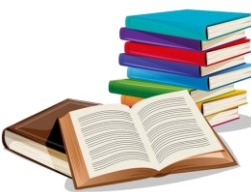
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India recorded merchandise exports of **\$40.41 billion** and imports of **\$70.84 billion** during June **2026**, resulting in a wider trade gap.
- **Objectives:** The trade data highlights the need to expand export markets, improve manufacturing competitiveness and pursue favourable trade agreements with major economic partners.



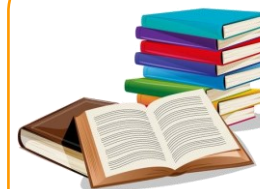
Important Terms Explained:

- **Trade Deficit:** A situation in which the value of a country's merchandise imports exceeds the value of its merchandise exports during a specified period.
- **Current Account Deficit:** A situation in which a country's total payments for goods, services and transfers exceed its corresponding receipts from abroad.
- **Year-on-Year Growth:** A method of comparing an economic indicator with its value during the same period of the previous year.
- **Balance of Payments:** A comprehensive record of all economic transactions between a country's residents and the rest of the world during a particular period.



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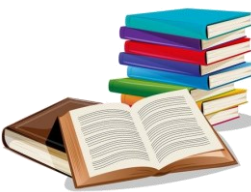
Parameter	Details
Reporting period	June 2026.
Trade deficit	India's merchandise trade deficit stood at \$30.43 billion.
June 2025 deficit	The merchandise trade deficit was \$19.10 billion in June 2025.
Annual increase	The deficit increased by 59% on a year-on-year basis.
Merchandise exports	India exported goods worth \$40.41 billion in June 2026.
Merchandise imports	India imported goods worth \$70.84 billion in June 2026.
Previous-month deficit	The trade deficit stood at \$28.21 billion in May 2026.
Major contributing factors	High import costs, weaker export momentum and uncertain global demand widened the deficit.



► What was India's wholesale inflation rate in June 2026 according to the provided article?

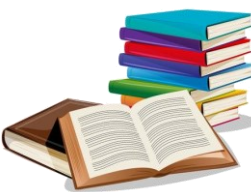
- A) 7.48%
- B) 8.87%
- C) 9.68%
- D) 9.87%
- E) 10.85%

Answer
D) 9.87%.



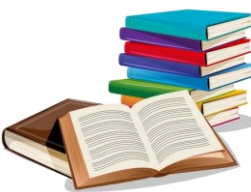
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's **Wholesale Price Index** inflation increased to **9.87%** in June **2026**, driven mainly by higher prices of food products, mineral oils, basic metals and chemicals.
- Location: India.
- Date: June **2026**.



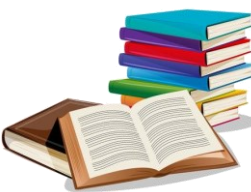
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry** reported changes in wholesale prices across primary articles, fuel and power, manufactured products and food-related categories.
- **Objectives:** The data measures producer-level price movements and assesses input-cost pressures, industrial pricing trends and emerging inflationary conditions.



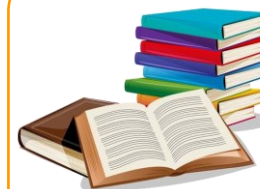
Important Terms Explained:

- **Wholesale Price Index:** An index that measures changes in the prices of goods traded at the wholesale or producer level before their final sale to consumers.
- **Consumer Price Index:** An index that measures changes in the retail prices paid by consumers for a representative basket of goods and services.
- **Consumer Food Price Index:** A component of retail inflation that tracks changes in the prices of food items purchased by consumers.
- **Primary Articles:** A **WPI** category covering basic commodities such as food articles, non-food articles, minerals and crude petroleum.
- **Deflation:** A decline in the general price level or a negative inflation rate for a particular category.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Reporting period	June 2026.
WPI inflation	Wholesale inflation increased to 9.87%.
Previous-month rate	WPI inflation stood at 9.68% in May 2026.
WPI level	The index increased to 110.2 from 109.9 in May.
Primary articles inflation	Inflation rose to 7.00% from 4.99% in May.
Food articles inflation	Inflation increased to 5.49% from 3.60%.
Manufacturing inflation	Manufactured-product inflation remained unchanged at 7.48%.
Major price drivers	Food products, mineral oils, basic metals and chemical products contributed to wholesale price pressures.



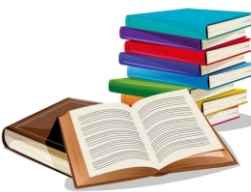
APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Jio Platforms ahead of its proposed IPO?**

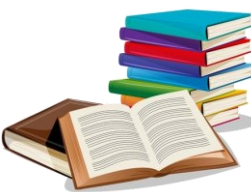
- A) Kiran Thomas
- B) Akash Ambani
- C) Manoj Harjivandas Modi
- D) Pankaj Pawar
- E) Anant Ambani

Answer
D) Pankaj Pawar.



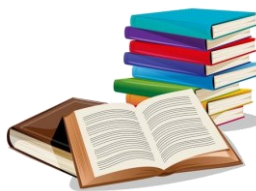
Event and Location:

- **Event: Jio Platforms Limited** appointed **Pankaj Pawar** as its **Chief Executive Officer** ahead of the company's proposed public offering.
- Location: India.
- Date: **Pankaj Pawar** assumed the position on **24 March 2026**.



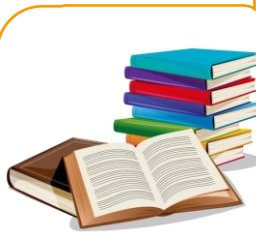
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Pankaj Pawar succeeded Kiran Thomas following the latter's resignation on **23 March 2026**, as disclosed in the company's draft prospectus filed with the market regulator.
- **Objectives:** The leadership transition aims to provide managerial continuity and support **Jio Platforms'** growth and capital-market preparations before its proposed **IPO**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Initial Public Offering:** The process through which a privately held company offers its shares to the public for the first time.
- **Draft Red Herring Prospectus:** A preliminary offer document containing information about a company's business, management, finances, risks and proposed public issue.
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India:** India's securities-market regulator responsible for protecting investors and regulating stock exchanges and public offerings.
- **Key Managerial Personnel:** Senior executives legally designated as responsible for the management and governance of a company.

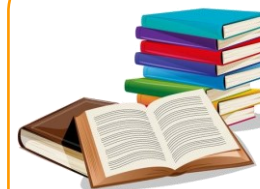


APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Company	Jio Platforms Limited, a digital-services subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited.
New CEO	Pankaj Pawar.
Predecessor	Kiran Thomas resigned as CEO on 23 March 2026.
Appointment date	Pankaj Pawar took charge on 24 March 2026.
Existing role	He also serves as Managing Director of Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited.
Professional experience	He has approximately 30 years of experience in telecommunications and digital services.
Proposed fundraising	The IPO is expected to raise about USD 4 billion, or approximately ₹37,700 crore.
Market significance	The proposed issue could become India's largest IPO if completed at the stated size.

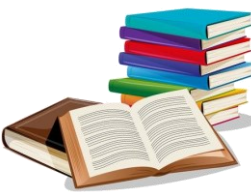


➤ Which authority notified the Tariff Rate Quota allocation procedure under the India-Oman CEPA?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- D) Competition Commission of India
- E) National Investment Promotion Agency

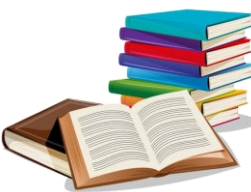
Answer

B) Directorate General of Foreign Trade.



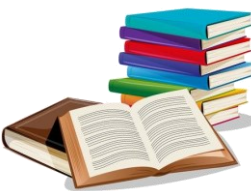
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India notified the procedure for allocating tariff concessions under the **India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement**.
- **Location:** **India and Oman**.
- **Date:** The trade agreement came into effect on **1 June 2026**.



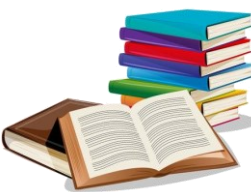
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Eligible importers must follow the notified quota-allocation procedure and submit a valid **Certificate of Origin** issued by Oman's competent authority to claim concessional customs duties.
- **Objectives:** The procedure aims to implement preferential trade commitments, facilitate eligible imports from Oman and balance trade liberalisation with the protection of domestic producers.



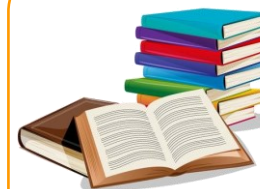
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tariff Rate Quota:** A trade mechanism that permits a specified quantity of goods to be imported at a lower or zero customs duty, while imports beyond the quota attract the normal tariff.
- **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement:** A trade agreement designed to expand bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation through tariff concessions and other market-access measures.
- **Certificate of Origin:** An official document certifying that imported goods originate in a particular country and qualify for preferential tariff treatment.
- **Customs Duty:** A tax imposed by a government on goods imported into or exported from a country.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Agreement	India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.
Effective date	The agreement came into force on 1 June 2026.
Notifying authority	The Directorate General of Foreign Trade notified the allocation procedure.
Quota period	Tariff quotas will follow India's financial year from 1 April to 31 March.
Eligible products	Concessions cover products such as dates, marble blocks, aluminium items, copper weld wire and selected petrochemicals.
Tariff benefit	Imports within the prescribed quota may receive reduced or zero customs duty.
Imports beyond quota	Quantities exceeding the approved quota will attract the regular customs duty.
Mandatory document	A valid Certificate of Origin issued in Oman is required to claim preferential treatment.



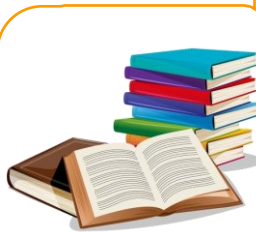
➤ **Which panel prepared the United Nations' first preliminary scientific assessment of artificial intelligence?**

- A) International Telecommunication Union
- B) Independent International Scientific Panel on AI
- C) United Nations Security Council
- D) World Economic Forum
- E) International Monetary Fund



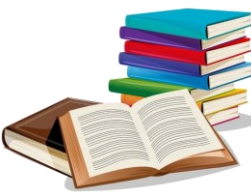
Answer

B) Independent International Scientific Panel on AI.



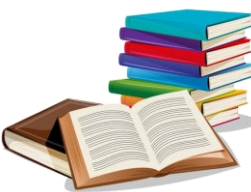
Event and Location:

- **Event: The United Nations'** first preliminary scientific report on artificial intelligence urged governments to strengthen governance as AI capabilities advance rapidly.
- Location: Global, with significant implications for countries including India.
- Date: The report was highlighted on **14 July 2026**.



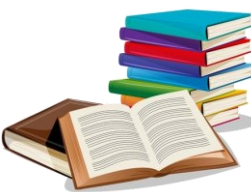
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **40**-member scientific panel assessed developments, applications, risks, infrastructure inequalities and governance challenges associated with artificial intelligence.
- **Objectives:** The report aims to provide scientific evidence for effective AI policymaking, improve regulatory preparedness and prevent technological development from outpacing public oversight.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Independent International Scientific Panel on AI:** A **40**-member expert body established under the guidance of the **United Nations Secretary-General** to scientifically evaluate the opportunities and risks associated with artificial intelligence.
- **AI Governance:** The laws, policies, institutions and technical standards used to ensure that artificial intelligence systems are developed and deployed safely, transparently and responsibly.
- **Compute Divide:** The unequal distribution of high-performance computing resources, advanced chips and data-centre capacity among countries.
- **Frontier AI:** Highly advanced artificial intelligence systems capable of performing complex tasks and potentially creating significant economic, security and societal risks.



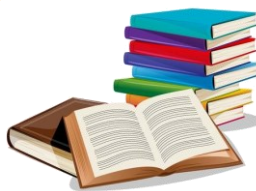
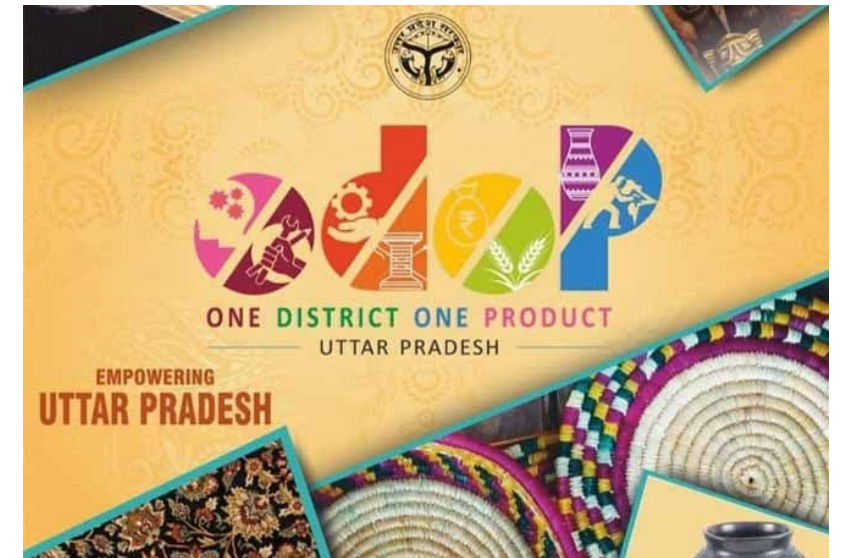
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Report type	The report is described as the United Nations' first preliminary scientific assessment of artificial intelligence.
Preparing body	It was prepared by the 40-member Independent International Scientific Panel on AI.
Panel leadership	The panel is co-chaired by Yoshua Bengio and Maria Ressa.
Core warning	AI capabilities are advancing faster than the ability of governments to monitor and regulate them.
Assessment areas	The report examines science, applications, economics, security, environment, human rights, well-being and governance.
Infrastructure concern	Advanced computing power, specialised chips and data centres remain concentrated in a limited number of countries.
Policy recommendation	Governments should build stronger governance systems without waiting for complete scientific certainty about every risk.
Significance for India	India must expand domestic computing capacity and indigenous AI development to maintain technological independence.

➤ What is the maximum loan amount available under the UP One District One Product Scheme 2026?

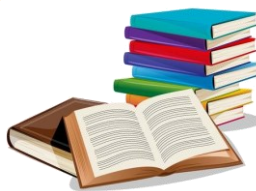
- A) ₹10 lakh
- B) ₹15 lakh
- C) ₹20 lakh
- D) ₹25 lakh
- E) ₹30 lakh

Answer
D) ₹25 lakh.



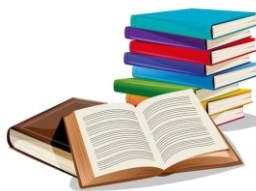
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The UP **One District One Product Scheme 2026** supports district-specific industries, artisans and entrepreneurs through finance, training, marketing and export assistance.
- **Location:** All **75** districts of **Uttar Pradesh**, India.
- **Date:** The scheme was originally launched in **2018**.



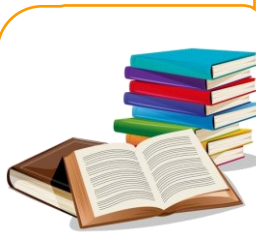
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme identifies one distinctive product from each district and provides eligible beneficiaries with loans of up to **₹25 lakh**, a **25%** margin money subsidy, skill development and market support.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to preserve traditional crafts, generate employment, strengthen MSMEs, improve product quality and promote **Uttar Pradesh's** local products in domestic and international markets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **One District One Product:** A development approach that identifies and promotes a distinctive product associated with each district based on its cultural, historical or economic importance.
- **Margin Money Subsidy:** Government assistance that covers a portion of the beneficiary's required contribution toward a business loan, thereby reducing the initial financial burden.
- **MSME:** A micro, small or medium enterprise engaged in manufacturing or services and classified according to prescribed investment and turnover limits.
- **Detailed Project Report:** A document describing a proposed business project's objectives, costs, financing, operations and expected financial performance.



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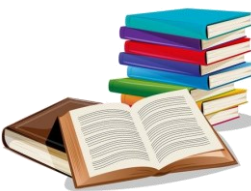
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	UP One District One Product Scheme 2026.
Launch year	The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the scheme in 2018.
Geographical coverage	The programme covers all 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
Maximum loan	Eligible applicants can receive loans of up to ₹25 lakh at concessional interest rates.
Subsidy benefit	Beneficiaries may receive a 25% margin money subsidy.
Eligible beneficiaries	Artisans, craftsmen, new entrepreneurs and existing units associated with a district's notified product may apply.
Support services	The scheme provides training, technology, branding, packaging, exhibitions, e-commerce and export assistance.
Application process	Applications are submitted online and verified by the concerned District Industries Centre.



➤ What monthly financial assistance is proposed under the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana?

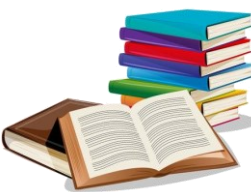
- A) ₹1,000
- B) ₹1,500
- C) ₹2,000
- D) ₹2,500
- E) ₹3,000

Answer
D) ₹2,500.



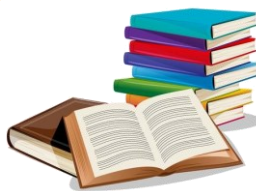
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **Delhi** government has renamed the **Mahila Samriddhi Yojana** as the **Delhi Lakshmi Yojana**, which proposes monthly financial assistance for eligible women.
- **Location:** Delhi, India.
- **Date:** The scheme is expected to be launched around **Raksha Bandhan 2026**.



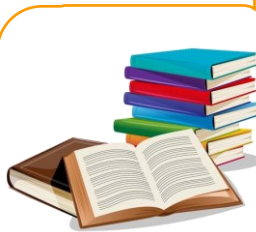
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposed scheme will provide **₹2,500** per month directly to eligible women's bank accounts through the **Direct Benefit Transfer** system, subject to final government guidelines.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen women's financial independence, support economically weaker households and ensure transparent delivery of welfare assistance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Benefit Transfer:** A welfare-delivery mechanism through which government benefits are transferred directly into beneficiaries' linked bank accounts.
- **Economically Weaker Sections:** Individuals or households falling within government-prescribed income and economic criteria for receiving targeted welfare benefits.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** The official conditions relating to residence, age, income, identity and other requirements that applicants must satisfy to receive scheme benefits.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Delhi Lakshmi Yojana.
Previous name	The scheme was earlier known as Mahila Samriddhi Yojana.
Proposed assistance	Eligible women are expected to receive ₹2,500 per month.
Payment mechanism	Financial assistance will be transferred through the Direct Benefit Transfer system.
Expected launch	The scheme is proposed to be launched around Raksha Bandhan 2026.
Target beneficiaries	Women from eligible and economically weaker households in Delhi.
Current status	Final eligibility conditions, documents and registration procedures have not yet been officially notified.
Primary purpose	The scheme seeks to improve women's financial security and household income support.



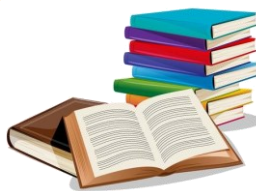
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➤ Under which initiative was NIDAR 2.0 launched?

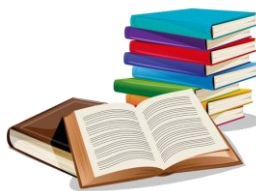
- A) Digital India
- B) SwaYaan
- C) Drone Shakti
- D) IndiaAI Mission
- E) Startup India

Answer
B) SwaYaan.



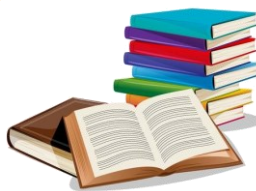
Event and Location:

- **Event:** MeitY and the **Drone Federation India** launched **NIDAR 2.0** for **2026–27** to promote indigenous and autonomous drone innovation.
- **Location:** **Electronics Niketan, New Delhi**, with the launch conducted in hybrid mode.
- **Date:** **13 July 2026**.



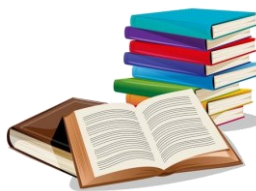
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The challenge requires student teams to develop autonomous drone applications, indigenous flight controllers, autopilot systems and drone electronics powered by the **VEGA** processor.
- **Objectives:** The programme aims to strengthen India's drone ecosystem, reduce dependence on imported technologies and promote student research, skills, entrepreneurship and commercialisation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NIDAR 2.0:** The second edition of the **National Innovation Challenge for Drone Application and Research**, designed to promote student-led innovation in autonomous drones and indigenous components.
- **SwaYaan Initiative:** A MeitY programme for capacity building and human-resource development in unmanned aircraft systems through training, research and industry collaboration.
- **VEGA Processor:** An indigenous microprocessor family developed by C-DAC under MeitY's **Microprocessor Development Programme** and based on the open-standard **RISC-V** architecture.
- **Autonomous Drone:** An unmanned aircraft capable of navigating, making decisions and completing

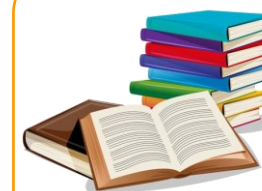


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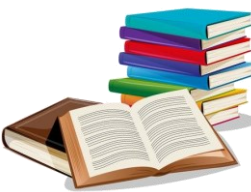
Parameter	Details
Programme name	National Innovation Challenge for Drone Application and Research 2.0.
Launch date	The programme was announced on 13 July 2026.
Launching organisations	MeitY and the Drone Federation India launched the challenge.
Programme period	NIDAR 2.0 will operate during 2026–27.
Prize pool	The competition offers rewards exceeding ₹65 lakh.
Innovation tracks	The challenge includes Drone Innovation and Component Innovation tracks.
Technology focus	Participants will develop systems powered by India's indigenous VEGA processor.
Participant support	Benefits include incubation, internships, cloud credits, software assistance and prototype commercialisation opportunities.



- Which river is described as the longest river in Gujarat with a total length of approximately 1,312 kilometres?

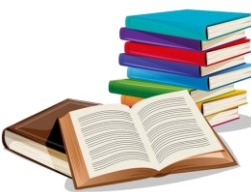
- A) Tapi
- B) Sabarmati
- C) Mahi
- D) Narmada
- E) Luni

Answer
D) Narmada.



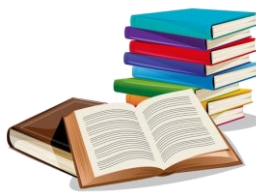
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Narmada River** is described as Gujarat's longest river and an important source of irrigation, drinking water, hydropower and tourism.
- Location: The river flows through **Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat** before entering the **Gulf of Khambhat**.
- Date: **14 July 2026**.



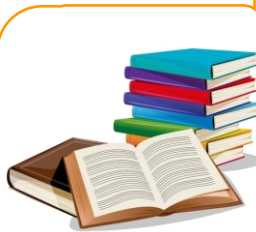
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The river supports the **Sardar Sarovar Project**, canal-based irrigation, drinking-water supply, hydroelectric generation and tourism development in Gujarat.
- **Objectives:** Its water resources are used to improve agricultural productivity, supply water to dry regions, generate clean energy and support regional economic development.



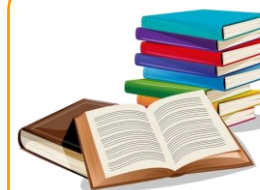
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sardar Sarovar Dam:** A multipurpose dam constructed across the **Narmada River** to support irrigation, drinking-water supply, hydropower generation and flood management.
- **Rift Valley:** A long, narrow depression formed by tectonic movements, through which the Narmada flows westward between the **Vindhya and Satpura** ranges.
- **Gulf of Khambhat:** An inlet of the **Arabian Sea** on Gujarat's coast where the **Narmada River** completes its westward journey.
- **Statue of Unity:** A **182-metre** statue of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** located near the **Narmada River** and **Sardar Sarovar Dam in Gujarat**.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
River name	Narmada River.
Total length	Approximately 1,312 kilometres.
Origin	Amarkantak Plateau in Madhya Pradesh.
Flow direction	The river flows from east to west.
States covered	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.
River mouth	Gulf of Khambhat in the Arabian Sea.
Major project	The Sardar Sarovar Dam supports irrigation, drinking water and hydropower generation.
Geographical significance	The river traditionally marks a natural divide between northern and southern India.

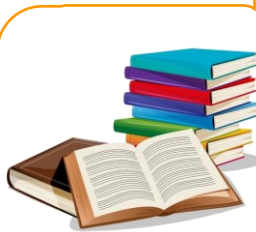


➤ What is the new official name of the Central Vista redevelopment area?

- A) Seva Bhawan Area
- B) Kartavya Bhawan Area
- C) Bharat Secretariat Area
- D) Rashtriya Prashasan Area
- E) Kartavya Nagar Area

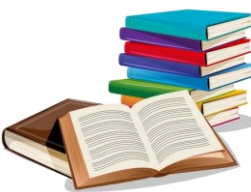


Answer
B) Kartavya Bhawan Area.



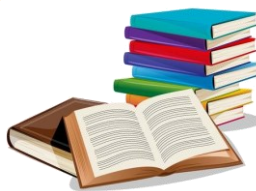
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Government of India renamed the **Central Vista** redevelopment area as the **Kartavya Bhawan Area** or **Kartavya Bhawan Complex**.
- **Location:** **New Delhi**, India.
- **Date:** **14 July 2026**.



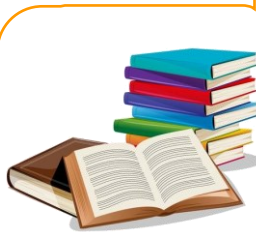
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Union ministries, departments and government agencies have been directed to replace the term **Central Vista** with the new official name in documents and official communications.
- **Objectives:** The renaming aims to emphasise public duty, civic responsibility and democratic values while creating a unified identity for the Union government's administrative district.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Vista Redevelopment Project:** A major government infrastructure programme involving the redevelopment of administrative buildings and public spaces in central **New Delhi**.
- **Kartavya Path:** The ceremonial avenue extending from **Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate**, formerly known as Rajpath until its renaming in **2022**.
- **Common Central Secretariat:** A proposed group of modern office buildings intended to accommodate various Union ministries and improve administrative coordination.
- **Seva Teerth:** The name given to the complex housing important offices, including the **Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat and National Security Adviser**.



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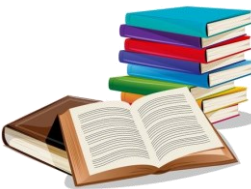
Parameter	Details
New official name	The redevelopment area will be called the Kartavya Bhawan Area or Kartavya Bhawan Complex.
Previous name	The area was previously referred to as Central Vista.
Announcing authority	Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal announced the change.
Official direction	Ministries and departments must use the revised name in government documents and communications.
Area covered	The complex includes existing Kartavya Bhawans, Kartavya Path and future government offices.
Administrative component	The area will include the Common Central Secretariat buildings accommodating Union ministries.
Related renaming	Rajpath was renamed Kartavya Path in 2022.
Significance	The name highlights the duty and responsibility of public institutions toward citizens.

➤ Which two agricultural products from Gujarat's Unjha region received the Geographical Indication tag?

- A) Cumin and fennel
- B) Wheat and millet
- C) Mango and chikoo
- D) Isabgol and turmeric
- E) Cotton and groundnut

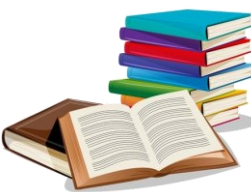
Answer

A) Cumin and fennel.



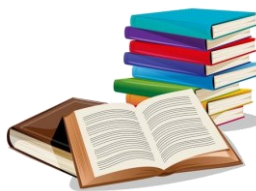
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Unjha cumin and Unjha fennel received **Geographical Indication** status from the **Geographical Indications Registry**.
- **Location:** **Unjha in Mehsana** district, northern Gujarat.
- **Date:** The development was reported on **14 July 2026**.



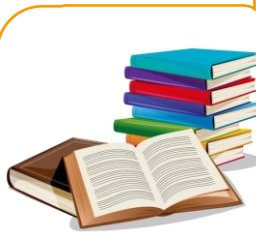
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The certification restricts the use of the registered names to eligible products originating from the designated Unjha region and meeting prescribed standards.
- **Objectives:** The recognition aims to protect product authenticity, prevent misuse, strengthen regional branding, improve farmer incomes and expand export opportunities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Geographical Indication:** An intellectual property right identifying a product whose quality, reputation or characteristics are closely associated with a specific geographical origin.
- **Geographical Indications Registry:** The official authority responsible for registering and administering geographical indications in India.
- **Agricultural Produce Market Committee:** A regulated market institution that facilitates the organised sale and purchase of agricultural produce.
- **Counterfeit Products:** Imitation goods falsely marketed as authentic products, potentially harming producers, consumers and the reputation of the original product.



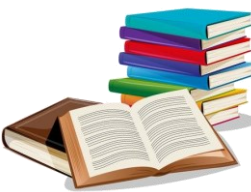
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Products recognised	Unjha cumin and Unjha fennel received GI status.
Geographical region	The products are associated with Unjha in Mehsana district of Gujarat.
Certifying authority	The Geographical Indications Registry granted the recognition.
Supporting institutions	Unjha APMC, Gujarat's horticulture department, SDAU and EDII collaborated in the registration process.
Farmer benefits	The recognition may support better prices, stronger demand and improved market access.
Trade significance	Unjha is a major trading centre for cumin, fennel, isabgol and other seed spices.
Legal protection	The certification protects the registered names from imitation, misuse and unauthorised marketing.
Economic significance	The GI status is expected to strengthen branding, value addition and export competitiveness.

➤ **How many districts of Ladakh are proposed to have Autonomous Hill Development Councils?**

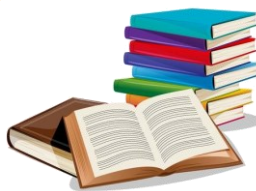
- A) Five
- B) Six
- C) Seven
- D) Eight
- E) Nine

Answer
C) Seven.



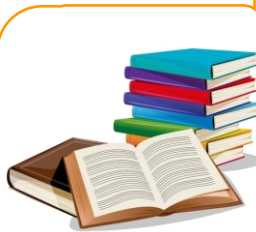
Event and Location:

- **Event:** According to the provided article, the Centre has proposed **Autonomous Hill Development Councils** in all seven districts of Ladakh under a special constitutional framework.
- **Location:** **Union Territory of Ladakh**, India.
- **Date:** The development was reported on **14 July 2026**.



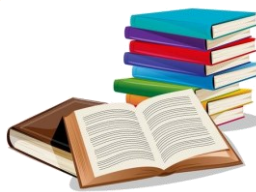
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposed councils will exercise district-level responsibilities relating to land administration, local employment, development planning, education, health, tourism, welfare schemes and infrastructure.
- **Objectives:** The proposal aims to strengthen grassroots democracy, protect Ladakh's cultural and tribal identity, safeguard local interests and increase public participation in governance.



Important Terms Explained:

- Article **371**: A constitutional provision containing special safeguards for certain Indian states and regions based on their historical, cultural, tribal, geographical or administrative circumstances.
- **Local Self-Government**: A decentralised system in which elected local representatives manage public administration and development matters within their respective areas.
- **Constitutional Safeguards**: Special legal protections intended to preserve local rights, culture, land, employment opportunities and administrative interests.
- **Union Territory**: An administrative division governed primarily by the Union government, although some **Union Territories** may have legislatures or local



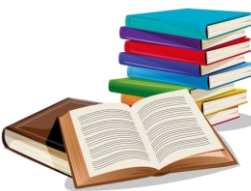
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Proposal	Autonomous Hill Development Councils are proposed for all seven districts of Ladakh.
Existing councils	Leh and Kargil already have hill development councils.
Additional districts	Sham, Nubra, Changthang, Zaskar and Drass are proposed to receive separate councils.
Constitutional framework	The councils are expected to function under a special framework associated with Article 371-type safeguards.
Key powers	Proposed responsibilities include land management, local recruitment, development planning and social-sector administration.
Primary purpose	The initiative seeks to strengthen local self-rule and protect Ladakh's distinct identity.
Governance impact	District representatives will be able to address local problems and implement development projects more directly.
Administrative status	Ladakh will remain a Union Territory and will not receive statehood through this proposal.

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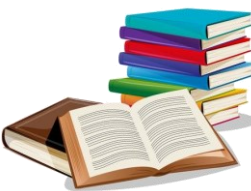
- All five members of the Indian team secured gold medals at IPhO 2026.
- Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappé have scored eight goals each according to the provided standings.
- The report combines threat intelligence, incident-response research and analysis of adversarial artificial intelligence.
- India's merchandise imports exceeded its exports by \$30.43 billion in June 2026.
- India's wholesale inflation increased by 0.19 percentage points between May and June 2026.



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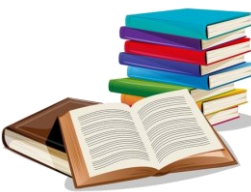
- **Pankaj Pawar joined the Reliance Group in 2000.**
- **India notified the TRQ allocation process as part of implementing the trade agreement with Oman.**
- **The report provides scientific evidence for governments rather than proposing a single global AI law.**
- **The scheme promotes one distinctive traditional or industrial product from each district of Uttar Pradesh.**
- **The Delhi government has renamed Mahila Samriddhi Yojana as Delhi Lakshmi Yojana.**



QUICK RECALL



- **NIDAR 2.0 expands student innovation from drone assembly to core intelligence and control systems.**
- **The Narmada is one of India's major west-flowing rivers.**
- **The announcement was made during a Central Public Works Department Foundation Day function.**
- **Unjha is located in the Mehsana district of northern Gujarat.**
- **Ladakh currently has functioning hill councils in Leh and Kargil.**




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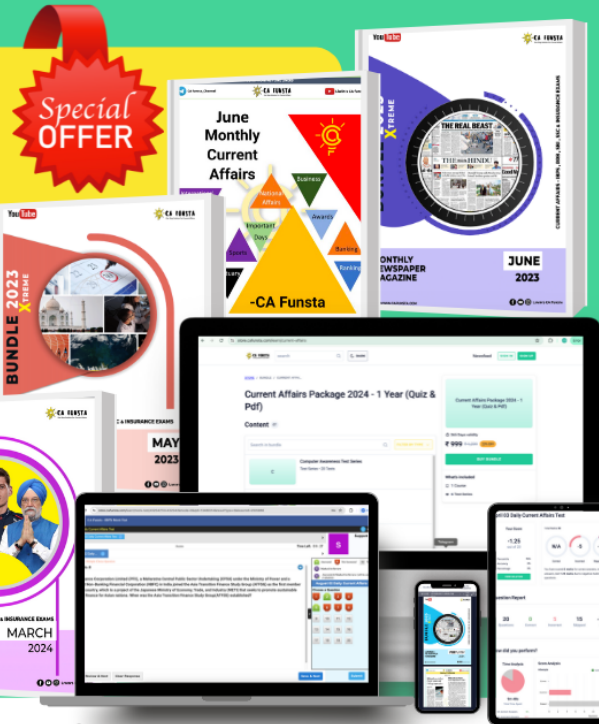


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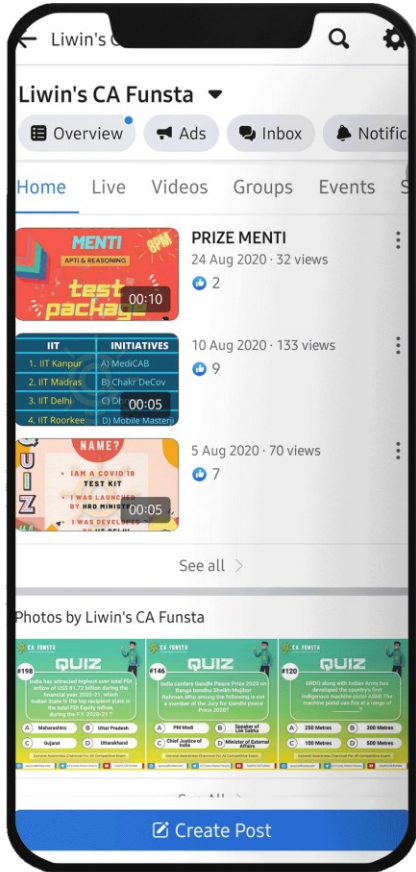
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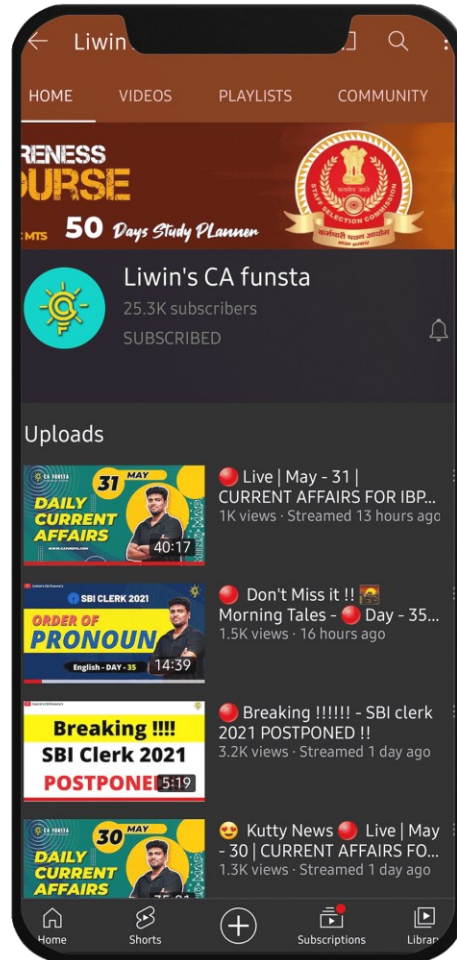


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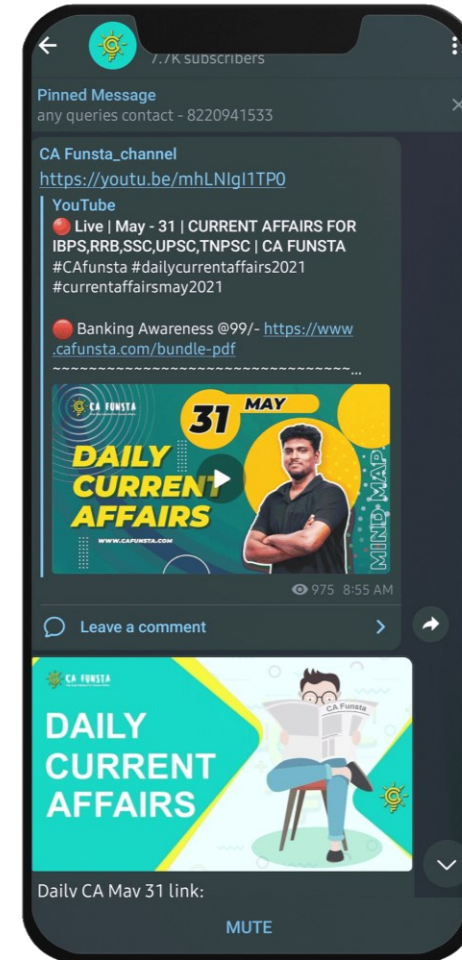
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