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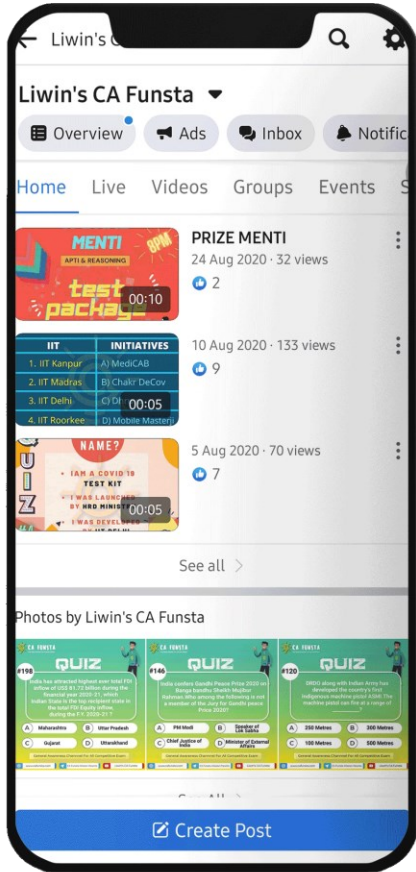


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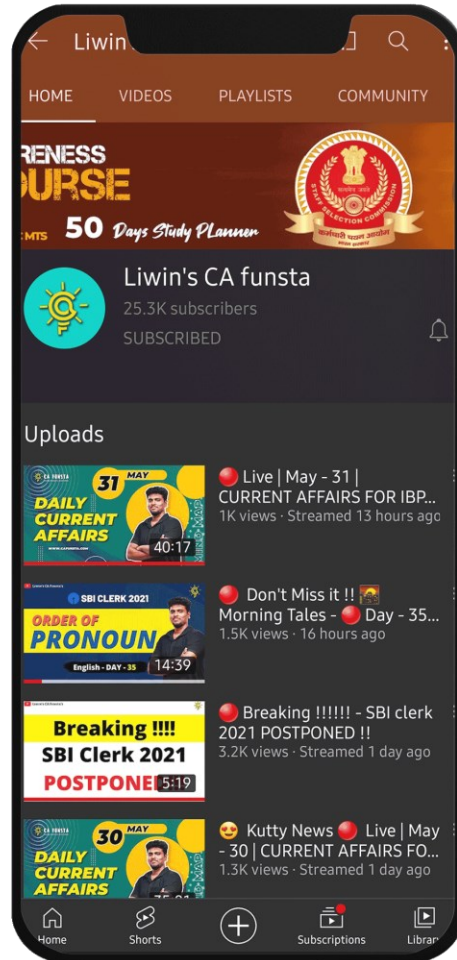
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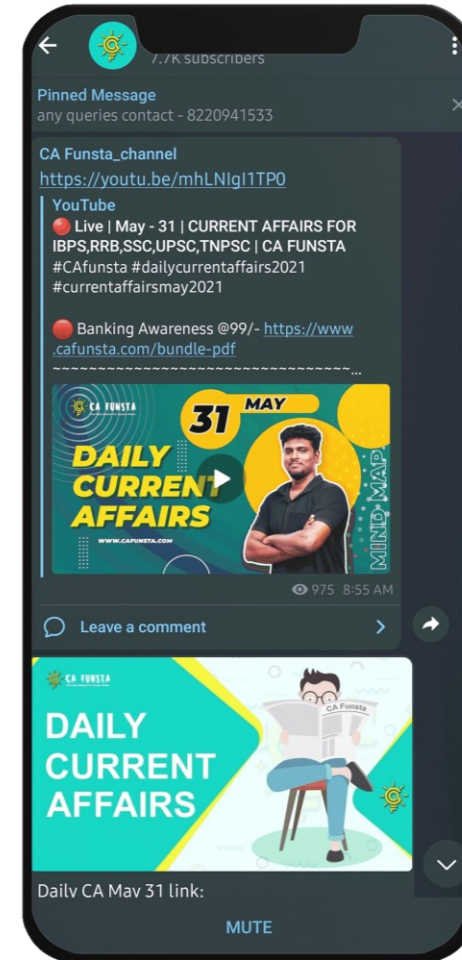
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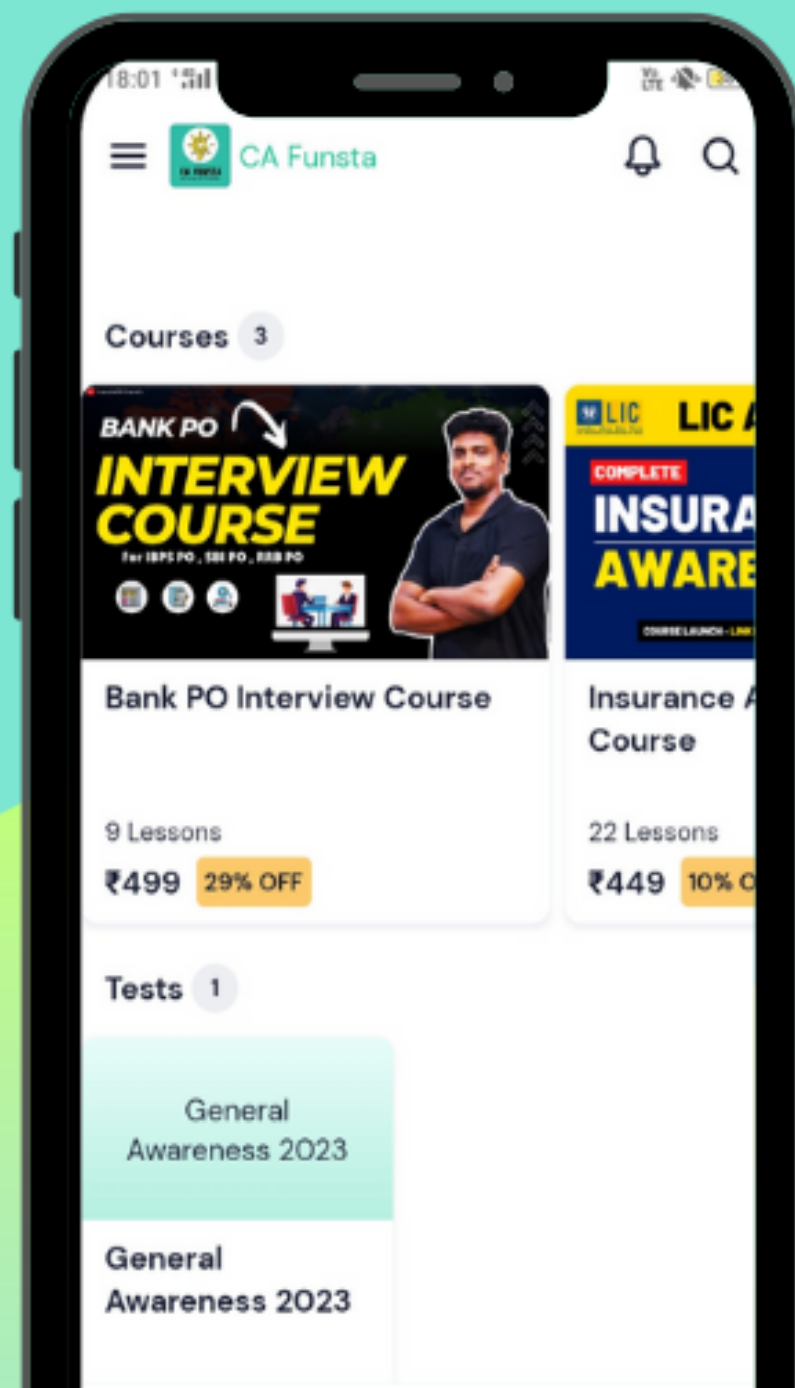
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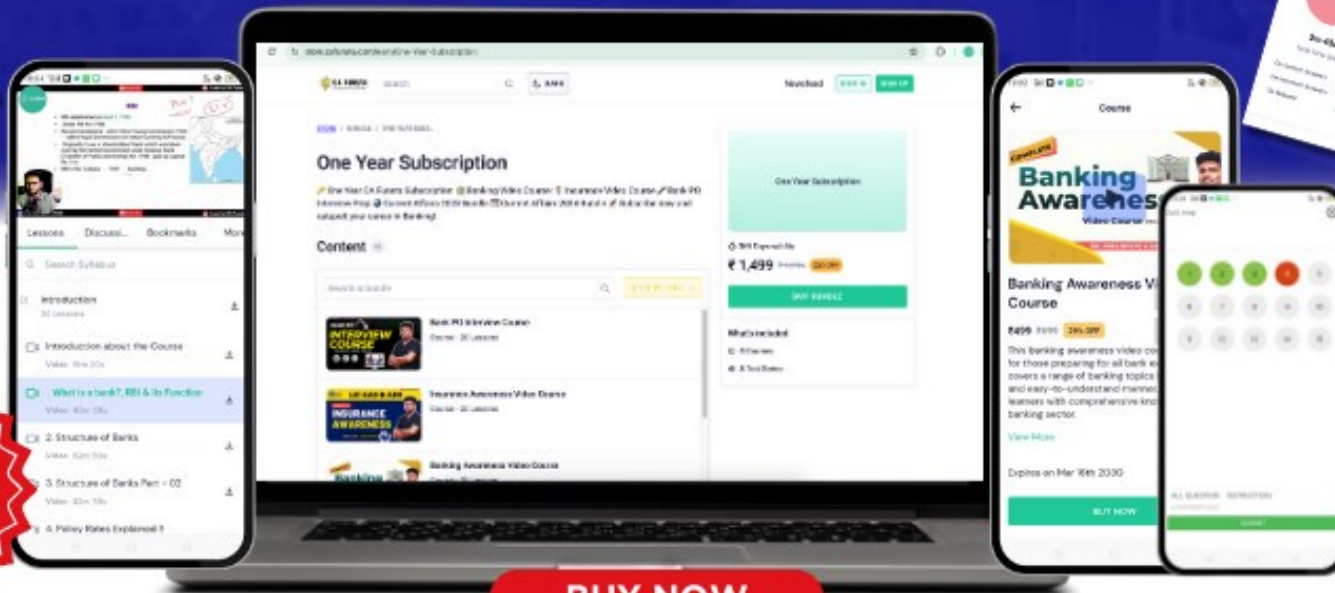
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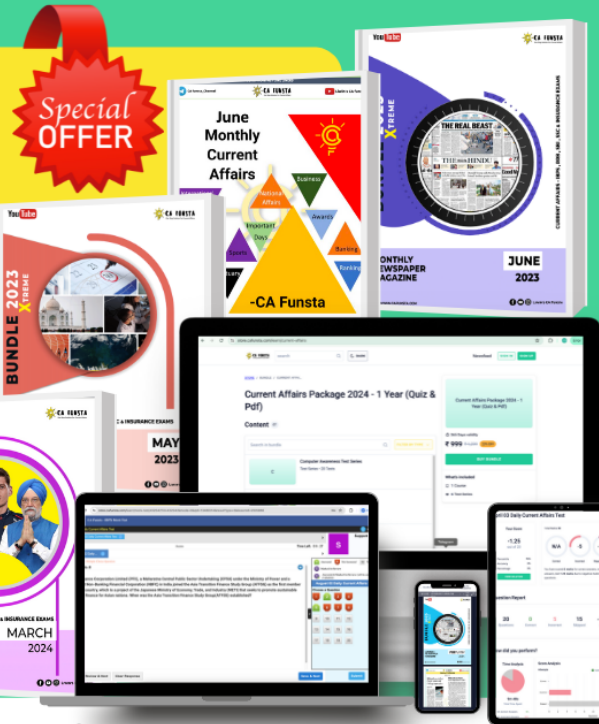


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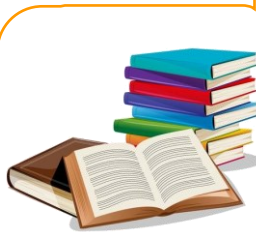
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➤ What is the theme of World Youth Skills Day 2026?

- A) Skills for Inclusive Growth
- B) Youth Skills for Peace
- C) Skills for a Shared Future
- D) Transforming Youth Education
- E) Green Skills for Tomorrow

Answer

C) Skills for a Shared Future.

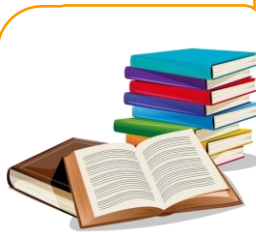


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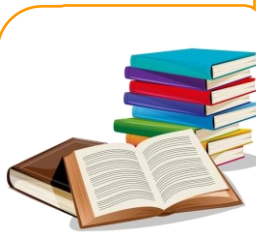
Event and Location:

- **Event: World Youth Skills Day 2026** will promote technological, digital, vocational and life skills under the theme “Skills for a **Shared Future.**”
- Location: The observance will be held worldwide.
- Date: **15 July 2026.**



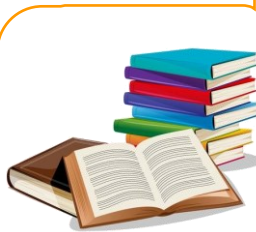
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The United Nations-led observance encourages governments, educational institutions and industries to organise skill-development programmes, workshops and awareness activities for young people.
- **Objectives:** The day aims to improve youth employability, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning while preparing young people for artificial intelligence-driven workplaces, digital transformation and green economies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Technical and Vocational Education and Training:** Education and training focused on practical knowledge, technical abilities and occupational skills required for employment and entrepreneurship.
- **Artificial Intelligence Skills:** Competencies required to understand, use and develop intelligent technologies capable of performing tasks commonly associated with human reasoning.
- **Green Skills:** Knowledge and abilities that support renewable energy, environmental conservation, resource efficiency and sustainable economic activities.
- **Soft Skills:** Personal and interpersonal abilities such as communication, teamwork, adaptability, leadership and critical thinking.

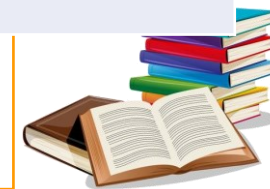


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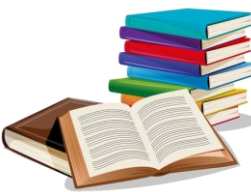
Parameter	Details
Observance	World Youth Skills Day 2026.
Date	The day will be observed on 15 July 2026.
Theme	The 2026 theme is "Skills for a Shared Future."
Organising body	The United Nations leads the global observance.
Establishment	The United Nations General Assembly designated the day through Resolution A/RES/69/145 in 2014.
First observance	The first World Youth Skills Day was celebrated on 15 July 2015.
Priority areas	The observance focuses on digital, AI, technical, vocational, green and interpersonal skills.
SDG relevance	It supports SDGs related to education, employment, innovation and reduced inequalities.



► What is the official mascot of the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026?

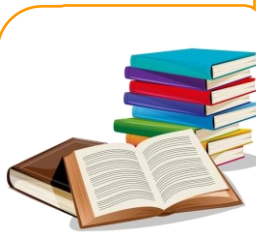
- A) Shera
- B) Mayur
- C) Veer
- D) Garuda
- E) Tejas

Answer
B) Mayur.



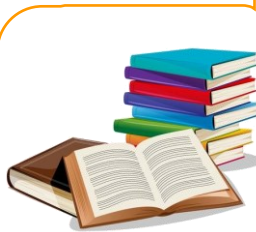
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Delhi unveiled Mayur as the official mascot of the **22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026**.
- **Location:** **Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi, India.**
- **Date:** The championship will be held from **27 July to 2 August 2026**.



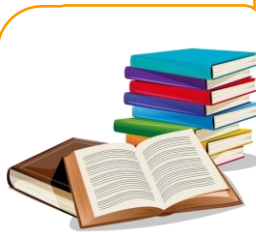
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Delhi Government** and the **Table Tennis Federation of India** will jointly organise the week-long championship with participation expected from more than **35** Commonwealth countries.
- **Objectives:** The event aims to promote international sporting cooperation, showcase Delhi's sports infrastructure and encourage table tennis development in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship:** An international table tennis competition featuring players representing countries belonging to the Commonwealth.
- **Official Mascot:** A symbolic character created to represent the identity, values and cultural character of a sporting event.
- **Table Tennis Federation of India:** The national governing body responsible for administering and promoting table tennis competitions in India.
- **Unity in Diversity:** The principle of maintaining unity and cooperation among people or nations with different cultural and social backgrounds.



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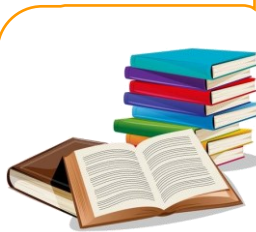
Parameter	Details
Mascot name	The official mascot is Mayur.
Championship edition	The event is the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship.
Tournament dates	The championship will be held from 27 July to 2 August 2026.
Venue	The matches will take place at Thyagraj Stadium in New Delhi.
Expected participation	Players from more than 35 Commonwealth countries are expected to compete.
Organisers	The Delhi Government and the Table Tennis Federation of India will jointly organise the event.
Mascot inspiration	Mayur is inspired by the Indian peacock, which is India's national bird.
Symbolic significance	The mascot represents unity, friendship, cultural diversity, sportsmanship and international cooperation.



► What base year has been adopted for India's first monthly Index of Services Production?

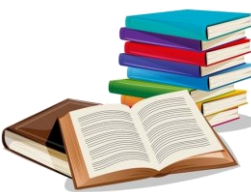
- A) 2020–21
- B) 2021–22
- C) 2022–23
- D) 2023–24
- E) 2024–25

Answer
E) 2024–25.



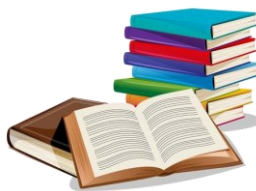
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** introduced India's first experimental monthly **Index of Services Production** to measure formal services-sector activity.
- Location: India.
- Date: The first report covered April **2026** data.



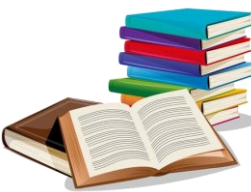
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The experimental index measures monthly output changes across **19** formal service sub-sectors representing nearly **60%** of India's services economy.
- **Objectives:** The index aims to improve short-term economic monitoring, strengthen macroeconomic statistics and support evidence-based decisions by and support evidence-based decisions by policymakers, businesses and researchers.



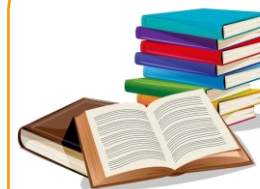
Important Terms Explained:

- **Index of Services Production:** A monthly statistical indicator developed by MoSPI to measure short-term changes in the output of selected formal service industries.
- **Base Year:** A reference year assigned a standard index value against which changes in economic activity are measured over time.
- **Gross Value Added:** The value of goods and services produced in an economy after deducting the cost of intermediate inputs used in production.
- **Index of Industrial Production:** A statistical measure that tracks short-term changes in output across the mining, manufacturing and electricity sectors.
- **Technical Advisory Committee on Index of Services Production:** A committee constituted in May 2025 to



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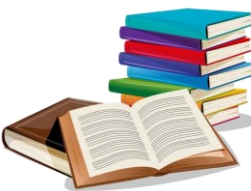
Parameter	Details
Index name	Index of Services Production.
Releasing authority	The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation introduced the experimental index.
Base year	The index uses 2024–25 as its base year.
Sectoral coverage	It covers 19 sub-sectors representing nearly 60% of India's services economy.
First reporting month	The initial report presented data for April 2026.
Leading growth sector	Accommodation and food services recorded the highest growth of 37.2%.
Declining sectors	Air transport contracted by 13.9%, while rail transport declined by 0.4%.
Release schedule	MoSPI plans to publish the experimental index every month on the 29th.



➤ Which state recorded the highest number of cyber fraud complaints in India during January–June 2026?

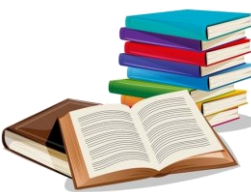
- A) Maharashtra
- B) Karnataka
- C) Gujarat
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Bihar

Answer
D) Uttar Pradesh.



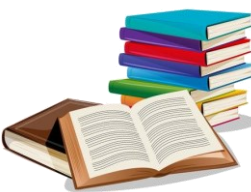
Event and Location:

- **Event: Uttar Pradesh** recorded the highest number of cyber fraud complaints in India during the first half of **2026**.
- Location: India.
- Date: January–June **2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Home Affairs reported more than **12.7 lakh** cyber fraud complaints nationwide, involving alleged financial losses exceeding **₹10,178 crore**.
- **Objectives:** The data aims to highlight the scale of digital fraud, promote faster incident reporting and strengthen public awareness about online financial security.



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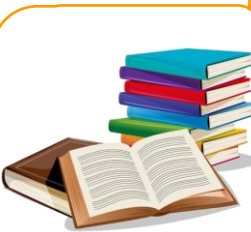
Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	Uttar Pradesh.
2	Maharashtra.
3	Karnataka.
4	Gujarat.
5	Bihar.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cyber Fraud:** The use of digital platforms, communication networks or online payment systems to deceive individuals and unlawfully obtain money or sensitive information.
- **Digital Arrest Scam:** A fraud in which criminals impersonate law-enforcement officials and threaten victims with arrest to force immediate payments.
- **Two-Factor Authentication:** A security process requiring two separate forms of verification before access to an online account is granted.
- **National Cybercrime Helpline 1930:** India's emergency reporting number for online financial fraud, intended to support rapid action and possible blocking of stolen funds.



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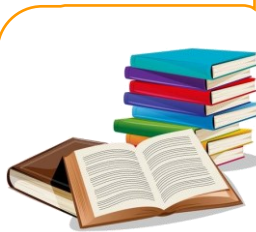
Parameter	Details
Reporting period	The data covered 1 January to 30 June 2026.
Total complaints	India recorded more than 12.7 lakh cyber fraud complaints.
Reported losses	Alleged financial losses exceeded ₹10,178 crore.
Highest-reporting state	Uttar Pradesh ranked first with approximately 1.85 lakh complaints.
Second-highest state	Maharashtra reported approximately 1.58 lakh complaints.
Major fraud types	Common scams included digital arrests, fake investments, OTP theft, UPI fraud and impersonation.
Reporting mechanism	Suspected financial cyber fraud should be reported immediately through helpline number 1930.
Preventive measure	Citizens should avoid sharing OTPs, passwords, CVVs and banking PINs.



➤ Which company was ranked India's most valuable and strongest tyre brand in the Brand Finance India 100 – 2026 report?

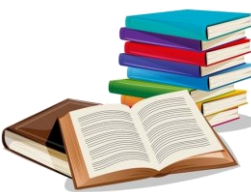
- A) Apollo Tyres
- B) CEAT
- C) JK Tyre
- D) MRF
- E) Bridgestone India

Answer
D) MRF.



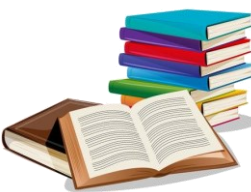
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **MRF** Limited was ranked India's most valuable and strongest tyre brand in the **Brand Finance India 100 – 2026** report.
- **Location:** India, with **MRF** headquartered in Chennai, **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Date:** The recognition was reported on **15 July 2026**.



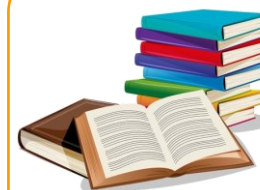
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Brand Finance** evaluated **MRF** using indicators related to brand value, market presence, consumer loyalty, reputation, business performance and brand investment.
- **Objectives:** The rankings aim to assess the financial value and competitive strength of leading brands in India and the global tyre industry.



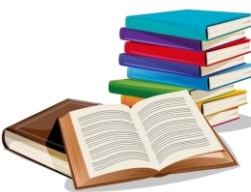
Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	MRF in India's tyre sector.
1	MRF in India's tyre sector.
3	MRF in the global tyre sector.
Top 50	MRF among Indian brands.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Brand Finance India 100 – 2026:** An annual ranking that evaluates the value and strength of India's leading brands across multiple sectors.
- **Brand Strength Index:** A score out of **100** that assesses factors such as consumer loyalty, reputation, marketing effectiveness, business performance and brand investment.
- **Brand Value:** The estimated financial worth attributable to a company's brand name, reputation and market influence.
- **Brand Finance Tyres 25 – 2026:** A global ranking that compares the value and strength of leading tyre brands.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Company	MRF Limited.
National recognition	MRF was ranked India's most valuable and strongest tyre brand.
Global position	The company was placed third among the world's strongest tyre brands.
Brand Strength Index	MRF received a score of 87.7 out of 100.
Report names	The recognition appeared in Brand Finance India 100 – 2026 and Brand Finance Tyres 25 – 2026.
Headquarters	MRF is headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
Establishment year	The company was founded in 1946.
Industry significance	The rankings reflect MRF's brand reputation, consumer confidence and position in the tyre industry.

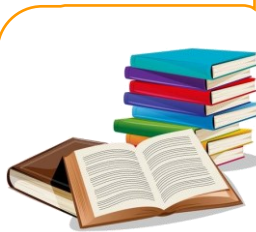


► What were India's net direct tax collections as of July 13 in FY 2026–27?

- A) ₹5.59 lakh crore
- B) ₹6.51 lakh crore
- C) ₹6.66 lakh crore
- D) ₹7.74 lakh crore
- E) ₹8.51 lakh crore

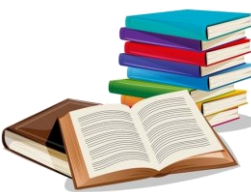


Answer
B) ₹6.51 lakh crore.



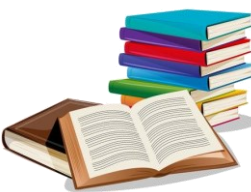
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's net direct tax collections rose by **16.4%** year-on-year to **₹6.51 lakh** crore in the ongoing financial year.
- Location: India.
- Date: **13 July 2026**.



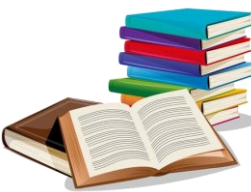
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Income Tax Department** reported collections from corporate tax, non-corporate tax, **Securities Transaction Tax** and other direct-tax categories after adjusting for refunds.
- **Objectives:** The data measures government revenue performance, taxpayer compliance, corporate profitability and income growth during the financial year.



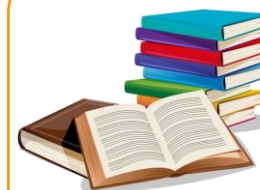
Important Terms Explained:

- **Corporate Tax:** A direct tax imposed on the profits earned by companies during a financial year.
- **Non-Corporate Tax:** Direct taxes collected from individuals, **Hindu Undivided Families**, partnership firms, associations of persons and other non-company entities.
- **Securities Transaction Tax:** A tax imposed on specified transactions involving securities traded through recognised stock exchanges.
- **Gross Direct Tax Collections:** Total direct taxes collected before deducting refunds issued to taxpayers.
- **Tax Refund:** An amount returned by the tax authority when a taxpayer has paid more tax than the final liability



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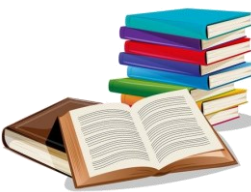
Parameter	Details
Reporting date	The figures were reported as of 13 July 2026.
Net direct tax collections	Collections reached ₹6.51 lakh crore.
Annual growth	Net collections increased by 16.4% year-on-year.
Previous-year collections	Collections stood at ₹5.59 lakh crore during the corresponding period.
Net corporate tax	Corporate tax collections increased to ₹2.40 lakh crore from ₹1.97 lakh crore.
Net non-corporate tax	Non-corporate tax collections rose to ₹3.85 lakh crore from ₹3.44 lakh crore.
Gross direct tax collections	Gross collections reached ₹7.74 lakh crore, recording 16.11% growth.
Refunds issued	Tax refunds increased by 14.57% to ₹1.22 lakh crore.



➤ Who was conferred the 60th Jnanpith Award for 2025?

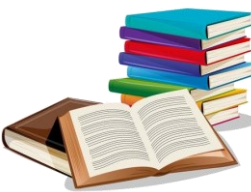
- A) Akilan
- B) Jayakanthan
- C) R. Vairamuthu
- D) Karan Singh
- E) Gulzar

Answer
C) R. Vairamuthu.



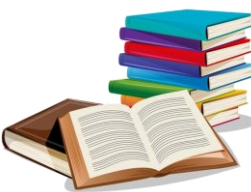
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tamil poet, lyricist and writer R. Vairamuthu was conferred the **60th Jnanpith Award** for **2025**.
- Location: **New Delhi**, India.
- Date: The award ceremony was reported on **15 July 2026**.



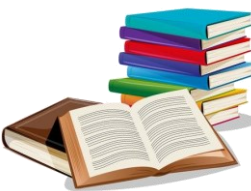
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Dr. **Karan Singh** presented the award to R. Vairamuthu for his sustained contribution to Tamil poetry, literature, essays, novels and film lyrics.
- **Objectives:** The award recognises exceptional literary achievement and promotes excellence across the languages listed in the **Eighth Schedule** of the **Constitution of India**.



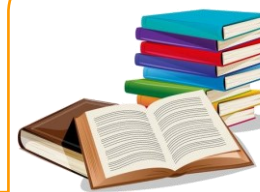
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jnanpith Award:** India's highest literary honour, presented annually by **Bharatiya Jnanpith** for outstanding contribution to literature in an eligible Indian language.
- **Bharatiya Jnanpith:** A literary and cultural institution founded in **1944** to promote Indian languages, recognise distinguished writers and preserve India's literary heritage.
- **Eighth Schedule:** A constitutional schedule that lists the officially recognised languages considered for various linguistic and cultural purposes.
- **Vagdevi:** The goddess of learning, knowledge and literature, whose bronze image forms part of the **Jnanpith Award**.



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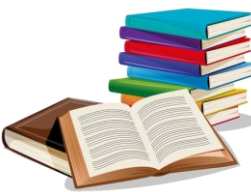
Parameter	Details
Award recipient	R. Vairamuthu, a noted Tamil poet, writer and lyricist.
Award edition	He received the 60th Jnanpith Award for 2025.
Award venue	The presentation ceremony was held in New Delhi.
Presenter	Dr. Karan Singh presented the honour.
Award components	The award includes ₹11 lakh, a citation and a bronze statue of Goddess Vagdevi.
Tamil literary milestone	Vairamuthu became the third Tamil writer from Tamil Nadu to receive the honour.
Previous Tamil recipients	Akilan received it in 1975, while Jayakanthan received it in 2002.
Notable literary work	Vairamuthu received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2003 for Kallikattu Ithikasm.



► What bilateral trade target has been set under the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement by 2030?

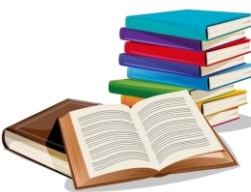
- A) USD 75 billion
- B) USD 80 billion
- C) USD 90 billion
- D) USD 100 billion
- E) USD 120 billion

Answer
D) USD 100 billion.



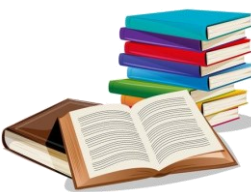
Event and Location:

- **Event: The India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement** came into effect to expand bilateral trade, investment and market access.
- Location: India and the **United Kingdom**.
- Date: **15 July 2026**.



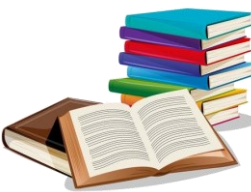
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The agreement provides preferential market access, zero-duty treatment for several Indian export categories and safeguards for sensitive automobile segments.
- **Objectives:** The agreement aims to raise bilateral trade to **USD 100 billion** by **2030**, strengthen supply chains, promote investment and create employment opportunities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement:** A bilateral trade arrangement covering tariff concessions, market access, investment, services and wider economic cooperation.
- **Zero-Duty Access:** A trade benefit under which eligible goods can enter another country without payment of customs duty.
- **Double Contribution Convention:** An arrangement that prevents eligible short-term Indian employees and employers in the UK from paying social security contributions in both countries for the specified period.
- **Tariff Safeguard:** A protective measure that limits or delays duty concessions for sensitive domestic industries



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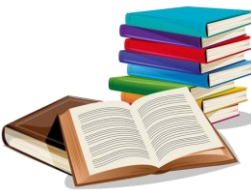
Parameter	Details
Agreement name	India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.
Effective date	The agreement came into force on 15 July 2026.
Trade target	Bilateral trade is targeted to reach USD 100 billion by 2030.
Current trade level	Total trade in goods and services was estimated at around USD 55–60 billion.
Key export beneficiaries	Textiles, apparel, leather goods, footwear, jewellery and plastics are expected to benefit.
Automobile safeguards	Electric, hybrid and hydrogen-powered vehicles will not receive tariff reductions during the first five years.
DCC beneficiaries	More than 75,000 Indian professionals and over 900 Indian employers are expected to benefit.
Estimated annual savings	The Double Contribution Convention is expected to save more than USD 600 million annually.



➤ **How many European countries joined Ukraine in the new anti-ballistic missile coalition?**

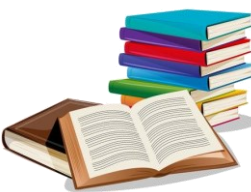
- A) Seven
- B) Eight
- C) Nine
- D) Ten
- E) Eleven

Answer
C) Nine.



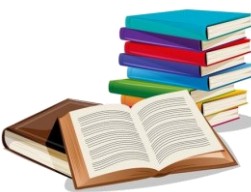
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ukraine and nine European countries launched a new coalition to develop joint capabilities against ballistic missile threats.
- **Location:** The coalition's inaugural meeting was held in Paris, France.
- **Date:** The development was reported on **15 July 2026**.



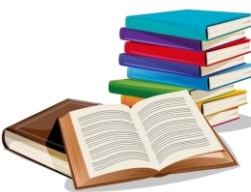
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The participating countries will establish common operational requirements, technical working groups, defence-industry cooperation and joint research programmes for missile interception technologies.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen Europe's collective missile defence, reduce dependence on external suppliers and develop sovereign regional defence capabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Anti-Ballistic Missile System:** A defensive system designed to detect, track and intercept ballistic missiles before they strike their intended targets.
- **Exo-Atmospheric Interceptor:** A missile designed to destroy an incoming ballistic missile outside Earth's atmosphere during its flight.
- **Freyja:** A Ukraine-designed missile defence project expected to combine Ukrainian battlefield experience with European industrial and technological capabilities.
- **Integrated Air and Missile Defence:** A coordinated network of sensors, command systems and interceptors used to defend against aircraft, drones and missile threats.



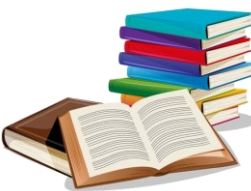
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Initiative	A new European anti-ballistic missile coalition involving Ukraine and nine European partners.
Inaugural meeting	The coalition held its first meeting in Paris, France.
Participating countries	Ukraine, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden joined the initiative.
Primary purpose	The coalition seeks to build a shared European capability against ballistic missile attacks.
Immediate priorities	Members will define common requirements, form technical groups and prepare plans for initial defence capabilities.
Leading project	Freyja is expected to become a central missile defence project within the coalition.
Additional development	European defence companies are working on an exo-atmospheric interceptor for ballistic missile interception.
Strategic significance	The initiative aims to improve regional security, industrial cooperation and European defence autonomy.

➤ **Which country reaffirmed its support for Palestine's bid for full United Nations membership?**

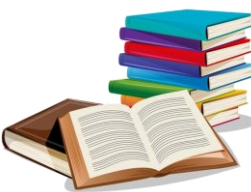
- A) France
- B) India
- C) Japan
- D) Brazil
- E) Canada

Answer
B) India.



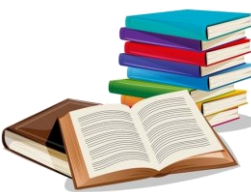
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India reaffirmed its support for Palestine's application for full **United Nations** membership and announced additional humanitarian and development assistance.
- **Location:** The announcements were made during international meetings in Brussels, Belgium, and **New York, United States**.
- **Date:** The development was reported on **15 July 2026**.



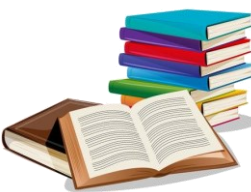
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India committed to establishing a speciality medical hospital, an artificial limb fitting centre and a vocational training institute in Palestine while continuing its support for **UNRWA**.
- **Objectives:** The assistance aims to expand healthcare, rehabilitation, skill development and livelihood opportunities while supporting a peaceful two-state solution in **West Asia**.



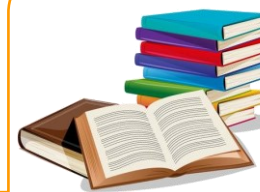
Important Terms Explained:

- **Two-State Solution:** A proposed framework under which Israel and an independent, sovereign Palestine coexist peacefully as separate states.
- **United Nations Membership:** Formal membership of the **United Nations** that grants a state representation, voting rights and participation in UN institutions, subject to approval under the UN Charter.
- **UNRWA: The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,** which provides education, healthcare, relief and social services to registered Palestinian refugees.
- **Humanitarian Assistance:** Emergency or development-oriented support provided to protect lives, reduce suffering and meet essential needs such as food, healthcare and shelter.



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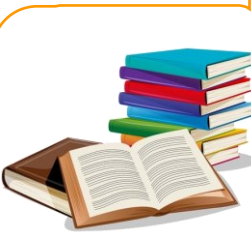
Parameter	Details
Diplomatic position	India supported Palestine's application for full United Nations membership.
Peace framework	India reaffirmed the two-state solution as the basis for lasting peace in West Asia.
Key meetings	India presented its position during international engagements in Brussels and New York.
Healthcare project	India committed to establishing a speciality medical hospital in Palestine.
Rehabilitation project	An artificial limb fitting centre will be developed for rehabilitation support.
Skill-development project	India announced an institute for vocational training and livelihood development.
Refugee assistance	India pledged continued support for UNRWA and its humanitarian services.
Diplomatic approach	India emphasised dialogue and diplomacy for resolving the Israel-Palestine conflict.



➤ How many Indian Grey Hornbills were released into the Gir ecosystem under the conservation programme?

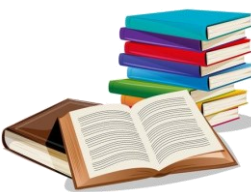
- A) 20
- B) 28
- C) 32
- D) 40
- E) 52

Answer
D) 40.



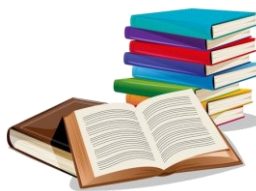
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **Indian Grey Hornbill** has been successfully reintroduced and has bred in Gir after being absent from the region for more than **60** years.
- **Location:** **Gir Forest**, Gujarat, India.
- **Date:** The reintroduction was conducted in phases from **2021** to **2023**, followed by four breeding seasons.



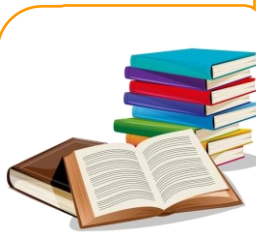
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Gujarat Forest Department and its conservation partners released **40** hornbills, fitted **11** males with satellite trackers and monitored their movement, habitat use, nesting and breeding success.
- **Objectives:** The project aims to restore a locally extinct bird population, establish a self-sustaining breeding group and strengthen natural forest regeneration through seed dispersal.



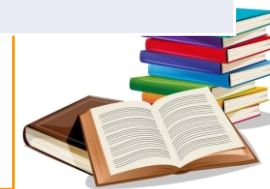
Important Terms Explained:

- **Species Reintroduction:** A conservation process involving the deliberate release of a species into an area where it previously existed but later disappeared.
- **Satellite Tracking:** A wildlife-monitoring technique that uses tracking devices to study an animal's movement, habitat use, territory and behaviour.
- **Home Range:** The geographical area regularly used by an animal for feeding, nesting, breeding and other activities.
- **Seed Disperser:** An animal that carries or deposits seeds away from parent plants, thereby supporting forest regeneration and plant diversity.



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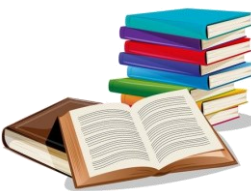
Parameter	Details
Conservation milestone	The Indian Grey Hornbill returned to Gir after an absence of more than 60 years.
Implementing authority	The Gujarat Forest Department conducted the project with conservation partners.
Total birds released	A total of 40 hornbills were released into the Gir ecosystem.
Release phases	Twenty-eight birds were released during 2021–22, followed by 12 birds in 2023.
Tracking system	Eleven male hornbills were equipped with satellite devices.
Breeding outcome	The reintroduced birds formed nests and produced offspring across multiple breeding seasons.
Movement findings	Average home range declined from 61 square kilometres to 5.7 square kilometres after adaptation.
Ecological significance	Hornbills support forest regeneration by dispersing seeds and promoting plant diversity.



➤ Which state announced India's first proposed government-driven Artificial Intelligence University?

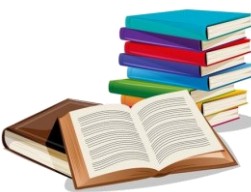
- A) Telangana
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Karnataka
- E) Kerala

Answer
D) Karnataka.



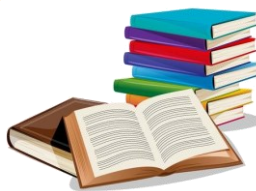
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Karnataka announced plans to establish India's first government-driven **Artificial Intelligence University** and a dedicated AI Hub.
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.
- **Date:** The announcement was reported on **15 July 2026**.



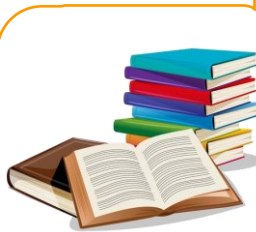
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposed university and AI Hub will support advanced research, talent development, startup incubation, entrepreneurship and collaboration among government, academia and industry.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to make Karnataka an AI-native state, strengthen India's digital economy and promote responsible artificial intelligence applications across public services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Hub:** A proposed innovation centre that will support artificial intelligence research, startup incubation, industry collaboration and commercialisation of new technologies.
- **AI-Native State:** A governance model in which artificial intelligence is systematically integrated into public administration, service delivery and economic development.
- **Startup Incubation:** A support process that provides early-stage businesses with mentoring, infrastructure, technical assistance and opportunities to develop market-ready products.
- **Responsible AI:** The development and use of artificial intelligence in a manner that emphasises fairness, transparency, safety, accountability and ethical safeguards.



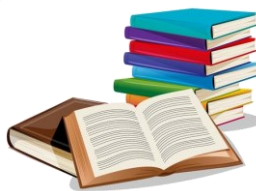
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Initiative	Karnataka proposed a government-driven Artificial Intelligence University and AI Hub.
Announcement venue	The initiative was announced during Google I/O Connect India 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre.
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka.
Announcing authority	The announcement was attributed to D.K. Shivakumar in the provided article.
University focus	The institution will develop AI talent, promote research and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship.
AI Hub role	The hub will support startups, researchers, companies and academic institutions working on emerging technologies.
Priority applications	Proposed areas include education, healthcare, agriculture, climate resilience, urban mobility and digital governance.
Strategic significance	The initiative supports Karnataka's ambition to become an AI-native state and a global innovation hub.

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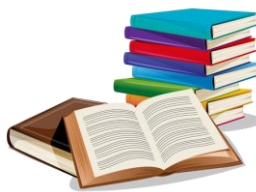
- **World Youth Skills Day is observed annually on 15 July.**
- **Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta unveiled the championship mascot in the national capital.**
- **Fourteen of the 19 covered service sub-sectors recorded double-digit year-on-year growth in April 2026.**
- **Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of cyber fraud complaints during the first six months of 2026.**
- **MRF received a Brand Strength Index score of 87.7 out of 100.**
- **Corporate tax remained a major contributor to India's direct-tax revenue.**



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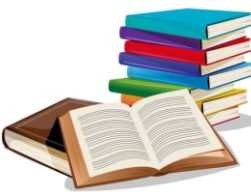
- **R. Vairamuthu received the honour for his long-standing contribution to Tamil literature.**
- **India-UK trade in goods reached USD 25.12 billion in FY 2025–26.**
- **Ukraine joined nine European countries in the newly announced missile defence initiative.**
- **India supports the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian state.**



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- **The Indian Grey Hornbill had disappeared from Gir between the 1950s and 1960s, mainly because of hunting pressure.**
- **The proposed university will serve as a centre of excellence for artificial intelligence education and research.**




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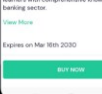

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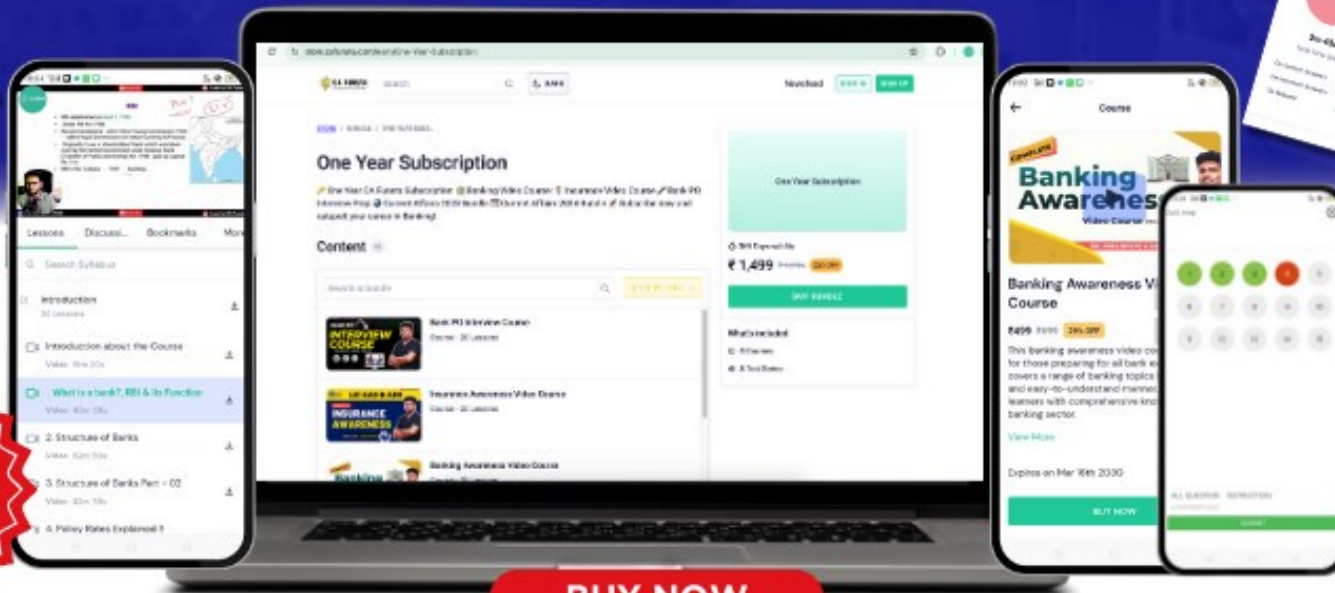
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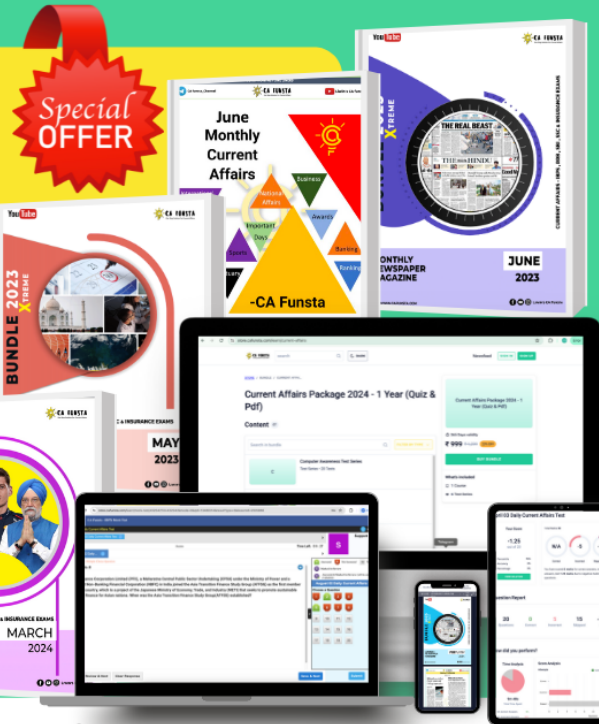


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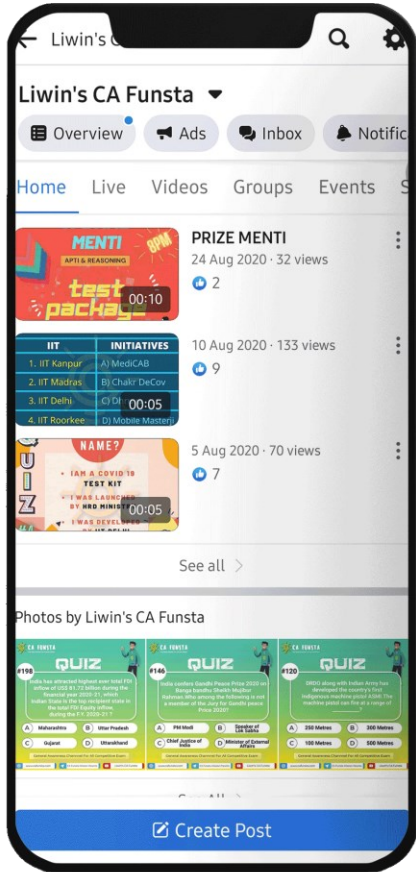
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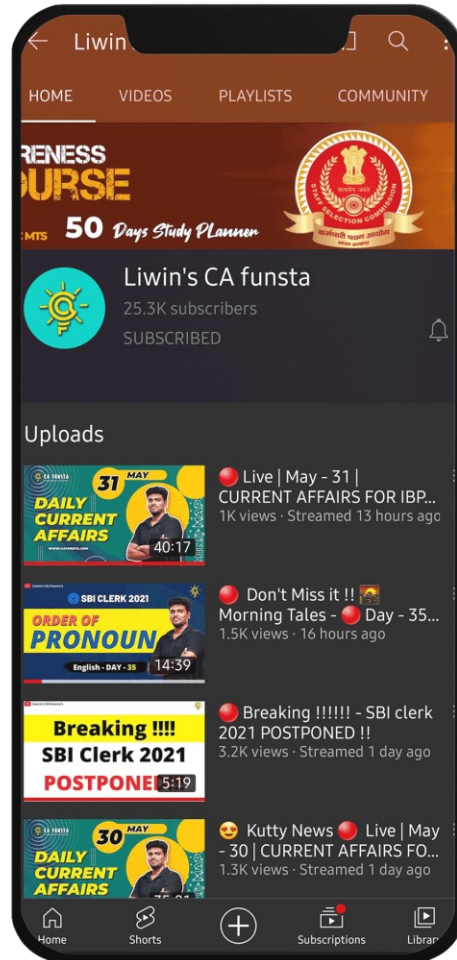


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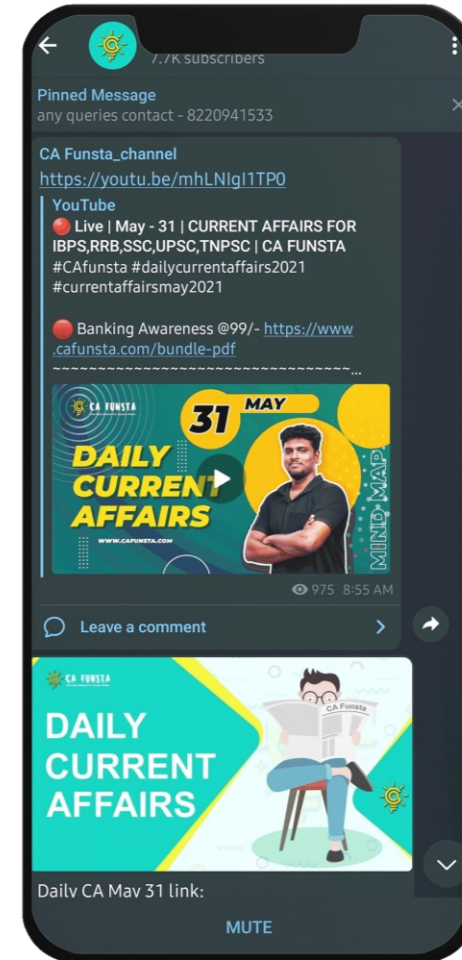
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