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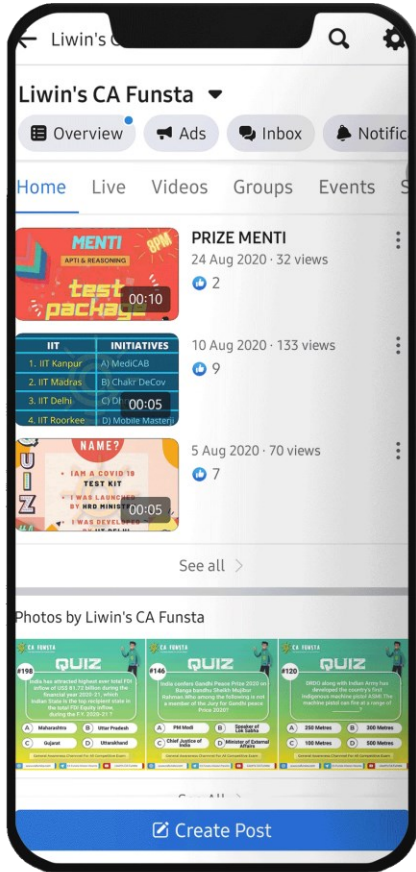


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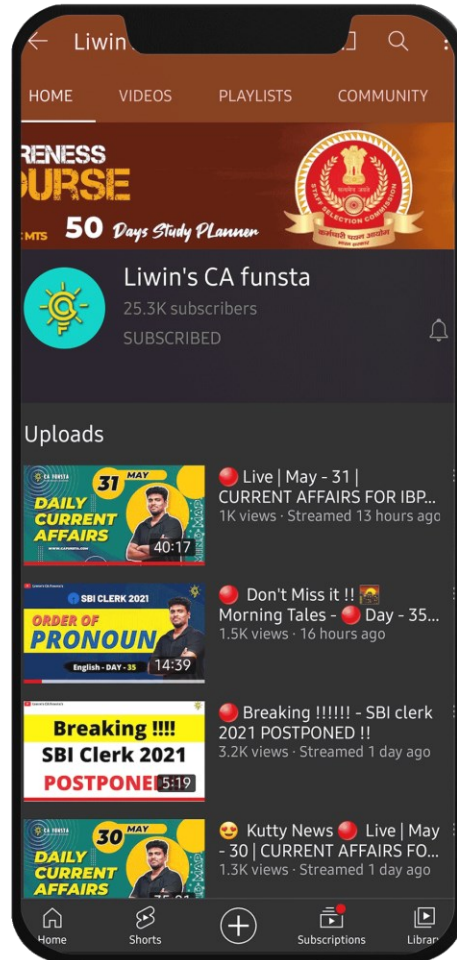
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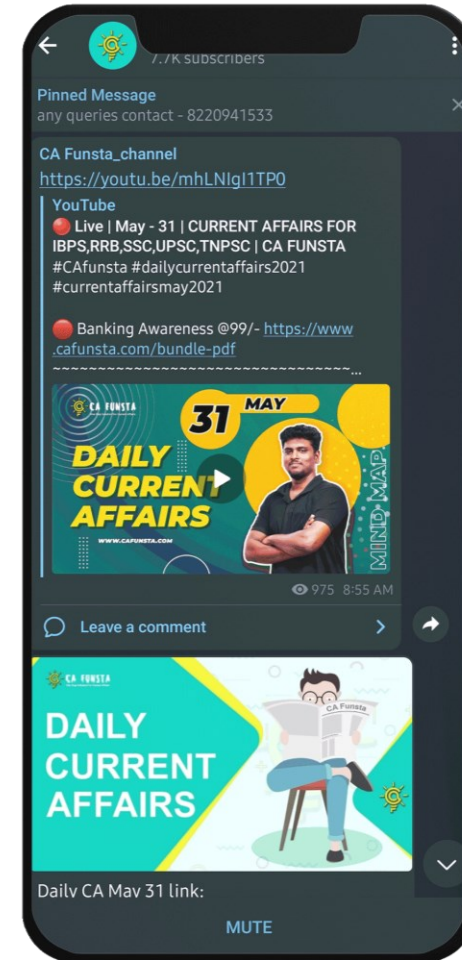
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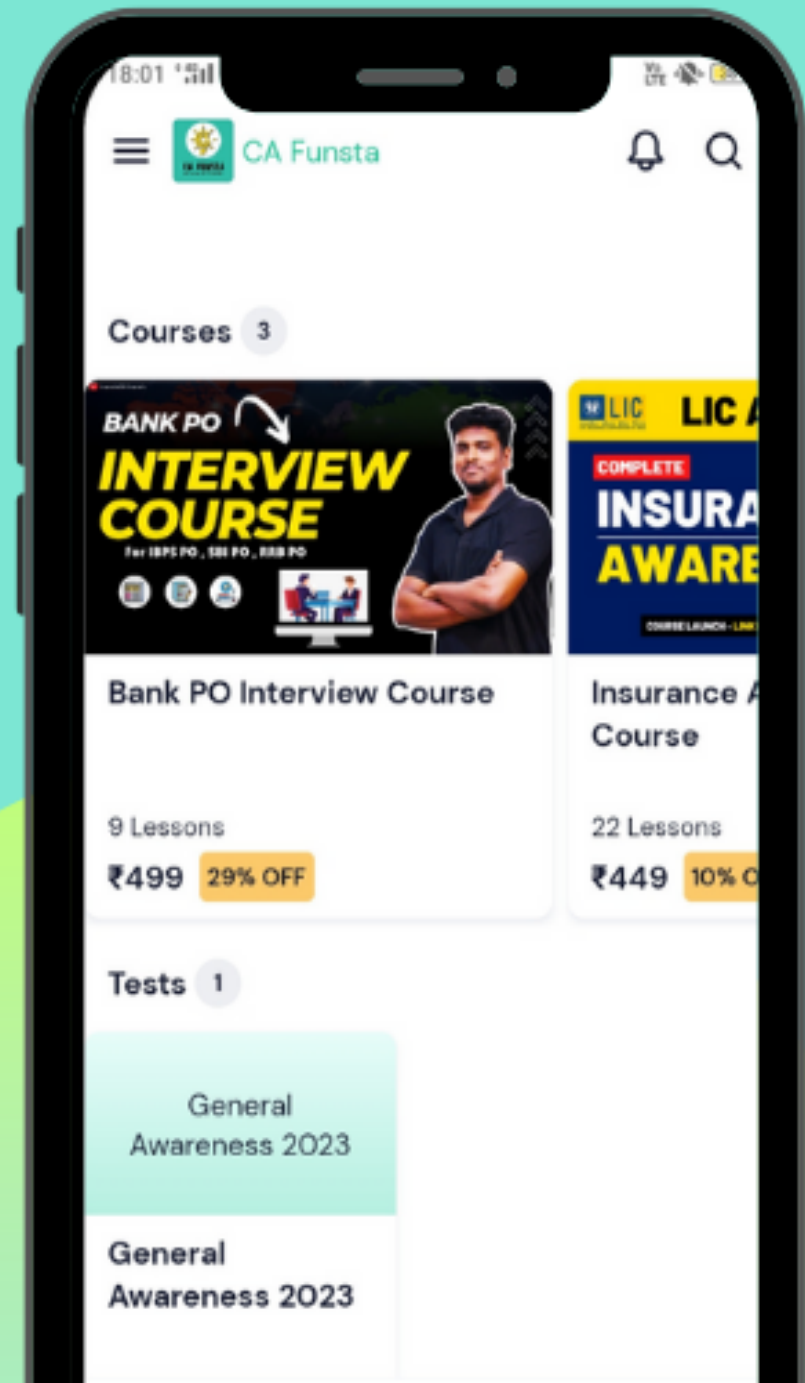
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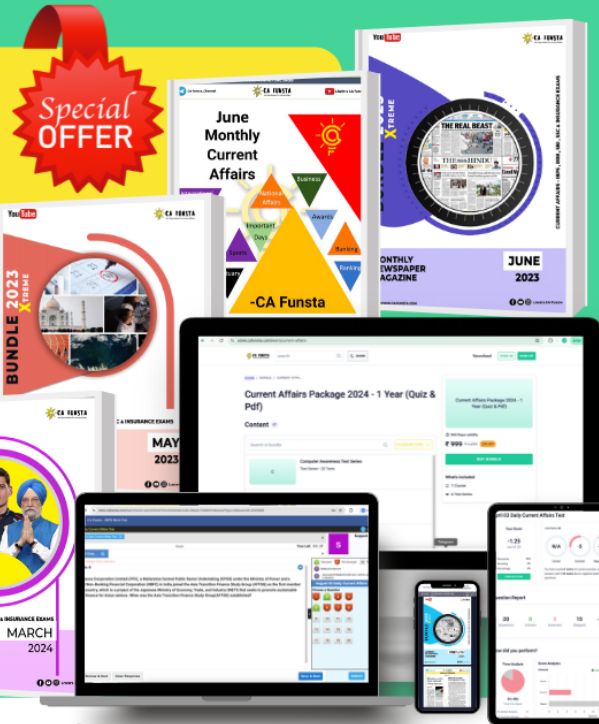


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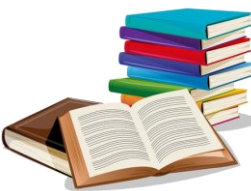
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➤ Which New Zealand cricketer retired from international cricket on June 12, 2026?

- A) Ross Taylor
- B) Kane Williamson
- C) Trent Boult
- D) Tim Southee
- E) Martin Guptill

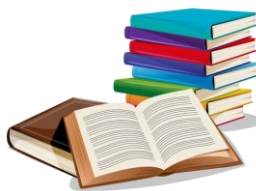
Answer

B) Kane Williamson.



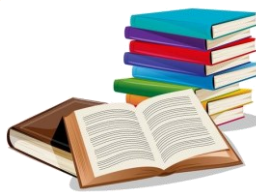
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kane Williamson announced his retirement from international cricket after a **16**-year career.
- **Location:** New Zealand.
- **Date:** June 12, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The news marks the retirement of **Kane Williamson, New Zealand's** former captain and highest Test run-scorer, during **New Zealand's** ongoing Test series against England.



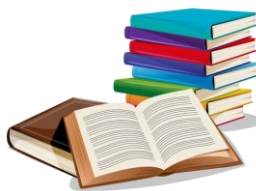
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The development highlights his contribution to **New Zealand** cricket through consistent batting, calm leadership, **ICC** tournament success, and his role in shaping a competitive national team.



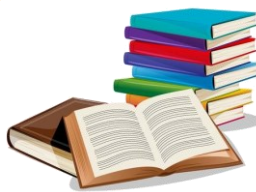
Important Terms Explained:

- **World Test Championship:** It is an **ICC** Test cricket competition, and **Kane Williamson** led **New Zealand** to victory in its inaugural final against India in **2021**.



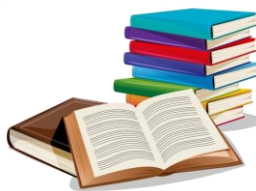
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fab Four:** It refers to the group of elite modern Test batters including **Kane Williamson, Virat Kohli, Steve Smith**, and **Joe Root**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Test Cricket:** It is the longest format of international cricket, where Williamson became **New Zealand's** highest run-scorer with **9,515** runs.



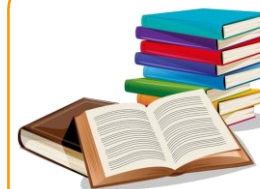
Important Terms Explained:

- **ODI Cricket:** It is the **50**-over format of international cricket, in which Williamson scored **7,256** runs for **New Zealand**.
- **T20I Cricket:** It is the shortest international format of cricket, in which Williamson scored **2,575** runs across **93** matches.



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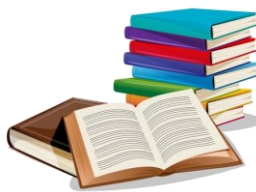
Parameter	Details
Event name	Kane Williamson's retirement from international cricket.
Date	June 12, 2026.
Country represented	New Zealand.
International debut	Kane Williamson made his international debut in 2010.
Career duration	He ended a 16-year international cricket career.
Test record	He scored 9,515 runs in 110 Tests at an average of 54.06.
Captaincy achievement	He led New Zealand to the inaugural World Test Championship title in 2021.
Legacy	He is remembered for consistency, leadership, sportsmanship, and excellence across formats.



➤ Who became the first Indian to win the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026?

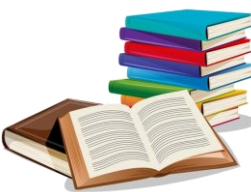
- A) Raghunath Mohapatra
- B) Sudarsan Pattnaik
- C) Nek Chand
- D) Jatin Das
- E) Subodh Gupta

Answer
B) Sudarsan Pattnaik.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sand artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik** became the first Indian to win the **Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026**.
- **Location:** Russia.
- **Date:** June 11, 2026.



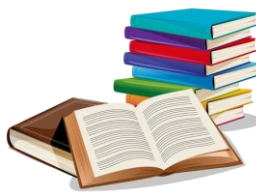
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Sudarsan Pattnaik received the award at the II **International Festival of Sand Sculpture** for his sand artwork on global warming.
- **Objectives:** The achievement highlights India's presence in international art forums and promotes environmental awareness through creative sand sculpture.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026:** It is an international sand art award won by **Sudarsan Pattnaik** at the **II International Festival of Sand Sculpture in Russia**.



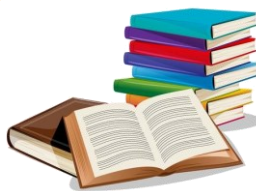
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sudarsan Pattnaik:** He is a **Padma Shri** award-winning sand artist from Puri, Odisha, known for using sand art to spread messages on environment, peace, social awareness, and humanitarian causes.



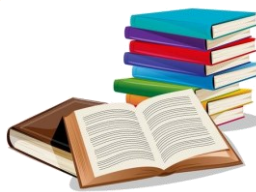
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Warming:** It refers to the long-term rise in Earth's average temperature due to factors such as greenhouse gas emissions, leading to climate change and environmental damage.



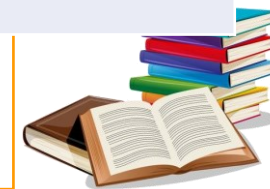
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sand Sculpture:** It is an art form in which artists create detailed structures and messages using sand as the main medium.



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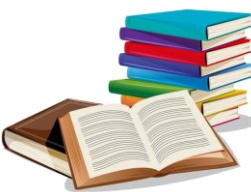
Parameter	Details
Event name	Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026.
Date	June 11, 2026.
Location	Russia.
Award winner	Sudarsan Pattnaik became the first Indian to win the award.
Festival	The award was presented at the II International Festival of Sand Sculpture.
Theme of artwork	The sculpture focused on global warming and environmental conservation.
Artwork detail	The sculpture stood about 3 metres high and depicted two contrasting faces of the Earth.
Significance	The achievement brought global recognition to Indian sand art and strengthened Odisha's cultural identity.



➤ Which country ranked first in the Global Peace Index 2026?

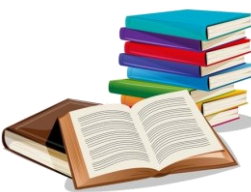
- A) New Zealand
- B) Switzerland
- C) Iceland
- D) Slovenia
- E) Ireland

Answer
C) Iceland.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Iceland ranked as the world's safest and most peaceful country in the **Global Peace Index 2026**.
- **Location:** Worldwide, covering **163** countries.
- **Date:** June **13, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Global Peace Index 2026** assessed **163** countries using indicators related to societal safety, ongoing conflict, and militarization.
- **Objectives:** The index aims to measure relative peacefulness, compare global safety conditions, and highlight changes in conflict, security, and stability across countries.

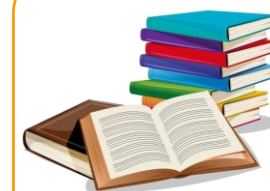


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Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	Iceland.
2	New Zealand.
3	Switzerland.
4	Slovenia.
5	Ireland.
6	Austria.
7	Portugal.
8	Singapore.
9	Finland.
10	Japan.



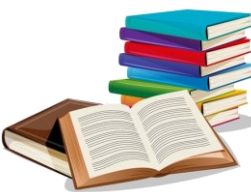
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Peace Index:** It is an annual index released by the **Institute for Economics and Peace** to measure the relative peacefulness of countries based on safety, conflict, and militarization indicators.



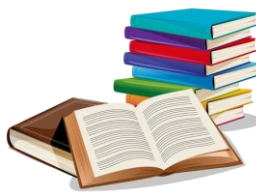
Important Terms Explained:

- **Institute for Economics and Peace:** It is the organisation that publishes the **Global Peace Index** and analyses global peace, security, conflict trends, and economic impacts of violence.



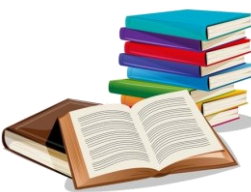
Important Terms Explained:

- **Societal Safety and Security:** It refers to indicators such as crime rates, homicide rates, terrorism impact, and public perception of safety.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ongoing Domestic and International Conflict:** It measures internal and external conflicts, conflict-related deaths, and the level of active violence involving countries.



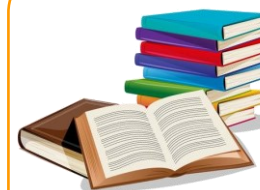
Important Terms Explained:

- **Militarization:** It assesses military expenditure, armed forces personnel, weapons access, and arms imports and exports.



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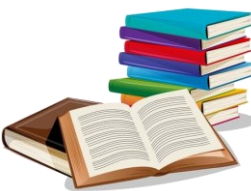
Parameter	Details
Event name	Global Peace Index 2026 rankings.
Date	June 13, 2026.
Published by	Institute for Economics and Peace.
Countries covered	The index evaluated 163 countries covering 99.7% of the world's population.
Top country	Iceland ranked first with a score of 1.161.
India's rank	India ranked 127th with a score of 2.409.
Major global trend	Global peace declined for the 12th consecutive year.
Key concern	The world recorded 61 active state-based conflicts, the highest level since World War II.



➤ Which company's IPO reportedly made Elon Musk the world's first trillionaire?

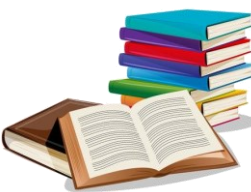
- A) Tesla
- B) SpaceX
- C) xAI
- D) Starlink
- E) X

Answer
B) SpaceX.



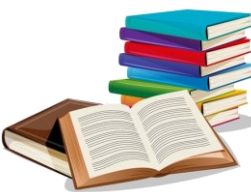
Event and Location:

- **Event: Elon Musk** became the world's first trillionaire after SpaceX's historic **IPO**.
- **Location: United States**, with global stock market impact.
- **Date: June 2026**.



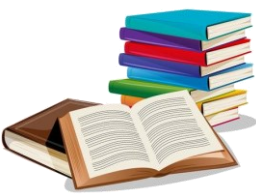
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** SpaceX launched its public offering at an **IPO** price of \$**135** per share and raised nearly \$**75 billion** through the listing.
- **Objectives:** The **IPO** aimed to expand SpaceX's public market access, support future space technology and AI development, and strengthen investor participation in advanced technology businesses.



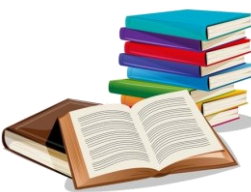
Important Terms Explained:

- **SpaceX IPO:** It refers to SpaceX's public listing in June **2026**, which raised nearly **\$75 billion** and pushed the company's valuation beyond **\$2 trillion**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Trillionaire:** It refers to an individual whose net worth crosses \$1 trillion, a milestone **Elon Musk** reportedly achieved after SpaceX's share surge.



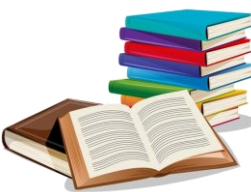
Important Terms Explained:

- **Initial Public Offering:** It is the process through which a private company offers its shares to the public for the first time on a stock exchange.



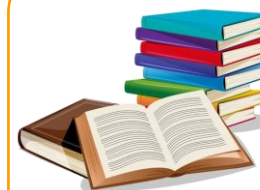
Important Terms Explained:

- **Market Valuation:** It refers to the total value of a company based on its share price and total outstanding shares.
- **Reusable Rockets:** These are rockets designed to be launched, recovered, and used again, helping reduce the cost of space missions.



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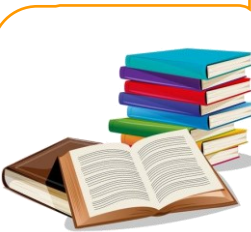
Parameter	Details
Event name	Elon Musk became the world's first trillionaire after SpaceX IPO.
Date	June 2026.
Company involved	SpaceX.
IPO price	The IPO price was \$135 per share.
First-day trading detail	The stock opened at \$150 and closed around \$161.11 on its first trading day.
Funds raised	The IPO raised nearly \$75 billion.
Company valuation	SpaceX's valuation crossed \$2 trillion after the IPO surge.
Significance	The listing became the largest public offering in history and boosted Elon Musk's net worth beyond \$1 trillion.



➤ Which country emerged as the world's largest digital wallet app download market in 2025?

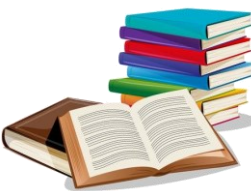
- A) China
- B) India
- C) United States
- D) Indonesia
- E) Brazil

Answer
B) India.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India emerged as the world's largest digital wallet app download market in **2025** with over **440 million** downloads.
- **Location:** India, with global digital wallet market comparison.
- **Date:** June **13, 2026**.



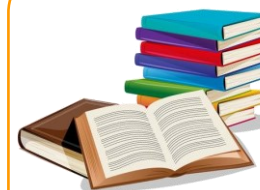
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Sensor Tower** report highlighted India's leadership in digital wallet downloads and the role of **UPI**-based platforms such as PhonePe, Paytm, and **BHIM**.
- **Objectives:** The development reflects India's growing digital payments ecosystem, financial inclusion push, reduced cash dependency, and global leadership in fintech innovation.



Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	India.
1	PhonePe.
Among leading apps	Paytm.
Leading Indian app	BHIM.



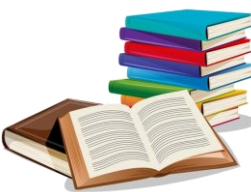
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Wallet:** It is a mobile-based payment application that enables users to make payments, transfer money, pay bills, and access financial services digitally.



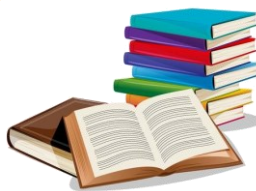
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface:** It is India's interoperable real-time payment system that allows instant bank-to-bank transactions through mobile applications.



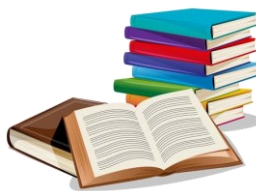
Important Terms Explained:

- **PhonePe:** It is a homegrown Indian digital payments platform that became the world's most downloaded digital wallet app in **2025**.
- **BHIM:** It is a **UPI**-based digital payments app promoted to enable simple, secure, and instant digital transactions in India.



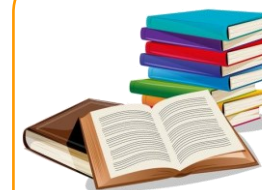
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sensor Tower:** It is a market intelligence platform that provides app performance insights, including downloads, usage trends, and digital market analytics.



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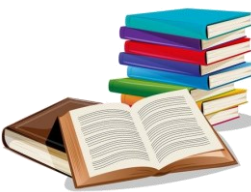
Parameter	Details
Event name	India became the world's largest digital wallet app download market in 2025.
Date	June 13, 2026.
Report source	Sensor Tower App Performance Insights report.
India's downloads	India recorded over 440 million digital wallet app downloads in 2025.
Global downloads	Global digital wallet downloads crossed 1.8 billion in 2025.
Top app	PhonePe became the most downloaded digital wallet app globally.
UPI transaction volume	UPI processed around 228.5 billion transactions in 2025.
UPI transaction value	Total UPI transaction value reached ₹299.7 trillion.



➤ What was India's retail CPI inflation rate in May 2026?

- A) 3.48%
- B) 3.53%
- C) 3.93%
- D) 4.78%
- E) 5.10%

Answer
C) 3.93%.



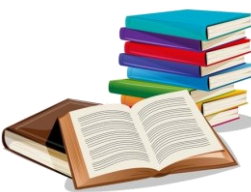
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's **Consumer Price Index** inflation rose to **3.93%** in May **2026**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May **2026** data released in June **2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released retail inflation data showing an increase in **CPI** inflation from **3.48%** in April to **3.93%** in May.
- **Objectives:** The data aims to track changes in retail prices, assess food and fuel price pressures, and guide inflation monitoring by policymakers and the **Reserve Bank of India**.



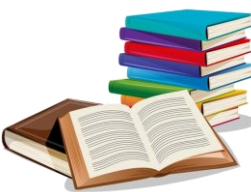
Important Terms Explained:

- **CPI Inflation:** It refers to the rise in retail prices of goods and services consumed by households and is a key measure of consumer-level inflation in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Food Inflation:** It refers to the increase in prices of food items such as vegetables, cereals, pulses, fruits, and other essential food commodities.



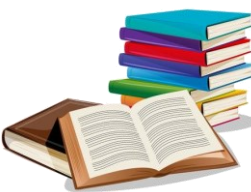
Important Terms Explained:

- **Retail Inflation:** It measures the rate at which consumer prices rise over time and directly affects household purchasing power.
- **Transport Inflation:** It refers to price increases in transportation-related services and costs, often influenced by fuel price changes.



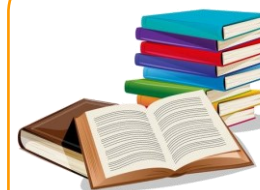
Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI Inflation Forecast:** It refers to the **Reserve Bank of India's** projection for future inflation, which helps guide monetary policy decisions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	CPI inflation rose in May 2026.
Data month	May 2026.
Reporting authority	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
Retail inflation	CPI inflation increased to 3.93% from 3.48% in April.
Food inflation	Food inflation rose to 4.78% in May.
Major driver	Tomato inflation surged to 48.43% and pushed food prices higher.
Rural-urban trend	Rural inflation stood at 4.25%, while urban inflation stood at 3.53%.
RBI outlook	RBI raised its FY27 inflation forecast to 5.1%.



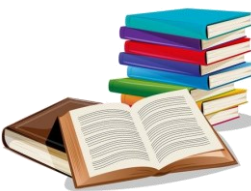
APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as India's next Chief of Army Staff in 2026?

- A) Upendra Dwivedi
- B) Dhiraj Seth
- C) Manoj Pande
- D) Anil Chauhan
- E) M. M. Naravane

Answer
B) Dhiraj Seth.



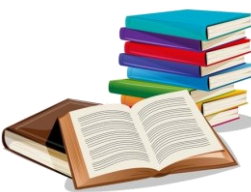
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth was appointed as India's next **Chief of Army Staff**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June 13, 2026.



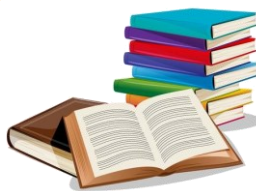
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of India appointed **Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth** as the **31st Chief of Army Staff**, with charge to be assumed on **June 30, 2026**, after the retirement of **General Upendra Dwivedi**.



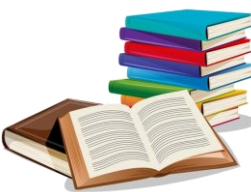
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to ensure continuity in Army leadership, operational readiness, strategic command, and defence preparedness across key military theatres.



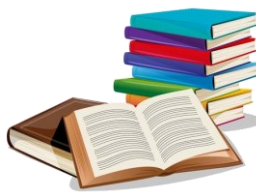
Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief of Army Staff:** It is the highest-ranking officer of the **Indian Army** and is responsible for overall command, operational planning, force readiness, and military leadership.



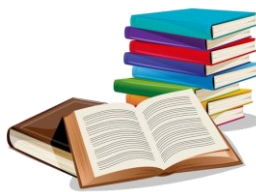
Important Terms Explained:

- **Vice Chief of Army Staff:** It is the second-highest position in the **Indian Army**, supporting the **Army Chief** in operations, administration, planning, and modernization.



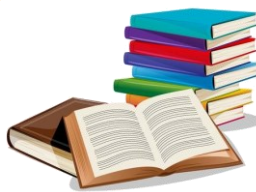
Important Terms Explained:

- **Armoured Corps:** It is a combat arm of the **Indian Army** that operates tanks and armoured vehicles for offensive and defensive battlefield operations.



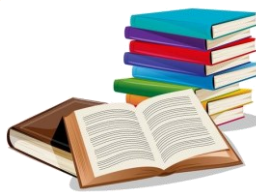
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sudarshan Chakra Corps:** It is a premier strike formation of the **Indian Army** responsible for offensive operations and rapid battlefield response.



Important Terms Explained:

- **General Officer Commanding-in-Chief:** It is a senior Army command appointment responsible for leading major operational commands and ensuring strategic military preparedness.

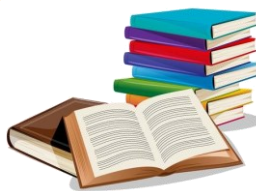


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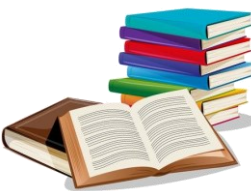
Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of India's next Chief of Army Staff.
Date	June 13, 2026.
Appointed officer	Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth.
Position	31st Chief of Army Staff.
Date of taking charge	He will assume charge on June 30, 2026.
Predecessor	General Upendra Dwivedi.
Current role	He is serving as the Vice Chief of Army Staff.
Key experience	He has commanded an Armoured Regiment, Armoured Brigade, Sudarshan Chakra Corps, Delhi Area, South Western Command, and Southern Command.



➤ Which company developed India's indigenous AI video generation model Varya with support from the IndiaAI Mission?

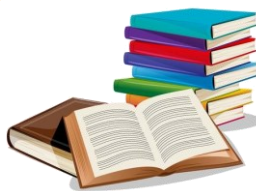
- A) Sarvam AI
- B) Avataar.ai
- C) Krutrim
- D) Zoho
- E) Infosys

Answer
B) Avataar.ai.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Varya was launched as an indigenous AI-powered video generation model developed by Avataar.ai with support from the IndiaAI Mission.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** June 12, 2026.



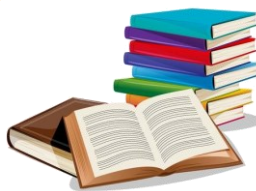
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Avataar.ai launched Varya to generate videos from text prompts and images using advanced distillation technology with lower computational cost.



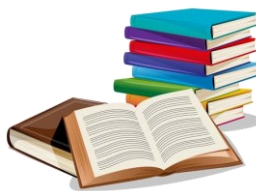
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The model aims to make high-quality AI video creation faster, cheaper, scalable, and suitable for India's education, business, governance, advertising, and content creation needs.



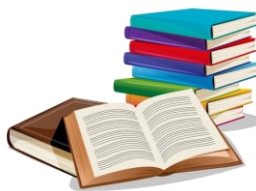
Important Terms Explained:

- **IndiaAI Mission:** It is a **Government of India** initiative under the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** to build indigenous AI infrastructure, foundation models, talent, and applications.



Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Video Generation Model:** It is an artificial intelligence system that creates video content from text prompts, images, or other digital inputs.



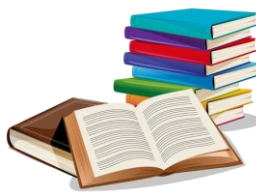
Important Terms Explained:

- **Distillation Technology:** It is an AI optimisation method that reduces processing complexity while retaining output quality, helping Varya generate videos in fewer steps.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Text-to-Video Generation:** It refers to the process of creating video content directly from written prompts using artificial intelligence.



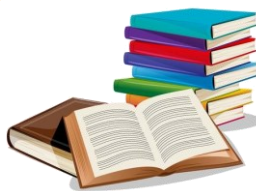
Important Terms Explained:

- **Image-to-Video Generation:** It refers to the process of converting still images into video outputs using AI-based motion, scene, and visual generation techniques.



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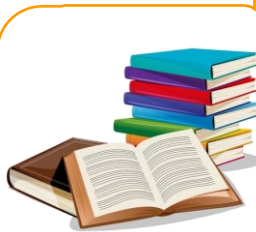
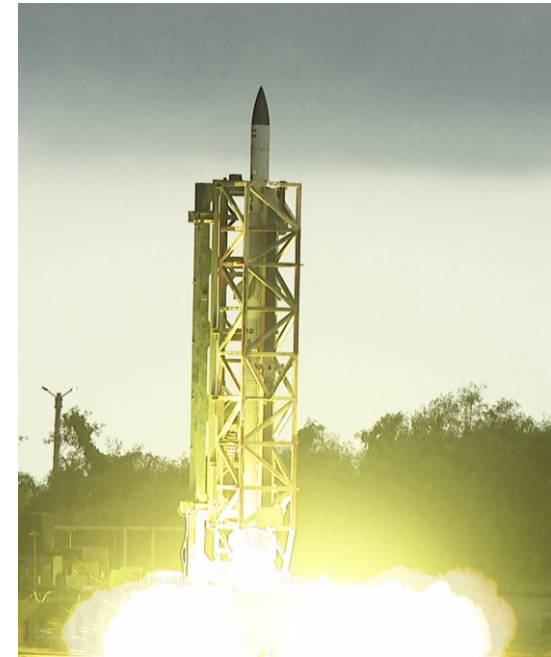
Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Varya AI video generation model.
Date	June 12, 2026.
Location	New Delhi, India.
Developed by	Avataar.ai.
Supported by	IndiaAI Mission under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
Key technology	Advanced distillation technology reducing video generation from 50 steps to 4 steps.
Estimated cost	Varya generates videos at approximately ₹0.48 per second.
Significance	The model supports affordable, culturally relevant, and scalable AI video creation for Indian users.



► Which organisation successfully tested Ballistic Missile Defence interceptors and the NASM-MR missile in June 2026?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) BEL
- E) BDL

Answer
B) DRDO.



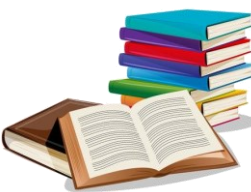
Event and Location:

- **Event:** DRDO successfully conducted three missile tests involving **Ballistic Missile Defence** interceptors and the **Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June 10 and June 11, 2026.



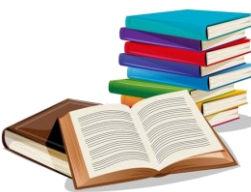
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The tests validated interceptor missiles capable of neutralising Intermediate-**Range Ballistic Missiles** and completed the maiden flight test of the **Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The trials aim to strengthen India's missile defence shield, improve naval strike capability, validate indigenous missile technologies, and enhance strategic deterrence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ballistic Missile Defence:** It is a multi-layered defence system designed to detect, track, intercept, and destroy incoming ballistic missiles before they hit their targets.



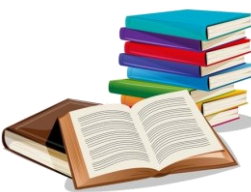
Important Terms Explained:

- **Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range:** It is an indigenous missile designed to engage enemy surface naval targets and strengthen maritime strike capabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile:** It is a ballistic missile with an operational range between **2,000 km** and **5,000 km**.



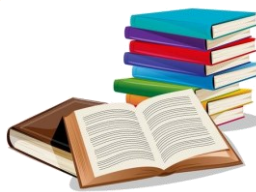
Important Terms Explained:

- **Exo-Atmospheric Interception:** It refers to the interception of ballistic missiles outside Earth's atmosphere during the mid-course phase of flight.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Endo-Atmospheric Interception:** It refers to the interception of ballistic missiles within Earth's atmosphere as a second layer of missile defence.



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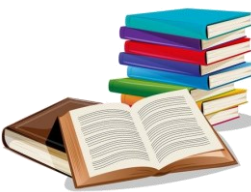
Parameter	Details
Event name	DRDO missile tests involving BMD interceptors and NASM-MR.
Date	June 10 and June 11, 2026.
Testing organisation	Defence Research and Development Organisation.
Missiles tested	Ballistic Missile Defence interceptor missiles and Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range.
Key capability validated	Interception of Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missiles.
Operational environment	Interceptors can operate in exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric environments.
Naval capability	NASM-MR is designed to target enemy surface naval platforms.
Significance	The tests strengthen India's indigenous missile defence, naval warfare, and strategic security capabilities.



➤ **Where will Bharat Innovates 2026 be jointly inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron?**

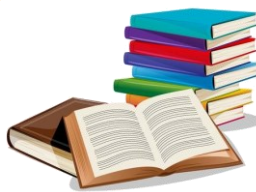
- A) Paris
- B) Nice
- C) Lyon
- D) Marseille
- E) Toulouse

Answer
B) Nice.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron will jointly inaugurate **Bharat Innovates 2026**.
- **Location:** Palais des Expositions, Nice, France.
- **Date:** June 14, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The event will showcase India's deep-tech, startup, research, and innovation ecosystem to global investors, venture capital firms, corporate leaders, universities, and policy stakeholders.



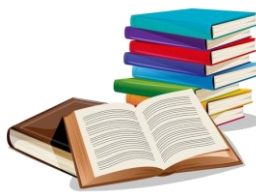
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen India-France innovation cooperation, promote cross-border investments, support startup scaling, enable technology transfer, and advance partnerships in emerging technologies.



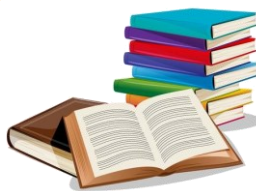
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bharat Innovates 2026:** It is an India-France innovation platform designed to showcase Indian startups, deep-tech innovators, higher education institutions, and research capabilities to global investors and industry leaders.



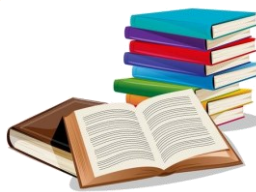
Important Terms Explained:

- **India-France Year of Innovation 2026:** It is a bilateral framework launched to strengthen cooperation between **India and France** in startups, advanced technologies, research, education, and innovation.



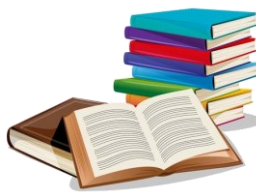
Important Terms Explained:

- Deep-Tech: It refers to advanced technology sectors based on scientific research and engineering innovation, including semiconductors, biotechnology, space technology, advanced computing, and clean energy.



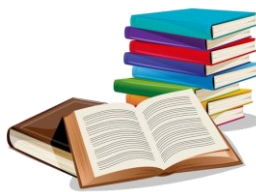
Important Terms Explained:

- **Venture Capital:** It refers to investment funding provided to startups and early-stage companies with high growth potential.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Technology Transfer:** It refers to the process of sharing or commercialising research, innovation, technical knowledge, or intellectual property between institutions, startups, and industries.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Bharat Innovates 2026.
Date	June 14, 2026.
Venue	Palais des Expositions, Nice, France.
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron.
Organising ministry	Ministry of Education, Government of India.
Participation	Around 120 Indian innovators, 15 higher education institutions, and more than 500 investors and corporate leaders are expected.
Key sectors	Semiconductors, biotechnology, advanced computing, healthcare, manufacturing, energy, and space technology.
Significance	The event will strengthen India-France deep-tech ties, startup collaboration, research partnerships, and cross-border investments.



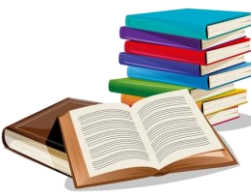
➤ Under which Act has the Centre proposed unified broadcasting rules for television and radio services?

- A) Telegraph Act, 1885
- B) Information Technology Act, 2000
- C) Telecommunications Act, 2023
- D) Prasar Bharati Act, 1990
- E) Cable Television Networks Act, 1995



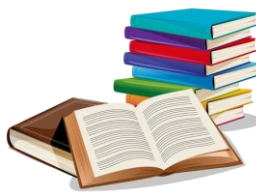
Answer

C) Telecommunications Act, 2023.



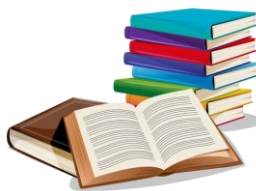
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Centre released draft unified broadcasting rules for television and radio services.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June 12, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** issued the draft Telecommunications (Television, **Radio and Associated Services**) Rules, **2026** under the **Telecommunications Act, 2023**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The rules aim to create a common regulatory framework for TV and radio broadcasting, reduce regulatory complexity, and ensure mandatory public-interest programming.



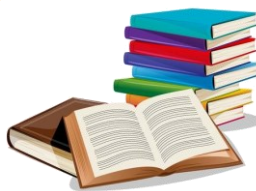
Important Terms Explained:

- **Telecommunications Act, 2023:** It is the law under which the Centre has proposed a unified regulatory framework for television, radio, and associated broadcasting services.



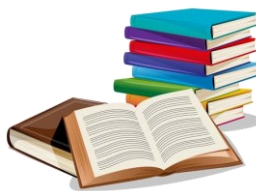
Important Terms Explained:

- **Draft Telecommunications Rules, 2026:** These are proposed rules that seek to consolidate television and radio broadcasting regulations under a single modern framework.



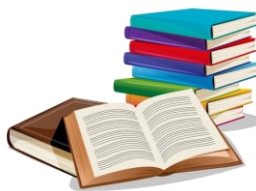
Important Terms Explained:

- **Public-Interest Programming:** It refers to broadcast content on socially relevant themes such as education, health, agriculture, women's welfare, environment, culture, and national integration.



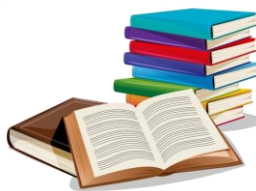
Important Terms Explained:

- **Private FM Radio Stations:** These are privately operated radio broadcasters that must air one hour of public-interest programming daily but cannot independently broadcast news bulletins.



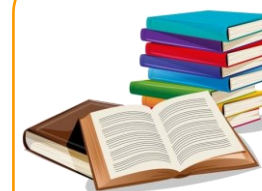
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting:** It is the ministry that issued the draft rules and invited stakeholder comments until July **27, 2026**.



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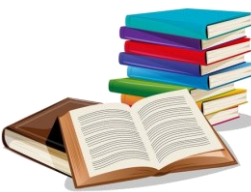
Parameter	Details
Event name	Draft unified broadcasting rules for TV and radio services.
Date	June 12, 2026.
Issuing ministry	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
Legal basis	Telecommunications Act, 2023.
Draft rule name	Telecommunications (Television, Radio and Associated Services) Rules, 2026.
TV requirement	Television channels must air at least 30 minutes of public-interest content daily.
FM radio requirement	Private FM radio stations must broadcast one hour of public-interest programming every day.
Comment deadline	Stakeholders can submit comments and suggestions until July 27, 2026.



➤ How many places did the Odisha Cabinet approve for restoration of original Odia names?

- A) 26
- B) 50
- C) 64
- D) 75
- E) 100

Answer
C) 64.



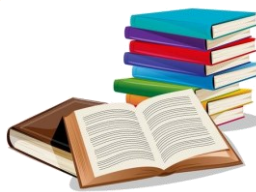
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **Odisha Cabinet** approved the restoration of original Odia names for **64** places.
- **Location:** Odisha, India.
- **Date:** June **13, 2026**.



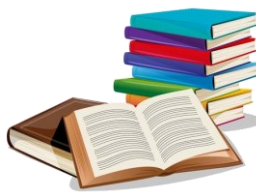
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Odisha** government approved the correction of colonial-era English spellings of place names across **26** districts to reflect authentic Odia pronunciations.



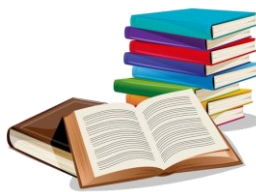
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to preserve Odia linguistic heritage, strengthen Odia identity, align official records with local pronunciation, and promote the use of Odia in governance and public life.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Odia Asmita:** It refers to Odia identity and cultural pride, focusing on the preservation of Odisha's language, heritage, traditions, and regional consciousness.



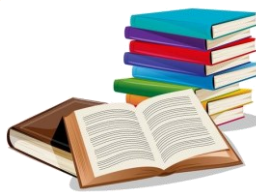
Important Terms Explained:

- **Colonial-Era Spellings:** These are English spellings introduced during British rule that often distorted original local pronunciations and later became part of official records.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Official Gazette Notification:** It is a formal government publication used to legally notify decisions, rules, name changes, and administrative approvals.



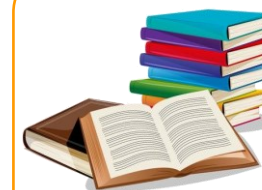
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pratibha Ray Committee:** It refers to the high-level committee headed by **Pratibha Ray** that reviewed recommendations, historical records, and public feedback for restoring original place names.



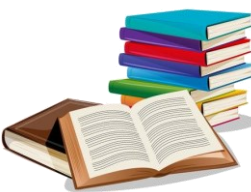
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Restoration of original Odia names for places in Odisha.
Date	June 13, 2026.
State	Odisha.
Approved by	Odisha Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.
Places covered	64 places across 26 districts.
Review committee	A high-level committee headed by Pratibha Ray reviewed recommendations.
Key examples	Balasore to Baleshwar, Aul to Aali, and Cuttack to Kataka.
Significance	The decision strengthens Odia identity, preserves linguistic heritage, and corrects colonial-era distortions.



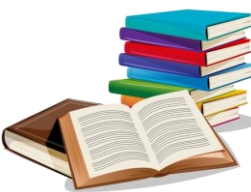
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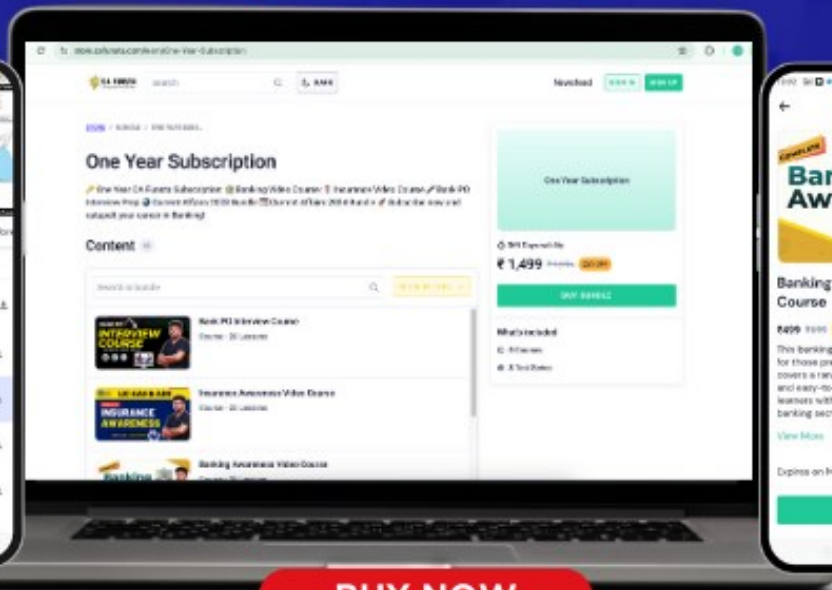
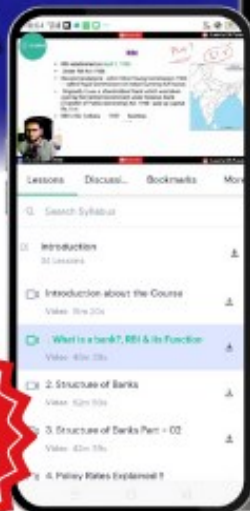
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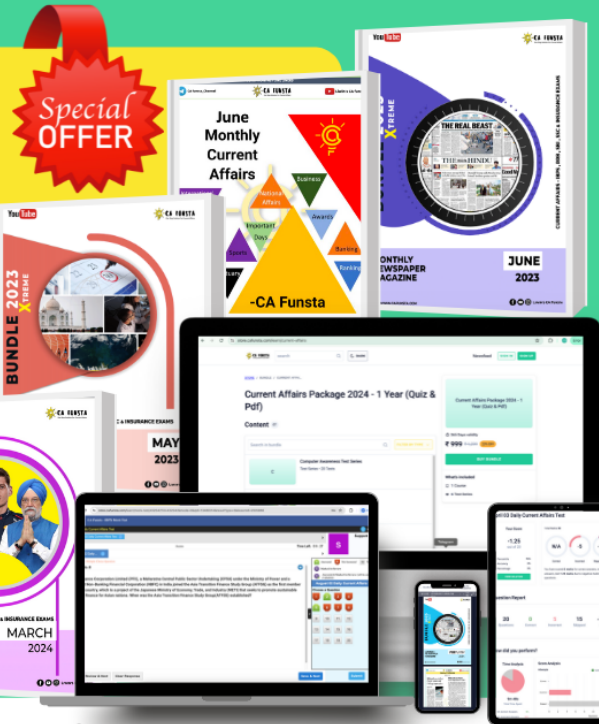


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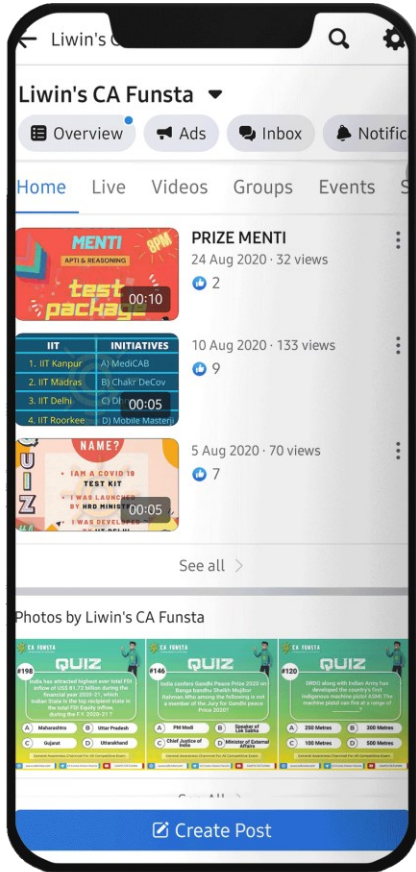
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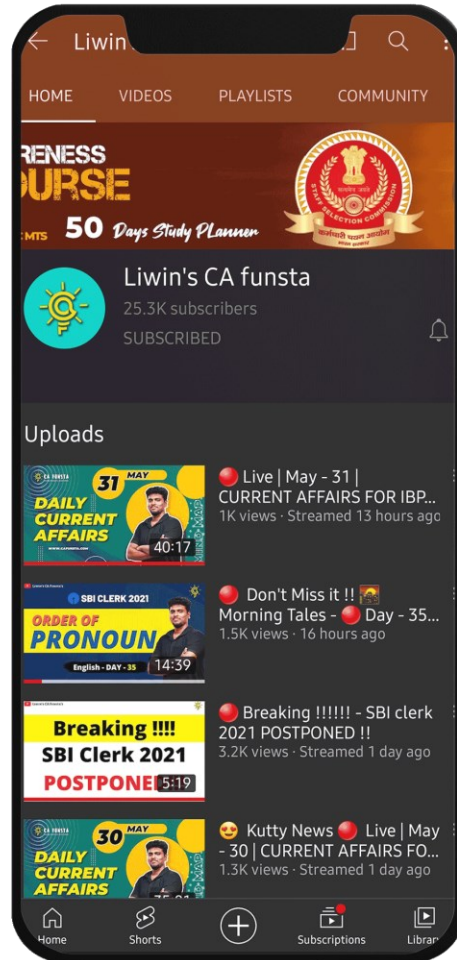


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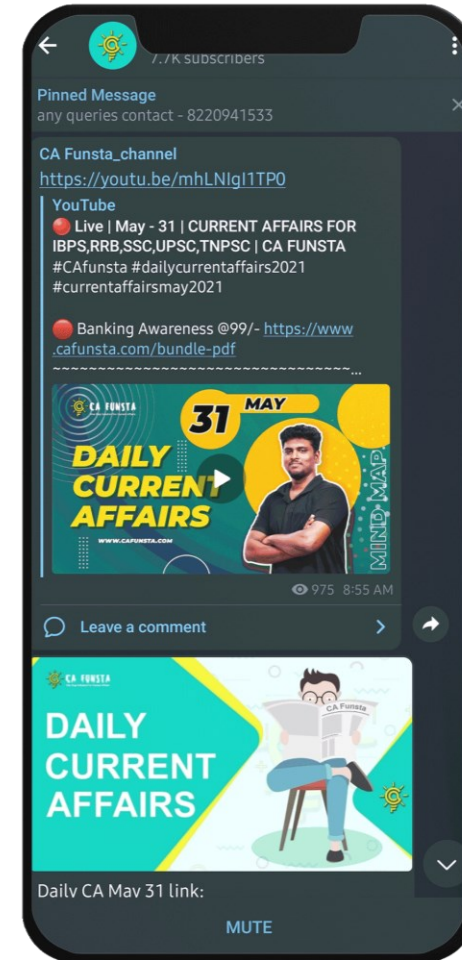
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