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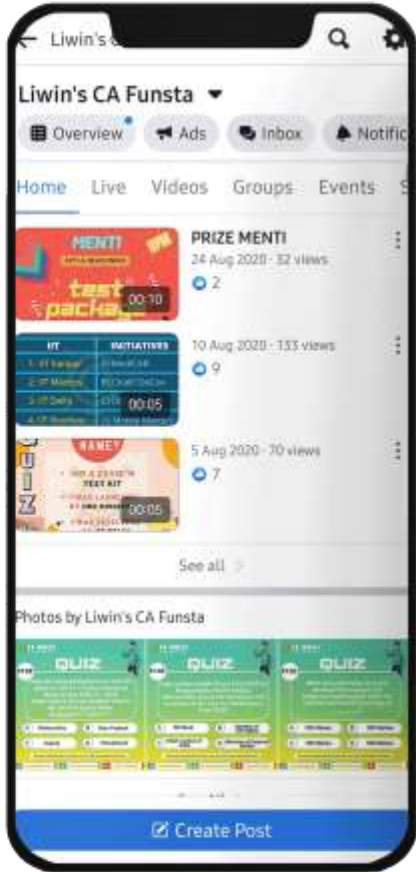


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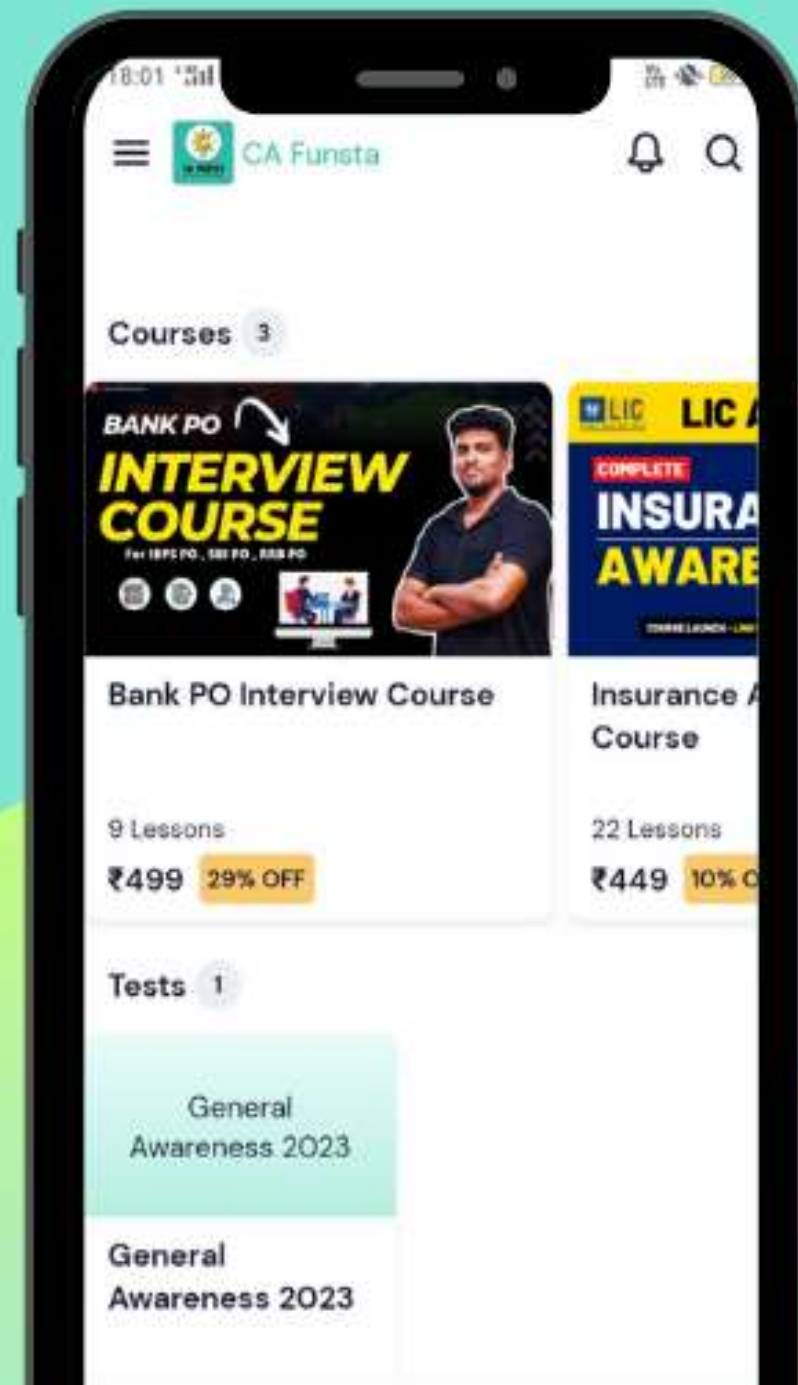
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► Which team did India defeat in the final to win the FIH Nations Cup 2026?

- A) Japan
- B) Chile
- C) New Zealand
- D) USA
- E) Uruguay

Answer
C) New Zealand.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian women's hockey team won the **FIH Nations Cup 2026** by defeating **New Zealand 2-0** in the final.
- **Location:** International hockey tournament.
- **Date:** June **21, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India won its second **FIH Nations Cup** title and secured promotion to the **FIH Pro League** after an unbeaten campaign.
- **Objectives:** The victory aims to strengthen India's position in elite international women's hockey and provide exposure against top-ranked global teams.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FIH Nations Cup:** **FIH Nations Cup** is an international hockey tournament that provides teams an opportunity to qualify for the **FIH Pro League**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FIH Pro League:** **FIH Pro League** is the premier annual international hockey competition featuring top-ranked national teams.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Penalty corner:** Penalty corner is a set-piece opportunity awarded in hockey for certain defensive fouls inside or near the shooting circle.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Drag flick:** Drag flick is a specialised hockey technique used during penalty corners to generate power and elevation while shooting at goal.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Undefeated campaign:** Undefeated campaign means a team completes a tournament without losing any match.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	FIH Nations Cup 2026.
Date	June 21, 2026.
Winner	India won the women's title.
Final opponent	India defeated New Zealand 2-0.
Key scorers	Navneet Kaur and Sunelita Toppo scored in the final.
Tournament record	India remained unbeaten throughout the tournament.
Goals record	India scored 16 goals and conceded five goals.
Significance	India secured promotion to the FIH Pro League.



➤ Who smashed the fastest fifty in List A cricket history during the India A vs Sri Lanka A Tri-Series final?

- A) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- B) Kaushalya Weeratne
- C) Thisara Perera
- D) Ryan Kleinveldt
- E) Parvez Hossain

Answer

A) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** scored the fastest fifty in List A cricket history during the India A vs **Sri Lanka** A Tri-Series final.
- **Location:** **Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium, Sri Lanka.**
- **Date:** June **21, 2026.**



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The India** A batter reached his half-century in just **11** balls, breaking the previous **12**-ball List A record held by **Kaushalya Weeratne**.
- **Objectives:** The innings highlighted Sooryavanshi's explosive batting talent and marked a major record-breaking moment in List A cricket.



Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.
2	Kaushalya Weeratne.
3	Thisara Perera.
4	Ryan Kleinveldt.
5	AJ Hollioake.
5	Salman Butt.
5	Parvez Hossain.
5	SN Khan.



Important Terms Explained:

- **List A cricket:** List A cricket is a recognised limited-overs format of domestic or international one-day cricket, usually played with a fixed number of overs per innings.
- **Half-century:** Half-century means a batter scoring **50** or more runs in an innings.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tri-Nation Series:** **Tri-Nation Series** refers to a cricket tournament involving three teams, and this record came in the final between India A and **Sri Lanka A**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium:** Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium is the venue in Sri Lanka where **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** achieved the fastest List A fifty.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Fastest fifty in List A cricket history.
Date	June 21, 2026.
Location	Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium, Sri Lanka.
Player	Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.
Match	India A vs Sri Lanka A Tri-Series final.
Record	He reached fifty in 11 balls.
Previous record	Kaushalya Weeratne held the earlier record with a 12-ball fifty in 2005-06.
Significance	The knock broke a 20-year-old record and highlighted Sooryavanshi as a major young talent.



➤ Which UPI app ranked first in India by market share in May 2026?

- A) PhonePe
- B) Google Pay
- C) Paytm
- D) Navi
- E) BHIM

Answer
A) PhonePe.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The latest **NPCI** data ranked PhonePe as India's leading **UPI** app by market share in May **2026**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May **2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The ranking assessed India's top **UPI** applications based on market share, with PhonePe, **Google Pay and Paytm** occupying the top three positions.
- **Objectives:** The data highlights the expansion of India's real-time digital payments ecosystem, rising competition among **UPI** apps and the growing role of newer fintech platforms.



RANKING



Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	PhonePe.
2	Google Pay.
3	Paytm.
4	Navi.
5	super.money.
6	BHIM.
7	FamPay.
8	CRED.
9	WhatsApp Pay.
10	Amazon Pay.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface: Unified Payments Interface** is a real-time payment system developed by the **National Payments Corporation of India** to enable instant bank-to-bank money transfers through mobile phones.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Payments Corporation of India: National Payments Corporation of India** is the organisation that operates **UPI** and released the latest market share data for **UPI** apps.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Third Party Application Provider: Third Party Application Provider** refers to a non-bank app provider that offers **UPI** services to users through the **NPCI**-regulated **UPI** ecosystem.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Market share cap:** Market share cap refers to **NPCI's** proposed limit of **30%** share for each third-party **UPI** app provider to promote competition and reduce dependency on a few large platforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- Real-time payment system: Real-time payment system enables instant transfer of funds between bank accounts without waiting for traditional settlement delays.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Top 10 UPI apps in India by market share in 2026.
Date	May 2026.
Location	India.
Data released by	National Payments Corporation of India.
Top app	PhonePe ranked first with 46.20% market share.
Second and third apps	Google Pay ranked second with 32.70% and Paytm ranked third with 7.90%.
Transaction volume	UPI processed over 23 billion transactions in May 2026.
Significance	The data showed stronger competition as emerging apps such as Navi and super.money gained market share.



➤ From which date will the revised Kisan Credit Card guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India come into force?

- A) July 1, 2026
- B) October 1, 2026
- C) January 1, 2027
- D) April 1, 2027
- E) June 30, 2027

Answer
C) January 1, 2027.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India revised the **Kisan Credit Card** guidelines to simplify and standardise agricultural lending.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** January 1, 2027.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The revised framework will apply to commercial banks, small finance banks, regional rural banks and rural cooperative banks for lending under the **Kisan Credit Card Scheme**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The guidelines aim to ensure timely agricultural credit, standardise crop season timelines, simplify repayment planning and improve transparency in loan classification.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kisan Credit Card Scheme: Kisan Credit Card Scheme** is an agricultural credit programme launched in **1998** to provide farmers with short-term crop loans, working capital and credit for allied activities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Crop season:** Crop season refers to the period between cultivation, harvesting and marketing of a crop, now standardised as **12** months for short-duration crops and **18** months for long-duration crops.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IRAC norms:** IRAC norms are **Income Recognition and Asset Classification** rules used by banks to classify loans, identify non-performing assets and manage credit risk.



Important Terms Explained:

- Collateral-free loan: Collateral-free loan refers to credit given without requiring security, with agricultural and allied activity loans up to **₹2 lakh** per borrower remaining collateral-free under the revised **KCC** rules.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Allied activities:** Allied activities include agriculture-linked activities such as livestock, fisheries, irrigation and related rural income-generating operations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI revised Kisan Credit Card guidelines.
Effective date	January 1, 2027.
Location	India.
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India.
Applicable institutions	Commercial banks, small finance banks, regional rural banks and rural cooperative banks.
Crop season change	Short-duration crops will have 12 months and long-duration crops will have 18 months as standard crop seasons.
Collateral rule	Loans up to ₹2 lakh per borrower for agricultural and allied activities will remain collateral-free.
Significance	The framework will improve credit access, repayment clarity, regulatory alignment and financial inclusion for farmers.

➤ **India remained the largest private sector market for which multilateral lender in 2026?**

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) World Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund
- D) New Development Bank
- E) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank



Answer

A) Asian Development Bank.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India remained **Asian Development Bank's** largest private sector market as the lender planned around **\$1 billion** in direct private sector financing in **2026**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June **22, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Asian Development Bank plans to continue financing India's private sector through direct funding, mobilisation of external capital and support for development-aligned sectors.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The financing aims to support clean energy, green hydrogen, e-mobility, green data centres, infrastructure, financial inclusion and sustainable economic growth.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Development Bank: Asian Development Bank** is a Manila-based multilateral development bank that supports economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific through loans, grants and technical assistance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Private sector financing:** Private sector financing refers to funding provided to private companies or projects for development activities such as infrastructure, clean energy, digital services and financial inclusion.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green hydrogen:** Green hydrogen is hydrogen produced using renewable energy and is considered important for reducing emissions in sectors such as steel, chemicals, shipping and heavy transport.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Financial inclusion:** Financial inclusion means expanding access to affordable banking, credit, insurance and financial services for underserved people, small businesses and rural communities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GIFT City:** GIFT City is a financial and technology hub in Gujarat that supports international financial transactions, including risk-sharing and supply-chain finance arrangements.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India remained ADB's largest private sector market.
Date	June 22, 2026.
Location	India.
Lender	Asian Development Bank.
2026 financing plan	ADB plans around \$1 billion in direct private sector financing for India.
2025 financing	ADB provided over \$4 billion in sovereign financing and over \$1 billion in direct private sector financing in India.
Key focus sectors	Clean energy, green hydrogen, e-mobility, green data centres, infrastructure and financial inclusion.
Significance	The financing reflects India's economic importance and ADB's confidence in India's development priorities.



AWARDS



➤ Who won the Best Male Athlete of the Year award at the Indian Athletics Awards 2025?



- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) Parveer Singh
- C) Shahnava Khan
- D) Gurbachan Singh Randhawa
- E) Bahadur Singh Chauhan



Answer
A) Neeraj Chopra.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Neeraj Chopra and Parul Chaudhary won the top honours at the inaugural **Indian Athletics Awards 2025**.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** June 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The awards ceremony, organised by the **Athletics Federation of India**, recognised athletes, coaches, officials, state associations and contributors to Indian athletics.
- **Objectives:** The awards aimed to honour outstanding performances, encourage emerging talent and acknowledge institutions supporting the growth of athletics in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Best Male Athlete of the Year:** **Best Male Athlete** of the Year is an award given to the top-performing male athlete, won by **Neeraj Chopra** at the **2025** edition.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Best Female Athlete of the Year: Best Female Athlete of the Year** is an award given to the top-performing female athlete, won by **Parul Chaudhary** for her strong season in distance running and steeplechase.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Lifetime Achievement Award recognises long-term contributions to athletics and was given to PT Usha, **Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, Bahadur Singh Chauhan and Anju Bobby George.**



Important Terms Explained:

- **Doha Diamond League:** Doha Diamond League is an international athletics competition where **Neeraj Chopra** registered a **90.23**-metre javelin throw.



Important Terms Explained:

- **3000m steeplechase:** **3000m** steeplechase is a distance-running event involving barriers and water jumps, in which **Parul Chaudhary** won gold at the **Asian Championships**.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Indian Athletics Awards 2025.
Date	June 22, 2026.
Location	New Delhi, India.
Organiser	Athletics Federation of India.
Best Male Athlete	Neeraj Chopra won the award.
Best Female Athlete	Parul Chaudhary won the award.
Emerging athletes	Shahnavaz Khan and Pooja Singh won the emerging athlete awards.
Significance	The awards recognised athletes, coaches, officials, state associations and contributors to Indian athletics.



➤ Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi commission INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak into the Indian Navy?

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

Answer
D) Kolkata.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned **INS Agray**, **INS Dunagiri** and **INS Sanshodhak** into the Indian Navy.
- **Location:** Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- **Date:** June 21, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The commissioning inducted three indigenously designed and built naval platforms, including a stealth frigate, a hydrographic survey vessel and an anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft, into the **Indian Navy**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The induction aims to strengthen India's naval capability, maritime security, coastal defence, hydrographic capacity and self-reliance in defence manufacturing.



Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Dunagiri:** INS Dunagiri is an advanced stealth frigate designed to enhance combat capability and operational readiness in complex maritime environments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Agray:** INS Agray is an anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft developed to detect, track and neutralise hostile submarines in coastal waters.



Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Sanshodhak:** INS Sanshodhak is an advanced hydrographic survey vessel used for mapping oceans, coastlines and underwater terrain.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Warship Design Bureau:** Warship Design Bureau is the **Indian Navy's** in-house design organisation responsible for designing indigenous naval platforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers:** Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers is the Kolkata-based shipyard that constructed the three naval ships.



Important Terms Explained:

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



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Commissioning of INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak.
Date	June 21, 2026.
Location	Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, West Bengal.
Commissioned by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Designed by	Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau.
Constructed by	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, Kolkata.
Indigenous content	More than 75 per cent of components were sourced domestically.
Strategic value	The ships will strengthen maritime security, coastal surveillance, hydrographic capability and defence self-reliance.



➤ **Why will the Indian Air Force acquire nine retired Jaguar fighter jets from the United Kingdom?**

- A) To induct them as new combat aircraft
- B) To use them for spare parts
- C) To train civilian pilots
- D) To replace Rafale aircraft
- E) To export them to friendly countries



Answer

B) To use them for spare parts.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Air Force decided to acquire nine retired **SEPECAT** Jaguar fighter jets from the **United Kingdom** to sustain its ageing Jaguar fleet.
- **Location:** India and the **United Kingdom**.
- **Date:** June 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The retired Jaguar aircraft will not be inducted into active service but will be cannibalised for engines, airframe structures, avionics systems, sub-assemblies and maintenance spares.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The move aims to extend the operational life of India's Jaguar fleet, address spare parts shortages and maintain combat capability amid fighter squadron shortages.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SEPECAT Jaguar:** SEPECAT Jaguar is a deep penetration strike aircraft used by the **Indian Air Force** for low-level attack, ground attack, maritime strike and tactical support missions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cannibalisation:** Cannibalisation refers to removing usable parts from retired or non-operational aircraft to support the maintenance of active aircraft.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fighter squadron:** Fighter squadron is an operational unit of combat aircraft, and the **IAF** currently operates around **29** squadrons against a sanctioned strength of **42**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deep penetration strike aircraft:** Deep penetration strike aircraft is designed to enter enemy territory at low levels and carry out precision attacks on strategic targets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Avionics systems:** Avionics systems are electronic systems used in aircraft for navigation, communication, mission control and combat operations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	IAF to acquire nine retired Jaguar fighter jets from the UK.
Date	June 22, 2026.
Location	India and the United Kingdom.
Aircraft type	SEPECAT Jaguar fighter aircraft.
Purpose	The aircraft will be used as a source of spare parts and reusable components.
Current challenge	The Jaguar is no longer in production, making spare parts difficult to obtain.
Squadron status	The IAF operates around 29 fighter squadrons against the sanctioned strength of 42.
Significance	The acquisition will help sustain the ageing Jaguar fleet until newer aircraft enter service.



➤ Which institution approved a ₹4,000-crore loan for Haryana's Jal Sanrakshit Haryana project?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) NABARD
- D) Reserve Bank of India
- E) International Monetary Fund

Answer
A) World Bank.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The World Bank approved a ₹4,000-crore loan for Haryana's **Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Water Security Project**.
- **Location:** Haryana, India.
- **Date:** June 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The project will support water conservation, canal modernization, groundwater recharge, irrigation efficiency, treated wastewater reuse, crop diversification, and community-based water management in Haryana.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to make Haryana water-secure, improve sustainable water availability, strengthen irrigation infrastructure, and reduce pressure on groundwater resources.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Jal Sanrakshit Haryana:** It is Haryana's water security project designed to improve water conservation, irrigation efficiency, groundwater recharge, and sustainable water management.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Water Security:** It refers to reliable access to adequate and safe water for agriculture, communities, economic activities, and future needs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Canal Modernization:** It means upgrading canal infrastructure to improve water distribution efficiency, reduce losses, and strengthen irrigation delivery.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Micro-Irrigation:** It is an irrigation method that delivers water directly to crops through systems such as drip and sprinkler irrigation to improve water-use efficiency.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NABARD:** It is a development financial institution that supports agriculture, rural development, and related infrastructure projects in India.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of loan for Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Water Security Project.
Date	June 22, 2026.
Location	Haryana, India.
Approving institution	World Bank.
Loan amount	₹4,000 crore.
Key authority mentioned	Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.
Project focus	Water conservation, irrigation efficiency, groundwater recharge, canal modernization, and treated wastewater reuse.
Agriculture impact	The project will benefit about 3.18 lakh acres through rehabilitation of 620 water channels.



► As per the National Biodiversity Authority, how many Biodiversity Heritage Sites were present in India as of March 2026?

- A) 45
- B) 50
- C) 54
- D) 60
- E) 72

Answer
C) 54.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India had **54 Biodiversity Heritage Sites** as of March **2026** for conserving ecologically and culturally significant areas.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** March **2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Biodiversity Heritage Sites** are declared under Section **37** of the **Biological Diversity Act, 2002**, by **State Governments** in consultation with local bodies.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The framework aims to conserve unique biodiversity, protect fragile ecosystems, preserve traditional ecological knowledge, and encourage community participation in conservation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Biodiversity Heritage Sites:** Biodiversity Heritage Sites are well-defined geographical areas having unique biodiversity values and ecological, cultural, ethical, or aesthetic importance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Biological Diversity Act, 2002: Biological Diversity Act, 2002** is the law that provides the legal framework for biodiversity conservation in India, including declaration of **BHS** under Section **37**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Biodiversity Authority: National Biodiversity Authority** is the statutory body associated with biodiversity conservation and related implementation under India's biodiversity framework.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Biodiversity Management Committees: Biodiversity Management Committees** are local-level bodies that may recommend areas for **BHS** recognition and support biodiversity conservation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Endemism:** Endemism refers to species that are naturally found only in a specific geographical area and nowhere else.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Biodiversity Heritage Sites in India.
Date	March 2026.
Location	India.
Total BHS count	India had 54 Biodiversity Heritage Sites.
Legal provision	BHS are provided under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
First BHS	Nallur Tamarind Grove in Karnataka was declared India's first BHS in 2007.
Key authority	State Governments declare BHS after consultation with local bodies.
Significance	BHS conserve biodiversity, fragile ecosystems, traditional knowledge, and culturally important landscapes.



► Which heritage fruit from Mandu in Madhya Pradesh received a Geographical Indication Tag?

- A) Khurasani Imli
- B) Nagpur Orange
- C) Ratlam Sev
- D) Shahi Litchi
- E) Banganapalle Mango

Answer

A) Khurasani Imli.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Khurasani Imli from Mandu received a **Geographical Indication Tag** for its unique heritage, authenticity and cultural significance.
- **Location:** Mandu, Dhar district, **Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Date:** June 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The recognition protects Mandu's **Khurasani Imli** as a geographically linked heritage fruit under the **Geographical Indications of the Goods Act, 1999**.
- **Objectives:** It aims to safeguard the fruit's identity, prevent imitation and promote the cultural, ecological and historical legacy of the Mandu region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Khurasani Imli:** **Khurasani Imli** is the fruit of the **African Baobab** tree found in Mandu and is known for its sweet-sour cream-of-tartar flavour, nutritional value and medicinal properties.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Geographical Indication Tag:** **Geographical Indication Tag** is a legal recognition given to products whose quality, reputation or characteristics are linked to a specific geographical region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **African Baobab tree:** African Baobab tree is a long-living tree species scientifically known as *Adansonia digitata* and is famous for its bottle-shaped trunk and water-storing capacity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mandu Ki Khurasani Imli:** Mandu Ki Khurasani Imli is the protected regional identity under which genuine **Khurasani Imli** from the designated Mandu region can be marketed.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Khurasani Imli received a Geographical Indication Tag.
Date	June 22, 2026.
Location	Mandu, Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh.
Scientific name	Adansonia digitata.
Tree type	African Baobab tree.
Legal framework	Geographical Indications of the Goods Act, 1999.
Key feature	The tree can live up to 2,000 years and store up to 120,000 litres of water.
Significance	The GI Tag protects the fruit's authenticity and promotes Mandu's cultural and ecological heritage.



➤ What was the total size of the West Bengal Budget 2026-27 presented in the State Assembly?

- A) ₹3.25 lakh crore
- B) ₹4.38 lakh crore
- C) ₹5.10 lakh crore
- D) ₹2.75 lakh crore
- E) ₹6.20 lakh crore

Answer

B) ₹4.38 lakh crore.



Event and Location:

- **Event: West Bengal Budget 2026-27** was presented with major announcements on jobs, infrastructure, welfare schemes and economic development.
- **Location: West Bengal, India.**
- **Date: June 22, 2026.**



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Budget** proposed one lakh government jobs, **33%** reservation for women in state recruitment, a new airport near Kolkata, a deep-sea port, welfare schemes and major infrastructure projects.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives: The Budget** aims to generate employment, improve connectivity, expand social welfare, promote education, support women and strengthen **West Bengal's** long-term economic growth.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Dearness Allowance:** Dearness Allowance is a cost-of-living adjustment paid to government employees to offset inflation, and the Budget announced an additional **20%** DA over the existing **18%**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Annapurna Yojana:** **Annapurna Yojana** is the welfare scheme announced with an allocation of **₹36,000 crore** to replace the previous **Lakshmir Bhandar** scheme and provide enhanced financial assistance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Greenfield airport:** Greenfield airport refers to a new airport developed on unused or newly acquired land, and the Budget proposed one near Kalyani close to Kolkata.



Important Terms Explained:

- Deep-sea port: Deep-sea port is a port capable of handling large ships and higher cargo volumes, and the Budget proposed one at **Dadanpatrabar in Purba Medinipur**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MGNREGA: MGNREGA** is a rural employment guarantee programme, and the Budget proposed increasing annual employment from **100** days to **125** days.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	West Bengal Budget 2026-27.
Date	June 22, 2026.
Location	West Bengal, India.
Budget size	The Budget outlay was ₹4.38 lakh crore.
Presented by	Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta.
Employment measure	One lakh government vacancies will be filled with 33% reservation for women in state recruitment.
Major infrastructure plan	A second airport near Kolkata and a deep-sea port in Purba Medinipur were proposed.
Welfare focus	The Budget announced Annapurna Yojana, women's free bus service, student assistance and expanded housing benefits.



➤ Who will chair the BRICS National Security Advisers Meeting hosted by India on June 22 and 23, 2026?

- A) Wang Yi
- B) Sergei Shoigu
- C) Ajit Doval
- D) Nezamipour
- E) Narendra Modi

Answer
C) Ajit Doval.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India will host the **BRICS National Security Advisers Meeting** chaired by **NSA Ajit Doval**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June **22** and **23, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The meeting will bring together **National Security Advisers** and senior security representatives of **BRICS** member countries to discuss global and regional security issues.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The meeting aims to strengthen cooperation on terrorism, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, information warfare, critical infrastructure protection, and other non-traditional security challenges.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS National Security Advisers Meeting:** It is a security-focused platform where **BRICS** member countries discuss strategic cooperation, policy coordination, and shared security concerns.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Traditional Security Challenges:** These are security threats that go beyond conventional military risks and include cyber threats, terrorism, organized crime, information warfare, and technology-driven vulnerabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cybersecurity:** It refers to the protection of digital systems, networks, data, and critical infrastructure from cyberattacks and unauthorized access.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence:** It refers to technology that enables machines to perform tasks requiring human-like intelligence, but it can also create risks through deepfakes, autonomous systems, and AI-enabled attacks.



Important Terms Explained:

- Counter-Terrorism: It includes policies, intelligence-sharing, capacity-building, and operational measures aimed at preventing terrorism, terror financing, radicalization, and cross-border terror activities.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	BRICS National Security Advisers Meeting.
Date	June 22 and 23, 2026.
Location	India.
Chairperson	National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.
Participants	National Security Advisers and senior security representatives from BRICS member countries.
Central theme	Non-traditional security challenges confronting the world today.
Key discussion areas	Terrorism, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence risks, information warfare, critical infrastructure security, and organized crime.
Strategic value	The meeting supports stronger BRICS cooperation on global and regional security challenges.



QUICK RECALL



- India defeated New Zealand 2-0 to win the FIH Nations Cup 2026.
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi scored the fastest fifty in List A cricket history in just 11 balls.
- PhonePe remained India's largest UPI app with 46.20% market share in May 2026.
- The Reserve Bank of India revised the Kisan Credit Card guidelines for agricultural and allied activity lending.
- India remained the Asian Development Bank's largest private sector market in 2026.



QUICK RECALL



- **Neeraj Chopra was named Best Male Athlete of the Year at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak in Kolkata.**
- **The Indian Air Force will acquire nine retired SEPECAT Jaguar fighter jets from the United Kingdom.**
- **The World Bank approved a ₹4,000-crore loan for Haryana's Jal Sanrakshit Haryana project.**



QUICK RECALL



- India had 54 Biodiversity Heritage Sites as of March 2026.
- Khurasani Imli from Mandu in Madhya Pradesh received a Geographical Indication Tag.
- West Bengal Budget 2026-27 proposed filling one lakh government vacancies.
- India is hosting the two-day BRICS National Security Advisers Meeting on June 22 and 23, 2026.





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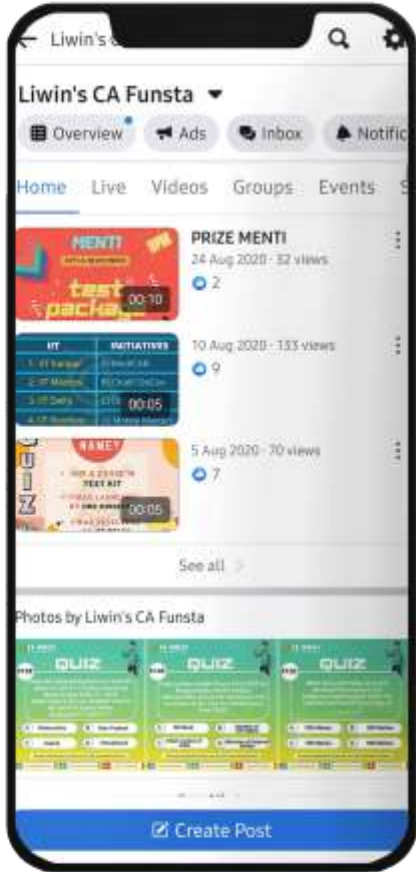
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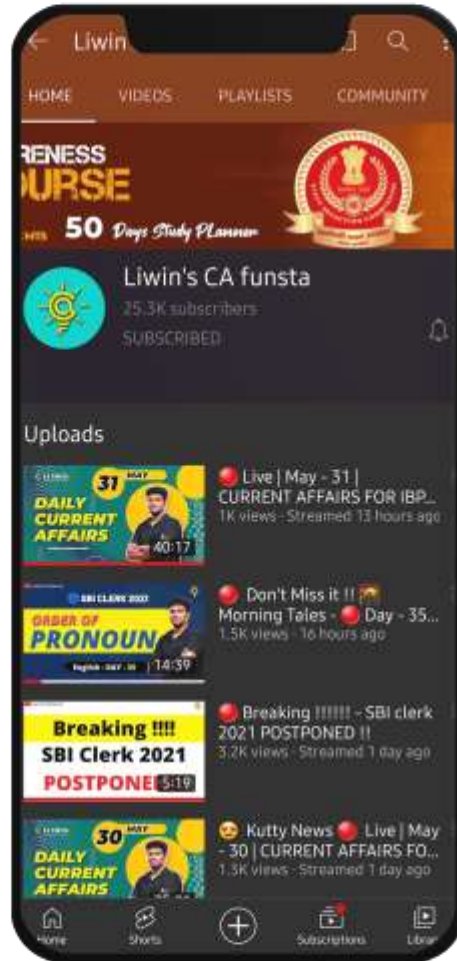


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