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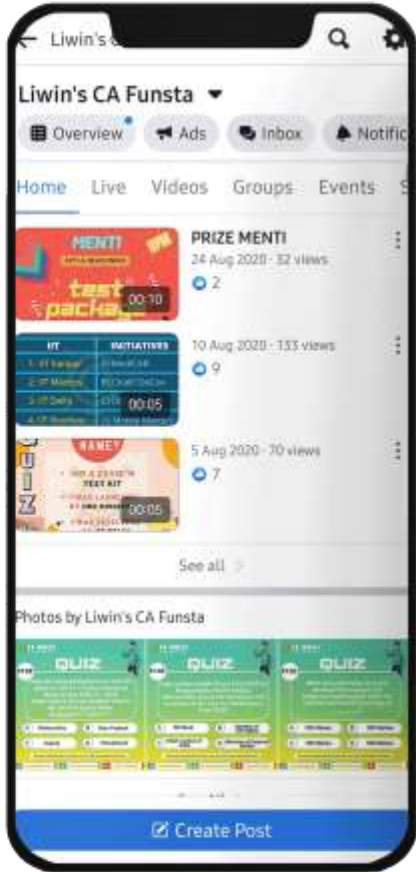


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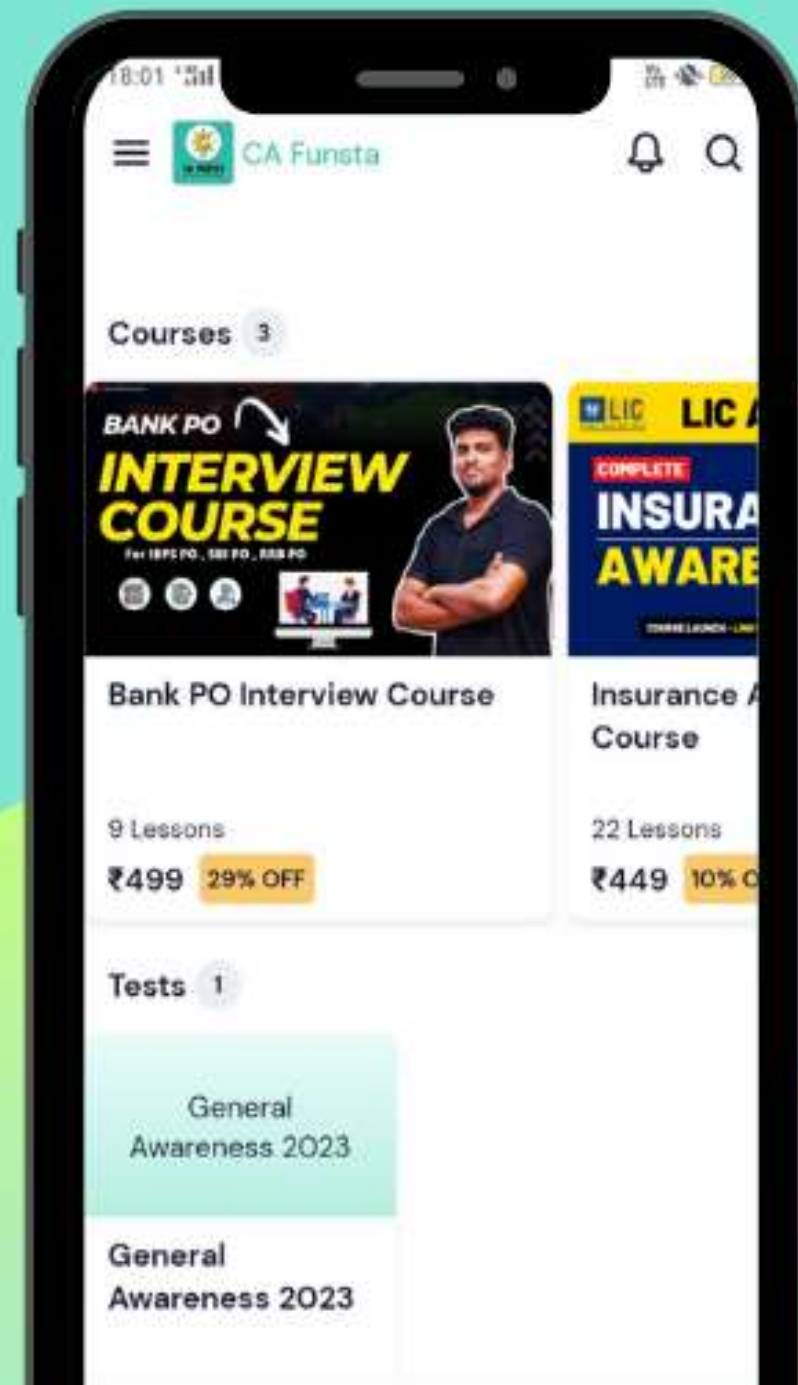
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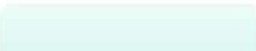
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Important Days



➤ Which organisation coordinates the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking campaign?

- A) World Health Organization
- B) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- C) United Nations Development Programme
- D) International Labour Organization
- E) World Bank

Answer

B) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event: International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2026** was observed to strengthen global action against drug abuse and illegal drug trafficking.
- **Location:** Worldwide.
- **Date:** June 26, 2026.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance promotes awareness campaigns, prevention efforts, treatment support, rehabilitation measures, law enforcement action, and international cooperation against illicit drugs.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to reduce drug abuse, prevent illegal drug trafficking, support affected individuals, and promote a healthier and drug-free society.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Illicit Trafficking:** The illegal production, movement, sale, or distribution of drugs through criminal networks.
- **Drug Abuse:** The harmful or excessive use of drugs that can damage physical health, mental health, family life, and society.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: A United Nations** body that works on drug control, crime prevention, criminal justice, and international cooperation against illicit trafficking.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **UN General Assembly Resolution 42/112:** The resolution adopted on December 7, 1987, declaring June 26 as the **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sustainable Development Goals:** Global development goals linked to health, justice, strong institutions, and social well-being.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2026.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	Worldwide.
Declared by	United Nations General Assembly.
First observed	The day was first observed in 1988.
Resolution	It was declared through UN General Assembly Resolution 42/112 adopted on December 7, 1987.
Organising body	The campaign is coordinated by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
Main focus	The day raises awareness about drug abuse and strengthens global cooperation against illicit drug trafficking.



Important Days



➤ Which UN resolution proclaimed June 26 as the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture?

- A) Resolution 42/112
- B) Resolution 52/149
- C) Resolution 70/1
- D) Resolution 217 A
- E) Resolution 60/251

Answer
B) Resolution 52/149.



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event: United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture 2026** was observed to support torture survivors and reaffirm the global commitment to eliminating torture.
- **Location:** Worldwide.
- **Date:** June 26, 2026.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance highlights the absolute prohibition of torture, promotes justice and accountability, and supports rehabilitation for victims and survivors worldwide.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to protect human dignity, strengthen human rights safeguards, prevent torture, and ensure medical, psychological, legal, and social support for survivors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Torture:** Torture refers to the intentional infliction of severe physical or mental pain or suffering to obtain information, extract a confession, punish, intimidate, or discriminate, when carried out by or with the consent of a public official.



Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations Convention Against Torture:** It is an international human rights treaty that prohibits torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment under all circumstances.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights:**
It is the **United Nations** body responsible for promoting and protecting human rights globally.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture:** It is a UN fund established in **1981** to support organisations providing rehabilitation services to torture survivors and their families.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Crime Against Humanity:** It refers to certain grave acts, including widespread or systematic torture, committed as part of a large-scale attack against civilians under international law.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture 2026.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	Worldwide.
Declared by	United Nations General Assembly.
UN resolution	The day was proclaimed through Resolution 52/149 adopted on December 12, 1997.
First observed	The day was first observed in 1998.
Related convention	The date marks the entry into force of the Convention Against Torture on June 26, 1987.
Main focus	The observance promotes justice, rehabilitation, prevention, accountability, and survivor support.



Important Days



► The Hemis Festival is dedicated to the birth anniversary of which Buddhist spiritual figure?

- A) Guru Padmasambhava
- B) Gautama Buddha
- C) Dalai Lama
- D) Nagarjuna
- E) Atisha

Answer

A) Guru Padmasambhava.



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event: Hemis Festival 2026** was celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of **Guru Padmasambhava**.
- **Location: Hemis Monastery**, Leh, Ladakh.
- **Date: June 24–25, 2026.**



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The festival featured sacred Buddhist rituals, masked dances, traditional music, prayers, and cultural celebrations at **Hemis Monastery**.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to honour **Guru Padmasambhava**, preserve Ladakh's Buddhist heritage, promote spiritual awareness, and showcase the region's cultural identity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hemis Festival:** A major Buddhist festival celebrated annually at **Hemis Monastery in Ladakh** to honour **Guru Padmasambhava**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Guru Padmasambhava:** A revered Buddhist master also known as **Guru Rinpoche** and the **Second Buddha**, credited with spreading **Vajrayana Buddhism in Tibet** and the Himalayan region.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cham Dance:** A sacred masked dance performed by Buddhist monks to symbolize the victory of wisdom and virtue over ignorance and evil.
- **Thangka:** A traditional Buddhist religious scroll painting, often depicting deities, spiritual masters, or sacred themes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vajrayana Buddhism:** A tantric form of Buddhism practiced in **Tibet and Himalayan** regions, emphasizing rituals, meditation, and spiritual transformation.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Hemis Festival 2026.
Date	June 24–25, 2026.
Location	Hemis Monastery, Leh, Ladakh.
Occasion	The festival marked the birth anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava.
Chief Guest	Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh V. K. Saxena attended the inauguration ceremony.
Duration	The festival was celebrated for two days.
Main celebrations	The celebrations included Cham dance, prayers, rituals, traditional music, and offerings.
Significance	The festival preserves Ladakh's Buddhist heritage and promotes cultural tourism.



➤ How much liquidity did the Reserve Bank of India inject through the 7-day Variable Rate Repo auction?

- A) ₹36,300 crore
- B) ₹72,300 crore
- C) ₹89,440 crore
- D) ₹1,41,171 crore
- E) ₹2,43,000 crore

Answer
D) ₹1,41,171 crore.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Reserve Bank of India injected ₹1,41,171 crore into the banking system through a 7-day **Variable Rate Repo** auction.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June 26, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **RBI** conducted a **7-day Variable Rate Repo** auction to provide short-term liquidity to banks after the banking system moved into deficit.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to ease liquidity pressure, ensure adequate banking funds, and keep short-term money market rates aligned with the monetary policy stance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Variable Rate Repo Auction:** A liquidity management tool through which banks borrow funds from the **RBI** against government securities at an auction-determined interest rate.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Liquidity Deficit:** A condition in which the banking system has insufficient surplus funds to meet short-term funding needs comfortably.
- **Goods and Services Tax:** An indirect tax whose payment outflows can temporarily reduce liquidity available in the banking system.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Advance Tax:** Tax paid by companies and individuals before the end of a financial year, often causing temporary fund outflows from banks.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Weighted Average Call Money Rate:** The weighted average overnight borrowing rate in the call money market, used as a key indicator of short-term liquidity conditions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tri-Party Repo:** A repo transaction facilitated by a third-party platform where securities are used as collateral for short-term borrowing and lending.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	RBI 7-day Variable Rate Repo liquidity injection.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Reserve Bank of India.
Liquidity injected	RBI infused ₹1,41,171 crore into the banking system.
Tenure and rate	The auction had a 7-day tenure with a cut-off rate and weighted average rate of 5.26%.
Reason	Liquidity pressure emerged due to GST payments and advance tax-related outflows.
Market impact	The move aimed to stabilize short-term money market rates and maintain orderly liquidity conditions.



➤ According to the LSEG Green Economy Report 2026, how much green revenue did India generate in 2025?

- A) US\$75 billion
- B) US\$90 billion
- C) US\$110 billion
- D) US\$150 billion
- E) US\$200 billion

Answer
C) US\$110 billion.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India emerged as one of Asia's fastest-growing green economies according to the **LSEG Green Economy Report 2026**.
- **Location:** India and Asia.
- **Date:** June 26, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The London Stock Exchange Group report assessed India's green revenue growth, clean energy investments, and sectoral strengths in sustainable technologies.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to highlight India's rapid expansion in renewable energy, clean technologies, sustainable agriculture, and low-carbon economic development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Economy:** An economic system focused on sustainable growth through renewable energy, clean technologies, low-carbon industries, and environmentally responsible activities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Revenue:** Revenue earned from products, services, or technologies that support environmental sustainability and low-carbon development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Compound Annual Growth Rate:** A measure showing the average annual growth rate of a value over a specific period.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Clean Energy Investment:** Capital invested in renewable power, green manufacturing, energy-efficient technologies, and sustainable infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Biogas Energy Equipment:** Equipment used to produce energy from organic waste through biogas generation, supporting clean energy and waste management.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's green economy growth highlighted by LSEG.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	India and Asia.
Issuing authority / organiser	London Stock Exchange Group.
Green revenue	India generated around US\$110 billion in green revenues in 2025.
Growth rate	India's green revenue grew at a 20% CAGR over five years.
Sector strength	India accounted for 87% of Asia's biogas equipment revenues and 75% of advanced irrigation technology revenues.
Investment position	India attracted around US\$100 billion in clean energy investments and ranked second in Asia after China.



➤ Who released the book “Sanskritir Ratna Bhandar: Bhaowaiyar Itibritto”?

- A) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- B) Jayanta Kumar Roy
- C) C. P. Radhakrishnan
- D) Nikhil Chandra Ray
- E) Debraj Patra

Answer

C) C. P. Radhakrishnan.



Event and Location:

- **Event: Vice President** C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book **Sanskritir Ratna Bhandar: Bhaowaiyar Itibritto** on Bhawaiya folk tradition.
- **Location: Uprashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.**
- **Date: June 26, 2026.**



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The book release highlighted the history, cultural evolution, and regional significance of Bhawaiya folk music.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to preserve India's folk traditions, promote awareness of regional cultural heritage, and encourage future generations to safeguard intangible cultural legacy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bhawaiya:** A traditional folk music genre associated with **North Bengal**, Assam, and adjoining regions, reflecting rural life, emotions, struggles, and cultural traditions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Koch Rajbanshi Community:** A community that has played an important role in preserving and promoting the Bhawaiya folk music tradition across generations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nada Brahma: An Indian** philosophical idea that regards sound and music as a pathway to spiritual experience and cultural unity.
- **Mission LiFE: Lifestyle for Environment** is an initiative that promotes environment-friendly living and sustainable practices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** India's vision of becoming a developed nation by **2047** through inclusive growth, cultural confidence, innovation, and national development.



Books And Authors



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Book release on Bhawaiya folk tradition.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	Uprashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
Released by	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book.
Book title	Sanskritir Ratna Bhandar: Bhaowaiyar Itibritto.
Authors	Dr. Jayanta Kumar Roy and Ms. Sangita Roy authored the book.
Subject	The book covers the historical journey and cultural significance of Bhawaiya folk music.
Significance	The release promotes preservation of India's intangible cultural heritage and regional folk traditions.



➤ Who released Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's memoir "The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4 Billion Hearts"?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amar Preet Singh
- C) S. Somanath
- D) V. R. Chaudhari
- E) Ajit Doval

Answer
B) Amar Preet Singh.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's memoir was released by **Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh**.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** June 26, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The memoir documents **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla**'s journey from **Indian Air Force** fighter pilot to astronaut and his mission to the **International Space Station**.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to showcase India's growing role in human spaceflight, inspire future generations, and highlight national aspirations in advanced space exploration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **The Second Orbit:** The memoir of **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla** that narrates his journey from fighter pilot to astronaut and his participation in the Axiom-4 Mission.



Important Terms Explained:

- Axiom-4 Mission: A private astronaut mission to the **International Space Station** that marked an important milestone in India's participation in international human spaceflight.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Space Station:** A permanently crewed space laboratory in low Earth orbit used for scientific research, technology demonstrations, and international space cooperation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Human Spaceflight:** Space travel involving astronauts, requiring specialised training, mission preparation, safety systems, and life-support arrangements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Air Force:** India's air defence force, where **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla** served as a fighter pilot before becoming an astronaut.



Books And Authors



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's memoir.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	New Delhi, India.
Released by	Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh released the memoir.
Book title	The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4 Billion Hearts.
Author	Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla authored the memoir.
Occasion	The release marked the first anniversary of the Axiom-4 Mission launched on June 25 last year.
Significance	The memoir highlights India's expanding contribution to human spaceflight and space exploration.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau?

- A) Tapan Kumar Deka
- B) Ajit Doval
- C) Mahesh Dixit
- D) Ashish Kumar Chauhan
- E) Rajeev Jain

Answer
C) Mahesh Dixit.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mahesh Dixit was appointed as the new Director of the **Intelligence Bureau**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June 30, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Appointments Committee** of the Cabinet approved the appointment of **Mahesh Dixit** as Director of the **Intelligence Bureau** for a two-year tenure from the date of assuming charge.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to ensure leadership continuity in India's internal intelligence system and strengthen national security, counter-terrorism, and internal threat monitoring.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Intelligence Bureau:** India's oldest internal intelligence agency responsible for domestic intelligence, counter-intelligence, counter-terrorism, and monitoring national security threats.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet:** A high-level government committee that approves appointments to senior posts in the **Government of India**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Police Service: One of India's All India Services** whose officers serve in senior policing, intelligence, and law enforcement roles across the country.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau:** A regional unit of the **Intelligence Bureau** that handles intelligence collection and internal security monitoring in specific areas.



Important Terms Explained:

- Article **370**: A constitutional provision that gave special status to **Jammu and Kashmir** before its abrogation in August **2019**.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Mahesh Dixit as Intelligence Bureau Director.
Date	June 30, 2026.
Location	India.
Appointing authority	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
New appointee	Mahesh Dixit is a 1993-batch IPS officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre.
Previous position	He was serving as Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau.
Predecessor	He succeeds Tapan Kumar Deka, a 1988-batch IPS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre.
Tenure	The appointment is for two years from the date of assuming office or until further orders.



➤ Which ministry launched the SHATAYU Dashboard to connect trained caregivers with senior citizens?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Ministry of Education
- E) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer

B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** **SHATAYU** Dashboard was launched to connect trained geriatric caregivers with senior citizens requiring professional care.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** May 22, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** launched a digital platform to create a centralized database of trained caregivers and improve access to elderly care services.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to strengthen India's elderly care ecosystem, support senior citizens with trained care assistance, and promote quality caregiving through digital technology.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SHATAYU: Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility** is an online dashboard that enables trained geriatric caregivers to register and connect with senior citizens in need of care.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Geriatric Caregiver:** A trained professional who provides care, assistance, and support services to elderly persons.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Institute of Social Defence:** An autonomous organisation under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** that manages the **SHATAYU** Dashboard and trains geriatric caregivers.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Self-Registration Mechanism:** A process that allows trained caregivers to register their details directly on the platform for inclusion in the caregiver database.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of SHATAYU Dashboard.
Date	May 22, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
Implementing body	National Institute of Social Defence manages the platform.
Main beneficiaries	Senior citizens requiring trained caregiving support.
Key feature	The dashboard creates a centralized database of certified geriatric caregivers.
Significance	The initiative improves access to professional elderly care and supports an age-friendly care ecosystem.



➤ **Where was the second Pax Silica Summit held on 25–26 June 2026?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Washington, D.C.
- C) Berlin
- D) Amsterdam
- E) Geneva

Answer
B) Washington, D.C.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The second **Pax Silica Summit** brought together **35** countries to strengthen global cooperation in artificial intelligence.
- **Location:** Washington, D.C., **United States**.
- **Date:** June **25–26, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Participating nations adopted the **Joint Statement** on AI Opportunity to promote trusted AI governance, resilient supply chains, industrial cooperation, and innovation-friendly policies.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to build a secure, responsible, and resilient global artificial intelligence ecosystem through international cooperation and trusted technology networks.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pax Silica Initiative:** A **United States**-led international collaboration launched in December **2025** to promote secure, resilient, and innovation-driven artificial intelligence ecosystems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Statement on AI Opportunity:** A declaration adopted by **35** participating nations to support pro-growth AI policies, trusted AI ecosystems, secure supply chains, and international technology cooperation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence:** A technology field that enables machines and computer systems to perform tasks requiring human-like intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, and decision-making.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pax Pass:** A platform introduced to support the secure movement of critical AI-related goods and technologies among participating countries.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Foundry School:** A Stanford-led initiative announced to provide advanced manufacturing training for AI-related industries with a **US\$50 million** commitment from the **United States**.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Second Pax Silica Summit.
Date	June 25–26, 2026.
Location	Washington, D.C., United States.
Participating countries	Representatives from 35 countries, including India, attended the summit.
Key outcome	The Joint Statement on AI Opportunity was adopted by participating nations.
India's representation	S. Krishnan from MeitY and Nagraj Naidu from the Ministry of External Affairs represented India.
Major announcements	Pax Pass and the Stanford-led Foundry School were introduced.
Significance	The summit strengthened cooperation on AI governance, trusted supply chains, and industrial capacity.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



► The Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme is built across which river?

- A) Krishna River
- B) Godavari River
- C) Tungabhadra River
- D) Cauvery River
- E) Pennar River



Answer
C) Tungabhadra River.



Event and Location:

- **Event: Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme** came into focus after Telangana sought a permanent solution to the Tungabhadra river water-sharing dispute.
- **Location: Tungabhadra River** basin covering Telangana, Karnataka, and **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Date: June 26, 2026.**



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme diverts **Tungabhadra River** water through canals to provide irrigation support to drought-prone regions of Telangana, Karnataka, and **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to improve agricultural productivity, support rural livelihoods, ensure effective water utilization, and promote equitable interstate water-sharing.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tungabhadra River:** A major tributary of the **Krishna River** on which the **Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme** has been constructed.



Important Terms Explained:

- **TMCFT: Thousand Million Cubic Feet** is a unit used to measure large volumes of water in reservoirs, irrigation projects, and river-sharing arrangements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Spillway Crest Gates:** Gates installed on dams to regulate reservoir water release and manage excess water safely during high inflow periods.



Important Terms Explained:

- De-silting: The process of removing accumulated silt from reservoirs, canals, or water bodies to improve storage capacity and water flow.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Balancing Reservoir:** A reservoir designed to store and regulate water supply for better distribution during periods of uneven flow or demand.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme water-sharing issue.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	Telangana, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.
River	The scheme is built across the Tungabhadra River.
Basin	The project falls under the Krishna River basin.
Key figures	A. Revanth Reddy, C. R. Patil, D. K. Shivakumar, and N. Chandrababu Naidu were linked to the recent discussions.
Water allocation	Telangana has an allocated share of 17.9 TMCFT under the scheme.
Significance	The project supports irrigation, drought-prone farming regions, and interstate water resource management.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



➤ Which state launched Mukhyamantri Kisan Sahay Yojana to support farmers facing crop losses due to natural calamities?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Gujarat
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Haryana

Answer
B) Gujarat.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Mukhyamantri Kisan Sahay Yojana** provides financial assistance to Gujarat farmers for Kharif crop losses caused by natural calamities.
- **Location:** Gujarat.
- **Date:** June 26, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme provides compensation to eligible farmers without charging any premium when Kharif crop loss is **33%** or more due to floods, droughts, cyclones, heavy rainfall, or unseasonal rain.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to provide timely financial relief, protect farmer livelihoods, and support agricultural recovery after natural calamities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kharif Crops:** Crops grown during the monsoon season, usually sown with the onset of rains and harvested after the rainy season.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Benefit Transfer:** A payment system through which government financial assistance is transferred directly into the beneficiary's bank account.



Important Terms Explained:

- **7/12 Utara:** A land ownership and agricultural record used in Gujarat to verify farmer eligibility and land details.
- **Panchnama:** A field verification process conducted by officials to assess and confirm the extent of crop damage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **iKhedut Portal: Gujarat Government's** online platform through which farmers can apply for agriculture-related schemes and services.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Mukhyamantri Kisan Sahay Yojana Gujarat 2026.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	Gujarat.
Launched by	Government of Gujarat.
Launch year	The scheme was launched in 2020.
Beneficiaries	Farmers of Gujarat suffering Kharif crop loss due to natural calamities are covered.
Financial assistance	Farmers receive ₹20,000 per hectare for 33% to 60% crop loss and ₹25,000 per hectare for more than 60% crop loss.
Coverage limit	Assistance is limited to a maximum of 4 hectares and is provided without any premium.



- Which platform has been launched as a digital health declaration system for international travellers arriving in India?

- A) DigiYatra 2.0
- B) Air Suvidha 2.0
- C) e-Sanjeevani Travel
- D) Bharat Health Pass
- E) Travel Health India

Answer
B) Air Suvidha 2.0.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India launched **Air Suvidha 2.0** as a fully digital and contactless health declaration platform for international travellers.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June 26, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The platform enables eligible international passengers to submit health information online before arrival in India for improved airport health surveillance.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to strengthen public health preparedness, enable early detection of infectious disease risks, reduce paperwork, and make international arrivals smoother.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Suvidha 2.0:** An upgraded online health declaration platform that allows international passengers to submit health details digitally before arriving in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Health Self-Declaration Form:** A digital form requiring passengers to provide travel history, exposure details, symptoms, and contact information for health monitoring.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ebola Virus:** A severe viral disease that spreads through direct contact with infected blood, body fluids, contaminated equipment, or infected animals.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Public Health Emergency of International Concern:** A **World Health Organization** declaration for serious public health events that may require coordinated international response.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Health Regulations, 2005:** A global legal framework used by countries and the **World Health Organization** to prevent and respond to international public health risks.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Air Suvidha 2.0.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Ministry of Civil Aviation in collaboration with Delhi International Airport Limited.
Main beneficiaries	International travellers arriving in India are the main users of the platform.
Key requirement	Eligible passengers may submit a digital health declaration up to 24 hours before arrival.
Information collected	The platform collects 21-day travel history, exposure details, symptoms, and contact information.
Significance	The system strengthens airport health surveillance and supports faster identification of possible infectious disease risks.



- Where did India host the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting under its BRICS Chairship 2026?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Gurugram
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Hyderabad

Answer
C) Gurugram.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 11th **BRICS Energy Ministers'** Meeting was hosted by India under its **BRICS** Chairship **2026**.
- **Location:** Gurugram, Haryana, India.
- **Date:** June **25, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India hosted the energy ministers, vice ministers, senior officials, and international organisations to discuss energy security, access, sustainability, technology, and innovation.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to strengthen **BRICS** cooperation for resilient, affordable, secure, inclusive, and sustainable energy systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS:** A grouping of major emerging economies that cooperates on economic, political, development, and sectoral issues, including energy cooperation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS Energy Research Cooperation Platform:** A cooperation platform that supports research collaboration, knowledge exchange, and technical cooperation among **BRICS** countries in the energy sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS Digital Centre of Excellence:** A newly launched centre focused on smart grids and energy storage through knowledge sharing, capacity building, policy exchange, pilot projects, and technical cooperation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Smart Grids:** Digitally enabled electricity networks that improve monitoring, reliability, efficiency, and integration of renewable energy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hydrogen Value Chains:** The complete system covering hydrogen production, storage, transport, standards, industrial use, and future market development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana:** A government initiative aimed at accelerating rooftop solar adoption among households in India.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting.
Date	June 25, 2026.
Location	Gurugram, Haryana.
Host	India hosted the meeting under BRICS Chairship 2026.
Main theme	Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.
Energy track theme	सर्वेषां ऊर्जम्, meaning Energy for All.
Key outcome	The BRICS Digital Centre of Excellence for Smart Grids and Energy Storage was launched.
Significance	The meeting strengthened cooperation on energy security, clean energy, hydrogen, biofuels, storage, and digital energy technologies.



➤ Who attended the Samvidhan Hatya Diwas commemoration as the Chief Guest?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- C) Ram Bahadur Rai
- D) Chetan Joshi
- E) Sheshrao Laxmanrao Khot

Answer

B) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.



Event and Location:

- **Event: Samvidhan Hatya Diwas** was commemorated to mark **50** years of the Emergency and promote awareness about democracy and constitutional values.
- **Location: CCRT Campus, New Delhi.**
- **Date: June 26, 2026.**



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Culture organised a special programme through the **Centre for Cultural Resources and Training** to remember the Emergency period and highlight democratic freedoms.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to reinforce the importance of democracy, constitutional values, fundamental rights, freedom of expression, independent media, and rule of law.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Emergency:** A period imposed in **1975** during which democratic freedoms, civil liberties, and constitutional rights faced major restrictions in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Centre for Cultural Resources and Training:** An institution that promotes cultural education and organised the commemoration programme at its **New Delhi** campus.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital District Repository:** A national initiative that documents district-level stories, personalities, events, places, and local narratives linked to India's freedom struggle.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Seva Parv:** A nationwide cultural initiative under which artworks were displayed to promote cultural pride, public participation, artistic creativity, and social responsibility.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Long Live Democracy:** An exhibition that showcased the impact of the Emergency, challenges faced by democratic institutions, and the importance of constitutional freedoms.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Samvidhan Hatya Diwas commemoration.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	CCRT Campus, New Delhi.
Organised by	Ministry of Culture through the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training.
Chief Guest	Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat attended the programme.
Occasion	The programme marked 50 years of the Emergency imposed in 1975.
Key exhibitions	Long Live Democracy, Digital District Repository, and Seva Parv artworks were displayed.
Significance	The event promoted awareness about democracy, citizens' rights, constitutional governance, and rule of law.



➤ From which date will the revised Indian passport fees become effective?

- A) June 26, 2026
- B) July 1, 2026
- C) August 1, 2026
- D) January 1, 2027
- E) April 1, 2027

Answer
B) July 1, 2026.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Government of India announced revised passport fees for fresh applications, renewals, Tatkal services, replacements, and minor passports.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** July 1, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The revised fee structure applies to normal passport services, Tatkal passport services, replacement of lost or damaged passports, and passport applications for minors.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to update passport charges after amendments to the **Passport Rules, 1980**, and reflect the increased cost of delivering passport-related services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Passport Rules, 1980:** The legal framework governing passport application, issuance, renewal, replacement, validity, and related procedures in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tatkal Passport Scheme:** A fast-track passport service for applicants who need urgent passport processing by paying higher charges.
- **Normal Passport Service:** The regular passport application service processed through the standard procedure and fee structure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Replacement Passport:** A passport issued in place of a lost, stolen, or damaged passport after payment of the applicable revised fee.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Minor Passport:** A passport issued to applicants below **18** years of age under the fee and validity conditions specified by passport rules.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Indian passport fee hike 2026.
Date	The revised fees will be effective from July 1, 2026.
Location	India.
Issuing authority / organiser	Government of India.
Previous revision	The last major passport fee revision took place in 2012.
Adult normal fee	The 36-page normal passport fee will increase to ₹2,500 and the 60-page normal passport fee will increase to ₹3,500.
Tatkal fee	The 36-page Tatkal passport fee will be ₹5,000 and the 60-page Tatkal passport fee will be ₹6,000.
Validity status	Passport validity remains unchanged after the fee revision.



➤ Which agency initiated the process to develop India's next-generation B35 Bullet Train?

- A) Indian Railways
- B) National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited
- C) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- D) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India
- E) Konkan Railway Corporation



Answer

B) National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India is preparing to expand its high-speed rail network with seven proposed bullet train corridors.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June 26, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited** has initiated the process to develop the domestically designed and manufactured **B35 Bullet Train** for future high-speed rail corridors.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The objective is to reduce intercity travel time, improve regional connectivity, promote indigenous high-speed rail technology, and strengthen major economic corridors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **B35 Bullet Train:** India's proposed next-generation indigenous high-speed train with a maximum design speed of **350 km/h** and an operational speed of **320 km/h**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **High-Speed Rail Corridor:** A railway route designed for trains operating at very high speeds to reduce travel time between major cities.



Important Terms Explained:

- Mumbai–**Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor**: India's first bullet train project with a total corridor length of **508 km**, currently under construction.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operational Speed:** The regular service speed at which a train is expected to run during passenger operations.
- **Design Speed:** The maximum speed capability for which a train or rail system is technically designed.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's seven proposed bullet train corridors.
Date	June 26, 2026.
Location	India.
Implementing agency	National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited is leading India's bullet train programme.
New trainset	The B35 Bullet Train will be developed and manufactured domestically.
Speed details	The trainsets are expected to have a maximum design speed of 350 km/h and operational speed of 320 km/h.
Fastest proposed route	Mumbai–Pune is expected to be covered in 48 minutes.
Key project milestone	The Surat–Vapi section of the Mumbai–Ahmedabad corridor is expected to become operational by August 2027.



QUICK RECALL



- **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed every year on June 26.**
- **United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed every year on June 26.**
- **Hemis Festival 2026 was celebrated at Hemis Monastery in Leh, Ladakh.**
- **RBI infused ₹1,41,171 crore through a 7-day Variable Rate Repo auction.**
- **India generated approximately US\$110 billion in green revenues in 2025.**



QUICK RECALL



- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book at Uprashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh released Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's memoir in New Delhi.
- Mahesh Dixit will assume charge as Director of the Intelligence Bureau on June 30, 2026.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the SHATAYU Dashboard on May 22, 2026.
- The second Pax Silica Summit was held in Washington, D.C., on June 25–26, 2026.



QUICK RECALL



- The Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme is an interstate irrigation project on the Tungabhadra River.
- Mukhyamantri Kisan Sahay Yojana was launched by the Government of Gujarat in 2020.
- India launched Air Suvidha 2.0 to digitise health declarations for international travellers.
- India hosted the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting in Gurugram on June 25, 2026.
- The Ministry of Culture commemorated Samvidhan Hatya Diwas at the CCRT Campus in New Delhi.
- The revised Indian passport fees will apply from July 1, 2026.
- India plans to develop seven new proposed bullet train corridors connecting major cities.



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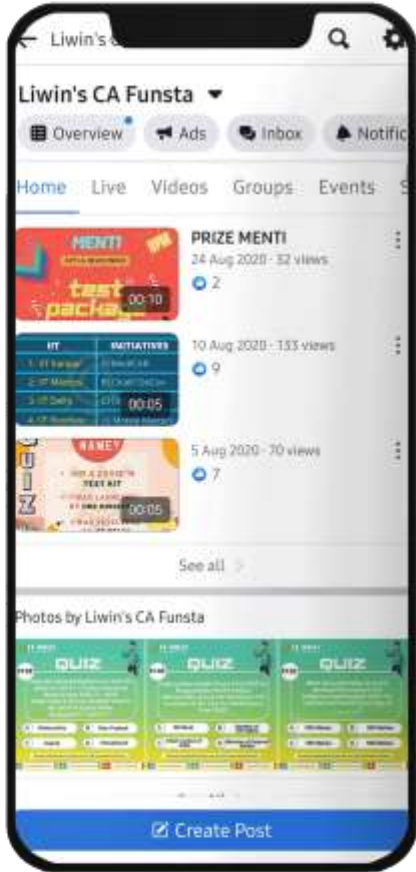
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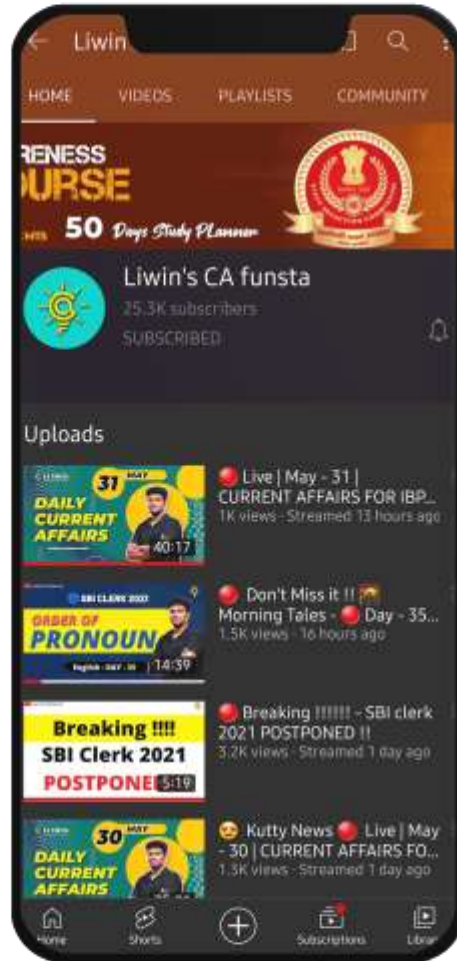


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