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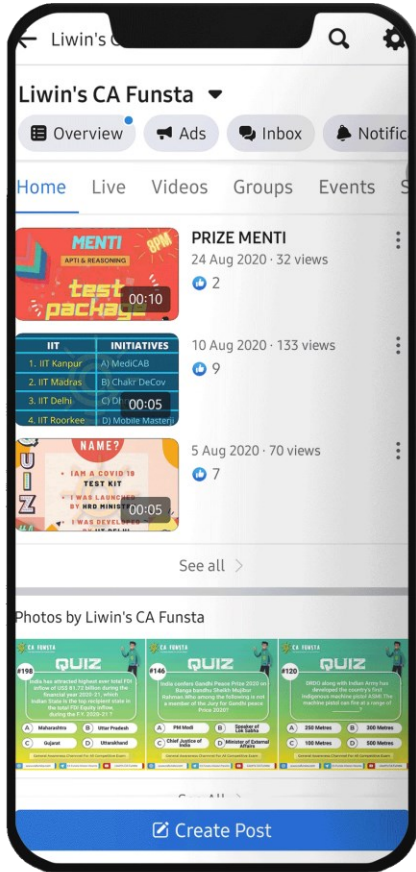


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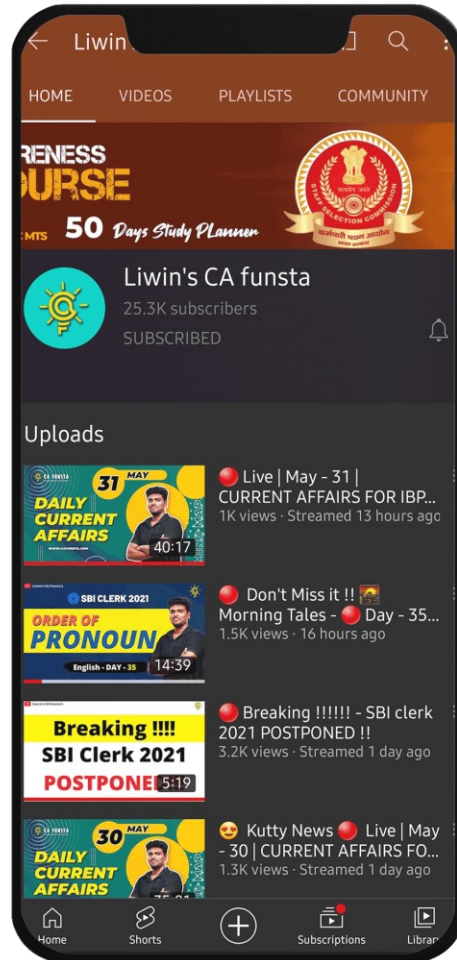
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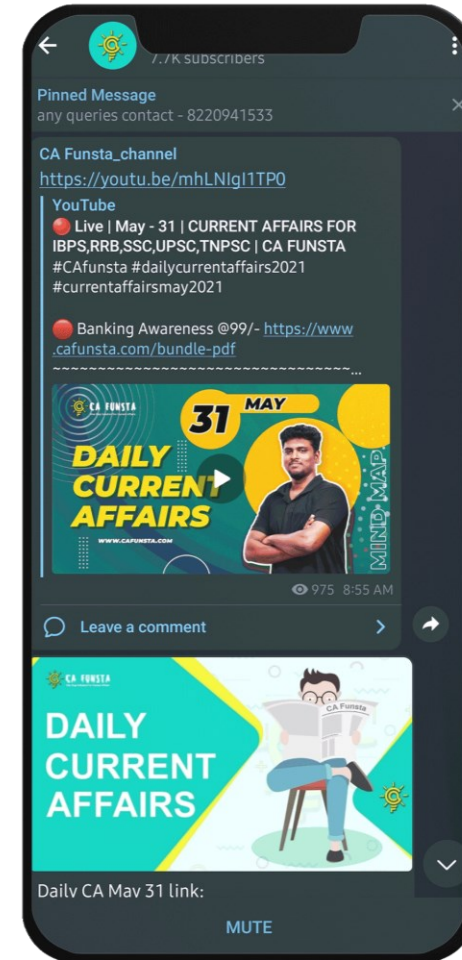
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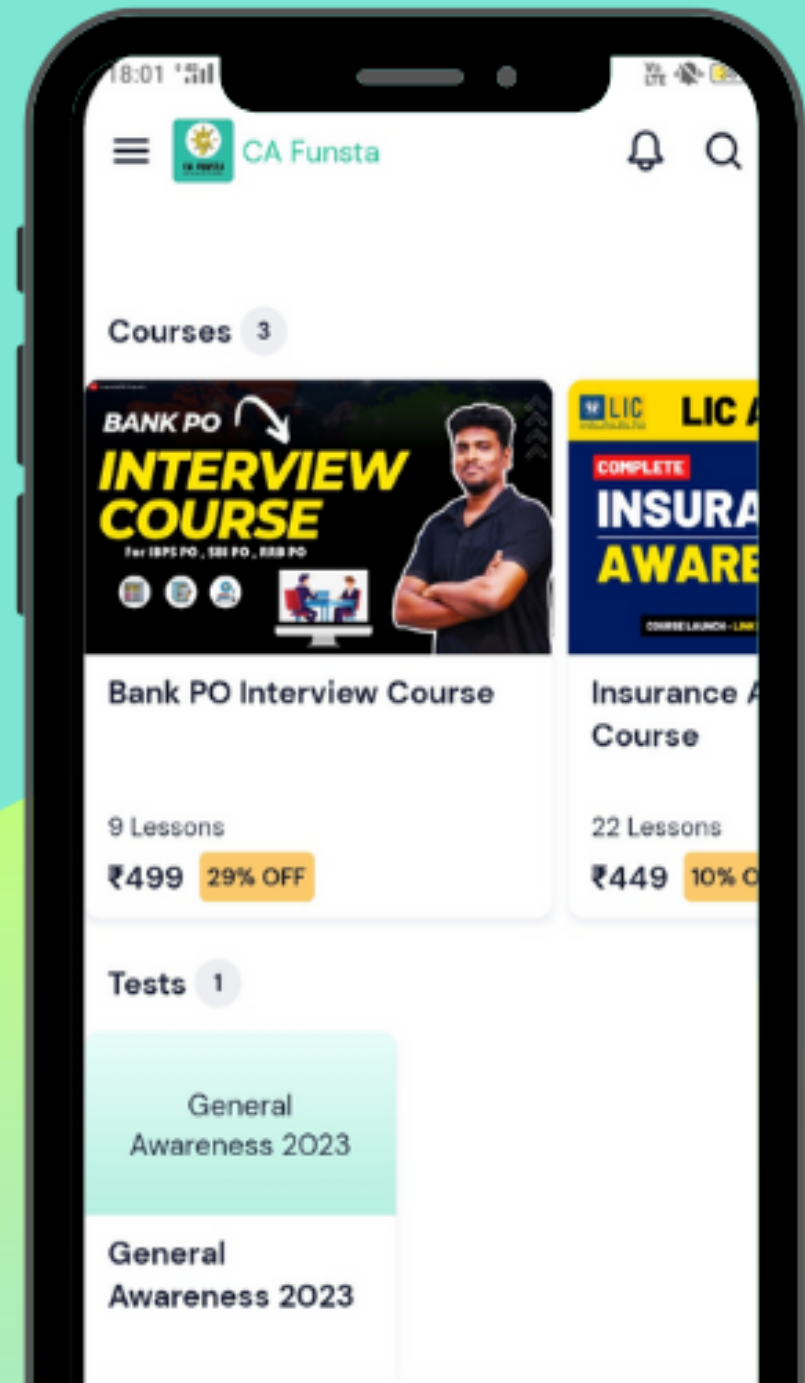
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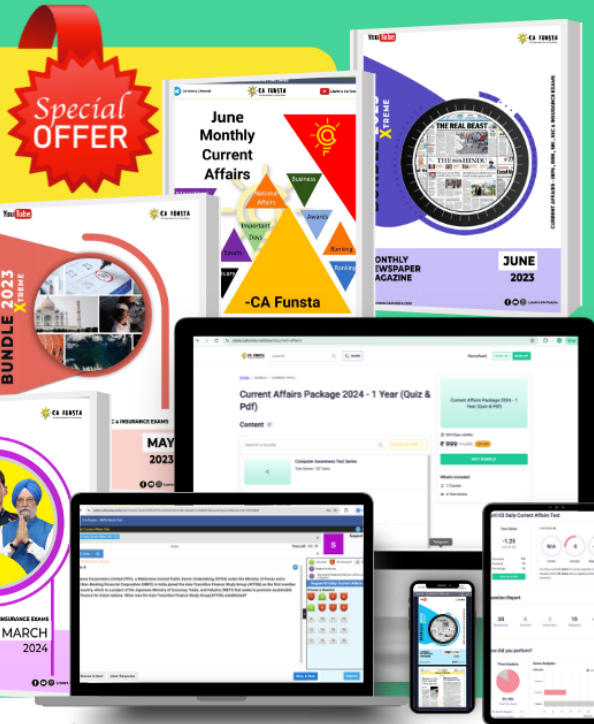


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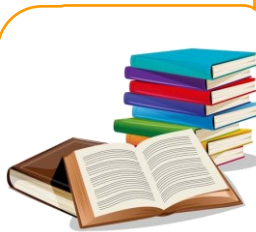


► What is the theme of World Lung Cancer Day 2026?

- A) Close the Care Gap
- B) Together through Lung Cancer
- C) United Against Cancer
- D) Hope Beyond Treatment
- E) Healthy Lungs for All

Answer

B) Together through Lung Cancer.

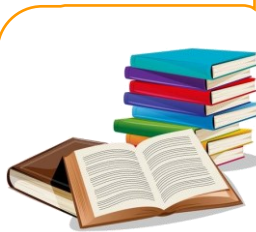


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** **World Lung Cancer Day 2026** was observed to spread awareness about lung cancer, early diagnosis, effective treatment, medical research, and patient support.
- **Location:** The observance was marked worldwide.

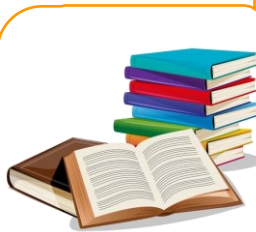


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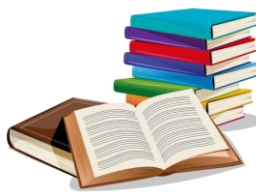
Event and Location:

- **Date:** It was observed on **1 August 2026**, which fell on a Saturday.



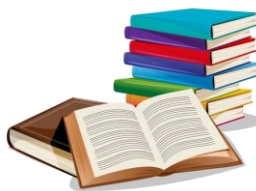
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance promoted the theme “Together through **Lung Cancer**” and highlighted screening, medical research, equal access to treatment, emotional support, and the removal of stigma associated with lung cancer.



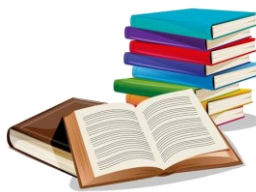
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aimed to improve public awareness, encourage timely diagnosis, support patients and caregivers, promote patient-focused treatment, and strengthen cooperation among doctors, researchers, survivors, and communities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Lung Cancer:** It is a disease in which abnormal cells grow uncontrollably in the lungs and may spread to other parts of the body if left untreated.

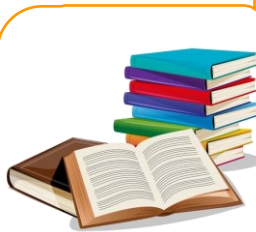


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Early Detection:** It refers to identifying cancer at an initial stage through screening or medical evaluation, which can improve treatment outcomes and survival chances.

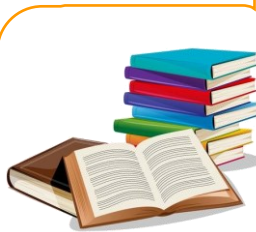


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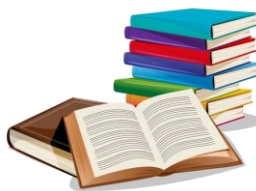
Important Terms Explained:

- **Radon Gas:** It is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can accumulate inside buildings and increase the risk of lung cancer after prolonged exposure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Passive Smoking:** It refers to inhaling tobacco smoke produced by another person and is also known as second-hand smoking.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Lung Cancer Day 2026.
Date	1 August 2026.
Day	Saturday.
Geographic coverage	Worldwide.
Theme	"Together through Lung Cancer".
Main slogan	"Where Science Sparks Hope".
Purpose	To promote awareness, early diagnosis, treatment access, research, and support for patients and caregivers.
Key risk factors	Smoking, passive smoking, radon exposure, air pollution, asbestos, radiation, family history, age, and genetic factors.



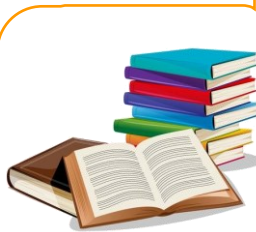
➤ **Who invented the World Wide Web in 1989?**

- A) Robert Cailliau
- B) Bill Gates
- C) Tim Berners-Lee
- D) Vint Cerf
- E) Steve Jobs



Answer

C) Tim Berners-Lee.

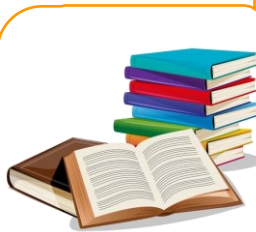


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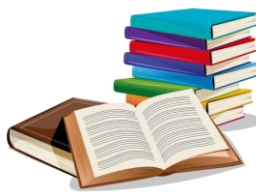
Event and Location:

- **Event: World Wide Web Day 2026** was observed to commemorate the invention of the **World Wide Web** and its impact on communication, education, business, healthcare, governance, and technology.
- **Location:** The observance was marked worldwide.
- **Date:** It was observed on **1 August 2026**.



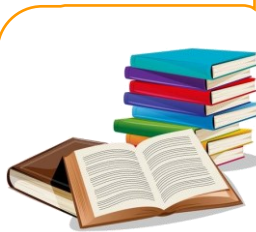
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance highlighted the invention of the **World Wide Web** by **Sir Tim Berners-Lee** in **1989** and recognised its role in connecting websites, web pages, information, and digital services through the Internet.



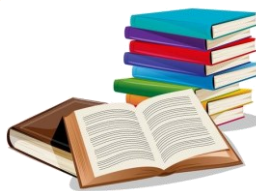
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aimed to promote awareness of the web's contribution to information sharing, online education, digital communication, electronic commerce, healthcare access, government services, and technological development.



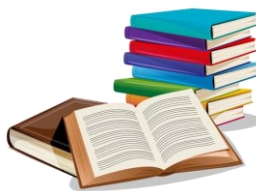
Important Terms Explained:

- **HTML:** HyperText **Markup Language** is the standard language used to create and structure web pages.
- **HTTP:** HyperText **Transfer Protocol** is a communication protocol used to transfer information between web browsers and web servers.



Important Terms Explained:

- **URL: Uniform Resource Locator** is the unique address used to locate a website, web page, or online resource.
- **Internet:** It is the global network of interconnected computers that provides the infrastructure on which the web operates.

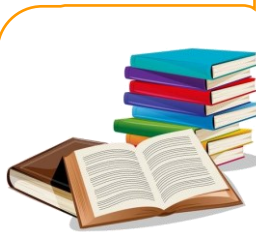


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Web Browser:** It is software used to access, retrieve, and display websites and web pages.

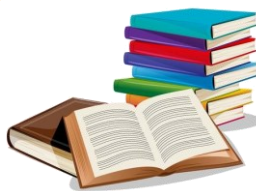


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Wide Web Day 2026.
Date	1 August 2026.
Geographic coverage	Worldwide.
Inventor	Sir Tim Berners-Lee.
Year of invention	The World Wide Web was invented in 1989.
Place of development	It was developed while Tim Berners-Lee was working at CERN.
Core technologies	HTML, HTTP, and URL form the technological foundation of the web.
Significance	The web transformed communication, education, commerce, healthcare, public services, and entertainment.



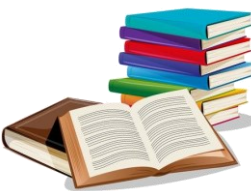
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➤ **When will Friendship Day 2026 be celebrated in India?**

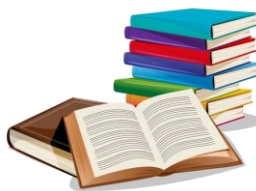
- A) 30 July 2026
- B) 1 August 2026
- C) 2 August 2026
- D) 3 August 2026
- E) 5 August 2026

Answer
C) 2 August 2026.



Event and Location:

- **Event: Friendship Day 2026** was celebrated to honour friendship, trust, understanding, companionship, and mutual support.
- **Location:** The observance was celebrated across India, while the **International Day of Friendship** is observed globally.

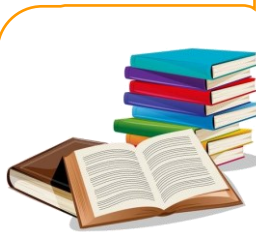


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Event and Location:

- **Date: Friendship Day in India** was celebrated on **2 August 2026**, while the **International Day of Friendship** was observed on **30 July 2026**.

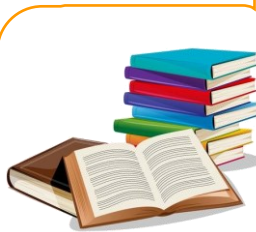


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance encouraged people to appreciate their friends through meetings, friendship bands, messages, greeting cards, gifts, and shared memories.

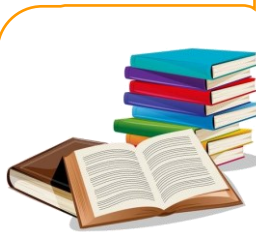


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aimed to strengthen personal relationships, promote kindness and mutual respect, reconnect people with old friends, and encourage friendship as a means of building peace and unity.

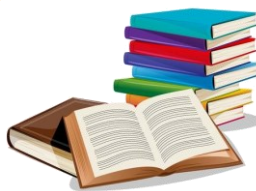


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Important Terms Explained:

- **International Day of Friendship:** It is a **United Nations**-designated observance held annually on **30** July to promote friendship among people, cultures, communities, and nations.

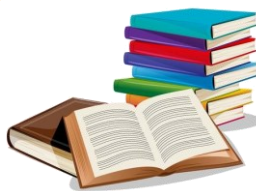


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Important Terms Explained:

- **World Friendship Crusade:** It is an organisation established to promote friendship, goodwill, peace, and unity among communities.
- **First Sunday of August:** It is the traditional date followed in India for celebrating **Friendship Day** each year.

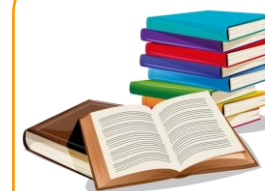


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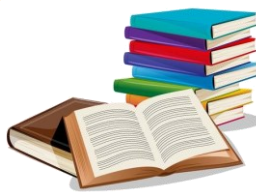
Parameter	Details
Event name	Friendship Day 2026.
Date in India	2 August 2026.
Day	Sunday.
Indian observance pattern	It is celebrated on the first Sunday of August.
International observance	The International Day of Friendship is observed on 30 July.
UN recognition	The United Nations General Assembly designated 30 July in 2011.
Historical origin	Dr Ramón Artemio Bracho proposed a friendship observance in Paraguay in 1958.
Purpose	The day promotes trust, support, goodwill, peaceful relations, and stronger personal bonds.



➤ Who won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw at the Commonwealth Games 2026?

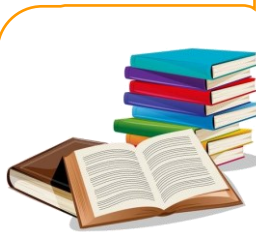
- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) Yash Vir Singh
- C) Rumesh Pathirage
- D) Arshad Nadeem
- E) Anderson Peters

Answer
C) Rumesh Pathirage.



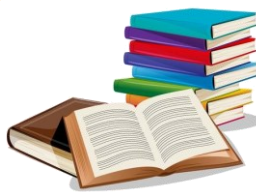
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Neeraj Chopra** won silver and **Yash Vir Singh** secured bronze in the men's javelin throw final at the **Commonwealth Games 2026**, creating a historic double podium finish for India.
- **Location:** The achievement was recorded at the **Commonwealth Games 2026**.
- **Date:** The result was reported on **1 August 2026**.



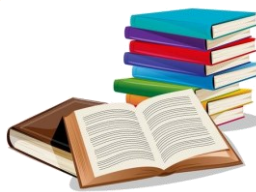
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Neeraj Chopra** recorded a season-best throw of **85.83** metres, while **Yash Vir Singh** achieved a personal-best throw of **85.41** metres to finish second and third respectively.



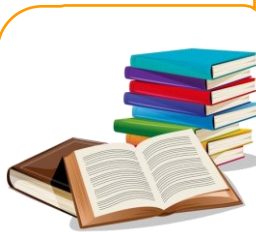
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** Their performances strengthened India's position in athletics, increased the national medal tally to **23**, and demonstrated India's growing strength in men's javelin throw.



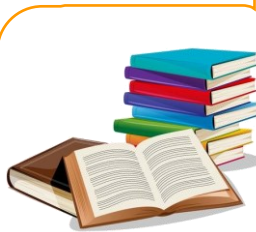
Important Terms Explained:

- **Javelin Throw:** It is an athletics event in which competitors throw a spear-like implement as far as possible within prescribed rules.
- **Season Best:** It refers to an athlete's best performance recorded during a particular competitive season.



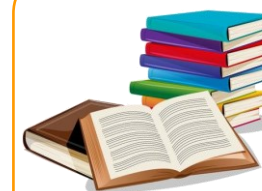
Important Terms Explained:

- **Personal Best:** It is the best performance achieved by an athlete during their entire career.
- **Medal Tally:** It is the total number of gold, silver, and bronze medals won by a country or team in a sporting event.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Men's javelin throw final at the Commonwealth Games 2026.
Silver medallist	Neeraj Chopra with a throw of 85.83 metres.
Bronze medallist	Yash Vir Singh with a throw of 85.41 metres.
Gold medallist	Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirage with a throw of 89.75 metres.
Historic achievement	India secured two podium places in the same men's javelin throw final.
India's medal tally	India reached 23 medals, comprising 5 gold, 12 silver, and 6 bronze medals.
India's position	India remained 10th in the overall medal standings.
Significance	The result highlighted India's increasing strength in athletics and men's javelin throw.

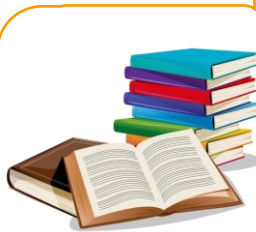


➤ **Whom did Asmita Dey defeat in the women's 48 kg judo final at the Commonwealth Games 2026?**

- A) Sarah Adlington
- B) Eva Ewing
- C) Heidi Quach
- D) Shushila Likmabam
- E) Catherine Beauchemin-Pinard

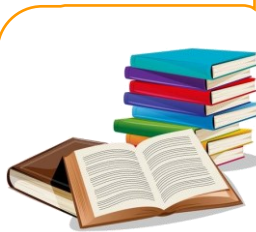


Answer
C) Heidi Quach.



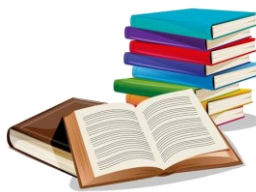
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Asmita Dey** became the first Indian judoka to win a gold medal at the **Commonwealth Games** by securing the women's **48 kg** title.
- **Location:** The historic victory was achieved at the Glasgow **2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow**, Scotland.
- **Date:** **Asmita Dey** won the gold medal on **31 July 2026**.



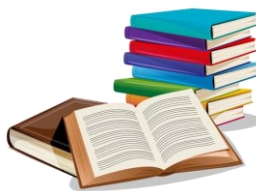
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **23**-year-old Indian judoka defeated Canada's **Heidi Quach** in the women's **48 kg** final after the contest entered an extra-time phase.
- **Objectives:** The achievement ended India's wait for a **Commonwealth Games** judo gold medal and marked a major milestone for the development and recognition of judo in India.



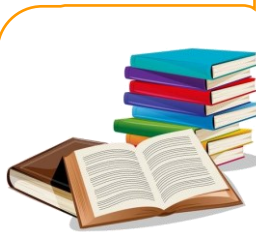
Important Terms Explained:

- **Golden Score:** It is an extra-time period in judo used when a contest remains tied after regulation time, with the first decisive score or penalty determining the winner.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Shido:** It is a minor penalty awarded to a judoka for rule violations, passivity, or prohibited actions during a contest.
- **Judoka:** It is the term used for a person who practises or competes in judo.



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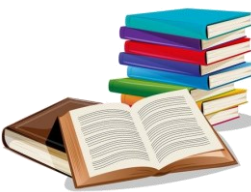
Parameter	Details
Event	Women's 48 kg judo final at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.
Gold medallist	Asmita Dey of India.
Final opponent	Heidi Quach of Canada.
Date	31 July 2026.
Winning method	The final was decided during Golden Score.
Semifinal opponent	Asmita Dey defeated Sarah Adlington of Scotland.
Quarterfinal opponent	She defeated Eva Ewing of Scotland.
Historic significance	She became India's first Commonwealth Games judo gold medallist.



► **Whom did Harsh Singh defeat in the men's 60 kg judo final at the Commonwealth Games 2026?**

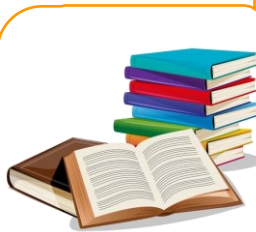
- A) Joshua Katz
- B) Ashley McKenzie
- C) Nitin Kumar
- D) Yash Vir Singh
- E) Narender Singh

Answer
A) Joshua Katz.



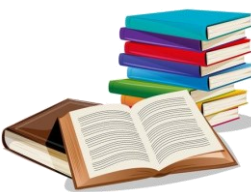
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Harsh Singh became the first Indian male judoka to win a **Commonwealth Games** gold medal by securing the men's **60 kg** title.
- **Location:** The historic victory was achieved at the Glasgow **2026 Commonwealth Games**.
- **Date:** Harsh Singh won the gold medal on **31 July 2026**.



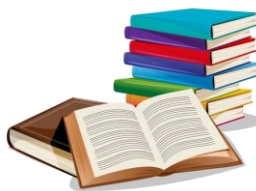
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **23**-year-old Indian judoka defeated Australia's **Joshua Katz** in the men's **60 kg** final to claim the championship title.
- **Objectives:** The achievement strengthened India's position in international judo and demonstrated the progress of Indian athletes in Commonwealth-level competition.



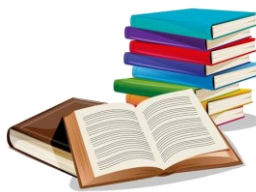
Important Terms Explained:

- **Judoka:** A judoka is an athlete who practises or competes in the sport of judo.
- **Weight Category:** It is a competition classification based on an athlete's body weight to ensure fair contests between similarly sized participants.



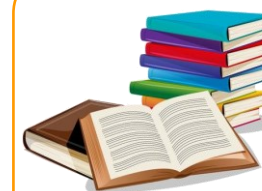
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Judo Federation:** It is the international governing body responsible for regulating judo competitions and maintaining global rankings.



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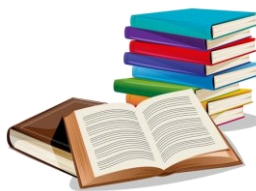
Parameter	Details
Event	Men's 60 kg judo final at the Commonwealth Games 2026.
Gold medallist	Harsh Singh of India.
Final opponent	Joshua Katz of Australia.
Date	31 July 2026.
Age	Harsh Singh was 23 years old in 2026.
Historic achievement	He became the first Indian male to win Commonwealth Games judo gold.
International status	He was ranked among the top 100 judokas by the IJF.
Significance	His victory highlighted the growing strength of Indian judo.



► How many points did Tejaswin Shankar score to win the Commonwealth Games 2026 decathlon bronze medal?

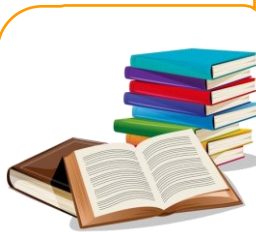
- A) 7,876 points
- B) 7,926 points
- C) 7,976 points
- D) 8,036 points
- E) 8,098 points

Answer
C) 7,976 points.



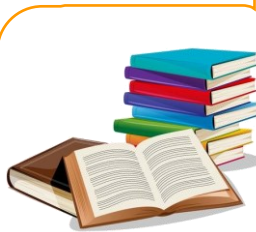
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Tejaswin Shankar** became the first Indian athlete to win a **Commonwealth Games** medal in the men's decathlon by securing bronze with **7,976** points.
- **Location:** The historic achievement was recorded at the Glasgow **2026 Commonwealth Games**.
- **Date:** The achievement was reported on **1 August 2026**.



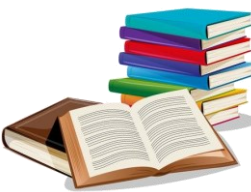
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tejaswin Shankar competed in the ten-event decathlon over two days and finished third despite suffering from chronic patellar tendinitis.
- **Objectives:** His performance aimed to secure a podium position for India and demonstrated consistency across events requiring speed, strength, endurance, agility, and technique.



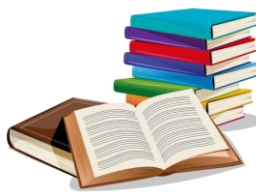
Ranking Table:

Rank	Competitor
1.	Lindon Victor.
2.	Damian Warner.
3.	Tejaswin Shankar.



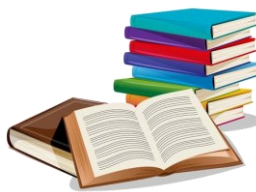
Important Terms Explained:

- **Decathlon:** It is a combined athletics competition consisting of ten track-and-field events conducted over two days.



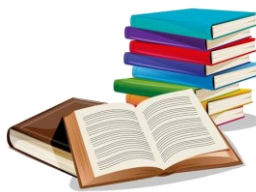
Important Terms Explained:

- **Patellar Tendinitis:** It is an overuse injury affecting the tendon connecting the kneecap to the shinbone and is commonly known as jumper's knee.



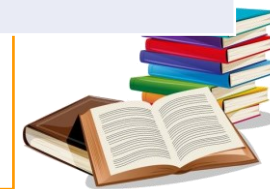
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Record:** It is the best officially recognised performance achieved by an athlete representing a particular country in an event.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Men's decathlon at the Commonwealth Games 2026.
Medallist	Tejaswin Shankar of India.
Medal	Bronze medal.
Total score	7,976 points.
Historic achievement	India's first Commonwealth Games medal in decathlon.
Injury condition	He competed with chronic patellar tendinitis.
Previous Commonwealth medal	He won high jump bronze at Birmingham 2022.
Career significance	He became the first Indian to win Commonwealth Games medals in two different athletics events.

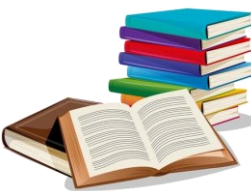


► What was India's gross GST collection in July 2026?

- A) ₹1.81 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.95 lakh crore
- C) ₹2.01 lakh crore
- D) ₹2.11 lakh crore
- E) ₹2.21 lakh crore

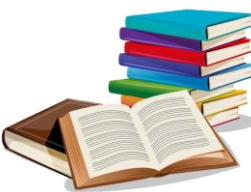


Answer
D) ₹2.11 lakh crore.



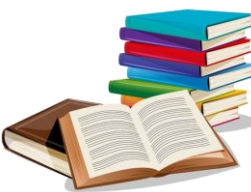
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's **Goods and Services Tax** collections increased by **15.4%** year-on-year to **₹2.11 lakh** crore in July **2026**.
- **Location:** The revenue figures cover **GST** collections across India.
- **Date:** The monthly **GST** revenue data was released on **1 August 2026** for July **2026**.



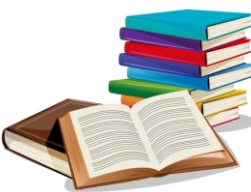
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The monthly revenue report recorded domestic **GST** receipts of **₹1.45 lakh** crore, import-related **GST** of **₹66,511 crore**, and net collections of **₹1.81 lakh** crore after refunds.
- **Objectives:** The report aimed to assess tax revenue performance, domestic economic activity, import-linked collections, compliance levels, and state-wise **GST** trends.



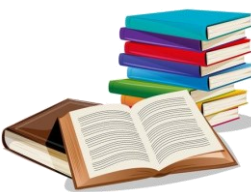
Important Terms Explained:

- **Year-on-Year Growth:** It measures the percentage change in a financial indicator compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.



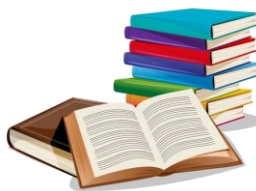
Important Terms Explained:

- **Net GST Collection:** It is the **GST** revenue remaining after deducting refunds from gross tax collections.
- **GST Refund:** It is the repayment of excess or eligible tax amounts to taxpayers and exporters after verification of claims.



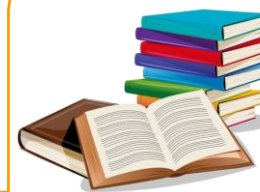
Important Terms Explained:

- **ICEGATE: Indian Customs Electronic Gateway** is the digital platform used for customs-related electronic filing, payments, and processing of export refunds.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Gross GST collection	₹2.11 lakh crore in July 2026.
Year-on-year growth	Gross collections increased by 15.4%.
Domestic GST revenue	₹1.45 lakh crore, reflecting growth of 10.1%.
GST on imports	₹66,511 crore, registering growth of 28.8%.
Net GST collection	₹1.81 lakh crore after adjusting for refunds.
Total refunds	₹29,968 crore, representing growth of 13.1%.
April–July gross collection	₹8.43 lakh crore during FY 2026-27, with growth of 10.1%.
Highest state growth	Haryana recorded the highest reported growth at 25%.



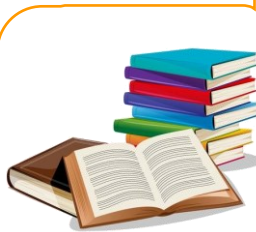
➤ Which position did Air Marshal A K Bharti hold at the time of his retirement?

- A) Chief of Air Staff
- B) Vice Chief of Air Staff
- C) Deputy Chief of Air Staff
- D) Director General Military Operations
- E) Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief



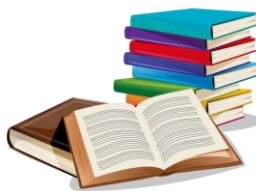
Answer

C) Deputy Chief of Air Staff.



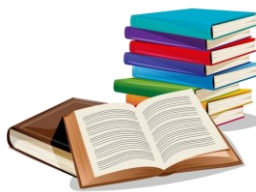
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Air Marshal** A K Bharti retired from the **Indian Air Force** after serving in major operational and leadership roles, including during **Operation Sindoor**.
- **Location:** He paid tribute at the **National War Memorial in New Delhi** before his retirement.
- **Date:** **Air Marshal** A K Bharti retired on **31 July 2026**.



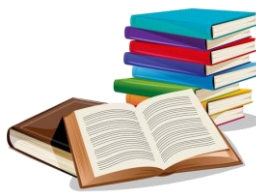
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Air Marshal Bharti served as the **Deputy Chief of Air Staff** and had earlier worked as **Director General Air Operations**, contributing to operational planning, strategic coordination, and tri-services briefings.



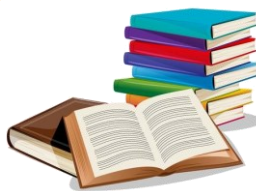
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** His roles focused on strengthening air operations, supporting joint military coordination, communicating operational developments, and advancing India's national security objectives.



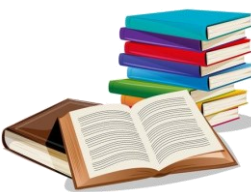
Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Sindoor:** It was India's military response to the Pahalgam terror attack and involved precision strikes on nine terrorist infrastructure targets in **Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir**.



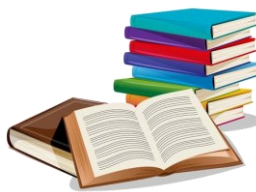
Important Terms Explained:

- **Director General Air Operations:** It is a senior **Indian Air Force** appointment responsible for planning, coordinating, and supervising major air operations.



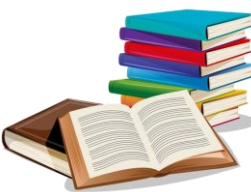
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tri-Services Briefing:** It is a joint media briefing involving representatives of the Army, Navy, and **Air Force** to provide coordinated information on military operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Precision Airstrike:** It is a targeted aerial attack designed to strike a specific objective while limiting unintended damage.

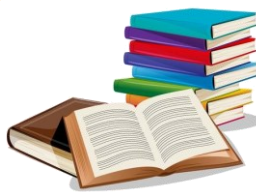


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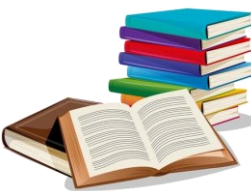
Parameter	Details
Officer	Air Marshal A K Bharti.
Service	Indian Air Force.
Retirement date	31 July 2026.
Final appointment	Deputy Chief of Air Staff.
Previous appointment	Director General Air Operations.
Major operation	Operation Sindoor.
Public role	He represented the Indian Air Force during tri-services media briefings.
Ceremonial tribute	He laid floral tributes at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.



► What is the approved financial outlay for the continuation of the PM-KISAN Scheme from 2026-27 to 2030-31?

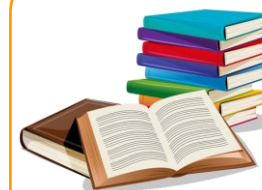
- A) ₹2.15 lakh crore
- B) ₹2.75 lakh crore
- C) ₹3.15 lakh crore
- D) ₹3.50 lakh crore
- E) ₹4.15 lakh crore

Answer
C) ₹3.15 lakh crore.



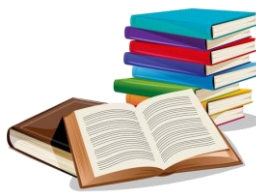
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Union Cabinet** approved the continuation of the PM-KISAN Scheme from **2026-27** to **2030-31** with an outlay of **₹3.15 lakh** crore.
- **Location:** The decision applies to eligible landholding farmer families across India.
- **Date: The Cabinet** approval was reported on **1 August 2026**.



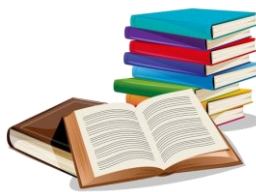
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The approval provides for the uninterrupted continuation of annual income assistance of **₹6,000** to eligible farmers through three direct bank transfers during the approved period.



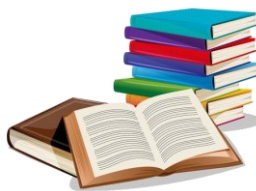
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to support agricultural investment, reduce farmers' dependence on informal credit, strengthen rural household finances, and ensure transparent delivery of financial assistance.



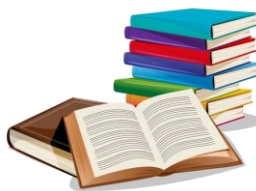
Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Benefit Transfer:** It is a system under which government benefits are transferred directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts without intermediaries.



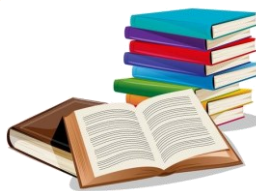
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aadhaar-Based Verification:** It is a digital authentication process used to verify beneficiaries and improve the accuracy and transparency of scheme delivery.



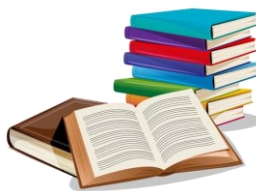
Important Terms Explained:

- **Income Support Scheme:** It is a government programme that provides regular financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries to supplement their income and meet essential expenses.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office:** It is an office under **NITI** Aayog that evaluates government programmes and assesses their performance and impact.

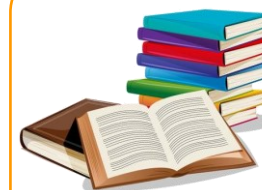


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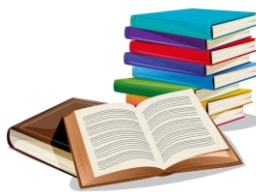
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme.
Approval	Continuation of the scheme from 2026-27 to 2030-31.
Financial outlay	₹3.15 lakh crore.
Annual benefit	₹6,000 per eligible farmer family in three instalments.
Launch year	The scheme was implemented in February 2019.
Total transfer	More than ₹4.47 lakh crore was transferred in 22 tranches.
Latest instalment	The 23rd instalment provided ₹18,984 crore to 9.49 crore farmers.
Delivery mechanism	Funds are transferred directly through a technology-based and Aadhaar-verified system.



► What is the approved outlay for the Samudra Manthan National Offshore Exploration Scheme?

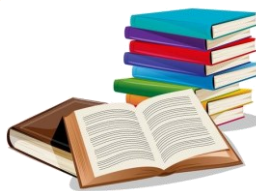
- A) ₹64,084 crore
- B) ₹74,084 crore
- C) ₹84,084 crore
- D) ₹94,084 crore
- E) ₹1,04,084 crore

Answer
C) ₹84,084 crore.



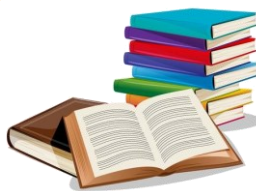
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the **Samudra Manthan National Offshore Exploration Scheme** with an outlay of **₹84,084 crore**.
- **Location:** The scheme will cover offshore and maritime regions across India.
- **Date:** The scheme was announced on **31 July 2026** and will be implemented until FY **2030-31**.



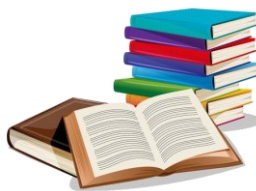
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Central Sector Scheme** will support offshore oil and gas exploration through seismic surveys, deepwater drilling, scientific research, production infrastructure, advanced technologies, and institutional capacity building.



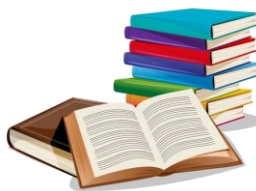
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to discover additional hydrocarbon reserves, strengthen India's energy security, reduce dependence on imported oil and gas, attract investment, generate employment, and promote domestic manufacturing under **Make in India**.



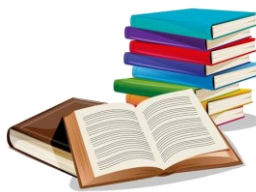
Important Terms Explained:

- **Seismic Data Acquisition:** It is the process of collecting and analysing reflected sound-wave data to identify geological formations that may contain oil and natural gas.



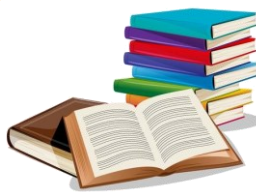
Important Terms Explained:

- **Deepwater Exploration:** It refers to the exploration and drilling of oil and gas reserves located beneath deep and ultra-deep offshore waters.



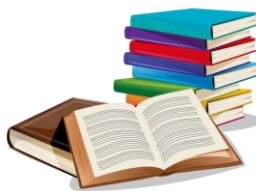
Important Terms Explained:

- **Offshore Hydrocarbons:** These are oil and natural gas resources found beneath the seabed in coastal and oceanic regions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MMTOE: Million Metric Tonnes of Oil Equivalent** is a unit used to measure large quantities of energy from different fuel sources on a common basis.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Samudra Manthan National Offshore Exploration Scheme.
Approval authority	The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Implementing ministry	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
Financial outlay	₹84,084 crore.
Implementation period	The scheme will continue until FY 2030-31.
Key components	Seismic surveys, deepwater drilling, scientific exploration, production facilities, and technology adoption.
Expected reserve discovery	The initiative may facilitate the discovery of more than 600 MMTOE of oil and gas resources.
Strategic significance	It will enhance energy security, reduce import dependence, create jobs, and support domestic offshore manufacturing.



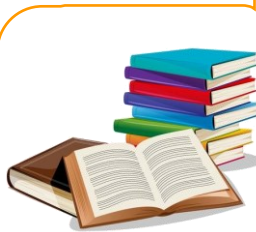
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➤ What is the targeted floating solar capacity under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana?

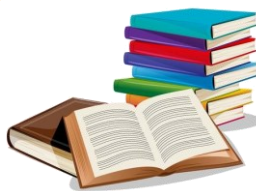
- A) 2,500 MW
- B) 3,000 MW
- C) 4,000 MW
- D) 5,000 MW
- E) 10,000 MW

Answer
D) 5,000 MW.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana with a total outlay of ₹5,070 crore.
- **Location:** The scheme will promote floating solar projects on reservoirs, lakes, dams, and other inland water bodies across India.

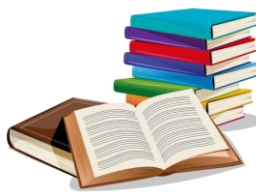


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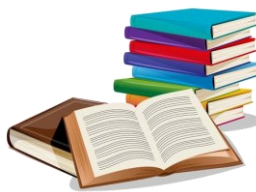
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The scheme was announced on **31 July 2026**.



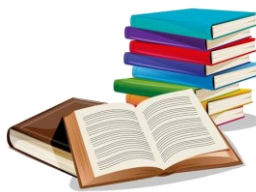
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme provides for the installation of **5,000 MW** of **Floating Solar Photovoltaic** projects integrated with at least **10,000 MWh** of energy storage capacity between FY **2026-27** and FY **2030-31**.



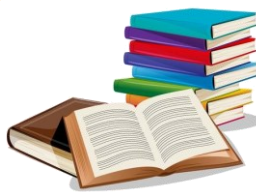
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aims to expand renewable energy capacity, improve grid stability, reduce carbon emissions, save land, lower water evaporation, and support the visions of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** and **Viksit Bharat**.



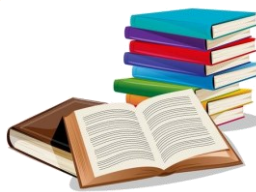
Important Terms Explained:

- **Energy Storage System:** It is a technology used to store surplus electricity generated during peak solar hours and supply it when solar generation is low.



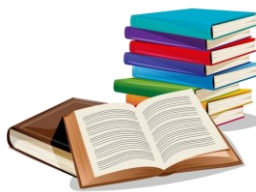
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Financial Assistance:** It is financial support provided by the **Union Government** to eligible projects, including assistance of **₹1 crore** per MW after successful commissioning under the scheme.



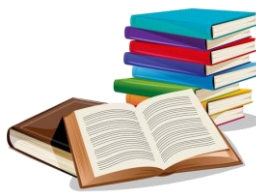
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bathymetric Study:** It is the measurement and mapping of water depth and underwater features to determine whether a water body is suitable for floating solar installations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GWp:** Gigawatt-peak is a unit used to represent the maximum power-generating capacity of a solar energy system under standard conditions.

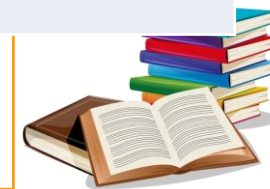


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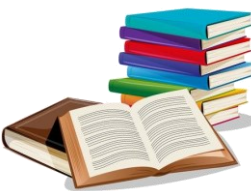
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana.
Approval authority	The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Total outlay	₹5,070 crore.
Capacity target	5,000 MW of floating solar photovoltaic projects.
Storage requirement	A minimum of 10,000 MWh, equivalent to two hours of storage.
Implementation period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, with financial support available until FY 2032-33.
Financial assistance	₹1 crore per MW after commissioning and up to ₹50 lakh per project for feasibility studies.
Estimated national potential	India has approximately 102.18 GWp of floating solar potential, according to the National Institute of Solar Energy.



► What is the total outlay approved for the revamped Khelo India Scheme and enhanced support to National Sports Federations?

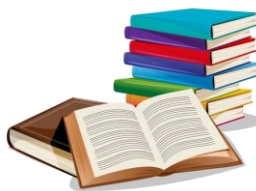
- A) ₹26,441 crore
- B) ₹30,441 crore
- C) ₹32,441 crore
- D) ₹36,441 crore
- E) ₹40,441 crore

Answer
D) ₹36,441 crore.



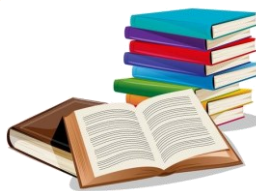
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the revamped **Khelo India Scheme** and enhanced assistance to **National Sports Federations** with an outlay of **₹36,441 crore**.
- **Location:** The scheme will be implemented across India.
- **Date:** The Cabinet approval was reported on **1 August 2026** for implementation from FY **2026-27** to FY **2030-31**.



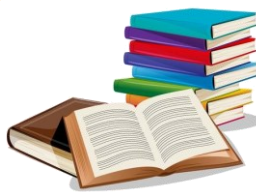
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The revamped programme will establish an integrated athlete-development pathway through talent identification, professional coaching, modern infrastructure, sports science, digital governance, coach accreditation, and strengthened federation support.



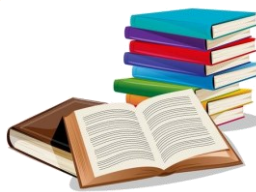
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aims to develop athletes from the grassroots to the Olympic level, promote inclusive sports and fitness, integrate sports with education, and strengthen India's preparation for major international competitions.



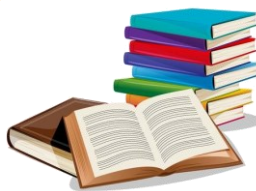
Important Terms Explained:

- **Emerging Khelo India Athletes:** It is a proposed athlete-development category intended to identify and support promising sportspersons at an early stage.



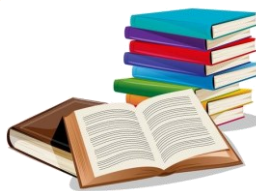
Important Terms Explained:

- **Khelo India Feeder Schools:** These are proposed schools that will identify sporting talent and connect students with structured training and higher-level sports institutions.



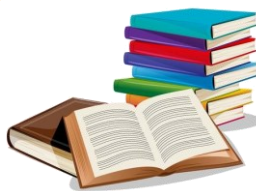
Important Terms Explained:

- **Khelo India Utkrisht Vidyalayas:** These are specialised institutions intended to combine education with advanced sports training for talented students.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Coach Accreditation Authority:** It is a proposed body that will standardise coaching certifications, improve training methods, and professionalise coaches and support staff.



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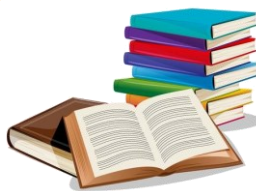
Parameter	Details
Programme	Revamped Khelo India Scheme and enhanced assistance to National Sports Federations.
Approval authority	The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Total outlay	₹36,441 crore.
Implementation period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
Policy alignment	The programme is aligned with Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 and the National Education Policy 2020.
Major initiatives	Emerging athletes, feeder schools, specialised sports schools, coach accreditation, and a unified digital platform.
Sports infrastructure	The plan will connect centres of excellence, training centres, accredited academies, and grassroots sports centres.
Strategic purpose	It will strengthen grassroots sports, high-performance training, inclusive participation, and Olympic preparation.

➤ **What is the initial annual passenger capacity of Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport?**

- A) 4 million passengers
- B) 6 million passengers
- C) 10 million passengers
- D) 20 million passengers
- E) 40 million passengers

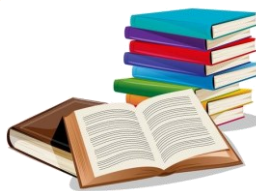
Answer

B) 6 million passengers.



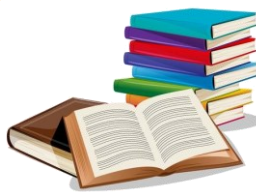
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport**, developed at an estimated cost of **₹5,000 crore**.
- **Location:** The airport is located at **Bhogapuram** in **Vizianagaram** district, **Andhra Pradesh**.



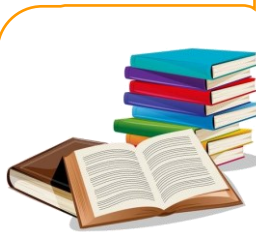
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The airport was inaugurated on **1 August 2026**, while commercial operations are scheduled to begin on **17 August 2026**.



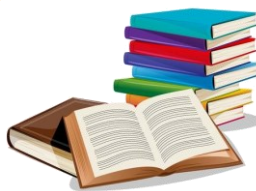
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **GMR** Group-developed airport will initially handle six million passengers annually and can be expanded to accommodate **40 million** passengers per year.



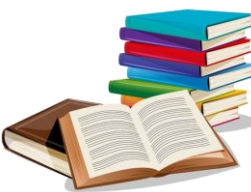
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to improve domestic and international air connectivity, support **North Andhra**'s economic development, promote tourism and exports, generate employment, and attract investment.



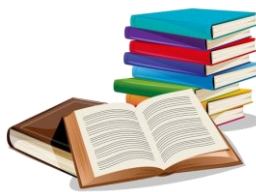
Important Terms Explained:

- **Annual Passenger Capacity:** It refers to the maximum number of passengers an airport is designed to handle in one year.
- **Phased Expansion:** It is the gradual development of infrastructure in stages according to future demand and passenger growth.



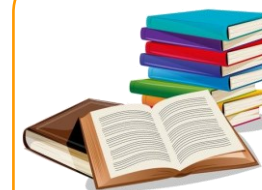
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cargo Connectivity:** It refers to the transport network and facilities used for moving commercial goods through an airport.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Airport name	Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport.
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Location	Bhogapuram, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh.
Project cost	Approximately ₹5,000 crore.
Developer	GMR Group.
Commercial operations	Scheduled to begin on 17 August 2026.
Initial capacity	Six million passengers annually.
Expansion capacity	Up to 40 million passengers annually.

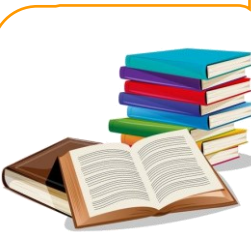


➤ Which traditional tribal art form of Gujarat received a Geographical Indication tag?

- A) Madhubani painting
- B) Warli painting
- C) Pithora painting
- D) Kalamkari painting
- E) Gond painting

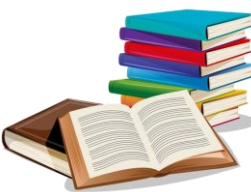
Answer

C) Pithora painting.



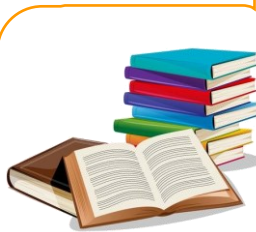
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat's traditional Pithora painting received a **Geographical Indication** tag to protect its authenticity and preserve its tribal cultural identity.
- **Location:** The art form is practised mainly by the Rathwa, Bhilala, and Nayak tribal communities of Gujarat and adjoining regions.
- **Date:** The recognition was reported on **1 August 2026**.



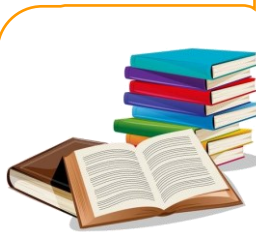
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The recognition provides geographical identity to the traditional art form, protects authentic works from imitation, and improves their visibility in domestic and international markets.



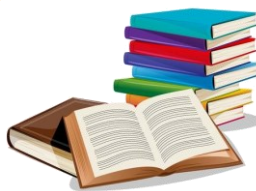
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aims to preserve tribal heritage, provide fair remuneration to artisans, expand market opportunities, reduce dependence on intermediaries, and encourage younger generations to continue the tradition.



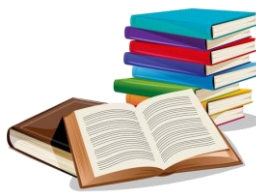
Important Terms Explained:

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



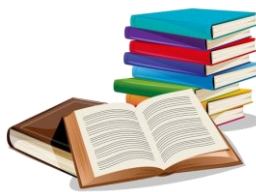
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pithora Painting:** It is a ritual wall-painting tradition associated with tribal spirituality, cultural beliefs, and the worship of **Baba Pithora**.



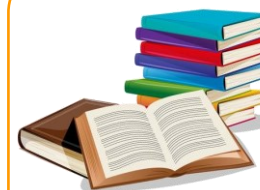
Important Terms Explained:

- **Intangible Cultural Heritage:** It refers to living traditions, knowledge, skills, rituals, and artistic practices inherited and transmitted across generations.



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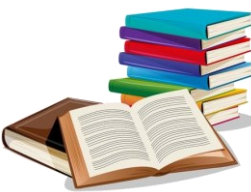
Parameter	Details
Art form	Pithora painting.
Recognition	It received a Geographical Indication tag.
State	Gujarat.
Associated communities	Rathwa, Bhilala, and Nayak tribes.
Religious association	The paintings are created to worship Baba Pithora.
Common motifs	Horses, tribal deities, the Sun, the Moon, animals, plants, agriculture, and daily life.
Economic benefit	The recognition may improve prices, market access, and direct earnings for artisans.
Cultural significance	It protects an ancient ritual art form and encourages its transmission to younger generations.



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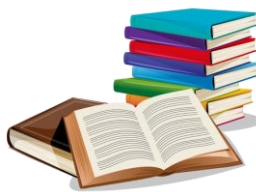
- **World Lung Cancer Day has been observed annually on 1 August since 2012.**
- **Sir Tim Berners-Lee proposed a global information-sharing system at CERN in March 1989.**
- **Friendship Day 2026 in India was celebrated on Sunday, 2 August.**
- **Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal with a season-best throw of 85.83 metres.**
- **Asmita Dey won India's maiden Commonwealth Games gold medal in judo.**
- **Harsh Singh won the men's 60 kg judo gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2026.**
- **Tejaswin Shankar finished third in the men's decathlon with a total of 7,976 points.**



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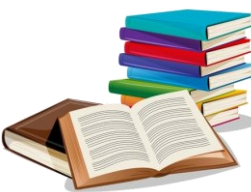
- India's gross GST revenue reached ₹2.11 lakh crore in July 2026.
- Air Marshal A K Bharti retired from the Indian Air Force on 31 July 2026.
- The Cabinet approved the continuation of PM-KISAN for five financial years from 2026-27 to 2030-31.



QUICK RECALL



- The Union Cabinet approved Samudra Manthan as a national programme for accelerating offshore oil and gas exploration.
- The Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana will promote floating solar installations on inland water bodies across India.
- The ₹36,441 crore allocation is described as India's largest investment in sports development since independence.
- The airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 1 August 2026.
- Pithora paintings are traditionally created on the interior walls of tribal homes.



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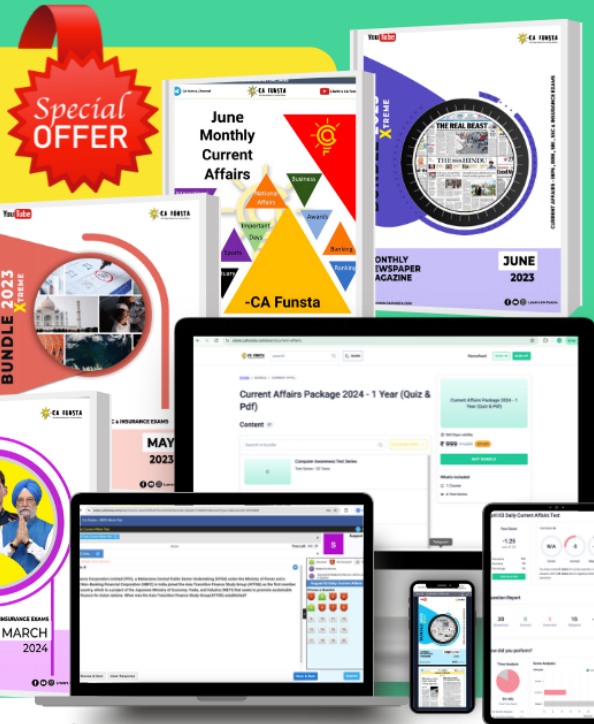


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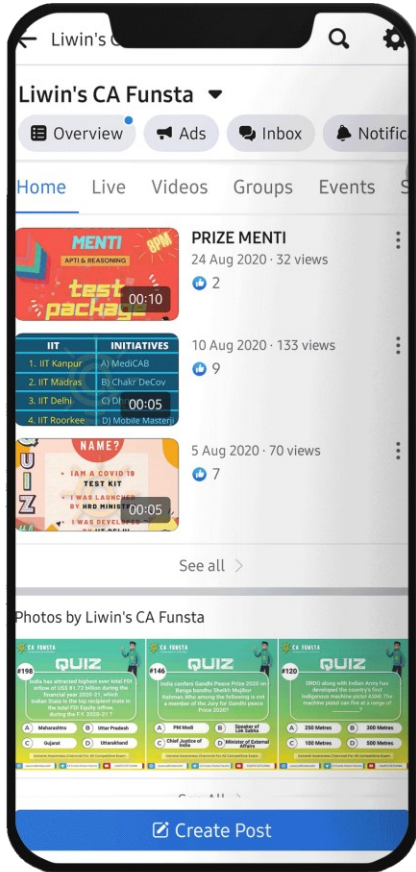
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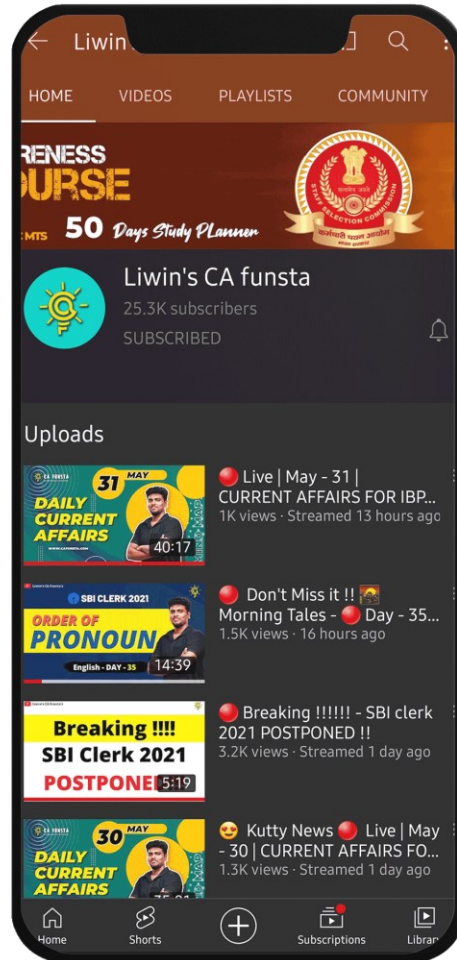


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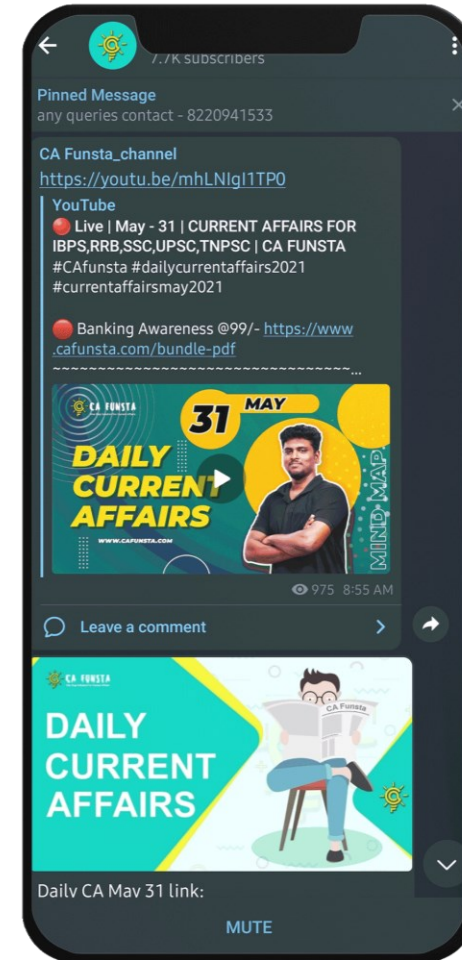
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