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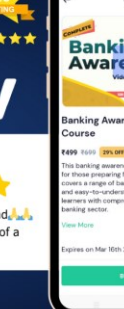

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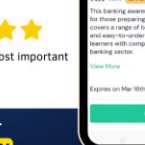
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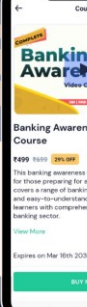


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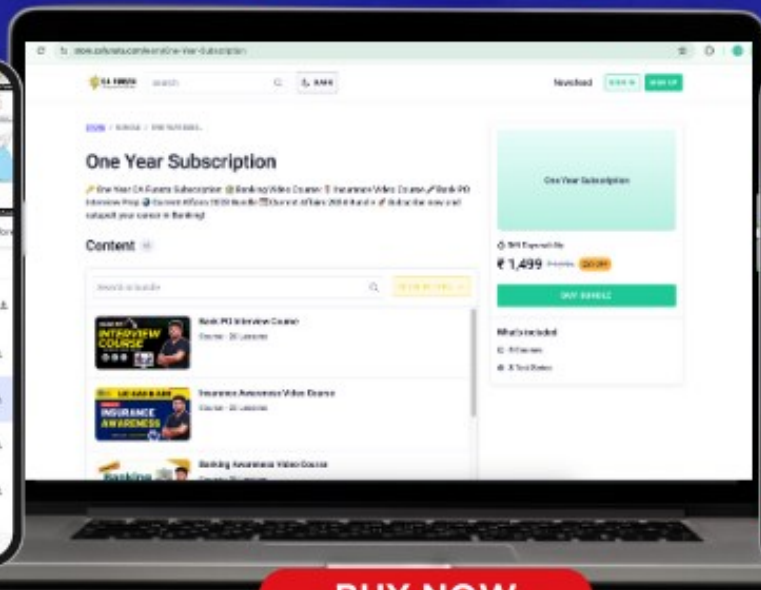
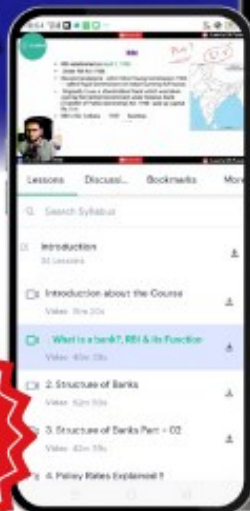
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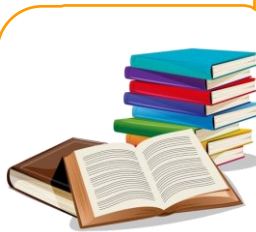
► What is the theme of World Breastfeeding Week 2026?

- A) Breastfeeding for a Healthier Future
- B) Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works
- C) Support Mothers, Protect Children
- D) Nutrition First for Every Newborn
- E) Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies



Answer

B) Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works.

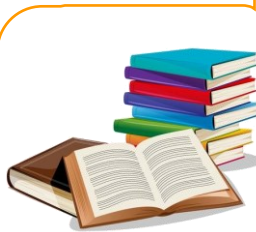


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Event and Location:

- **Event: World Breastfeeding Week 2026** is being observed to promote breastfeeding practices that support infant nutrition, immunity, growth and development.
- Location: India and other countries worldwide.
- Date: **World Breastfeeding Week** is observed annually from August 1 to August 7.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** In India, the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** is conducting awareness activities through **POSHAN** Abhiyaan, **Anganwadi Centres**, healthcare institutions, **ASHA** workers, community organisations and other stakeholders.
- **Objectives:** The observance promotes breastfeeding within the first hour after birth, exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months and continued breastfeeding with complementary feeding from six months onwards.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Golden Hour:** It refers to the first hour after childbirth, during which initiation of breastfeeding is encouraged to support early milk production, immunity and mother-child bonding.
- **Colostrum:** It is the thick, yellowish first milk produced after childbirth that is rich in antibodies, proteins, vitamins and other protective nutrients for newborns.
- **Exclusive Breastfeeding:** It means feeding an infant only breast milk for the first six months, without water, honey, ghutti, glucose water or formula except when medically required.
- **Complementary Feeding:** It refers to introducing suitable nutritious foods after six months of age while continuing breastfeeding, preferably until two years of age or beyond.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance	World Breastfeeding Week 2026 is observed globally to promote and support optimal breastfeeding practices.
Dates	The observance takes place from August 1 to August 7 every year.
2026 theme	The theme is “Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works.”
Indian nodal ministry	The Ministry of Women and Child Development is spearheading activities in India through POSHAN Abhiyaan.
Early breastfeeding guideline	Newborns are encouraged to receive breast milk within the first hour after birth.
Exclusive feeding period	Exclusive breastfeeding is recommended for the first six months of an infant’s life.
Complementary feeding	Appropriate complementary foods should begin after six months while breastfeeding continues.
Key significance	Breastfeeding supports immunity, brain development, physical growth, nutrition and long-term health outcomes.

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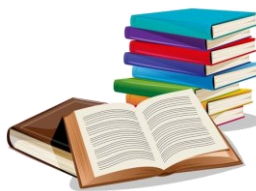
➤ **What is the theme of Hiroshima Day 2026?**

- A) Peace for Future Generations
- B) Remembrance, Responsibility, and Resilience
- C) End Nuclear Weapons Now
- D) Humanity Against War
- E) Remember Hiroshima, Protect Peace



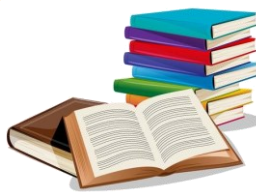
Answer

B) Remembrance, Responsibility, and Resilience.



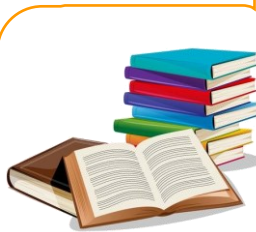
Event and Location:

- **Event: Hiroshima Day 2026** marks the **81st** anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima during the **Second World War** and commemorates the victims and survivors.
- Location: Hiroshima, Japan.
- Date: **Hiroshima Day** is observed annually on August **6**, with the **2026** observance marking **81** years since the bombing on August **6, 1945**.



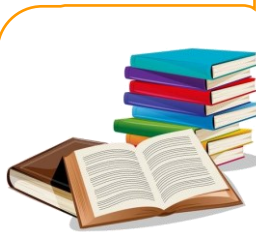
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance commemorates the victims of the Hiroshima bombing, honours the Hibakusha, promotes awareness of the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, and encourages global nuclear disarmament.
- **Objectives:** **Hiroshima Day** seeks to preserve historical memory, promote peaceful conflict resolution, strengthen global responsibility against nuclear warfare, and advocate a world free from nuclear weapons.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hibakusha:** Hibakusha is the Japanese term used for survivors of the atomic bombings of **Hiroshima and Nagasaki** who experienced the physical, psychological, and social effects of nuclear radiation and destruction.
- **Little Boy:** **Little Boy** was the uranium-based atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima by the **United States B-29** bomber **Enola Gay** on August **6, 1945**.
- **Nuclear Disarmament:** Nuclear disarmament refers to the reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons to lower the risk of nuclear conflict and its humanitarian consequences.
- **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park:** It is a memorial area in Hiroshima dedicated to the victims of the atomic bombing and to the promotion of lasting



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance	Hiroshima Day is observed every year to commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.
Date	Hiroshima Day 2026 is observed on August 6, marking the 81st anniversary of the 1945 bombing.
2026 theme	The theme is "Remembrance, Responsibility, and Resilience."
Bombing date and time	The atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, at about 8:15 a.m.
Aircraft and bomb	The US B-29 bomber Enola Gay dropped the uranium-based atomic bomb Little Boy.
Estimated casualties	Around 70,000 to 80,000 people died immediately, while the death toll reportedly rose to about 140,000 by the end of 1945.
Second atomic bombing	The second atomic bomb, Fat Man, was dropped on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945.
Significance	The observance promotes remembrance, nuclear disarmament, diplomacy, and awareness of the humanitarian consequences of nuclear warfare.



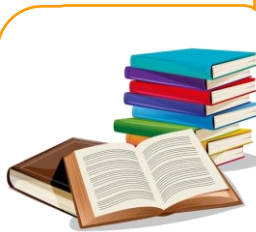
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► Which US state declared August 15 as India Day in 2026 to honour India's Independence Day and the contributions of the Indian-American community?

- A) California
- B) Texas
- C) Massachusetts
- D) Florida
- E) Virginia

Answer
C) Massachusetts.

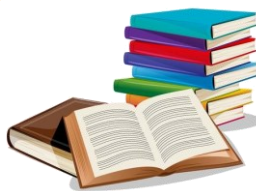


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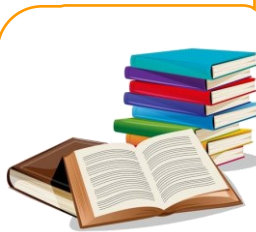
Event and Location:

- **Event: Massachusetts and Boston** designated August **15** as **India Day** to commemorate India's **Independence Day** and recognise the contributions of the Indian-American community.
- Location: **Massachusetts and Boston, United States.**
- Date: **Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey** issued the proclamation on August **1, 2026**, designating August **15, 2026** as **India Day**.



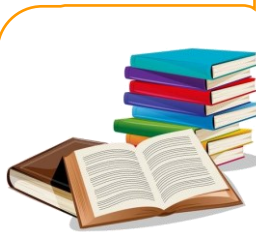
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proclamations by **Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu** call for the observance of August **15** in recognition of India's independence and the contributions of Indian-Americans to civic, cultural, economic and scientific life.
- **Objectives:** The observance aims to celebrate India's democratic and developmental journey, honour the Indian-American community and strengthen cultural, diplomatic, educational and economic ties between India and the **United States**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian-American Community:** It refers to people of Indian origin living in the **United States** who contribute to sectors such as business, science, technology, education, culture and public life.
- **Indian Consulate in Boston:** It is India's diplomatic representation in Boston that supports consular services and promotes stronger engagement between India and the **New England** region.
- **SAILBOSTON-250:** It is an event in Boston in which the Indian naval sailing ship **INS** Sudarshini participated, symbolising growing maritime and people-to-people ties between India and the **United States**.



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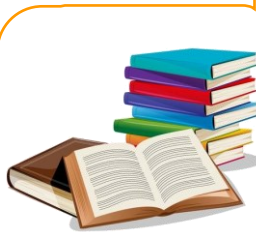
Parameter	Details
Observance	August 15 was designated as India Day in Massachusetts and Boston.
Proclamation date	Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey issued the proclamation on August 1, 2026.
Observance date	India Day will be observed on August 15, 2026.
Issuing authorities	The proclamations were issued by Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.
Primary purpose	The observance honours India's Independence Day and recognises the achievements of the Indian-American community.
Diplomatic significance	Boston's proclamation highlighted the opening of the Indian Consulate as a step toward stronger India-New England relations.
Maritime connection	INS Sudarshini participated in the SAILBOSTON-250 event, reflecting growing India-US engagement.
Broader significance	The proclamations recognise India's democratic resilience, economic growth, technological progress and expanding global role.

➤ Which company ranked as India's most attractive employer brand in the Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2026?

- A) Tata Group
- B) Amazon
- C) Google
- D) Infosys
- E) Samsung India

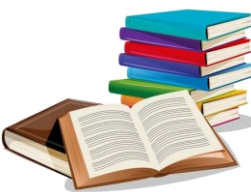


Answer
C) Google.



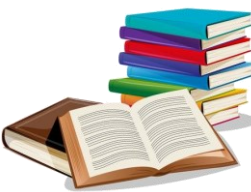
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Google ranked first as India's most attractive employer brand in **Randstad Employer Brand Research 2026**, followed by **Tata Group and Amazon**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** The ranking was reported on August 6, 2026.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **REBR 2026** assessed employer attractiveness based on workforce preferences concerning work-life balance, equal opportunities, career development, salary and benefits, company reputation and workplace experience.
- **Objectives:** The research aims to identify the factors influencing employer attractiveness, workforce mobility and changing employee expectations across India and other participating countries.

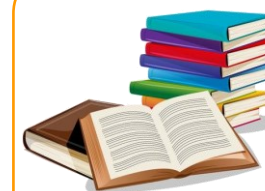


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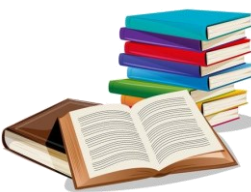
Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1	Google.
2	Tata Group.
3	Amazon.
4	Samsung India.
5	Infosys.
6	Reliance Industries.
7	ITC Group.
8	Hindustan Unilever.
9	Mahindra & Mahindra.
10	Dell Technologies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Employer Brand:** Employer brand refers to an organisation's reputation and perceived attractiveness as a workplace among current employees, prospective employees and job seekers.
- **Employee Value Proposition (EVP):** **EVP** refers to the combination of benefits, career opportunities, workplace culture, compensation, flexibility and employee experience offered by an employer.
- **Balanced Employer:** A balanced employer is an organisation that combines meaningful work, career growth, inclusiveness, flexibility, employee well-being and competitive rewards.



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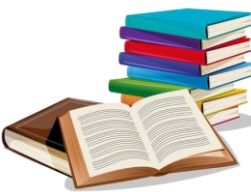
Parameter	Details
Report name	The ranking was published under Randstad Employer Brand Research 2026.
Top employer brand	Google ranked first in India.
Second and third ranks	Tata Group ranked second, while Amazon secured third position.
Key preference factor	Work-life balance emerged as one of the strongest factors influencing employer choice.
Indian respondents	Around 3,500 people from India participated in the research.
Global sample	More than 1.75 lakh respondents across 34 countries participated in the study.
Expected job switching	About 46% of Indian employees indicated that they may switch jobs within the next six months.
Recent job mobility	Around 32% of respondents said they had changed companies during the previous six months.



➤ Which state ranked first in tomato production in India in 2025-26?

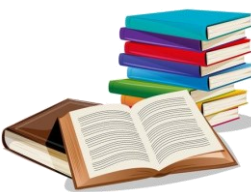
- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Gujarat
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Odisha

Answer
D) Madhya Pradesh.



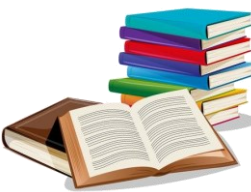
Event and Location:

- **Event: Madhya Pradesh** emerged as India's largest tomato-producing state in **2025-26** with production of about **36.18 lakh** tonnes, according to the first advance estimates.
- Location: India.
- Date: The first advance estimates pertain to the agricultural year **2025-26** and were reported on August **6, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The first advance estimates identify the leading tomato-producing states and provide production figures for assessing India's horticulture output during **2025-26**.
- **Objectives:** The estimates aim to track tomato production across states, assess horticultural performance and provide data for agricultural planning, supply management and market assessment.

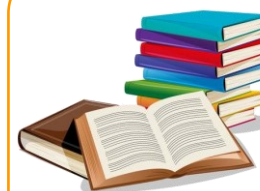


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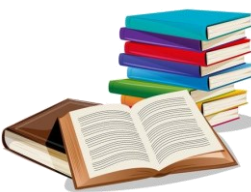
Ranking Table:

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3	Karnataka.
4	Gujarat.
5	Odisha.



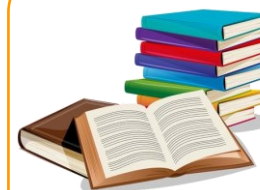
Important Terms Explained:

- **Advance Estimates:** Advance estimates are preliminary agricultural production estimates released before final data becomes available and may be revised based on updated information on weather, crop area and yields.
- **Horticulture:** Horticulture is the branch of agriculture concerned with the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices and other high-value crops.
- **Agro-Climatic Conditions:** Agro-climatic conditions refer to the combination of climate, rainfall, temperature, soil and other environmental factors that influence agricultural production in a region.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Top producing state	Madhya Pradesh ranked first with tomato production of about 36.18 lakh tonnes.
Second rank	Andhra Pradesh ranked second with about 27.03 lakh tonnes.
Third rank	Karnataka ranked third with about 23.92 lakh tonnes.
Fourth rank	Gujarat ranked fourth with about 16.64 lakh tonnes.
Fifth rank	Odisha ranked fifth with about 15.06 lakh tonnes.
India's total production	India produced about 21.32 million tonnes of tomatoes in 2025-26.
Global position	India was stated to be the world's second-largest tomato producer after China.
Vegetable contribution	Tomato production accounted for about 11.04% of India's total vegetable production.



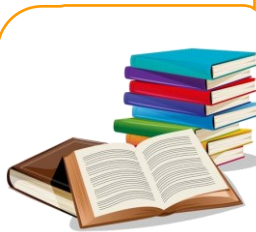
➤ **What is the current status of Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on UPI transactions according to the proposed changes?**

- A) MDR has already been imposed on all UPI payments
- B) MDR applies only to individual transfers
- C) No MDR has yet been imposed on UPI transactions
- D) MDR is compulsory above ₹1,000
- E) Consumers must directly pay MDR



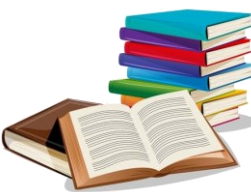
Answer

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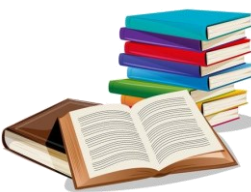
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The government is considering changes to the digital payments framework that could permit **MDR** on selected high-value **UPI** transactions, although no such charge has yet been finalised or imposed.
- Location: India.
- Date: The proposed changes were reported on August **6, 2026**.



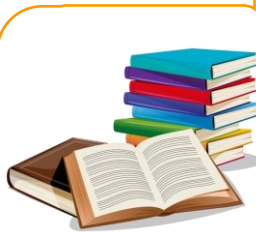
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposed **Payment and Settlement Systems** amendments would provide the **Central Government** with legal flexibility to determine which electronic payment systems may remain exempt from transaction charges and which may potentially attract **MDR** in the future.
- **Objectives:** The proposed framework seeks to create a financially sustainable digital payments ecosystem by supporting expenditure on cybersecurity, fraud prevention, transaction processing and payment infrastructure while potentially protecting small-value transactions and smaller merchants.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI):** UPI is a real-time digital payment system that enables instant bank-to-bank transfers through participating banks and payment applications.
- **High-Value UPI Transaction:** It refers in the context of the proposal to larger-value merchant payments, with transactions above **₹2,000** being discussed as a possible threshold, though no final limit has been approved.
- **Payment Service Provider:** A payment service provider facilitates electronic transactions between consumers, merchants, banks and payment networks and may receive a share of transaction-processing fees.



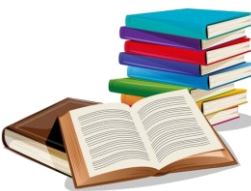
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Current UPI status	UPI transactions currently remain free from MDR for merchants and consumers under the existing framework.
Nature of proposal	The proposed amendment would create legal scope for the government to permit charges on selected electronic payment transactions in the future.
Possible transaction threshold	UPI merchant payments above ₹2,000 have been discussed as a possible category for MDR, but this has not been finalised.
Possible MDR range	Industry estimates have suggested rates between 0.25% and 0.5%, but no official rate has been approved.
Likely affected category	High-value transactions involving large merchants may potentially be considered under a future MDR framework.
Likely exemptions	Person-to-person transfers, small merchant payments and routine low-value consumer transactions may remain outside the MDR framework.
Who normally bears MDR	MDR is generally paid by the merchant accepting the digital payment rather than directly by the consumer.
Policy objective	A selective MDR framework could generate revenue for payment infrastructure, cybersecurity, fraud detection and fintech operations.

- From which financial year does the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) plan to begin issuing polymer banknotes, subject to successful trials?

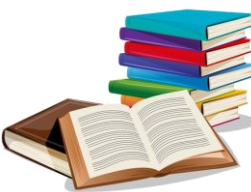
- A) FY26
- B) FY27
- C) FY28
- D) FY29
- E) FY30

Answer
C) FY28.



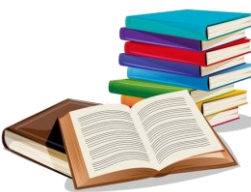
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India plans to introduce polymer banknotes from FY **2027-28** after successful pilot testing under Indian climatic and circulation conditions.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** The rollout plan was reported on August **6, 2026**.



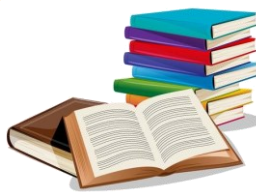
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** RBI has initiated the procurement process for polymer substrate and plans pilot issuance of ₹10 and ₹20 polymer notes before considering wider circulation.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to improve banknote durability, reduce replacement and printing costs over time, strengthen currency management, and expand the capacity to meet growing demand for banknotes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Polymer Banknotes:** Polymer banknotes are currency notes printed on a durable plastic-based polymer material instead of conventional cotton-fibre-based banknote paper.
- **Polymer Substrate:** Polymer substrate is the specialised plastic-based base material on which polymer currency notes are printed.
- **Field Trial:** A field trial is a controlled real-world test used to assess the durability, usability, security, and performance of banknotes before large-scale introduction.
- **Currency Management:** Currency management refers to the issuance, circulation, distribution, replacement, and overall administration of banknotes and coins by the central bank.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Proposed rollout	RBI plans to begin issuing polymer banknotes from FY 2027-28, subject to successful trials.
Pilot denominations	The Government has approved pilot issuance of ₹10 and ₹20 polymer notes.
Proposed pilot volume	One billion ₹10 notes and one billion ₹20 notes are planned for field trials.
Procurement status	RBI has initiated the bidding process for procurement of polymer substrate.
Key benefit	Polymer notes are expected to last around three to four times longer than conventional paper notes.
Testing focus	Trials will examine durability under India's varied climate, high circulation intensity, and banking conditions.
Circulation approach	Polymer notes are intended to coexist with existing paper currency rather than replace all paper notes immediately.
Global context	Polymer banknotes are already used in several countries, with Australia becoming the first country to adopt them in 1988.

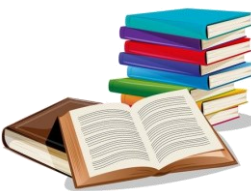
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► **Till what date has Cabinet Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan been granted an extension in office?**

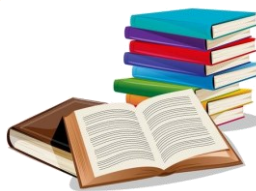
- A) August 22, 2027
- B) August 30, 2027
- C) September 30, 2027
- D) August 30, 2028
- E) September 22, 2027

Answer
B) August 30, 2027.



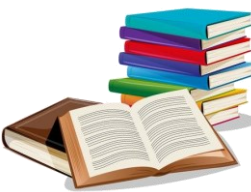
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Appointments Committee** of the Cabinet (**ACC**) approved a one-year extension for **Cabinet Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan and Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan**.
- Location: India.
- Date: The extensions were reported on August 6, 2026.



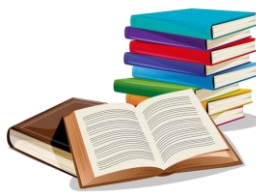
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **ACC** extended Dr. T.V. Somanathan's tenure as **Cabinet Secretary** until August **30, 2027**, and **Govind Mohan's** tenure as **Union Home Secretary** until August **22, 2027**.
- **Objectives:** The extensions aim to ensure administrative continuity in key areas of governance, inter-ministerial coordination, internal security, disaster management, border management and Centre-State coordination.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cabinet Secretary:** The **Cabinet Secretary** is the senior-most civil servant of the **Government of India** and heads the **Cabinet Secretariat** while coordinating administrative matters among ministries.
- **Union Home Secretary:** The **Union Home Secretary** is the senior-most administrative officer in the **Ministry of Home Affairs** and plays a major role in internal security, border management, disaster management and Centre-State coordination.
- **Fundamental Rule 56(d):** It is a service-rule provision that permits extension of tenure beyond the normal retirement age for specified senior government positions when considered necessary in public interest.
- **All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits)**



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Approving authority	The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the one-year extensions.
Cabinet Secretary	Dr. T.V. Somanathan will continue as Cabinet Secretary until August 30, 2027.
Home Secretary	Govind Mohan will continue as Union Home Secretary until August 22, 2027.
T.V. Somanathan cadre	He is a 1987-batch IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre.
Govind Mohan cadre	He is a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Sikkim cadre.
Original appointments	Both officials assumed their respective senior positions in August 2024.
Legal basis	Govind Mohan's extension was approved by relaxing provisions of FR 56(d) and Rule 16(1A) of the All India Services retirement rules.
Administrative significance	The decision ensures continuity in top-level governance and internal security administration.



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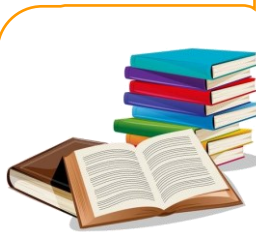


► Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Air India?

- A) Campbell Wilson
- B) Tewolde Gebremariam
- C) N. Chandrasekaran
- D) Akbar Al Baker
- E) Willie Walsh

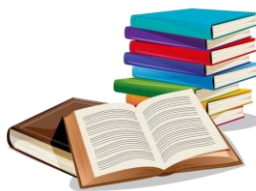


Answer
B) Tewolde Gebremariam.



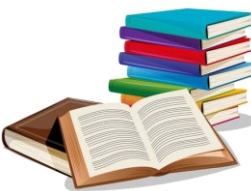
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Air India appointed **Tewolde Gebremariam**, former **CEO** of **Ethiopian Airlines**, as its new **Chief Executive Officer**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** The appointment was reported on August **6, 2026**.



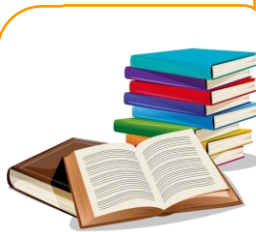
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Tewolde Gebremariam** will succeed **Campbell Wilson** and lead **Air India** as the **Tata Group**-owned airline moves from its initial stabilization phase toward execution, expansion, and operational transformation.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to strengthen operational excellence, expand international connectivity, improve customer experience, enhance safety and reliability, and develop India as a stronger global aviation hub.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Full-Service Carrier:** A full-service carrier is an airline that generally offers a broad range of services such as checked baggage, meals, multiple cabin classes, and extensive domestic and international connectivity.
- **Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO):** MRO refers to specialised facilities and services used for inspection, maintenance, repair, and overhaul of aircraft to ensure operational safety and airworthiness.
- **Aviation Hub:** An aviation hub is a major airport or network centre through which an airline connects passengers and cargo between numerous domestic and international destinations.



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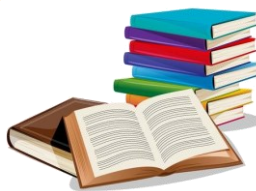
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Appointment	Tewolde Gebremariam has been appointed as the new CEO of Air India.
Predecessor	He succeeds Campbell Wilson, who led the airline during its stabilization and integration phase.
Previous role	Gebremariam previously served as Chief Executive Officer of Ethiopian Airlines.
Airline ownership	Air India is owned by the Tata Group following its return to Tata ownership in 2022.
Key expertise	He brings experience in airline operations, organisational transformation, aviation hubs, MRO, training infrastructure, and safety improvement.
Growth priorities	Air India aims to improve operational efficiency, international connectivity, customer experience, safety, and reliability.
Strategic objective	The airline seeks to transition from restructuring toward faster global expansion and execution.
Leadership significance	His appointment is expected to support Air India's ambition to become a globally competitive full-service airline.

➤ Under which model will the UP Private Business Park Development Scheme, 2025 develop business parks?

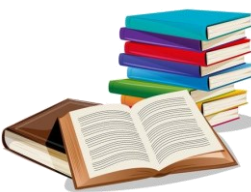
- A) EPC
- B) DBFOT
- C) BOT-Annuity
- D) HAM
- E) EPCM

Answer
B) DBFOT.



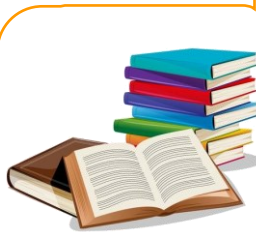
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **Uttar Pradesh** government introduced the **UP Private Business Park Development Scheme, 2025** to establish world-class Plug & Play business parks through private participation on government-owned land.
- **Location:** **Uttar Pradesh**, India.
- **Date:** The scheme was introduced on March **24, 2026**.



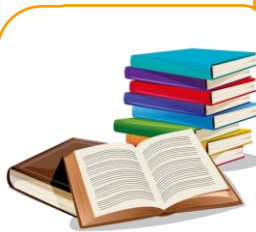
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme provides for development of integrated business parks under the Public-**Private Partnership (PPP)** framework, where selected developers will finance, construct, operate, maintain and commercially manage projects before transferring them back to the government after the concession period.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to attract **Global Capability Centres**, IT and ITeS companies, BPOs, AI firms, fintech companies, research organisations and other knowledge-based industries while creating skilled employment and strengthening **Uttar Pradesh's** digital and innovation economy.



Important Terms Explained:

- Design, Build, Finance, **Operate and Transfer (DBFOT)**: **DBFOT** is a **PPP** model in which a private developer designs, finances, constructs, operates and maintains a project for a specified concession period before transferring it to the government.
- **Global Capability Centre (GCC)**: A **GCC** is an offshore or captive centre established by a multinational company to perform functions such as technology, finance, analytics, research, customer support and other specialised services.
- **Plug & Play Infrastructure**: It refers to pre-developed and ready-to-use commercial infrastructure that allows companies to begin operations with minimal additional setup time.
- **Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)**: A **REIT** is an investment vehicle that owns, manages or finances



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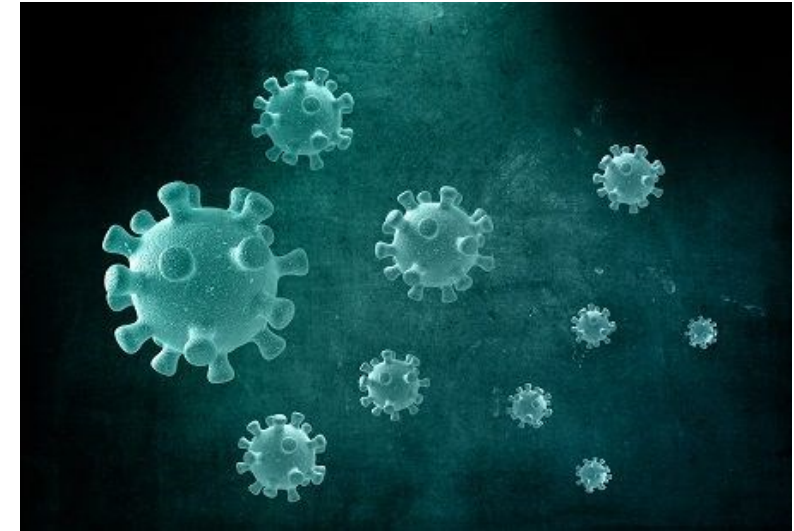
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Scheme name	The initiative is called the UP Private Business Park Development Scheme, 2025.
Launch date	The scheme was introduced on March 24, 2026.
Implementation model	Projects will be developed through the DBFOT model under a PPP framework.
Minimum land requirement	Each business park must use at least 10 acres of government land.
Concession period	Developers will receive commercial development and operating rights for 45 years, subject to agreement terms.
Anchor tenant condition	Developers must secure commitments from at least two Fortune Global 500, Fortune India 500 or multinational firms covering at least 20% of the total leasable area.
Financial conditions	The scheme provides for a minimum upfront land premium of 5% of current land valuation and minimum revenue sharing of 7% of rental income.
Target sectors	The scheme targets GCCs, IT, ITeS, BPO, AI, fintech, R&D and other knowledge-based industries.



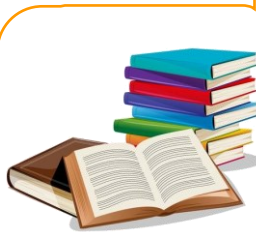
➤ Which body has been deployed by the Central Government to investigate the Chandipura Virus Disease (CHPV) situation in Gujarat and Rajasthan?

- A) National Disaster Response Force
- B) National Joint Outbreak Response Team
- C) Central Medical Surveillance Board
- D) National Epidemic Control Force
- E) Integrated Health Response Unit



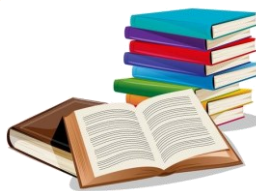
Answer

B) National Joint Outbreak Response Team.



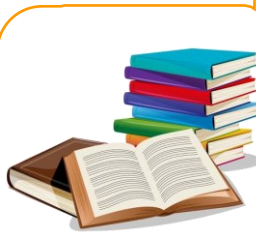
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Central Government deployed a **National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT)** to investigate suspected **Chandipura Virus Disease** cases and strengthen outbreak management.
- **Location:** **Gujarat and Rajasthan, India.**
- **Date:** The deployment was reported on August 6, 2026.



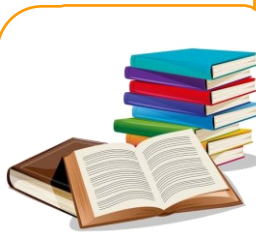
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The expert team will conduct epidemiological investigations, strengthen surveillance, support laboratory diagnostics and patient management, monitor possible vectors, and coordinate with the governments of **Gujarat and Rajasthan**.
- **Objectives:** The deployment aims to determine transmission patterns, identify possible reservoirs and vectors, improve outbreak detection, support timely health interventions, and generate scientific evidence for controlling the disease.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chandipura Virus Disease: Chandipura Virus Disease** is a viral infection under investigation for its association with acute febrile illness and acute encephalitis syndrome, requiring enhanced epidemiological and laboratory surveillance.
- **Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP):** **IDSP** is a public health surveillance framework used to detect, monitor and respond to disease outbreaks through coordinated reporting and investigation.
- **Acute Febrile Illness (AFI):** **AFI** refers to a sudden illness characterised primarily by fever and is monitored during outbreaks to identify possible infectious causes.
- **Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES):** **AES** is a clinical condition marked by acute fever and neurological symptoms such as altered mental status or seizures



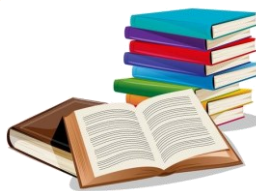
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Major development	The Centre deployed a National Joint Outbreak Response Team for the Chandipura virus investigation.
Affected states	The investigation and surveillance efforts are focused on Gujarat and Rajasthan.
Nodal ministry	The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare deployed the expert team.
Core agencies	The team includes experts from NCDC, ICMR and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
Key responsibilities	The team will support epidemiological investigation, diagnostics, surveillance, vector monitoring and patient management.
Emergency coordination	The Public Health Emergency Operations Centre of NCDC has been activated to coordinate field response activities.
Research collaboration	NIV, NIE, vector-borne disease research institutions and NIVEDI are involved in scientific investigation.
Surveillance focus	Authorities are monitoring patients with acute febrile illness and acute encephalitis syndrome, along with community-level transmission patterns.

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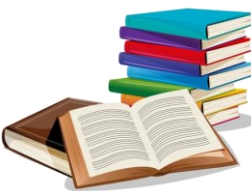
- **World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year from August 1 to August 7.**
- **Hiroshima Day is observed every year on August 6 to remember the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945.**
- **Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey proclaimed August 15, 2026 as India Day in the state.**
- **Google emerged as India's most attractive employer brand in the REBR 2026 ranking.**
- **Madhya Pradesh led India's tomato production in 2025-26 with approximately 36.18 lakh tonnes.**
- **UPI merchant transactions have remained free from MDR since January 2020.**
- **RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that the polymer banknote project is currently at the pilot stage.**



QUICK RECALL



- **Dr. T.V. Somanathan was appointed Cabinet Secretary in August 2024 for a two-year term.**
- **Tewolde Gebremariam previously transformed Ethiopian Airlines into a major international aviation group.**
- **Private developers will finance, construct, operate, maintain and commercially manage the proposed business parks.**
- **The Chandipura virus investigation in Gujarat and Rajasthan is being coordinated with state governments under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme.**



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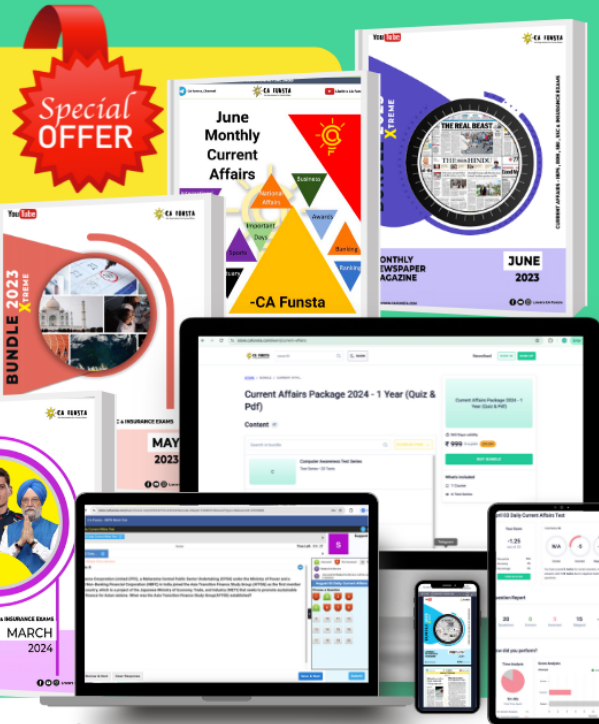


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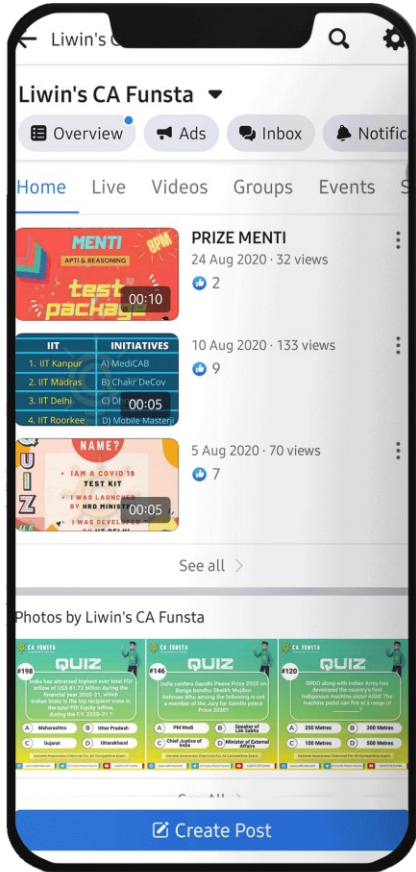
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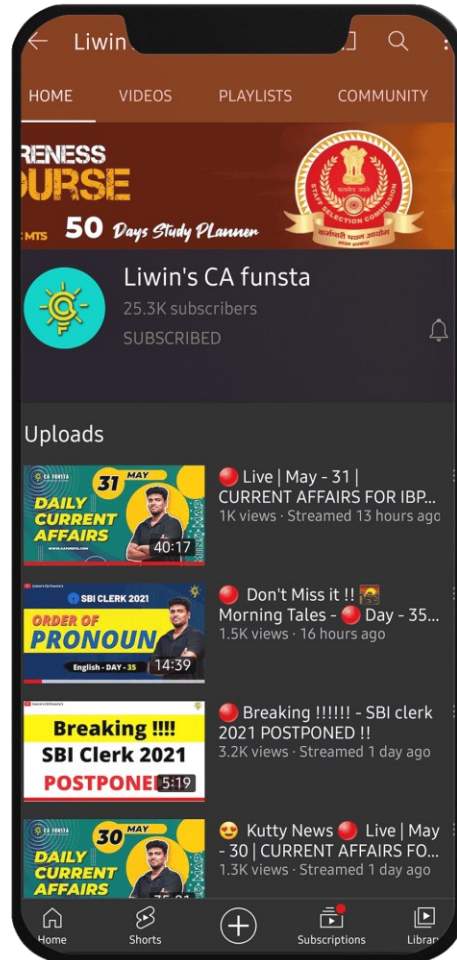


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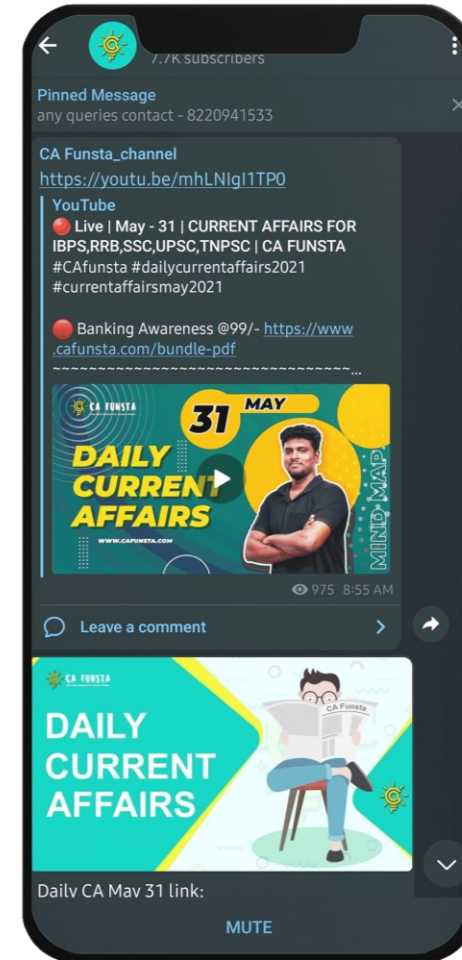
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